

Avalon Rotary receives grant to help community

COURTESY OF ROTARY CLUB OF AVALON

The Rotary Club of Avalon recently received a \$3,600 matching grant through Rotary District 5320. This grant was once again requested to assist low-income community members with the cost of boat transportation for medical or surgical services that are not available on the island. The Rotary Club of Avalon provides \$1,800 and that amount is matched by Rotary District 5320, which covers Orange and Southern Los Angeles County.

Members of the Avalon Rotary club have generously donated to the Rotary Foundation, making them eligible for grant application. For the past several years, this grant has provided gift cards for round trip boat fare to many community members.

Local residents with a medical/surgical necessity on the mainland can apply for assistance by completing an application with the social services department at Catalina Island Medical Center. The screening process for financial eligibility is done by the social services and business office departments at Catalina Island Medical Center. For more information, contact Jenea Dominguez or Patty Mulgado at the Medical Center at 310-510-0700.

Avalon Rotary actively con-

tributes to the betterment of the Island community by donating to local community charities. Avalon Rotary raises money through its fundraisers to contribute to local residents for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, offer local Avalon High School students' scholarships, and support projects at the Catalina Island Museum, the Avalon Schools, the Avalon Veterinary Clinic, Avalon Little League, and the Catalina Island Medical Center. In addition, Avalon Rotary Club supports international aid to Mexico and Guatemala, and supports Rotary International's End Polio Now Campaign.

Avalon Rotary is a vibrant group of community leaders and business people united in their belief that working together, they can make the world a better place. We meet every other Wednesday at the Catalina Canyon Inn, to enjoy fellowship, extraordinary food, informative guest speakers and plan our community and international service projects. Visiting Rotarians are always welcome. For more information visit the Avalon Rotary Facebook page.

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