

Rotary Club of Avalon Receives Rotary District Grant to Assist Community Needs



Pictured in front of Catalina Island Medical Center is Rita Whitaker, left, past president of Avalon Rotary and Grant Committee Chair and Dawn Sampson, Director of Social Services at Catalina Island Medical Center. Both ladies are thrilled that Avalon Rotary Club has received a matching grant from Rotary District 5320 to assist low-income community members with the cost of boat transportation for medical services not available on the island. Photo courtesy of the Avalon Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Avalon is pleased to announce that they have received a matching grant in through Rotary District 5320 in the amount of \$5000. This grant was 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 \$2,500 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. In addition, local Rotarians: Leslie Baer-Dinkel, John Friel, and Rita Whitaker completed the mandatory district grant training.

Last year, the Rotary also received this grant and it provided round trip boat tickets and in some cases commuter books to many appreciative community members.

Local residents with a medical/surgical necessity on the mainland, will be screened by the social services and business office departments at Catalina Island Medical Center for eligibility. For additional information please contact Dawn Sampson at the Medical Center at 310-510-0700.

Avalon Rotary actively con-

tributes to the betterment of our 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 and the Catalina Island Medical Center. In addition, Avalon Rotary Club supports international aid to Mexico 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. Rotary meets on Wednesdays, at noon, at the M Restaurant, to enjoy fellowship, extraordinary food, informative guest speakers and plan their community and international service projects. Visiting Rotarians are always welcome. Rotary is the world's premier international humanitarian service organization with 1.2 million members in over 200 countries. All share a mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.