

This Week
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Reading Partners mobilizes communities to provide students with the proven, individualized reading support they need to read at grade level by fourth grade.

Reading is the foundation for all future learning, and the ability to read transforms lives and empowers children and communities to reach their full potential.

As an evidence-based and community-driven organization, Reading Partners recruits and trains volunteers to work one-on-one with students for 45 minutes twice a week, following a structured, research-based curriculum. The program model works and is backed by evidence-based research which proves that their students make significant gains in reading. On average, Reading Partners' students more than double their rate of learning while in the program.

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Club Size
Matters

Our Rotary Club is considered a medium size club by Rotary International standards. A small club is defined as one under 30 members. A large club is one with more than 75 members. Across the country, most clubs fall into the middle. Currently, 18 of the 37 members have less than five years with our club. A few of those, me included, have been members in other clubs. During the last five years, the club had a couple other members join who didn't last more than three years. Our club has averaged 34 members over



the last 5 years.

I share this because our club will again most likely have a net gain of members from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. One reason is that YOU, as members, are talking with other community people who share a passion for the work that our club does in Altadena. People trust that the money we collect and allocate for community projects, scholarships and awards will be well cared for. People have come to know us better because of the Summer Concert Series at Farnsworth Park. This program takes many



By Mark Mariscal, President

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hours of volunteer time and it is important that the future members of our club come in prepared to assist with that program in some form or fashion.

The end of January is a few days away. It is hard to believe that not only did 2020 arrive quickly, it also is now four weeks old. Time flies. The next few weeks are busy ones for our club. We have the 4-Way Test Speech Contest competition at the local and

club levels, and we have the dedi-

cation of the Tuskegee Airman Plaque that our club donated to and served as the lead funder for the project. President-Elect David Smith will be attending the President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) the second weekend in February as he prepares for his year as leader. And, of course, the different committees for the Summer Concert Series are meeting to get things in order. ○

Greeter of the Week

January 30
Janifer Hall Lee

Opportunities for Community Involvement with PUSD



In the midst of challenges ranging from shrinking enrollment, a high percentage of socially and economically challenged students, and competition from private/parochial schools, Elizabeth Blanco – the Chief Academic Officer for the

Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) is optimistic about the opportunities available with new programs for students, teachers, parents, and business partners.

The district approved a *Graduate Profile* in May Of 2014. Everything the District does is meant to drive a result where all graduates demonstrate the *four Cs* (Critical Thinking, Creative/Innovative Thinking, Communication, & Collaboration). In addition, they are prepared for college and career, are culturally competent, and are healthy in mind and body.

The district has created Academies across six different fields (business/entrepreneurship, medicine, arts, engineering, law, etc.) and *Pathways* programs. This has increased engagement with the business community through industry advisory boards and internship programs.

Working with Stanford University, PUSD



has created a *graduate defense* program. Students pick a project and defend that project before a community member and two educators. Blanco emphasized that there is a great need for community involvement with the graduate defense program (every graduating senior needs a panel) and internships.

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READING PARTNERS

January Vocational Service

Program Chair, Nick Santangelo
 January 30 - Analisa Cabral, Senior Volunteer, Reading Partners, Los Angeles, Pasadena Region

Congratulations

Birthdays
 16 - Sarah O'Brien

Anniversaries
 03 - Jim and Karen Gorton
 04 - Mike and Carol Zoeller
 22 - John and Joan Frykenberg

Rotary Structure: Rotary International, Districts and Clubs



It is my intention with this article to familiarize our newer members with the formal structure of Rotary International.

Rotary International

Rotary International is the association of Rotary Clubs worldwide. The administration of RI is managed by officers, directors and committees from throughout the world. Yearly, RI holds a convention in various countries to stimulate, inspire and inform all Rotarians at an international level, to motivate them to develop Rotary at the Club and District levels.

Districts

Rotary International groups clubs into districts to make local administration easier. There are over 500 districts throughout the world, with a range of between 45-60 clubs each. Each district is led by a Governor, who is assisted by other officers. The annual District Conference emphasizes fellowship and a chance to share ideas, as well as a place to conduct District business. The Altadena Rotary Club is part of District 5300. Luanne Arredondo serves as our present District Governor!

Clubs

There are over 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

Members

Rotary is a worldwide organization of

more than 1.2 million business leaders, educators, religious leaders, lawmakers, non-profit executives, and other civic-minded citizens who are interested in making a difference in the community in which we live.

Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

As signified by the motto Service Above Self, Rotary's main objective is service - in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

More about Rotary International

The Rotary Clubs are the basis of the organization. Each club is an independent public organization, according to the current legislation of the country of location that operates in accordance with the Statute and Bylaws of the Club. Rotary International (RI) - international Association of Rotary Clubs. The club called Rotary Club should

be registered in RI and get a Charter.

The headquarters of Rotary International is located in Evanston (USA). Coordinating the work of the Clubs in the individual regions is performed by seven regional offices. Regional office RI that serves the Clubs of Europe, Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean is in Zurich (Switzerland).

Associations of Rotary Clubs on a territorial basis are called Districts. In turn, the consolidation of Districts forms the Zones. Today 537 Rotary Districts combined into 34 zones.

Leadership RI is administered by the Board of Directors, where each Director is elected from the pairs of Zones for a period of two years. The Rotary International President heads the Board of Directors.

All Rotary leaders are elected for one year, from the level of the Club's President to the President of Rotary International. Rotary year begins July 1st and ends June 30th of the following year. Traditionally, the RI President determines the slogan and theme of the year. ○

More Mini-Grant Recipients

All of these recipients are from Marshall Fundamental School.



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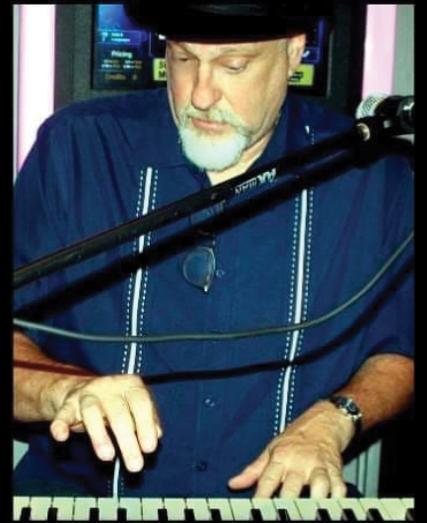
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