

August 12, 2010



Hayes by President Brian Hayes Stack

Haves and Have Nots

This Week Doreen Garcia Executive Director Casa de las Amigas

Casa de las Amigas is a non-profit organization which offers the hope of recovery for women with alcohol or drug addiction. Through a time-tested, integrated program of healing for body and mind, women find a productive, responsible, and sober life. Without help addiction is fatal, families are destroyed, and children are damaged. At Casa de las Amigas, families are rebuilt, children saved, and lives we thought were lost, are found.

Please join us this Thursday to hear more about Doreen Garcia and Casa De Las Amigas, which has been a part of Pasadena since 1967.

In the August 1 edition, the *Los Angeles Times* began a series on Project 50, a coordinated effort to house the 50 most desperate and troubled homeless residents of downtown's Skid Row. Across the page from this disturbing exposé was an article about teenage *haulers*, girls who shoot internet videos extolling their latest haul of consumer goods. I found this (likely intentional) juxtaposition to be a jarring reminder of the misguided values of our modern society.

I find it surprising that today's kids even have money to spend. My parents' allowance to me topped out at \$5 a week when I was 15. At 16, I was cut off, and, if I wanted any walking around money, it was up to me to earn it. I didn't gain any meaningful job skills ("Would you like fries with that?"), but I did learn a lesson in self-sufficiency. What do today's kids learn from having their parent's credit card handed to them so they can indulge their fleeting desires?

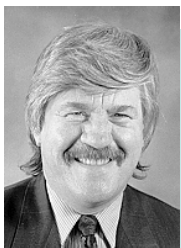
It may be easy to dismiss the homeless population because many are criminals and drug users. During my internship at a recovery center, I counseled several homeless individuals. One thing my cli-

ents had in common — in addition to an addiction to heroin — was a history of childhood trauma or abuse. For them, drugs weren't the problem — they were the solution to life circumstances that were otherwise unbearable. But they had developed a set of primitive survival skills.

We can argue how a society should respond to the issues of poverty and homelessness. The *housing first* approach of Project 50 has shown promise in moving hard-core homeless individuals toward a self-sufficient existence. I also understand the desire on the part of a parent to provide their children with a better life. But it seems to me that, when one group of people has nothing, while another has it all, that there is something wrong with this picture.

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Program Review

Rotary: Changing Lives — Even Yours

Last week we were honored to host this year's District Governor for our Rotary District 5300, Roger Schulte. He was joined by his assistants, Frank Griffith, Executive Assistant Governor, and Dennis Franklin, Assistant Governor, and his lovely fiancée, Paulette Gregg. Believe it or not, he and Paulette are planning to marry in December of this year, as soon as his Club visits come to an end. What a year he is going to have. Where these Club visits might be a burden to some wives and significant others, my sense was that this was going to be a pre

marriage fun adventure for them, and I think that bodes well for the marital relationship.

Schulte is a member of the Upland Club. He certainly excelled in his career. He was a junior high school principal for 20 years and was named middle school principal of the year for the State of California. Now that he has retired, he is taking on the ultimate challenge of District Governor.

He began his presentation by guessing at what we veterans of District Governors' visits were anticipating his talk would be about: Increasing membership, giving to the Foundation and attending his District Conference in the spring. Wrong. He surprised us by indicating that although these were all very im-



portant topics, this was not going to be what his program was about. Instead Schulte used his time to inspire us to get involved by telling us about some of his Rotary experiences.

He told us about the great value of looking into peoples eyes. He did this as part of a team inoculating children in India against polio. He was in a town with no

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September 02 - Dyanna Henderson, Rotaract

September 09 - To be Announced

September 16 - To be Announced

September 23 - To be Announced

September 30 - To be Announced

Congratulations



Birthdays



08/02 - Phyllis Merrill

08/05 - Kevin Moore

08/08 - Joseph McMullin

08/10 - Don Applegate

08/11 - Joy Carlson

08/22 - Nick Robles (John Guerrini)

08/24 - Hal Yorke

08/27 - Elaine Klock

08/31 - Bruce Conroy (Jacque Foreman)



Anniversaries



08/01 - Phyllis & Ed Soza

08/23 - Dotty & Gary Clark

Chairmen's Reviewing the Flags Display

by Ed Jasnow, Community Service Chair



As part of our Americanism responsibilities under our grant from the Altadena American Legion Post, we are required to display American flags on

Lake Avenue in downtown Altadena on three days* a year: Memorial Day, July 4th, and Veteran's Day. Along with the Boy Scouts (Troop 4), we place these flags in holes drilled in the concrete sidewalks, or in metal sleeves on the lawn in front of Elliott Middle School.

Over the years, we have noticed that many of the holes get covered over as sidewalks are repaired, or they get filled with debris and have to be cleaned out before a flag can be placed. Additionally, we have noticed that every year, a few flags turn up missing.

As a result, it has been felt that it is time to review our method of displaying the flags to see if there were a more effective way of doing it. On July 24, a meeting was held at the El Patron restaurant at noon to perform this review. In attendance were Craig Cox, Ed Jasnow, David Smith, and Mike Zoeller. The primary alternative to the current method of displaying the flags on the sidewalks is to display them on the street light poles. This is the method currently used in La Canada, with the flags placed on the light poles using a minimal hardware bracket. The advantage of this method is that the brackets will always be in the same places and the loss of flags should no longer be an issue. The issue that would be presented, however, is making sure the Boy Scouts can still be involved in putting out the flags.

Cox had sent the committee members a map showing the street light poles on Lake Avenue. This map indicated that

there were more than enough poles to adequately display the flags. It was estimated that we could use every third pole, with a display of two flags per pole. This would make a very impressive patriotic display. It was agreed that Cox would look into the availability of hardware that would work for this type of display, and that we would all investigate installation options that would allow continued participation by the Boy Scouts.

It will take some time to implement these changes, and the committee intends to proceed slowly in order to assure that we will continue to display the flags properly, but the final result will be a spectacular display of American flags in the heart of Altadena.

*However, two additional days may be added at the discretion of the person in charge of the flags display: President's Day and Flag Day.

August 14 Concert in the Park Featuring Those Manning Boys & Friends

Formed in 2002, *Those Manning Boys*, an Irish duo, has been dedicated to the furthering of the American-Irish culture. Since then, Brothers Mike and Sean Manning — native Altadenans, have been playing at events and pubs all across the San Gabriel Valley and the surrounding areas. Mike's 60s-rock inspired guitar and Sean's ethnic-styled vocals have delighted and intrigued audiences of all ages.

In 2005, stepping in as a last-minute replacement, the Boys made their debut at the *Concerts in the Park* at Farnsworth in Altadena. Greeted by a rousing reception, they have been an annual installment since. Each year the show has grown in scope and depth by adding more musicians and instruments with an ever-increasing repertoire of Irish cultural music.

Returning this year will be fiddler extraordinaire, Liam Lewis, playing his classically inspired jigs and reels. Last year's hit on drums, Pierre Dupuy returns with his brother Andre, also brothers native to Altadena, and their band Wreck N Sow. Another exciting young find in Altadena, Tim Drake, will bring his mastery of the truly Irish instrument — the uilleann pipes, Ireland's form of the more famous

Scottish bagpipes. And, back for the fifth straight year, the Aniar School of Irish Dance and their award winning troupe will present a very special halftime show to live session music. Newcomers, the Moynahans, Jesse, Eli and their father Tim will delight us with the penny whistle and other stringed instruments. Also joining the Boys this year is Barbara Schilling on the Celtic harp, the national symbol of Ireland. Cead mille failte- (a hundred thousand welcomes) to you.

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Clarke
entertained us
during
fellowship time
before
President
Brian
Hayes
toned the
bell to assemble
for lunch.





MONEY MATTERS

by Linda Wilkes

Last Week in the News

New home sales rose 23.6 percent in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 330,000 units from a revised rate of 267,000 units in May. Economists had expected a pace of 310,000 units. On a year-over-year basis, sales of new homes have fallen 16.7 percent.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city housing price index — on a seasonally adjusted basis — rose 1.3 percent in May after a 0.9 percent increase in April. On a year-over-year basis, property values increased 4.6 percent, the largest gain since August 2006.

The consumer confidence index fell to 50.4 in July from an upwardly revised 54.3 in June. Economists had anticipated a reading of 51. The index was benchmarked at 100 in 1985, a year chosen because it was neither a peak nor a trough in consumer confidence.

The Mortgage Bankers Association said its seasonally adjusted composite index of mortgage applications for the week ending July 23 dropped 4.4 percent. Refinancing applications fell 5.9 percent. Purchase volume rose 2 percent.

Orders for durable goods — items expected to last three or more years — fell 1 percent in June after decreasing a revised 0.8 percent in May.

Initial claims for unemployment benefits fell by 11,000 to 457,000 for the week ending July 24. Continuing claims for the week ending July 17 rose by 81,000 to 4.57 million.

The Commerce Department announced that gross domestic product — the total output of goods and services produced in the US — increased at an annual rate of 2.4 percent in the second quarter of 2010. Economists had expected a slightly larger 2.5 percent increase. This follows a

revised 3.7 percent pace of growth in the first quarter of 2010.

Upcoming on the economic calendar are reports on construction spending on

August 2, pending home sales on August 3 and consumer credit on August 6. ...

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Program

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Tatna, Peru when he joined a rotoplast surgery program through Rotary to pro-

paved roads, no electricity and no running water. Although these villagers spoke a different language, the eyes of the children and their families told how appreciative they were. He told us of his experiences in



vide plastic surgery to repair cleft lips and cleft palates. The team did 120 surgical procedures on 83 individuals, with Governor Schulte providing the necessary transportation to the patients and their families. After the treatment the children finally no longer needed to be hidden from view.



Can you imagine the joy expressed in their eyes.

Finally he told us about a tour he took to Rotary District 2450 which included Egypt and Jordan, with a side trip to the Holyland. The need is everywhere, but Roger pointed out that you do not have to travel. Look into the eyes of those in need right in our own neighborhood. There is need from time to time for us to be with our fellow Club members and their families. Rotary is not meant to be just a wine and cheese social. Schulte's message to us was that, through Rotary, he was able to help change the lives of others, he changed his own life and Rotary can change our lives if we use it to take on bigger and bolder endeavors — enrich yourself.

Tony Hill ☉



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Elk's #99 Concert Band (Patriotic Music)	Saturday, July 3rd
The Downbeat Express (the Best in Big Bands)	Saturday, July 10th
Crown City Dixieland Band (Dixieland Jazz)	Saturday, July 17th
Melena (Latin Jazz)	Saturday, July 24th
Upstream (Caribbean Music)	Saturday, July 31st
Wreck N Sow (Country, Americana)	Saturday, August 7th
Those Manning Boys & Friends (Irish Song & Dance)	Saturday, August 14th
All American Flyers (Classic Rock 'n Roll)	Saturday, August 28th

And... For Our Grand Finale...
Randy Caputo's Legends Show Band (Swing, baby Swing!) Saturday, Sept. 11th
Presented By: Stage Door Music Productions & SSGA

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