

September 12, 2013

This Week



Tyron Hampton PUSD School Board & Project Manager, PCI Program Host: C. Ray Carlson

Tyron Hampton is a lifelong native of Pasadena, and attended Cleveland Elementary, Washington Middle School, Muir High School and PCC.

He stems from a family of entrepreneurs and has continued along this path by participating in the family-run business, Pasadena Construction and Interiors (PCI). PCI was established in 1971 and has grown into a full service construction, maintenance, and interior decorating company. Hampton has played a pivotal role in this company for the last decade, simultaneously managing up to six projects at a time

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Dollar & Sense

by President
 Dennis Mehriinger

Sometimes it's hard to be a Rotarian

Last Thursday (September 5) Tom McCurry and I arrived at the Pomona Fairgrounds, and the temperature was 113 degrees. We ran into Ed Jasnow on the way to the entrance gate, and, when we arrived at the booth to sell tickets for the Corvette, we encountered Mike Noll, John Frykenberg, Jim Gorton and David Smith. We visited for about 15 minutes, and then Mike and John left as they had completed their 11a to 3p shift. That left five of us, but no customers. Mike shouted back as he left that they had sold 11 tickets that morning.

Well, then we had five Rotarians on duty, it was 113 degrees, we had a fan and cold water but no customers. So I sat on the stool and sweat and sweat and time passed but no customers. After one hour, Ed and I each bought two tickets out of our own pockets, but no customers. Then, as the heat caused my brain to shrink, I was wondering whether I volunteer too much. I was really feeling sorry for myself. I went to get another water, but my pants were stuck to the stool. So I had to be very careful getting up so I would not tear my pants.

My socks were soaked with sweat and

starting to stick to my shoes. Do I have your sympathy yet?

Then one of those Rotary moments occurred. A total stranger walked up and asked "If I buy a ticket does the money go to Rotary?" All five of us answered, "Yes." He went on to say that he didn't really care about the car, but he wanted to do something to support Rotary because we as Rotarians had done so much for his children in their school system.

All of a sudden all of my self-pity went away, and this total stranger reminded me why I was there and what Rotary is all about — giving to others without expectation! However, I did go home and scamper out to the swimming pool to finally cool off at 8:30 that evening. All-in-all, I believe Altadena sold 30 tickets that day.

Greeters

September 12

Ray Carlson

September 19

Gary Clark

September 26

Theo Clarke

Program Review



A Visit from Congresswoman Judy Chu

Congresswoman Dr. Judy Chu is our new elected official serving the 27th District of California. She is replacing Congressman Adam Schiff after the recent shifting of the district boundaries. Before she became a congresswoman, she had a prestigious career as an educator. Chu taught psychology at Los Angeles City College and East Los Angeles College for

twenty years. She earned her BA in mathematics from UCLA and her PhD in psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology. She then embarked on her distinguished career as an elected official, currently serving twenty-eight years. She has been elected to various positions over that timeframe, but listed below are just a few:

- Garvy School District Board of Education (1985)
- Monterey Park City Council (Mayor for three terms)
- California State Assembly (Chair of State Appropriations Committee)
- State Board of Equalization
- US House of Representatives (2009, 2012) 27th District of California

In her current term, she is serving on the House Judiciary and Small Business Committees. Below are a couple excerpts about the bills she spoke of in her presentation and which she played a vital role in getting approved.

Education

Equal Access to Quality Education Act

The bill proposes that the US Department of Education award grants to entities to form partnerships in high-need areas, working to develop and strengthen

high-quality pathways for teachers and educational leadership professionals. Requirements



also include designing professional instruction programs for teachers and providing a stable and collaborative learning environment for both educators and students. Eligible partnerships would have to include a high-need local education agency (LEA) and an institution of higher education. Chu stated, "It is important to provide ladders of opportunity for our youth through the great avenues of our local school districts, and our community colleges and universities." She also spoke of a recent approval by our local school dis-

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September

New Generations Month

Program Chair, Ray Carlson

Sep 12 - Tyron Hampton, PUSD School Board

Sep 19 - Carolyn Bryant, Project Developer

Sep 26 - Steve Cunningham, Craft Talk

Congratulations



Birthdays



9/13 - Boyd Hudson

9/17 - Dennis Mehringer

9/19 - Bob Collinge

9/22 - Etta McCurry



Anniversaries



9/13 - Boyd & Alice Hudson



The object of Rotary is *Fellowship* as a platform for *Service*. The idea is that, out of a growing community of people who know each other well and who share a concern for their community will flow acts of service.

As you read this article, we will have completed the 2013 Summer Concerts in the Park. This project — which has grown out of our relationship with Bob Klomberg and the Friends of the Altadena Sheriff Station — has been a tremendous success. Hundreds of people have enjoyed

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trict (PUSD) to follow along with this new model, which will increase the integration of schools with their communities on local issues. (Neighborhood crime, Health Care, etc.)

Small Business

Entrepreneur Startup Growth Act

Today, 1 out of every 3 new jobs is created by self-employed startup businesses. Self-employed startups in their first year of existence create an average of 3 million jobs per year. In fact, without small business startups, there would be **no net** job growth in the US economy. Nearly all net job creation since 1980 has occurred in self-employed startups less than five years old. But recent news suggests that, compared to other wealthy countries, the US ranks 23rd in new businesses formed per thousand working adults. Entrepreneurs take risks to make it on their own, but they could do better if we help them be competitive. That's where we as Rotarians step in with our current voca-

wonderful music in the beautiful Farnsworth Park amphitheatre. The Rotary Club's participation has grown each of the last three years under the guidance of Mike Zoeller and Ed Jasnow. Many club members have dedicated most of their summer Saturdays to helping in some way.

One of our members has really taken it upon himself to lead. David Smith has *owned* the concession stand and deserves our collective thanks. He arranged for three wonderful draft beers from Figueroa Brewery and some terrific wines (with the help of Altadena Ale



House) to be served, and the audience loved it!

He found and created the equipment needed to serve the beer, wine and soft drinks — and the carts needed to haul them from the street to the park and back again. He showed up early (usually at 5p to get everything set up and iced down). He stayed until after 9p to get everything broken down and stowed.

During the week he made sure we were stocked with beer, wine, soft drinks, water, napkins, etc. He stored everything in his shop and loaded and unloaded his truck by himself. And he did it for **EVERY CONCERT**.

David has discovered what it takes to be a **ROTARIAN**. He found an area of service and then gave it everything he had!

David, on behalf of the club — thank you, *thank you, thank you.* ☺

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and supervising 30+ employees and commercial clientele.

He was recently elected to the school board of PUSD, District 3.

He is married to his high school sweetheart, none other than Tara Gomez, PhD, who was an awardee of our first Dewey Merrill Business Plan Competition in 1999.

Bring your business friends to hear this outstanding citizen of Pasadena. ☺

tional service program, along with recent connections with the local Boy Scouts of America Council, and our Veterans who are returning daily to our local cities. We have the opportunity to make a huge impact in increasing the number of individuals who are taught first and foremost, how to write a business plan, and figure out that bottom line.

Questions and Answers

In closing during the Q & A period, Chu was hit with quite a few great questions on topics ranging from our involvement in the crisis going on in Syria to the role small business/entrepreneurship plays in the future of our country. She answered all very eloquently while revealing as much as she could to our group in attendance.

Congresswoman Chu looks forward to continuing to serve the members of the communities she represents on the issues at home and abroad that affect our fellow Americans.

Charles Wilson ☺

Slover Mountain

My younger daughter's middle name is Slover. Our first two children got their names from my side of the family, and when it came time to name our third child we looked to Marsha's ancestry. One of the baby's great-great-grandmothers had been a woman born in 1858 as the ninth and last child of a pioneer couple in my wife's home county in northern Missouri. Because some interesting stories had been passed down about her and her family, and because the *pioneer* angle was an attractive one, our baby became Margaret Slover Seyffert.

As I've said, the Slover family had been pioneer stock. Northern Missouri might not seem to a Californian to be pioneer country, but in 1840 it was. When Margaret's father arrived in that year, there were only 55 settler families in the whole *county*. Two years earlier there had been none. The husband and father of this family had arrived in Missouri just a few years before, arriving on a steamboat from Tennessee.

Before that, Margaret L. Slover's paternal grandfather had been born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania in 1775, grandson of a man who had been killed in 1764 in Pontiac's War — specifically in an attack on settlers in the *New River* area of Virginia. *Virginia* at that time extended all the way to Fort Pitt at what today is Pittsburgh, and I believe the location of my Maggie's 6th great grandfather's cabin may well have been only scant miles from the fort.

In the attack on the Slover family, one of the sons (John) was captured by — and lived with for some time — the Miami tribe that had killed his father and other family

members. Being only about nine years old at the time, he was not considered a threat, and he

probably was viewed as a potential replacement for warriors that had lost their lives. And so the boy learned the language and ways of the Miamis and their Wyandot confederates in the years that followed. And he became very familiar with the central Ohio region where the Wyandots lived, along with the Delawares, Shawnees and Mingos.

Later, after being reunited with relatives at about age twenty, John Slover at age 27 became a *pilot* (scout) for the disastrous 1782 Crawford Expedition against the various British-allied tribes of the Ohio Country in the closing years of the American Revolution. Slover was captured, but escaped, and his flight from central Ohio to Wheeling, (West) Virginia became a (somewhat fanciful) story that was still being told in children's books as late as the early 20th century.

John Slover moved to Kentucky about 1797, had a family, but then ultimately joined a Shaker colony. His eldest son Isaac, born in Pennsylvania in 1777 [date accepted by Slover Family history], grew up under his father's guidance. It was only natural then, that the son would inherit his father's frontier spirit. When a man of about 40, Isaac Slover had moved to western Arkansas. Ever on the move,



he joined a party of free trappers along the Arkansas River in Colorado, and together they built a winter fort they called "Pueblo" (today the city of

Pueblo, Colorado). Among this party that founded Pueblo were some others of whom you may have heard: Jim Bridger and "Kit" Carson.

But, by 1824, Isaac Slover had moved on to the region of Taos, New Mexico. Recall that the Santa Fe Trail had only been initiated about 1822, and you'll see that this Slover relative of my daughter's was himself on the cutting edge of frontier exploration.

1843 finds Isaac Slover settled on the Rancho San Bernardino, at the base of Cerrito Solo. In the John Brown history of San Bernardino County, Isaac Slover merits a mention as follows: "Slover was a quiet, peaceable man, very reserved. He would heed no warning and accept no advice as to his methods of hunting. His great ambition was to kill grizzlies—he called them *Cabibs*."

His ambition ultimately got the best of him, when, in the fall of 1854, Slover was killed by a grizzly near Cajon Pass. He was 77 years old, and, after shooting one more bear, he'd gone to finish it off — only to find that it wasn't as severely injured as he'd imagined. His remains were buried at Agua Mansa Church, near today's Colton. After his death, Cerrito Solo was renamed; it became Slover Mountain. If you exit I-10 just east of the junction with I-15 and travel a few blocks south, you can drive Slover Avenue parallel to the 10 almost to the mountain.



MONEY MATTERS

by Linda
Wilkes

Economic Update In the News

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city housing price index — on a non-seasonally adjusted basis — rose 2.2 percent in June after a 2.5 percent increase in May. On a year-over-year basis, when compared with June 2012, prices rose 12.1 percent.

The Mortgage Bankers Association said its seasonally adjusted composite index of mortgage applications for the week ending August 23 fell 2.5 percent. Purchase volume rose 2 percent. Refinancing applications decreased 5 percent.

Pending home sales, a forward-looking indicator based on signed contracts, fell 1.3 percent in July. On a year-over-

year basis, pending home sales were 6.7 percent higher than July 2012.

Orders for durable goods — items expected to last three or more years — decreased \$17.8 billion, or 7.3 percent, to \$226.6 billion in July. This follows a 3.9 percent increase in June. Excluding volatile transportation-related goods, July orders posted a monthly decrease of 0.6 percent.

Retail sales rose 0.2 percent for the week ending August 24, according to the ICSC-Goldman Sachs index. On a year-over-year basis, retailers saw sales increase 1.9 percent.

The Commerce Department announced that gross domestic product — the total output of goods and services produced in the US — increased at a re-

vised annual rate of 2.5 percent in the second quarter of 2013. This follows a 1.1 percent pace of growth in the first quarter of 2013.

Initial claims for unemployment benefits for the week ending August 24 fell by 6,000 to 331,000. Continuing claims for the week ending August 17 fell by 14,000 to 2.989 million. The less volatile four-week average of claims for unemployment benefits was 331,250.

Upcoming on the economic calendar are reports on construction spending on September 3, international trade on September 4 and factory orders on September 5.

Find Linda Wilkes on line: <http://www.myprospectmortgage.com/lwilkes>

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Two Weeks Ago

Life on an Exoplanet

Niel Turner, Astrophysicist from JPL Phd. from UC Santa Cruz (true University from outer space per my graduate daughter) addressed club members on the *creation disk*, formation of stars and planets, discoveries by robotic probes and observations by Kepler and Spitzer space telescopes looking for exoplanets in a *Goldilocks Zone*.

Observations of *warm star*, Vesta or dry exoplanets or Series of wet exoplanets by probes like Juno — currently on its way to Jupiter — might serve to find venues suitable for life, perhaps not as we know it, but life nonetheless. As little as a 1-percent decrease in the light of a star could indicate exoplanetary existence. NASA / JPL has identified over 3000 prospective / possible exoplanets requiring more study to date (2 found by human observation of data provided by telescopic observation).

So, what clues to look for? Wobbling stars may imply exoplanetary motion in the vicinity of a star. Dark spots may indicate passage of an exoplanet in orbit around a star.

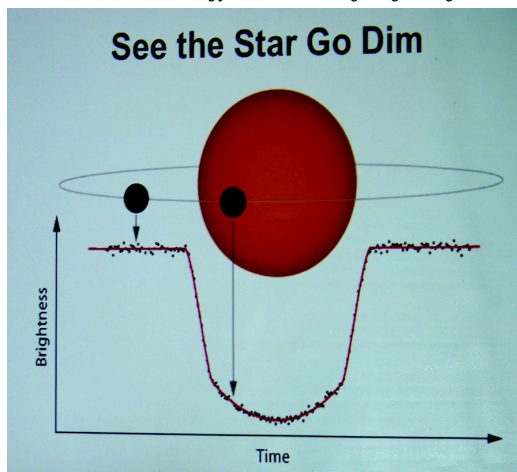
Although scientists continue to discover planets outside the solar system, they re-

ally want an answer to a different question: Do any of these planets host life? Answering this question requires knowledge about a definitive (or at least likely) signature of life on a planet as well as the ability to detect that signature. Given the expected advances in telescope technology over the next decade, free oxygen in an exoplanet's atmosphere may be the best signature to seek.

A typical observation by Kepler telescope might focus upon a small patch of interstellar space for as long as 3 years to deduce and convey its' findings... without shifting its gaze. Unfortunately, Kepler has lost two of it's gyros, no longer giving

it a steady gaze to continue its observations.

What can we and what do we find out there? The composition of planets; iron, hydrogen, carbon monoxide, silicate, water planets? Clues are given by colors observed, colors of dust, and spectrum analysis all help to determine both composition and size of exoplanets. Blues may indicate water composition. Like to join the hunt? Go to PlanetHunters.Org and sign on to help out. You may be able to join TESO (Transiting Exoplanet Star Survey). And you may become acquainted with conditions for life in the process; *Not too hot, not too cold, etc. ...* And thanks Dr. Turner for enlarging our vision of the universe!



Dressed to Sell

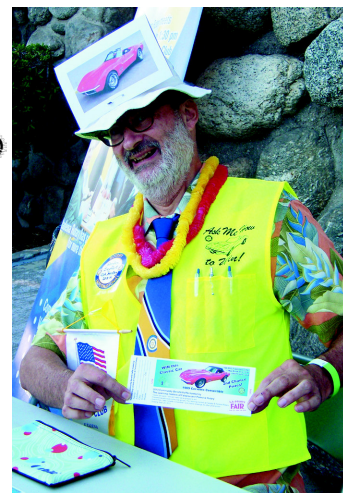
Gordon Seyffert called and told me that he would be going to the last concert (September 7) ***Dressed to Sell***. He would be dressed in his version of a *Used Car Salesman*. He insisted that there would be no way to miss him. And he was right!

Walking into the amphitheater area, there was no way miss this person dressed in a day-glow yellow vest with a picture of the car pinned to his hat. You guessed it, This was Seyffert.

IT WORKED!! He was able to finish selling a book of tickets that he had started

on Thursday after coming home from his stint at the booth at the Pomona Fair, where attendees were few in the 113-degree heat of the day.

Jacque Foreman



LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

The Los Angeles County Superior Court is currently seeking qualified citizens who are interested in applying for the LOS ANGELES COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY.

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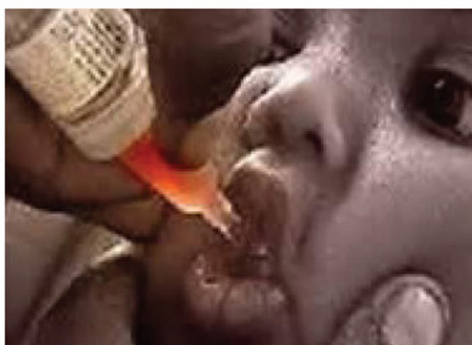
For forms online: <http://www.grandjury.co.la.ca.us>



ROTARY'S MARCH TO **END** POLIO

Saturday & Sunday October 26 & 27

Western Regional Little League Park
6707 Little League Drive
San Bernardino, California 92407



- Each club is challenged to walk 100 miles in an effort to raise \$2500.00 You can start anytime, but we hope you will do your final laps at the event
- You can involve your family and friends.
- You can involve your RYLA students.
- You can involve your Interact club.
- Each club will raise its own money and they will donate it directly to their District.

- Get people to support "so much a mile".
- District Website will be available to make donations.
- Special parking for RV's. Spend the night and enjoy the fellowship.
- Reserved areas for your clubs Pop-Up's.
- Food, Entertainment, Tee Shirts.
- Sunday morning Pancake Breakfast.
- Polio Survivors Lap

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March to End Polio



24 hour walk-a-thon

October 26 & 27, 2013

Rotary Districts 5300-San Gabriel Valley-Foothill, and 5330-Inland Empire, in partnership with The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are holding a multi-district fundraiser to help stamp out Polio forever. ROTARY, together with UNICEF and THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION have been partners in the effort and are proud to say that there are only three endemic countries left. The Gates foundation has generously agreed to triple our fundraising efforts. Together with your help, we will soon see the end of this disease.

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