

June 11, 2015

This Week

Melanie Goodyear
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Pasadena

Guest Program
Host: Boyd Hudson

Our speaker will be Melanie Goodyear, Executive Director of Jericho Road Pasadena. Goodyear has spent over 15 years as a nonprofit professional. Her past experiences include working at an orphanage in Mexico, working with poor immigrants in San Diego and supervising volunteers at various public libraries.

Jericho Road provides pro bono consulting, and the skills-based volunteer program provides free technical assistance to increase the capacity of nonprofit organizations in the San Gabriel Valley. Using skilled volunteers allows the area's nonprofit organizations to realize goals they otherwise could not afford. Volunteers from Jericho Road offer such skills as accounting, board development, event planning, grant research and review, marketing, program development, website development, and strategic planning.

The name "Jericho Road" is derived

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REFLECTIONS
 by Hal Yorke, President
BEEFLECTIONS?

on . . . Auto Repair

As a teenager and young man, I, like many others my age, spent countless hours working on cars. My first car in 1964 was a late model 1961 Valiant station wagon. It had been totaled out because of a fire. I bought the salvage for \$100 and spent a good deal of my summer tearing everything out of the car, until I had a metal shell that still smelled of burnt rubber and melted upholstery. After a thorough scrubbing with a wire brush and spraying the interior with undercoating, I started putting the car back together again. A frequent visitor to the local junkyards, I found a replacement dashboard from a Dodge Dart, front and back seats from a Plymouth (I had to drill new holes in the floor and cover up the old ones to make them fit). The cracked windshield had to be replaced. The most challenging job, however, was the rewiring of everything, including the wiring with melted insulation under the hood.

I did not have the Internet or even an auto repair manual to guide me. My father could advise me to a certain extent, but we

were both in uncharted territory. I learned most of what I needed to know by looking at other similar cars in the junkyards as I scrounged for parts. I felt that I was very fortunate to finally find a wrecked Valiant coupe — I could disentangle the wiring looms, taking copious notes of how they were woven through the metal framework and how they were connected to one another.

At the end of that summer and after spending another \$100 on used parts, I had a working vehicle. I spent the final \$100 allotted to the project on the new windshield, new carpeting and upholstery. The car looked, smelled and ran like a brand new car. I was so proud of it.

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Greeters

June 11

Jim Gorton

June 18

Kimmit Haggins

June 25

Tony Hill

The Heritage of the Scripps Hall Mansion



One of the great aspects of living and working in the Altadena-Pasadena area is the wonderful historical structures and buildings that are located in the community. Last week at Altadena Rotary we heard about one of the well-known homes in Altadena and the families that lived in it. Our speaker was Cindy Yuge, a local resident of Altadena.

In the early 1900s W.A. Scripps built a mansion located on about 5 acres on Mariposa Street, west of Lake Avenue, where he lived his life. Scripps also founded an Altadena Based board and care facility called the Scripps Home, which is located about one mile from the Scripps



Hall mansion. The grounds surrounding the property required significant and regular maintenance. In the 1920s, William Scripps Kellogg hired Hanjiro Yuge, a gardener from Japan, to work on the grounds. Kellogg built Hanjiro a craftsman home to live in. In 1925, Hanjiro's nephew, Takeo Yuge, came to work on the property and assist Hanjiro. Takeo and Hanjiro planted a rare Torrey pine tree on the property during this time. This pine tree is now 120 feet tall, and is one of the best examples of a Torrey pine in the San Gabriel Valley.

nese descent living on the west coast were sent to camps. Takeo and his wife were interred at a camp in Gila River Arizona for the duration of the war. Several of their daughters were born in camp during the war.

After the war ended, the Kellogg family searched for the Yuge family as they

wanted Takeo to resume his duties as the gardener on the property. At the time, the Yuge family was living in Harbor City, California. The Yuges agreed to return to Altadena. Takeo, his wife Fumiko and their four daughters returned and lived in the craftsman house.

Takeo raised azaleas on the property, which he sold to local florists and gardening supply shops. He did all of the gardening and farming on the property. After the war, there were programs to bring Japanese farming students to the United States. Takeo provided training to

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June Fellowship Month

Program Chair, Mike Zoeller

June 11 - To be announced
June 18 - Ben Green, CEO, San Gabriel Pomona Valley Chapter, American Red Cross - The Red Cross' Home Fire Preparedness program
June 25 - Demotion Party - Guest Chair, Dennis Mehringer

July

Congratulations



Birthdays



06/03 - Kathleen Ann Fennel
0608 - Theo Clarke
06/12 - Tom McCurry
06/17 - Gary Clark
06/20 - Dotty Clark
6/23 - Margarita Figueroa
06/28 - Phyllis Soza



Anniversaries



06/05 - Mike Noll & Wendy Davis
06/18 - Charles & Regina Wilson

A Chance to make a Difference . . . Globally



This is the last article you will see from me as your Foundation Chair, as my two-year term ends on June 30. It has been a pleasure reporting to you on the activities of the Foundation, and encouraging you to add to your Paul Harris Fellowships.

In our Club, we make a huge effort to improve the quality of life in our community. I don't even have to mention the number of projects that we are involved

in that make a substantial difference in the lives of our fellow Altadena residents.

The work of the Foundation, however, encompasses the entire planet, from the eradication of polio to the digging of wells in Third World countries. Contributions to the Foundation allow us to expand our efforts far beyond the boundaries of Altadena. Rotary is an international organization. If you've ever attended an RI Conference, you've gotten a real sense of the expansive reach of the organization. Our contributions to the Foundation

allow us to participate in all of the good works Rotary performs around the world.

A reminder: Every cent you contribute is used only on the projects being performed. This is because RI holds your contribution for a couple of years, and uses the interest on that money for its administrative expenses.

I don't believe President-Elect Quick has announced his Foundation Chair for 2015-16, but I hope you will continue to support him/her by contributing to the Foundation. ○

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these students in US farming techniques. This arrangement continued up until the 1980s.

The Kellogg family donated the five-acre property and the mansion to the Scripps Home in 1978. There was an understanding between the Yuges and the Kelloggs that the Yuge family could continue to live in the craftsman home. In 1986, the board of directors decided to sell the property, and it was sold to the Pasadena Waldorf School. Waldorf School honored the agreement with the Yuge family that allowed the family to remain on the grounds in the craftsman cottage until the death of both parents.

Fumiko Yuge, the mother of Cindy and her sisters, died in November 2014 at the age of 100. With the death of Fumiko, Waldorf School wants to reclaim the land

used by the cottage and the Torrey Pine tree for school use. The Yuge family would like to preserve the historic Craftsman cottage, the Torrey pine and the garden south and west of the original mansion. The family believes that a community garden would be an appropriate use for the land as a dedication to the Yuge family and their relationship with the Kellogg family during a tumultuous time in Japanese American history. There is a petition being circulated in the greater Altadena community to save the craftsman cottage, the gardens to the south of the cottage and the endangered Torrey Pine tree (See p. 4.).

The ultimate use of this historic property will play out in the coming weeks and months, and we will follow it with interest.

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Demotion Party Notificaion

Dennis Mehringer will be announcing that the **Demotion Party** will be taking place on **Thursday, June 18** during our regular meeting time. This is because President Hal will be out of town on the last Thursday of the month. ○

This Week

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from a sermon by the Rev. Martin Luther King, in which he exhorted his listeners to follow the example of the Good Samaritan tending the injured traveler on the road to Jericho.

Goodyear will tell us about the role of volunteers in the nonprofit world. ○

Staying Dry

In the June 2015 issue of *Westways*, the Automobile Club's magazine, Robin Jones writes about six (6) ways to reduce the risk of sustaining major water damage to your home.

She starts her article by informing the reader that water damage ranks at or near the top of the list of the most common homeowners' insurance claims. And no wonder. They can start out so small as to be unnoticed or be in a location — like under the home — where they can't be seen at all. So here are the six ways:

- 1) **Consider shutting off** your water before going on vacation or installing an automatic water shut-off device.
- 2) **Check your water pressure** regularly. It should be between 50 and 75 psi, but can be higher or lower, depending on where you live.
- 3) **Inspect appliances** and fixtures that use water on at least an annual basis.
- 4) **Pay attention.** Look at your floors and ceilings for stains and soft spots.
- 5) **Update your pipes.** Sometimes the best preventive measure is a long-term solution.
- 6) **Be proactive.** Check out anything that might indicate a water leak. ○



The Torrey Pine the Yuge family is trying to save

Reflections

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Over the course of the next decade, I had many other junky cars that I fixed up, and I spent many hours either under the hood or under the vehicle fixing them. Apparently, many others did the same, forcing the auto industry to find elaborate ways to discourage hobbyist auto mechanics. You would need special tools to replace the brake pads or adjust the belts; there would be many different versions

of carburetors with non-interchangeable parts. Basically, the do-it-yourself tasks became more and more difficult.

Nowadays, I do not even consider working on my own car. The last time I adjusted the spark plug gaps or cleaned the points lies many years in the past. The computerized electronic ignitions make these words even sound antiquated.

I fear that the concept of engineered

obsolescence has also undergone quite a transformation. Engineers no longer have to carefully think about how to make *durable goods* break after a certain number of years, so that only an expert can fix them. They can program a breakdown into the device's computer. Who would know the difference?

Am I becoming cynical in my old age, just because I miss getting greasy? ○



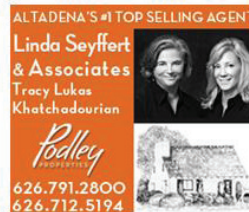
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19th Annual Summer Concert Series Schedule - 2015

Downbeat Express (Big Band with Jennifer Gates)	Saturday, July 11th
The Brian Hughes Band (Ultimate Jazz)	Saturday, July 18th
The Manning Brothers & Friends (Irish Music & Dance)	Saturday, July 25th
The Mighty Burnt Bacon (Stax Style Soul Band)	Saturday, August 1st
Upstream (Reggae, Calypso, Soca & Steel Drum Music)	Saturday, August 8th
Kings of 88 (The Ultimate Tribute to Piano Rock)	Saturday, August 15th
Whiskey Hayride (Country Music and Much More)	Saturday, August 22nd
Floyd & The Flyboys (R & B Soul & Funk)	Saturday August 29th

And... For Our Grand Finale... Saturday, Sept. 12th
Back by Popular Demand...Sgt. Pepper in their tribute to
the Beatles!
 Presented by United Support Group & SSGA

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