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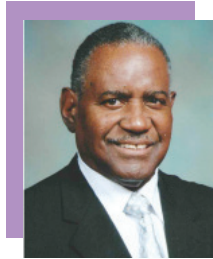
October 08, 2015

## This Week

**Lisa Derderian**  
**Emergency**  
**Management**  
**Coordinator**  
**Pasadena Fire**  
**Department**  
**Program Host:**  
**Gary Clark**

Lisa Derderian is the Emergency Management Coordinator with the Pasadena Fire Department and the Pasadena Fire Department Public Information Officer. She joined the department in 2003 after working for seven years as the Communications & Marketing Director for the San Gabriel Valley American Red Cross. Derderian is responsible for citywide disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

Additionally, she coordinates the fire department's Pasadena Emergency Response Team (PERT) training which educates neighborhood associations, businesses and city employees how to be self-sufficient after a large scale disaster. ○



## Quietly Quick

by Steve Cunningham, *President*

**T**he power to have everything you want. This is the Greatest Power in the Universe. Without *The Power*, you would not have been born. Without *The Power*, there wouldn't be a single human being on the planet. Every discovery, invention and human creation comes from *The Power*. Perfect health, incredible relationships, a career you love, a life filled with happiness, and the money you need to be, do, and have everything you want, all comes from *The Power*.

The life of your dreams has always been closer to you than you realized, because *The Power* — to have everything good in life — is inside you.

There is a *Power* and ruling force which pervades and rules the boundless universe. You are a part of this *Power*. ... *Prentice Mulford (1834-1891)*

What this *Power* is I cannot say; all I know is that it exists. ... *Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922)*

Love is the force that moves you. Everything you want to be, do or have comes from love. Without love, you wouldn't move. There would be no positive force to propel you to get up in the morning, to work, play dance, talk, learn, listen to music, or do anything at all. You'd be like a stone statue. It is the positive force

## The Power by Rhoda Byrn A Review - Part I

of love that inspires you to move and give you the desire to be, do, or have anything. The positive force of love can create anything good, increase the good things, and change anything negative in your life You have the power over your health, your wealth, your career, your relationships, and every area of your life. And that power — love — is inside you!

But if you have the power over your life, and that power is inside you, why isn't your life amazing? Why isn't every area of your life magnificent? Why don't you have everything you want? Why haven't you been able to do everything you want to do? Why aren't you filled with joy every day? ○

*The Answer comes next week*

## October Team

**Tom McCurry • Charles Wilson**  
**Theo Clarke • Ray Carlson**  
**John Frykenberg**

### Meeting Responsibilities

- Setup • Greeter •
- Flag Salute • Song •
- Inspirational Presentation •
- Happy Bucks • 4-Way Test •
- Takedown •

# Program Review

## The Benefits of Mediation In Solving Business and Personal Disputes



Litigation is an expensive and time-consuming process. The courts are crowded and filled with delays. There is an alternative to this process. It is called mediation. Last Thursday (October 01) we heard from Myer Sankary — President of the Valley Bar Mediation Center — who described how mediation works as a way to resolve business, family and personal disputes.

Generally, mediation utilizes professionally trained neutral individuals to facilitate negotiations between parties who are in a dispute. The parties are in a mediation because they can not settle the dispute themselves. Often the parties are in litigation, and the court has ordered them to mediation as a way to resolve their dispute. The mediator helps them settle the dispute, often in one day or less. The process is confidential and fairly informal. The parties can bring their lawyers or friends or family members. Most importantly, the process is non binding; the mediator can not impose a decision on the parties. However, often as a result of the process, the parties will come to an agreement which is then reduced to a written document. The agreement becomes binding when it has been signed by the parties involved.

As noted above, the mediator has no authority to require a settlement. The parties themselves determine when and if the dispute is to be resolved through settlement. The mediator facilitates the parties' discussions, helps them clarify the issues and assists them in reaching a settlement. It is important that the parties select qualified and experienced individuals to conduct the mediation. The Valley Bar Mediation Center was formed to fill a void

when the local courts discontinued their mediation services. The



Center is a non-profit organization that offers affordable rates to parties in a dispute. There are a number of private mediation services available, often having retired judges on their panels. While these mediation companies offer usually outstanding services, it can be an expensive proposition often costing several thousand dollars or more per day.

The Center offers educational and training workshops offered to school, local businesses and organizations such as service clubs. The Center trains individuals in the practice of mediation. The goal of the Center is to reduce acrimony in the local communities. This is a valuable service to the community and should be promoted at every opportunity.

Boyd Hudson ○

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### October Vocational Service

#### Program Chair, Gary Clark

October 08 - Lisa Derderian, Emergency Management Coordinator, Pasadena Fire Dept. Public Information Officer  
October 15 - Steve Reagan, Representative, Altadena Coalition of Neighborhood Associations

### Congratulations



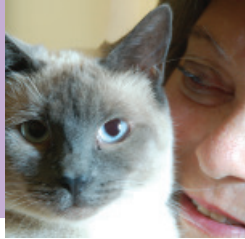
#### Birthdays



10/08 - Susan Cox  
10/17 - Noriko Suzuki Mehninger  
10/20 - Charles Wilson  
10/24 - Jim Gorton  
10/01 - Margarita & Freddy Figueroa  
10/19 - Elsa & David Smith



## Which Rotary Month is this Anyway?



Up to now — ok, January of this year (2015), the Rotary International designations for the month have been quite easy — just a word or two. At our last meeting (October 01), Ray Carlson came up to me and said that he noticed that October was no longer designated *Vocational Service*, but that it had been changed to January.

Since I had not heard about the change, I went to the Rotary International site and searched for the *Monthly Designations*. To my surprise, but not pleasure, I found that not only had most of the monthly designations changed, the new designations were three, four or more words. instead of one or two. So here are the old and new monthly designations.

### •July•

No Designation  
became  
Start of new Rotary Officers'  
Year of Service

### •August•

Membership & Extension  
became  
Membership and New Club  
Development

### •September•

New Generations  
became  
Basic Education and Literacy

### •October•

Vocational Service  
became  
Economic and Community  
Development

### •November•

Rotary Foundation  
stayed  
Rotary Foundation

### •December•

Family  
became  
Disease Prevention and Treatment

### •January•

Rotary Awareness  
became  
Vocational Service

### •February•

World Understanding

became

Peace and Conflict Prevention and  
Reduction

### •March•

Literacy  
became  
Water and Sanitation

### •April•

Magazine  
became  
Maternal and Child Health

### •May•

No Designation  
became  
Youth Services

### •June•

Rotary Fellowship  
stayed  
Rotary Fellowship

## Two Boy Scout Events Coming

### Boy Scout Legacy Golf Tournament [ScoutGolf.org](http://ScoutGolf.org)

On October 26, The Boy Scouts of America is hosting a Golf Tournament at the Pacific Palms Resort!

Your participation directly benefits the Scouts of the Greater Los Angeles Area Council, serving disadvantaged youth in our local community.

For more information, see flyer, p. 4

### Boy Scout Celebrity Sports Lunch

The Greater Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts has selected Special Guest John McKay, Jr. to address the *Friends of Scouting* and other important members of our community at their annual sports lunch. The proceeds benefit local Boy Scouts. The event takes place Monday, October 19 at 11:45a at The California Club. See flyer on p. 5

GOLF HOME

CONTACT US

REGISTER

INVITE FLYER

Join us Monday,  
October 26th

8:00AM Registration  
Driving Range Opens  
Putting Contest Begins

10:00AM Shotgun Start  
Lunch Provided By  
In-N-Out Burger

3:00PM Reception  
& Awards



It is all for the Kids!

The Boy Scouts of America Legacy Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2015 at the Pacific Palms Resort. We look forward to a great day of golf with exciting on-course activities, tee prize packages, on course snacks and beverages. Lunch will be provided courtesy of In-N-Out Burger! Proceeding the Golf Tournament there will be a hosted cocktail reception followed by buffet and awards presentation.

Your participation directly benefits the Scouts of the Greater Los Angeles Area Council, serving disadvantaged youth in our local community. The funds raised support Scouting year-around programs including the sponsorship of the Golf Merit Badge. Corporate sponsorships are welcome and available. Help change lives today. For more information please contact Diana Bates at (213) 413-4400 x313 or email her at [dana.bates@scouting.org](mailto:dana.bates@scouting.org).

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH THE CALIFORNIA CLUB

## SPORTS LUNCH 2015

The Greater Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America is proud to select a special guest from the world of sports to address the Friends of Scouting and other important members of our community at our annual sports lunch. Proceeds benefit local Boy Scouts right here in Los Angeles.

The 2015 Special Guest Speaker is John McKay, Jr. He is a former NFL wide-receiver for the Cleveland Browns, Southern California Sun and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. McKay began his career playing college football for the USC Trojans where he was named the 1975 Rose Bowl MVP. Beyond the field, McKay was a lawyer at Jeffer Mangels Butler & Marmaro in Los Angeles. He currently serves as Senior Associate Athletic Director of the University of Southern California.

Please join us for this exciting event at The California Club on Monday, October 19th at 11:45 a.m. For questions, please call (213) 413-4402 to speak with Diana Bates (ext. 313) or Cecilia Nazarian (ext. 311).



Special Guest  
**JOHN MCKAY, JR.**