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This Week

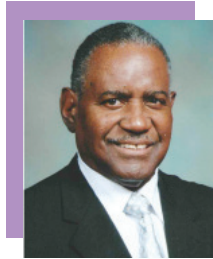
Lt. Vasken K. Gourdikian
Pasadena Police
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Program Host:
Gary Clark

Lt. Vasken K. Gourdikian was born and raised in Pasadena and is a graduate of John Muir High School. Vasken holds a BS degree in Criminal Justice, a Masters degree in Public Administration from California State University Northridge, and is a graduate of the Sherman Block Leadership Institute.

Vasken began his career with the Pasadena Police Department in 1994. He has worked Field Operations Patrol, Special Investigations Unit, DEA Group 44, Gangs/SWAT, Field Training Section, Detective Section, Traffic Section, and the West San Gabriel Valley Anti-Crime Task Force. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in April of 2013 and is currently assigned to the Community Services Section.

Lt. Gourdikian is a Board of Director for the Pasadena Police Activities League (PAL) which cares for 150 "at risk" youth within the Pasadena Com-

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Quietly Quick

by Steve Cunningham, *President*

One course that Jobs took would become part of Silicon Valley lore: the electronics class taught by John McCollum a former Navy pilot who had a showman's flair for exciting his students with such tricks as firing up a Tesla coil. His little stockroom, to which he would lend the key to pet students, was crammed with transistors and other components he had scored. McCollum's classroom was in a shed-like building on the edge of the campus, next to the parking lot. This is where it was," Jobs recalled as he peered in the window, "and here, next door, is where the auto shop class used to be." The juxtaposition highlighted the shift from the interests of his father's generation. "Mr. McCollum felt that electronics class was the new auto shop."

McCollum believed in military discipline and respect for authority, Jobs didn't. His aversion to authority was something he no longer tried to hide, and he affected an attitude that combined wiry and weird intensity with aloof rebelliousness. McCollum later said, He was usually off in a corner doing something on his own and really didn't want to have much of anything to do with either me or the rest of the class." He never trusted Jobs with a key to the stockroom. One day Jobs

Steve Jobs by Walter Isaacson A Review - Part III

needed a part that was not available, so he made a collect call to the manufacturer, Burroughs in Detroit, and said he was designing a new product and wanted to test out the part. It arrived by air freight a few days later. When McCollum asked how he had gotten it, Jobs described—with defiant pride—the collect call and the tale he told. "I was furious," McCollum said." Jobs response was, "I don't have the money for the phone call. They've got plenty of money."

Jobs took McCollum's class for only one year, rather than the three that it was offered. For one year, rather than the three that it was offered. For one of his projects, he made a device with a photocell that

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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

Are We Ready for the Natural Disaster



When we are going through our daily lives, we do not think about what would happen

if there were a disaster like an earthquake, a flood or a fire. However, these disasters do occur on a regular basis, and we should take the time to get ourselves ready for the next disaster. This was the message of our speaker at last week's Altadena Rotary

Club meeting. Steve Reagan spoke to the club about a program called *Map Your Neighborhood* (MYN).

The message of MYN is that your neighbors are your closest source of help. MYN gives you a system for dealing with disasters in a step-by-step process. Immediately following a disaster, there are a set of steps to follow. First take care of your immediate family. Next one should dress for safety. Have a bicycle helmet or hard hat ready, along with sturdy shoes and gloves. The next step is to shut off the natural gas or propane as this step is one of the best ways to prevent a fire. One should next shut water at the main line to the house. This will trap water in the home. It will also keep pollutants out of possible drinking water.

If help is needed, one should place a **Help Needed** sign on the front door, front lawn or front window. If your immediate family or house is secure, place an **OK** sign. This action will help your neighbors and the local authorities locate those who need help first. If one has a fire extinguisher, it should be placed on the sidewalk where those neighbors who are experiencing a small fire can access it.

Once these steps has been completed, one should meet at the identified Neighborhood Gathering Site. The Site is a protected area easily accessible. It can be an open garage; a porch or a carport are good places to meet. The local neighborhood

can also designate a place where children, those who are elderly and those with a disability can be brought for care and safety.

As part of the MYN process, neighbors can meet and identify what equipment

and supplies are available in the neighborhood. The neighbors can inventory such items as first aid supplies, portable radios, walkie-talkies, fire extinguishers, camp stoves, ladders, ropes, flashlights, electric generators, tents, blankets and emergency equipment. The neighbors can also survey themselves to see which one of them has the following skills: first aid,



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Congratulations



Birthdays

10/08 - Susan Cox
10/17 - Noriko Suzuki Mehringer
10/20 - Charles Wilson
10/24 - Jim Gorton





10/01 - Margarita & Freddy Figueroa
10/19 - Elsa & David Smith



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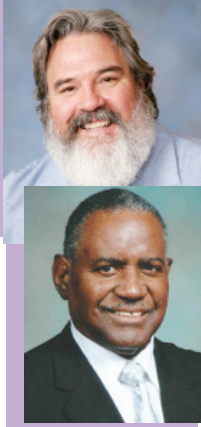
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October Vocational Service

Program Chair, Gary Clark

October 29 - Isaac Hung - Medical Mission to El Salvador

History of the Rotary Foundation



At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, it was renamed The

Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

Growth of the Foundation, in 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen, later grew into Easter Seals.

When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the foundation.

Evolution of Foundation Programs

1947: The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

1965-66: Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philip-

pine children against polio.

1985: The Polio Plus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide. 1987-88: The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships.

2013: New district, global, and packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world the world to respond to the world's greatest needs.

Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contribution totaling more than 1 billion.

Rotary brings together community leaders from all continents, cultures, and

occupations to share their ideas for making the world a better place. By combining their distinct skills and expertise, Rotary members are tackling some of the world's most pressing problems—from local initiatives like feeding the hungry to global efforts like eradicating polio.

It all begins at the weekly club meeting, where members catch up with friends, hear what's happening in their community, and organize club activities and service projects. It's a fun way to connect with the people in your community who share your passion for doing good. ○

This Week

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community. He is a youth mentor through the Flintridge Center's Youth of Promise program, and the John Muir High School Alumni Committee. Vasken is liaison to PAPAC (Pasadena Armenian Police Advisory Council), a partner with the Pasadena Police Department.

Boy Scout Legacy Golf Tournament October 26

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

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child care, plumbing, electrician, radio operation, language skills, and elder skills.

The Map Your Neighborhood process also includes some mapping. The mapping process will include the streets, building lots, and house numbers. The mapping will also include the contact names and phone numbers of all neighbors. The map should also mark the exact location of each gas or propane meter in the neighborhood. Finally the map should identify those residents in the neighborhood who may need extra assistance during disasters. These would include elderly residents, disabled residents or homes with unattended children.

In addition to the MYN process, Reagan encouraged the Rotarians “to store grab-and-go bags with emergency supplies, a week's supply of water, first aid kits, and

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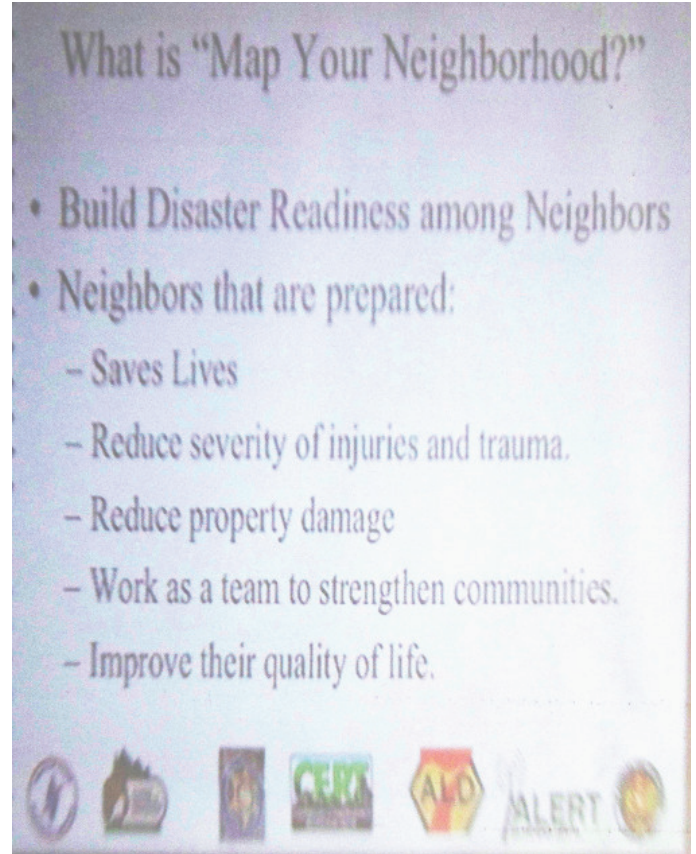
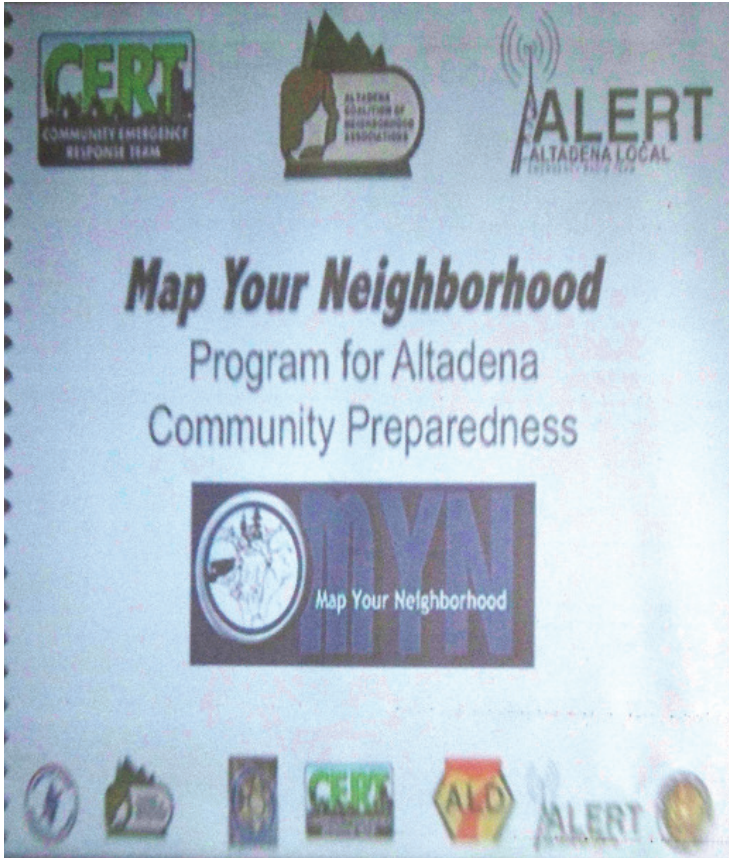
food supplies.” His presentation was a wake-up call to the Rotarians to meet with their neighbors and prepare for the

natural disaster which will eventually come to southern California.

These are two of the slides brought

to us by our speakers Steve Reagan and Nancee Darling.

Boyd Hudson ○



Quietly

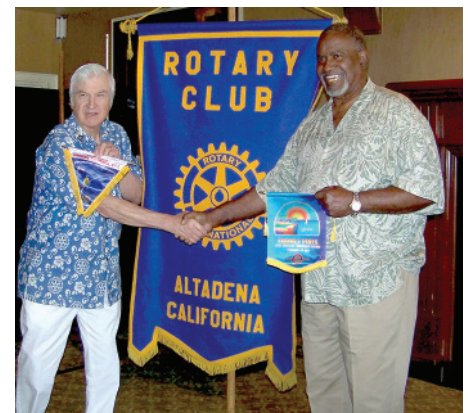
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would switch on a circuit when exposed to light, something any high school science student could have done. He was far more interested in playing with lasers, something he learned from his father. With a few friends, he created light shows for parties with lasers, something he learned from his father. With a few friends, he created light shows for parties by bouncing lasers off mirrors that were attached to the speakers of his stereo system.

During his senior year he got a part-time job at Sylvania and had the chance to work on a computer for the first time. He learned FORTRAN from a book and read the manuals for most of the systems

of the day, starting with the Digital Equipment PDP-8. Then he studied with the specs for the latest microchip and tried to redesign the computers using these newer parts. The challenge he set himself was to replicate the design using the fewest components possible. Each night he would try to improve his drawing from the night before. By the end of his senior year, he had become a master. "I was now designing computers with half the number of chips the actual company had in their own design, but only on paper." He never told his friends. After all, most seventeen-year-olds were getting their kicks in other ways. ○

His 250th Club



On September 17, Gordon N. Shurtleff visited Altadena Rotary and declared that we were the 250th club he had visited. Shurtleff and President Steve exchanged club banners. ○

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.

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