



Rotary Club of Altadena

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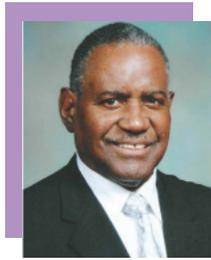
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## This Week Warren Skidmore The 30-Meter Telescope, International Observatory Program Host: David Smith

Warren Skidmore will be describing the plans and status of construction of the 30-Meter Telescope (TMT). He'll talk about the technical and engineering solutions that are being developed so that the observatory can address some exciting scientific questions.

Skidmore has worked in many of the scientific and engineering aspects of the 30-Meter Telescope Project, beginning with site testing and technical development and extending to the defining of science goals and the resulting technical requirements.

He is an observational astronomer by training with several years of post graduate and post doctoral experience in the study of interacting Binary Stars. Skidmore now facilitates communications between astronomers and the TMT project engineers and provides scientific leadership for the project. ○



## Quietly Quick

by Steve Cunningham, *President*

### The Seven Deadly Horsemen

from  
*The Law of Success*  
by Napoleon Hill



The seven horsemen are labeled, in order: *Intolerance, Greed, Revenge, Egotism, Suspicion, Jealousy* and “?”

**The worst enemy that any man has is the one that walks around under his hat.**

**If you could see yourself as others see you the enemies that you harbor in your own personality might be discovered and thrown out. The Seven Enemies named in this essay are the commonest which ride millions of men and women to failure without being discovered. Weigh yourself carefully and find out how many of the Seven you are harboring.**

From birth until death every human being must give battle to these enemies. Your success will be measured very largely by the way you manage your battle against these swift riders.

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## April Team

Jim Gorton • Mindy Kittay  
Julius Johnson • Gary Clark  
Mike Noll • Sterling Louviere

### Meeting Responsibilities

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

# Program Review

## The Life and Times of the Duncan Family



Last Thursday (March 31), Altadena Rotarians were entertained by a presentation from John David Duncan about the family history and family tree of the Duncan family.

The Duncan family has been a part of the Pasadena community for seven generations. Duncan is one of 13 children and is

currently a Financial Planner in Pasadena.

The history of the Duncan family tree was very important in the shaping of their family. Duncan's mother was born in Riverside, California in 1894. She was a part of the family of five children: three girls and two boys. Duncan's father was born in Nassau, in the Bahamas, in 1891. His father was orphaned at 10, and then moved from the Bahamas. He stated that there was not much record keeping by his father, along with a void of family records, but he was told personally of his move by his father and the jobs that he had along the way, one consisting of constructing the Panama Canal.

His parents were married in 1918. After the first child was born, they moved to Pasadena, California. The rest of the children of the family were born in Pasadena and all baptized Catholic at St. Andrews Church. Duncan spoke of the unsettling part of his family history: Due to miscegenation laws at this time, people of different races could not co-habitate. His mother's US citizenship was stripped, and she could not get citizenship to the United States until her father became a citizen. John David Duncan actually brought very interesting photos to the meeting; one of his mother's citizenship application. Duncan stated that his family became very tight

due to the hardships. He also stated that his family was very happy and proud of everyone and their accomplishments.



Duncan told of his family's military experiences. His parents sent eight of their sons to war. Four went to World War Two, and four to the Korean War. All of the sons returned safely from the wars. John David Duncan was drafted in 1953, following in his brothers'

footsteps. He was to join his brothers serving in the Korean War, but was not able to go, due to the Sullivan Act. He went on to serve in Germany. Duncan said that his sons never went into the military to follow in their family's footsteps, but he proudly stated that his grandson served in the military. He said his grandson served in the Eighty-Second Airborne for 11 years, along with serving 11 tours of duty. When his grandson was going to volunteer to go on another tour, Duncan told his grandson, "No more, not this time." He told

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### April Magazine Month

Program Chair, David Smith

April 07 - Warren Skidmore - 30-Meter Telescope

April 14 - To be Announced

April 21 - To be Announced

April 28 - To be Announced

### Congratulations



### Birthdays



04/13 - Alice Hudson

04/18 - John Frykenberg

04/29 - Mike Noll

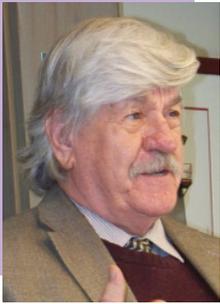


### Anniversaries



04/27 - Sterling & Olga Louviere

## Altadena Rotary RYLA Participants have been chosen by Interview *They Leave April 15 & Return April 17*



Each year our Altadena Rotary Club participates in a District-wide program known as RYLA. The RYLA program was first held by our District 5300 in 1987. *Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)* is an intensive training program for high school juniors throughout our District, in which they attend an all-expense-paid three-day weekend camp. The students selected are chosen for their leadership potential through a competitive interview process. Approximately 320 students — an equal number of boys and girls — all high school juniors, from high schools between Pasadena and Las Vegas, will be attending this year's RYLA event.

At the RYLA weekend camp — held in the mountains in Crestline, California — professionals assist the students, already selected for their demonstration of early leadership potential, in developing those leadership skills. Through such activities as motivational speakers, team-building exercises and programs that encourage the kids to *think outside the box*, the program teaches the students the fundamentals of leadership, ethics of positive leadership, importance of communications skills in effective leadership, leadership in problem solving and brainstorming, group dynamics and dealing with peer pressure, while building self-confidence

and self-esteem.

Each year our Altadena Rotary Club sponsors 2 girls and 2 boys from John Muir High School to attend the event. We also select another 2 girls and 2 boys as alternates who may be able to attend if any of the primary candidates are unable to attend. Mike Zoeller and I went to Muir a couple of weeks ago to interview 15 high school juniors. These candidates were chosen for interviews by Dr. Nancy Gonzalez Heusser, a student counselor at Muir. As Mike will attest, this is a very challenging process due to the outstanding quality of the students interviewed.

After some debate, Mike and I — as representatives of Altadena Rotary — chose the following students to attend this year's RYLA event: **Elyse Sharp, Karla Luviano, Luiz Reyes** and **Jayro Baldebras**. In addition, our Club has chosen the following alternates who may be able to

attend this year's RYLA weekend: *Estela Zarate, Melissa Rocha* and *Adrian Suarez Martinez*. The students who get to go will be traveling to Crestline by bus early in the morning of Friday April 15 and will be returning by bus on the afternoon of Sunday April 17. Our Club pays for all of the costs for the four students to attend the weekend leadership program.

Sometime after the RYLA weekend, we will be inviting the students who attend the event to attend one of our Thursday lunch meetings. At that time, they will tell us briefly of their experience at RYLA. In appreciation of the enormous help that she provides us each year in carrying out our RYLA program, we will also invite Dr. Nancy Gonzalez Heusser to attend the same meeting. We could not do this without Nancy's very generous assistance.

Thank you all for again supporting this wonderful Rotary project. ○

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## Program

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his grandson, "Now is the time to go to school. He later went on to graduate with honors. His other grandson, who was born in Denmark, serves in the Danish Army.

John David Duncan proudly told us of the major accomplishments of his siblings. One brother — who served in the Navy — later went on to work for the City of Pasadena. Another brother went on to become a very successful mechanic. He told us of another brother who took the Fire Department exam three times,

each time finishing at the top of his class, until finally becoming the second African American firefighter in Pasadena. Lastly, he spoke of a brother who is a performer. He performed for the Laurence Welk show and for the troops alongside Bob Hope. This brother still performs today.

John David Duncan finished the presentation by giving us something his mother had told him; "a father has some, a mother has some, but the child has his own". John Casci ○

# Quietly

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As you look again at the picture at the beginning of the article, you will say, of course, "that it is only imagination." True, the picture is imaginary, but the swift riders of destruction are REAL.

If these enemies rode openly, on real horses, they would not be dangerous, because they could be rounded up and put out of commission. But, they ride unseen, in the minds of men. So silently and subtly do they work that most people never recognize their presence.

Take inventory of yourself and find out how many of these seven horsemen you are harboring.

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In the foreground you will find the most dangerous and the commonest of the riders. You will be fortunate if you discover this enemy and protect yourself against it. This cruel warrior, INTOLERANCE, has killed more people, destroyed more friendships, brought more misery and suffering into the world and caused more wars than all of the other six horsemen that you see in this picture.

Until you master INTOLERANCE you will never become an accurate thinker. This enemy of mankind closes up the mind and pushes reason and logic and FACTS into the background. If you find yourself hating those whose religious viewpoint is different from your own, you may be sure that the most dangerous of the seven deadly horsemen still rides in your brain.

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Next, in the picture, you will observe REVENGE and GREED!

These riders travel side by side. Where one is found the other is always close at hand. GREED warps and twists man's brain so that he wants to build a fence around the earth and keep everyone else on the outside of it. This is the enemy that

drives man to accumulate millions upon top of millions of dollars which he does not need and can never use. This is the enemy that causes man to twist the screw until he has wrung the last drop of blood from his fellow man.

And, thanks to REVENGE which rides alongside of GREED, the unfortunate person who gives brain-room to these cruel twins is not satisfied to merely take away his fellow man's earthly belongings; he wants to destroy his reputation in the bargain.

*"Revenge is a naked sword -  
It has neither hilt nor guard.  
Would'st thou wield this brand of the Lord.  
Is thy grasp then firm and hard?  
But the closer thy clutch of the blade,  
The deadlier blow thou would'st deal,  
Deeper wound in thy hand is made -  
It is thy blood reddens the steel.  
And when thou hast dealt the blow -  
When the blade from thy hand has flown -  
Instead of the heart of the foe  
Thou may'st find it sheathed in thine own."*

If you would know how deadly are ENVY and GREED, study the history of every man who has set out to become **RULER OF THIS WORLD!**

If you do not wish to undertake so ambitious a program of research, then study the people around YOU; those who have tried and those who are now trying to *feather their own nests* at the cost of others. GREED and REVENGE stand at the crossroads of life, where they turn aside to failure and misery every person who would take the road that leads to success. It is a part of your business not to permit them to interfere with you when you approach one of these crossroads.

Both individuals and nations rapidly decline where GREED and ENVY ride in the minds of those who dominate. Take a look at Mexico and Spain if you wish to know what happens to the envious and the greedy.

Most important of all, take a look at YOURSELF and make sure that these two deadly enemies are not riding in your brain!

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Turn your attention, now, to two more twins of destruction — EGOTISM and SUSPICION. Observe that they also ride side by side. There is no hope of success for the person who suffers either from too much self-love or lack of confidence in others.

Someone who likes to manipulate figures has estimated that the largest club in the world is the "IT CAN'T BE DONE CLUB." It is claimed that there are approximately ninety-nine million members of this club in the United States of America alone.

If you have no FAITH in other people you have not the seed of success in you. SUSPICION is a prolific germ. If permitted to get a start, it rapidly multiplies itself until it leaves no room for FAITH.

Without faith no man may enjoy enduring success.

Running, like a golden cord of illumination throughout the Bible, is the admonition to have FAITH. Before civilization lost itself in its mad rush for dollars, men understood the power of FAITH.

For verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

The writer of this passage, which appears in the Bible, understood a great law which but few of today understand. Believe in people if you would have them believe in you. Kill off SUSPICION. If you do not, it will kill you off.

*Editor's Note: This has been an After-the-Lesson Visit with the author (Lesson Seven, Enthusiasm).* ○



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