

This Week

It's a Mystery We're guessing too! Program Host: Kimmit Haggins

Yes, it's a mystery. The staff has asked several times, but no information has been given ... not one clue has been leaked. It could be that a program was all arranged, and, at the last minute, our speaker was unable to keep his/her commitment. In which case, Kimmit Haggins, our program chair, is busy finding a substitute program.

On the other hand, it could be that our speaker has failed to send a bio or a writeup on the subject of his/her program, so our program chair is left without anything to send.

Or it could be that time just got away from our program chair, and no confirmations have been made; or no contact has been made at all and everything is still unsettled and up in the air.

Whatever it turns out to be, you'll just have to come to the July 14 meeting and be surprised. No, we're not holding any information back, we know absolutely N-O-T-H-I-N-G about the program. By Thursday, July 14, the mystery will be solved. ○




Scout's
 Honor
 by Charlie
 Wilson,
 President

Thoughts on the Coming Year

What is Rotary? If I asked each of you, I would probably get a different answer. However, to me, it is the leading humanitarian organization in the world. As an organization, we have the ability to change lives on a local, national and global scale.

In 1905, Paul Harris and three other businessmen gathered in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago (some of you remember that meeting). This was the first Rotary Club meeting. These men initiated a *rotating* meeting in order to experience fellowship and undertake community service.

Today, all of us continue this enduring tradition. I am proud to say that Rotary International leads the world in volunteer service. It consists of 1.2 million members in 34,000 clubs, in over 200 countries. But, Rotary is not about numbers ... it is about service. In the past year, I have been fortunate to discover — through President-Elect Training and District events — the true scope of the work that Rotary does on a local, national, and international scale. Rotary International has identified specific causes to target in order

to maximize our local and global impact.

They include promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. I challenge each of you today to take up one of these causes and make it your own this Rotary year on either a local or international level.

As we move into our 67th year as a club, I think that it is extremely important that we begin a new era of partnerships with our neighboring clubs. In this past year, through the President-Elect training process, I have had the good fortune of meeting with my fellow Presidents-Elect. I have found them to be warm, engaging and extremely enthusiastic about the year ahead. This training has also given me

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Greeters

July 14
Ray Carlson
 July 21
John Casci
 July 28
Gary Clark

Program Review

Coming Up: A Great Year with President Charlie



As is always the case with the start of a new presidential year, we opened up with a Club Assembly. President Charlie and his officers and directors presented their plans for the coming year, and, based on their presentations,

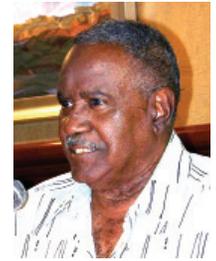
it's going to be a fun-filled productive year for the Rotary Club of Altadena.

President Charlie presented his view of what Rotary really means to him. He considers it to be the leading humanitarian organization in the world. He really discovered the true meaning of Rotary when he attended PETS. As we begin our 67th year as a Rotary club, he wants us to work with other Rotary clubs. This year's Rotary International theme is "Rotary Serving Humanity," which is very fitting, since this may be the year that polio is finally eradicated. The virus is only found in Pakistan and Afghanistan. It would be only the second disease that has been eradicated from the face of Earth.

Charlie introduced his Directors: John Casci, Mindy Katay, Jim Gorton, and Tony Hill. He then asked the program chairs to detail their plans for the coming year.

Quick Cunningham, Vice-President and Immediate Past President, stated

that he saw his role as inspiring members to participate in the Club's projects.



Steve Kerekis, President-Elect, saw his objective as learning as much as he could from President Charlie.



Craig Cox, Membership and Community Service, stressed the importance of inviting prospective new members to our meetings. He stated that we lose members as a matter of course, so it is imperative that we work to replace them. On the Community Service side, he indicated that there would be two

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Congratulations

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Birthdays

07/08 - Regina Wilson
07/09 - David Alimi
07/27 - Tony Hill

Anniversaries

07/01 - Ruth & Bill Reeder
f07/15 - Craig & Susan Cox

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July

Plan for a New Rotary Year

Program Chair, Kimmit Haggins

July 07 - Club Assembly

July 14 - To be Announced

July 21 - To be Announced

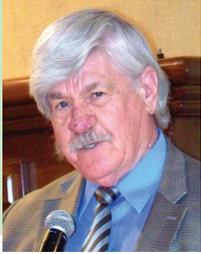
July 28 - To be Announced

August

Membership/New Club Development

Youth Programs

Partnering with Local Schools for Local Youth



There are numerous Rotary programs that our Altadena Rotary Club has been involved in for many, many years. Today I will be writing about three of these programs: Interact, RYLA and the Interact Symposium.

Interact is a program in which students in certain area high schools, sponsored by a local Rotary Club, form a club of their own at their school that they run themselves just like a Rotary Club. The Interact Club members meet every week in the classroom of a teacher at the school who acts as a teacher liaison with the sponsoring Rotary Club. Each week during the lunch period, the teacher liaison volunteers their time to host the Interact Club meeting in his or her classroom. Both the teacher liaison and the Rotary Club Interact Chair act as resources and facilitators to help the students operate their Interact meetings and programs.

Each Rotary year the Interact students sponsored by our Altadena Rotary Club, as well as members of other Interact Clubs throughout our Rotary District and throughout Rotary worldwide, develop their own projects, organize their own fund raisers and participate on occasion in programs of the sponsoring Rotary Club. In recent years we have sponsored Interact clubs at Pasadena High School. In fact former President Hal Yorke's daughters, Colleen and Vanessa, were both Presi-

dents of our PHS Interact Club when they attended PHS quite a few years ago. Prior to that our Club sponsored an Interact Club for many years at John Muir High School. Our Interact Chair in those days was chaired by the late Dr. Bill Gannon.

This fall we may again have an opportunity to sponsor an Interact Club at John Muir High School and possibly continue our Interact Club at Pasadena High School. Time will tell but hopefully we will be sponsoring at least one Interact Club at a local high school, as we very much want to remain involved in this outstanding Rotary program to assist youth in our area.

RYLA, standing for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, is another wonderful Rotary program that provides leadership training over a weekend in April each year to high school juniors who have shown leadership potential. Each year we sponsor two boys and two girls from Muir High School to attend this very popular program. We also select another two boys and two girls as "alternates" who may get to attend the RYLA program if any of the primary candidates are unable to attend. For years now we have had the very valuable assistance of school counselor Dr. Nancy Gonzales Heusser, with this program. Nancy provides a group of qualified candidates for volunteers from our Altadena Rotary Club to interview. Believe me this is a very difficult job due to the high caliber of the candidates. By the way, the District is always looking for Rotary members, who have not done so

before, to volunteer to participate in the RYLA weekend as a facilitator to work with the students in the training programs. This is a wonderful experience that any of our members who have been facilitators in the past will strongly recommend.

Interact Symposium is a program in which Interact members in our Interact Club, along with Interact members throughout our District 5300, are sponsored to attend a leadership train camp, similar to RYLA, over a weekend in October each year. One difference is that a Rotary member is needed to actually transport the Interact members being sponsored to the camp and stay with them throughout the Interact Symposium weekend. ○

Memorial Service

for

**Mike Noll's Father
to be held**

Friday, July 15, 2pm

Church of Our Savior

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San Gabriel, CA 91775

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to the*

Convalescent Aid Society

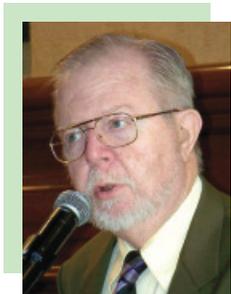
3255 E. Foothill Bl., Pasadena 91107

or

*Pasadena Guild of Children's Hospital
665 S. Raymond Av., Pasadena 91105*

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Laser Interferometry Gravitational-Wave Observatory *Known as the LIGO Project*



Not often do Rotary talks touch on theoretical physics and cosmology. When they do they bring to light monumental demonstrations of realities which underlie our existence and which always have been and always will be true. And, by the way, such talks comport fully with the four-way test.

In 1915, Albert Einstein postulated deformations of the fabric of space-time by energy-induced gravitational waves which alternately lengthen and compress objects that they encounter. But until now the existence of these waves has not been detected. After protracted and sensitive negotiations between Cal Tech and MIT and the urging of the National Science foundation, two gravitational wave observatories were constructed 2500 km apart in Hanford Washington and Livingston Louisiana. The engineering challenges were Herculean. The observatories con-

sisted of L-shaped antennae whose arms taken together were 4 km long. The arms were perfect cylinders of stainless steel, each with a diameter of 48 inches. A vacuum within this structure was created and maintained with a system of pumps. No leaks could be tolerated.

Highly polished mirrors were mounted at either end, and a split laser beam was directed at these mirrors. In the absence of a detectable gravitational wave, the equidistant mirrors would not move and, the two laser beams would arrive at their source simultaneously and cancel one another out. But when a gravitational wave intervened, the two arms of the antennae would lengthen and contract, and the components of the split laser beam would not arrive simultaneously at their source and cancel one another out.

The Eureka moment occurred one day when the laser beams were found to be out of phase by the width of a single proton. Einstein said the waves would be faint.

This was the result of the energy equivalent to ten billion trillion suns released when two black holes collided 1.2 billion years ago.

Italy, Germany, Japan, and Australia — using the same methods developed by the LIGO Project — have initiated their respective quests to detect gravitational waves. And there is discussion of deploying perfectly positioned detectors between the sun and the earth to enhance sensitivity of detection, possibly detecting the moment of creation when the Almighty said, “Let there be light.”

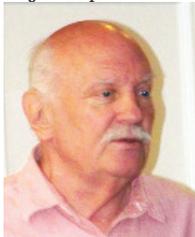
Roger Fennell ○



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projects this year to help the community. He also urged the members to sign up for the Summer Concert Series, which is our highest profile community activity.



John Frykenberg, Secretary and International Service, stated that there are plans to do building in Mexico, training in Nigeria and

Tanzania, and, through Dave Smith, the building of a dam in India.



Jacque Foreman, publicity chair and Sparks editor, indicated that she was searching for a new font to make Sparks more exciting. She's also contemplating changing the tem-

plate, going from HTML-2 to HTML-5. Dave Campbell will continue to work on our Facebook page. Jacque also stated that she could use more columnists.

Dave Smith, Foundation Chair, stated that there would still be matching funds for Paul Harris Fellowships, courtesy of Dennis Mehringer. He also indicated that donated funds can be specified for use.

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Concerts in the Park *A Perfect Community Project*



If you were going to plan the perfect Rotary project, you would want to make sure it had

several elements:

- First, it would have to be fun.
- Second, it would have to give us great exposure to the community.
- Third, it would have to have a comfortable working environment. And,
- Forth, for some of us, it should include an opportunity to drink some good beer and/or wine!

The Summer Concerts are fun. You get to fellowship with fellow Rotarians and

hear good (sometimes great) music.

The Summer Concerts give us great exposure to the community. Altadena likes their concerts in Farnsworth Park. We have a great chance to talk to people in the community to explain what Rotary is all about. Our current President is a member of the Rotary Club of Altadena because of the Summer Concerts!

The Summer Concerts have a comfortable working environment. The Farnsworth Park amphitheater is beautiful. The concerts take place during our wonderful summer evenings.

The Summer Concerts give you an opportunity to sample some wonderful

local beer. Dave Smith and his crew are always willing to serve you a cool, frosty glass. Or you can choose a glass of wine.

Throughout the summer you will be receiving an Email about our staffing needs. Everyone should take it upon him/herself to serve in some way at one concert. Many thanks to those members who serve at most of the concerts.

You can register for a concert by going to **events** and signing up in ClubRunner. Or, you can Email me at craigcox@charter.net or craig.cox@morganstanley.com, and let me know what Saturday evening works for you.

What could be more perfect? ○

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Tony Hill, Youth Activities Chair, stated that the year would be filled with activities, awards and competitions. Once again, we will be sending two boys and two girls from John Muir High School to RYLA in April. We're still sponsoring an Interact



Club at Pasadena High School, and may possibly sponsor one at Muir. We will also be seeing Interactors to the Interact Symposium. We may also start a Retract Club

at PCC in conjunction with the San Marino Club and the Pasadena After Hours Club.



Milke Zoeller, co-Youth Activities Chair, stated that we would once again be giving awards to PCC Veterans, and to members of PCC vocational schools. Additionally, we will be sponsoring the 4-Way Test Speech Contest and the Dan Stover Musical Competition.

Ray Carlson, entrepreneurship chair, detailed plans to continue our activities in this area both domestically and internationally. He showed an article from



the Star-News reporting on a 4-year old boy who was killed in a drive-by shooting in Altadena. This can only be stopped if people are gainfully employed. He detailed all of the contributions from USAID and the State Department that have helped, and our continued joint efforts with the San Marino Club. He urged us to get involved and share our expertise with these budding entrepreneurs.

It looks like another busy year for our club. Let's support President Charlie to the max!!
Ed Jasnow ○



Starting Early: Child Oral Health Program Triples Preventive Visits

An innovative dental program that serves low-income and uninsured children in Los Angeles, the UCLA-First 5 LA 21st Century Dental Homes Project, has more than tripled preventive dental visits for children from birth to age 5, according to a new policy brief by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research.

Some parents may think that, because primary teeth — or baby teeth — naturally fall out, they don't need to be cleaned and checked. However, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends a first dental exam between eruption of a child's first tooth and age 1 year. Preschoolers' teeth also need to be brushed daily with fluoride toothpaste, according to the academy.

"The majority of young children aren't receiving crucial preventive and oral health services that they need," said

Nadereh Pourat, director of research at the Center and co-author of the study. "Avoiding cavities in primary teeth promotes healthy teeth for the rest of children's lives."

Read the press release: Starting early: Child oral health program triples preventive visits <http://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/newsroom/press-releases/pages/details.aspx?NewsID=249&utm_source=Health+Policy+News%3A+Kid%27s+preventive+dental+care%3B+Health+Profiles+%28June+2016%29&utm_campaign=Health+Policy+News%3A+Kid%27s+preventive+dental+care%3B+Health+Profiles+%28June+2016%29&utm_medium=email>

Read the policy brief: An Innovative Project Breaks Down Barriers to

Oral Health Care for Vulnerable Young Children in Los Angeles County <http://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/publications/search/pages/detail.aspx?PubID=1535&utm_source=Health+Policy+News%3A+Kid%27s+preventive+dental+care%3B+Health+Profiles+%28June+2016%29&utm_campaign=Health+Policy+News%3A+Kid%27s+preventive+dental+care%3B+Health+Profiles+%28June+2016%29&utm_medium=email>

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FYI — Dr. Campbell recently helped the Los Angeles Christian Health Center obtain a grant to host a dental hygienist in the two poorest schools in LA County, Grape Street Pre-School & Elementary School in Watts, and Dolores Mission Catholic School in Boyle Heights.

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firsthand knowledge of the position that we hold in the district.

Our neighboring clubs want to engage with us. They want to participate in our social activities. And, perhaps most important, they want to be partners with us on our local and global initiatives. I look forward to finding ways that our fellow Group 1 clubs can partner to have a larger impact on our surrounding communities as a whole.

One of the greatest strengths of Rotary International is our ability to leverage our skills, our connections, and our resources. One needs to look no further than

Global Grants to see the benefits. I am a firm believer in the need for Rotary to be a cause for good both locally and globally. There is not a day that goes by that I don't see a project or interact with a local organization that has been touched by Rotary. Every Rotarian should feel pride in the things that we have accomplished together.

As I look forward to the New Year, I am excited about the possibilities. And I know that I will have the greatest club in the district and the best officers and directors standing beside me. We also have the best Assistant Governor, Isaac Hung, and the

best District Governor in all of Rotary, Lu de Sylva.

Because of all the great Rotarians in the room today, this year will *NOT* be one in which I need to do everything myself for our club to be successful. I have a great team ... which brings me to this year's Rotary theme: *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

Rotary International President, John Germ selected this theme based on Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, who believed that serving humanity is *the most worthwhile thing a person can do*. Germ went on to say, "I believe everyone recognizes

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The public library is a center of public happiness first, of public education next.

John Cotton Dana, A Library Primer, 1896

Do Our Goals align with Yours?

July is the start of our new fiscal year, and we have a lot of exciting opportunities planned for you — our community — in this next year. This past year has been very exciting and enriching with new programs and continued improvements and changes within the Library. Thank you to our Board, Staff, Friends and Foundation — and also our great community — for a great year!

We will continue to offer opportunities for each and every person in our community as your trusted community resource and the place for learning, creativity and innovation. Our goal is to help transform lives through the learning, curiosity, collaboration and discovery that we as a library inspire. But we want to get better

at this and the way we can do that is by aligning our services with the goals of our community.

As we meet with members of the community throughout the year we want to know what kind of community do you want? What do you see as the most important issues when it comes to our community? What are the kinds of things that could be done that would make a difference? What groups or individuals would you trust to take action on these things?

We believe that our role is to provide opportunities for the community where you can have experiences that help you think about the world — and our community — in new ways. Our hope is that the

programs we are offering will give you the opportunity to connect with an idea, play with it, do something, learn something, make something happen.

Visit our New Bestseller Slat Wall

We are doing our best to keep you up to date on all the new bestsellers! If you see a book you want and it is not on the wall, just let a staff member know, and he/she will place a hold on the item for you. When it is returned, you will be notified that it is waiting for you to come pick it up at the library!



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the opportunity to serve Rotary for what it truly is: not a small opportunity, but a great one; an opportunity of a lifetime to change the world for the better, forever through Rotary's service to humanity." Rotary members around the globe are serving humanity by providing clean water to underdeveloped communities, promoting peace in conflict areas, and strengthening communities through basic education and literacy. "But none is more important than our work to eradicate polio worldwide," he said.

After a historic year in which transmission of the wild poliovirus was stopped in Nigeria and all of Africa, Germ said "We are closer than ever to ending polio. We

are at a crossroads in Rotary," he added. "We are looking ahead at a year that may one day be known as the greatest year in Rotary's history: the year that sees the world's last case of polio."

"Last year's milestones leave just two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, where the virus still circulates. Polio would be only the second human disease ever to be eradicated.* People who want to do good will see that Rotary is a place where they can change the world. Every Rotary club needs to be ready to give them that opportunity," Germ said.

And, as I look around this room I see a room full of talented, knowledgeable and willing Rotarians; so my challenge to you

is to find your way to *Serve Humanity!* Whether it be volunteering to help with one of our four local community projects, or stepping outside the city, county, state, or US to volunteer on an international project, find what part of Rotary motivates you and get out there and *Serve Humanity!*

Serving as the President of the Altadena Rotary Club this year is a great honor. I understand both the faith that you have put in me and the responsibility that I have to you, Altadena, and the global community. I welcome this challenge and thank all of you for the trust you have shown in me.

*Smallpox is the only eradicated disease, so far.

Saturday, July 09 — A Very Busy Day

The day started at 10a when we assembled at the Presbyterian Church parking lot to break into teams to take down the flags that we had put up before Memorial Day.

Mike Zoeller and Tony Hill took the west side of Lake and David Smith and Craig Cox took the east side.

After the flags had been transferred to Hill's van, we all reassembled to help

Smith load his truck for the concert concession in the evening.

When I arrived at our concession around 5:30p, Mike Noll, Charlie Wilson, and David Smith were busy setting things up. Others came in a bit later, but I don't remember their order. I hope I remember all who were there: Sue Applegate to man the cash register, Craig Cox, John Frykenberg, Tony Hill, Hal Yorke and Mike Zoeller

for security and Steve Cunningham for the information table.

Noll, Wilson and Smith split up the bartending duties. Regina Wilson arrived just in time to help with the serving of water and soft drinks during our peak rush times. I took pictures and put wristbands on those purchasing adult beverages. All there helped with the cleanup, and the guys helped Smith load his truck. ○



It really was a Busy Saturday





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20th Annual Summer Concert Series Schedule - 2016

The Walking Phoenixes (Tribute to Johnny Cash)	Saturday, July 9th
Hollywood Hillbillies (Play Willie Nelson/Merle Haggard)	Saturday, July 16th
DBX (Tribute to Big Band Female vocalists)	Saturday, July 23rd
Heartbeat City (Tribute to the Cars)	Saturday, July 30th
Hot August Night (Tribute to Neil Diamond)	Saturday, August 6th
Upstream (Tribute to Bob Marley and more)	Saturday, August 13th
Nowhere Men (Tribute to the Beatles)	Saturday, August 20th
The Tuners (Tribute to Credence Clearwater Revival)	Saturday August 27th

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