

Rotary Club of Altadena

# Sparks

OFF THE ROTARY WHEEL  
AN AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER



April 13 2017

## This Week

### The Altadena Rotary PCC Veteran's Awards Guest Program Host: Craig Cox

When the Altadena American Legion post disbanded, they provided an endowment through Altadena Rotary Charities to provide scholarships to veterans attending Pasadena City College.

Pasadena City College has many resources to help veterans succeed in their studies. The admissions and records department employs a GI Certifying Official to help students receive their benefits from the Federal Government. The counseling department provides course, career, health and employment services.

The Veterans' Club and Resource Center brings like-minded students together for access to fellowship, tutoring, legal services, mentoring, study groups and more.

This year we will be awarding five-veterans a \$1500 scholarship each. This is a meaningful way to thank them for their service and encourage them in their studies. ○



## Raising Readers

Taken from Family Talk by Kathy Brandt

I began reading to my daughter when she was 3 months old – colorful cardboard books and soft, squeaky ones. I named objects in the pictures while she tried to chew on the corners of each page. We read as she grew, cuddling in the big, overstuffed armchair at the end of day. She cried and I shed a tear or two over E. B. White's Charlotte's Web, found wonder in Scott O'Dell's Island of the Blue Dolphins. Today, my 9-year-old daughter, a 5th grade student, is not to be found without a book in her hand, and we still share the books that we read.

Child psychologists and pediatricians say that reading to your children is as important as providing them with a balanced diet or fastening their seat belt. "Language matters for everything," says Frank R. Vellutino, PhD, director of the Child Research and Study Center at the University of New York. "You can't even interpret and appreciate cartoons in the newspaper without a grasp of analogy and metaphor." One must have facility with language in order to grasp complex ideas, problem-solve, and understand culture. Good readers can uncover a culture's collective knowledge, master information, and challenge themselves with difficult concepts and complex thoughts.

Parents can help their kids become more enthusiastic readers in two ways:

- 1) Read with them, and
- 2) Leave them alone with good books.

Read aloud to your children. A study by the National Academy of Education and the National Institute of Education Commission notes, "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children."

Your child's brain grows and develops just like the rest of the body; 50 percent of the brain develops before age 4. Reading to your child is a key way to stimulate mental growth and development. It goes beyond hearing the story. Children will naturally ask questions -- "Why did the character do that?" or "What does that mean?" You cannot start too early.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends reading daily to children, beginning at six months of age. ○

## Greeters

April 13

Ed Jasnow

April 20

Julius Johnson

# Program Review

## The Oceans are Rising!!! What will happen as Populations Shift?



**D** Ian Finty, an oceanographer and earth scientist at JPL, succinctly summed up the changes in the oceans and seas of our planet earth that can be anticipated over the rest of the 21st century.

These changes will be driven by global

Sparks is published 48 weeks a year and is the official publication of the Rotary Club of Altadena. The deadline for submission of articles is Friday at 6p to current editor email, fax, or delivery.

### Rotary Club of Altadena - #7183

Chartered: February 14, 1949  
P.O. Box 414, Altadena, CA 91003  
www.altadenarotary.com  
Meets: Thursday, 12:10p  
Altadena Town & Country Club  
2290 Country Club Drive • Altadena, CA  
626-794-7163

Rotary Int. Pres.....John F. Germ  
Dist 5300 Gov. ....Luciano "Lu" de Sylva

### Officers

Charles Wilson, Pres. ....Bus. 626-351-8815  
Steve Kerekes, Pres. Elec .....Bus. 626-796-5000  
Steve Cunningham, V. Pres.....Bus. 626-786-1937  
John Frykenberg, Sec.....Bus. 323-810-0651  
Mike Noll, Trea. ....Bus. 626-683-0515

### Directors

Gary Clark • John Casci  
Mindy Kittay • Anthony Hill  
James Gorton • Steve Kerekes

### Chairmen

Steve Kerekes .....Administration  
David Smith ..... Foundation  
Steve Cunningham .....Asst. Foundation  
Craig Cox.....Membership  
Jacque Foreman .....Public Awareness  
Jacque Foreman.....Acting Publicity  
Jacque Foreman.....Sparks/Website  
Mike Zoeller .....Club Projects  
Craig Cox .....Community  
John Frykenberg .....International  
Tony Hill..... Youth Contests/Awards  
Mike Zoeller.....Youth Projects  
Ray Carlson.....Vocational  
Tom McCurry .....Asst. Vocational

Editor, Design & Typesetting..... Foreman Graphics  
Photography.....Jacque Foreman

warming that climate models predict will be 1-3 degrees centigrade. Indeed, some models predict 6 degrees centigrade. This warming trend – measured since 1880 – resulted in a 2.2-degree increase in temperature between 1880 and 1980. However, for the past 37 years the rate of warming has increased to six times what it was for the previous one hundred years.

This warming is almost exclusively the result of industrialization and the emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere to levels that have not existed for the past 800,000 years. These previous levels resulted from volcanic activity. Volcanoes have moderated their activity since then, but industrialization shows no sign of slowing down. At present, carbon dioxide levels are 400 parts per million and rising.

Most of the increase in thermal activity has taken place in the oceans. This has resulted in expansion of the volume of sea water which, along with the addition of fresh water from polar melting, has produced 99 percent of the increase in the volume of the oceans.

Because of this, by the year 2100, 200,000,000 people who live along the sea shore will be threatened. Between one and four trillion dollars of property will be endangered. Already the island nations of Nauru, Vanuatu, and the Seychelles are being evacuated. Shortly, these countries will no

longer exist, and Tangier Island in the Chesapeake Bay, along with its historic English dialect, will also no longer exist. Of our major cities, Miami and New Orleans are most likely to be awash.



Carbon dioxide entering the atmosphere is absorbed by the oceans only to be replaced by even more carbon dioxide entering the atmosphere. The oceans are overwhelmed by carbon dioxide. But the god Neptune will not be outdone. Carbon dioxide in water forms orthocarbonic acid which reacts with the shells of dead ancient sea creatures to form limestone and marble.

From the latter, Michelangelo produced David and Moses. Wondrous to see!

Roger Fennell ☉

### April Mom & Child Health

Program Chair, David Smth

April 13 - PCC Veterans' Awards - Guest  
Program Chair Craig Cox

### Congratulations



### Birthdays



04/06 - Candace Colliflower

04/13 - Alice Hudson

04/18 - John Frykenberg

04/29 - Mike Noll



### Anniversaries



04/27 - Sterling & Olga Louviere

## RYLA Participants and Alternates Chosen



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 5300, 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 this year in the mountains near Big Bear, 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 in *thinking 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 is unable to attend. Mike Zoeller and I went to Muir a couple of weeks ago to interview 9 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:

- Taicyanna Butler,

- Brenda Lopez Ardon,
- Jayson Salvador and
- Jonathan Stevens.

In addition, our Club has chosen the following alternates who may be able to attend this year's RYLA weekend:

- Philomena Loucille Verceles,
- Angela De Veyra,
- Osman Rodriguez and
- Jose Dominguez.

The students who get to go will be traveling to Big Bear by bus early in the morning of Friday, April 28, and will be returning by bus on the afternoon of Sunday, April 30. 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 those students we selected and who participated the RYLA program 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 Heusser's very generous assistance.

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

# BOB LUCAS MEMORIAL BRANCH

## Extended Hours During Phase I Renovation

If you've been at either of Altadena Library District's branches recently, you have likely seen the poster to the right outlining the upcoming Phase I Renovation at the district's main building. As exciting as this much-needed renovation is, we will be putting some temporary measures into effect, including extended hours at the Bob Lucas Branch and limited options for item drop-off and hold pick-ups at the main library, to diminish any inconvenience caused by the library's brief closure.

During the renovation books can be returned at the Branch Library on the corner of Lincoln and Ventura or in the drop boxes located on Mariposa at the Main Library. Also during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, a staff member will be stationed at the South Entrance of the Main library to answer questions, renew books, retrieve your items on Hold and assist with any questions you may have about your account. A small selection of new books, movies, audio books and music will be available to browse. ANY LATE FEES incurred during this period will be forgiven.



**Extended Bob Lucas Branch Hours**  
2659 Lincoln Avenue, Altadena

**Monday through Thursday**  
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Friday through Saturday**  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Sunday**  
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Altadena Library District's Main Library will be closed from Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> to the end of April 2017 for the Phase I Renovation.**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FUTURE SECOND SATURDAYS

#### Louis Van Taylor Quintet



**Saturday, April 8, 2017**  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### The Michael Haggins Band



**Saturday, May 13, 2017**  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

*Stay tuned for the next season of Second Saturdays with Upstream in October and the Tone Brothers in November!*

# Second Saturday CONCERTS



**SECOND SATURDAYS**  
*[mostly]*  
FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 PM  
AT THE  
**ALTADENA**  
**LIBRARY**

Listen to great music as you sip craft beer and fine wine from The Ale House; savor wonderful dishes from El Patron and Guerrilla Chef Mateo; and sample delectable desserts from Sweeter Than Honey



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Todd Washington Trio**

Blues, Folk, Rock, Soul and Gospel  
January 14, 2017

### **Splish Splash Band**

Rock, Jazz and Blues  
February 11

### **DeRumba**

Spanish Guitar to the beat  
of the Gypsy Rumba  
March 11

### **Louis Van Taylor Quintet**

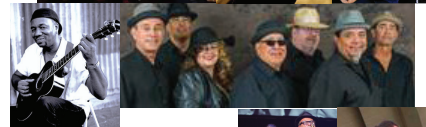
Jazz  
April 8

### **Michael Haggins Band**

Funk and Smooth Jazz  
May 13

### **The Satisfaction Band**

Dance music Top 40, Latin Rock,  
R&B, Cumbias and Oldies  
June 10



**Altadena**  
**Libraries**

600 East Mariposa  
Altadena | 626 798 0833  
[www.AltadenaLibrary.org](http://www.AltadenaLibrary.org)