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**This Week**  
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**Program Host:**  
**Steve Cunningham**



STEAM: CODERS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring underrepresented and under-served students and families through the fundamentals of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). Their mission is to unlock the potential of each participant through an innovative and enjoyable curriculum focused on critical thinking, access to opportunities, and attainable pathways to academic and career success.

Students in Title1 schools are not prepared for the competitive landscapes in either higher education or the marketplace. Unless we are able to equip them for the future, the overall burden on society will not be easily remedied.

We either invest in educating students upfront or pay on the back-end, when costs are prohibitive.

Ealy has extensive management experience in a variety of industries, including  
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## Does Your Child need a Cell Phone?

*Taken from an article by Kris Imherr, Scouting Magazine, January-February 2008*

Cell phones are communication tools, not toys. Can children who crave them understand the difference and treat them appropriately?

Near the close of his online video commentary, *Cellphones for Kids*, New York Times technology columnist David Pogue remarks, "Kindergartners are now packing cell phones."

"And guess what?" he adds. "I don't think that's the end of it."

At this point, the camera cuts to a toddler who picks up a cell phone and says, "Dada."

It is a funny scene, but parents probably should do some serious thinking about when their kids are ready for cell phones.

Recently, Scouting magazine advertising production manager Lisa Hott and I discussed how we both gave our older children cell phones when they started to drive. We confessed we provided our younger children with cell phones earlier, when each was in eighth grade.

As it turns out, Hott and I are part of a trend of parents giving offspring cell phones at younger and younger ages. Last June, a study by New York City-based JupiterRes-

earch reported that nearly one-half of US children ages 12 or 13 would have a cell phone by the end of 2007, "while one-third of children ages 10 or 11 will have a cell phone in the same period."

New phones with sleek designs that appeal to young children – while keeping moms and dads in mind – may partially account for this phenomenon. Parents can now choose an increasing array of controls to determine how, when, with whom, how long, and under what circumstances their sons and daughters can talk on those phones.

"We can't say a child should absolutely not have a cell phone before a specific age," says psychologist Anita Gurian, PhD. "Similar to any other area about children

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### Greeters

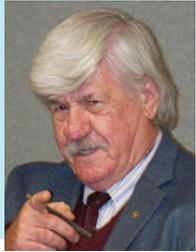
February 23  
**Roger Fennell**

March 02  
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# Program Review

## Tanzania Water Project(s) Bringing Water, Sanitation & Health



Last week we welcomed as our speaker a fellow Rotarian, from the Rotary Club of South Pasadena, Dr. Richard (Dick) Ross. Ross has been a Rotarian since 2002. Not only is he a current member of the Rotary Club of South Pasadena, he is a past member of

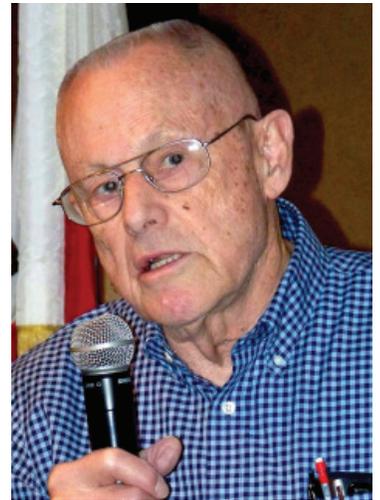
the Rotary Club of Ames, Iowa.

Dick came to speak about a water project in Tanzania that he became involved in while a member of his former Ames, Iowa club. Now his new Club has taken on the same Tanzania Water Project (TWP), headed up by Dr. Jerry Klonglan also of the South Pasadena Club. Ross has served as International Committee Chair and Liaison to the TWP for the South Pas Club.

The TWP is funded in large part by the Rotary International Foundation's, Humanitarian Global Grant for Water and Sanitation. The primary sponsor of this program in Tanzania is the Rotary Club of Ames, Iowa. Tanzania is located in the Mount Kilimanjaro region of Africa.

The purpose of the program is to make water more accessible to local villages, and eliminate the arduous and time consuming task of having women and children trek for miles and miles each day in the heat and cold to bring water from a distant water source back to their village. The Rotary Club sponsors – such as South Pasadena and Ames, Iowa Clubs – arrange to being in personnel and equipment to drill down and

down until they hit water – it could be 200 feet down or it could be



600 feet down – they don't know until they start drilling. Often these projects also involve bringing or building infrastructure such as electricity, storage facilities and solar power necessary to construct the facility and allow it to function well into the future.

The Ames, Iowa project – supported by other Rotary Clubs such as the South Pasadena Club – has paired with the Rotary Club

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### February

Peace: Conflict Prevention & Reduction

Program Chair, Steve Cunningham

February 23 - Raymond Ealy, Founder & Director of STEAM: Coders, in Pasadena

### March

Water & Sanitation

Program Chair, Theo Clarke

March 02 - Amy Hale, Unlocking Jupiter's Secrets

## Congratulations



### Birthdays



02/02 - Julie Gustafson  
02/07 - Freddy Fugueroa  
02/08 - Mike Zoeller  
02/10 - Julius Johnson  
02/14 - Ruth Reeded  
02/16 - Joan Frykenberg  
02/16 - Sunny Wu Kerekes  
02/27 - Mark Mariscal  
02/28 - Wendy Davis Noll



### Anniversaries



Don & Sue Applegate  
Ed & Mona Jasnow

## An Up-To-Date Roster is almost Here A Big Thank You to those who went to ClubRunner and Updated their Entries and Those Who brought Errors to My Attention



Approximately 15 days ago, I circulated a printed version of the *Photo Directory* that is available on

*ClubRunner*. At that time, I noticed that some of the records were incomplete, and others were out-of-date. So I asked that each of you look at what had been sent and make the appropriate changes, updates, and completions.

### Program

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of Same (pronounced "saw-may") Tanzania, Rotary District 9211 in their project. There are a total of six (6) such water projects on the drawing board for the area. The first project in the Village of Kigogo has been pretty well completed, and Ross showed us slides of this first project, including the local people involved with the project who will administer the project on an ongoing basis after the Rotarians have left. A village committee, made up mostly of women, has been set up to handle the social and political aspects, including control of the use of the water and applying a nominal charge for its use to avoid the wasting of this wonderful new resource.

Each project costs approximately \$250,000. A second project in the Village of Masandare is scheduled to start on October 16, 2017. This project is already fully funded,

This whole process is in preparation to sending out a directory/roster that can be printed and used by each of us that is up-to-date. Once I am pretty confident that what is on ClubRunner is current, I'll upload a PDF of it to our *Member's Only* section on our website, so it will be there should you wish to retrieve some information from it when you are not at your computer.

Please remember: You – and *Only You* – are responsible for keeping your directory information up-to-date. Each of

and has the added advantage of having a spring close by, so accessing the water will be much easier than it was for the project previously discussed. There are two water storage units planned for this project.

These water projects are a great stimulation to the growth of local commerce. The new water is used to grow plants to feed themselves and to sell to others, to provide water to livestock so the herds can be larger and healthier, to make bricks to build buildings and so on.

With our Club – through member Kimmit Haggins, who is already involved in Tanzania Coffee and its sale through the Boy Scouts – President Charlie has indicated that the Tanzania Water Project is a program in which our Club may be interested in becoming involved at some time in the future.

us can go into ClubRunner and update our own information. A few of us have *Admin* status and can make the changes for you if you let us know what they are. I can make many of the changes if you don't want to go to ClubRunner yourself. ClubRunner has become our *go-to* for your latest contact info. **Keep it current.**

## Facilitating the Appreciation and Enjoyment of Fine Choral Music

*By participant Craig Cox*

The Santa Clarita Master Chorale promotes fine choral music through an annual concert series of outstanding quality, educational enrichment programs and involvement in community-based arts efforts. Under the direction of Allan Robert Petker, Artistic Director, the Chorale performs works selected from all periods of the choral repertoire.

Now in its 19<sup>th</sup> season, the Chorale's tradition of artistic excellence and community service has resulted in grants from the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, the California Arts Council, the City of Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, the Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, and the Wal-Mart Foundation. See the flyer on page 6.

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and adolescents, there are no absolutes.”

And because there also is no time-tested wisdom for dealing with this new technology, parents may find the following considerations helpful.

## **Safety – Pros and Cons**

Cell phones are “a wonderful way to keep in touch, make sure your children are safe, and know what they’re doing, especially for working parents,” says Dr. Gurian, executive editor of *About Our Kids*, the Web site of the New York University Child Study Center.

In a developmentally positive way for *tween-agers* – kids age 8 to 12 – a cell phone can reinforce the importance of “staying in touch,” Dr. Gurian adds.

But most children this age shouldn’t be left alone and may not truly need a cell phone. In *Kids and Cell Phones* on the About.com Pediatrics Web site, pediatrician Dr. Vincent Iannelli observes that “in most situations, your child will be able to use a regular phone or the cell phone of whichever adult is supervising them.”

One appeal of cell phones to adolescents is that they offer access to a wider world. But as kids gain freedom, parents lose some control, and sheltering youngsters from harmful contacts becomes more difficult. For instance, cyber bullying now extends to cell phones.

And, because kids and their phones are on the go, parents have a harder time monitoring where children wander in Cyberspace than if they surf the Web on a home computer.

## **Responsibility**

Lisa Hott and her husband don’t allow Internet access on their children’s cell phones. They decided not to, Hott says, because they were trying to teach responsibility: The cell phone “served a purpose,” and that purpose “was not for entertainment” but to keep in touch – especially with Mom and Dad.

## **Etiquette and School Rules**

In *Cell Phones for Kids?* on iParenting.com, media expert Greg Taillon points out: “It is rude to interrupt a one-on-one conversation by answering a cell phone.”

Dr. Gurian says parents should establish rules, like never use a cell phone within 20 feet of another person, turn off the phone in places where you could disturb others, and private conversations should not occur in public places.

Students must also adhere to schools’ cell-phone policies. Many schools prohibit cell-phone use during classes, and infractions may result in confiscation.

## **Costs**

Evaluating and choosing from seemingly endless combinations of equipment, usage,

and payment plans can be daunting. It is important to let your child know how your usage is billed and the replacement cost for a lost or broken phone.

Nighttime, weekend, and in-network calling may be free with your network. But shared minutes during weekday hours can soon evaporate if your child is prone to long conversations. Also, charges for downloads, ring tones, text messaging, and sending photos can quickly mount.

“Discussing these topics,” Dr. Gurian says, “provides the whole family a valuable consumer education lesson.” Such discussion, Dr. Gurian believes, will drive home the point that a cell phone is an expense, and it should be used within guidelines agreed to by all family members. ○

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financial services, retail and the nonprofit arena. He has held management positions at Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of America, Security Pacific Bank, Countrywide Financial Services and FVO Solutions. Ealy serves on the following boards: Innovate Pasadena, La Salle High School Board of Regents and the LA’s BEST Advisory Board, an after-school enrichment program serving over 180 schools and 25,000 students.

Previously he served on the boards of the

Pasadena Community Foundation, Gamma Zeta Boule Foundation, Verbum Dei High School, and Friends of Cleveland Elementary school, the first group of private citizens to adopt-a-school, in the Pasadena Unified School District. Ealy is also the Founder of the award-winning Gamma Zeta Boule LAMP Mentor Program. He holds a BA in Government from Florida State University. He lives in Altadena, CA, with his wife, Charmayne Mills Ealy and son, Aaron. ○



David Smith is back from his second trip to India where he was part of a Rotary team that immunized children against polio and helped with the construction of a dam to hold water back when it rains. This time he was accompanied by his daughter Kristin. The picture was taken at the immunization center. David is on the left, and Kristin is in the center. You will have to ask David about the young gentleman on the right. ○

# 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



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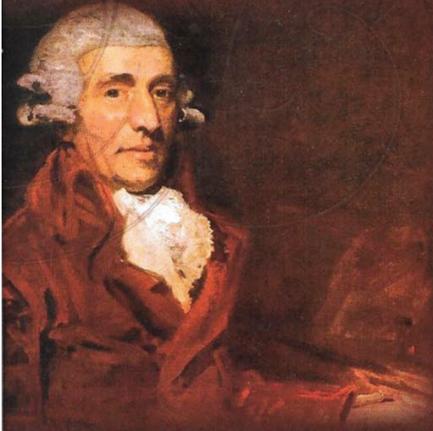
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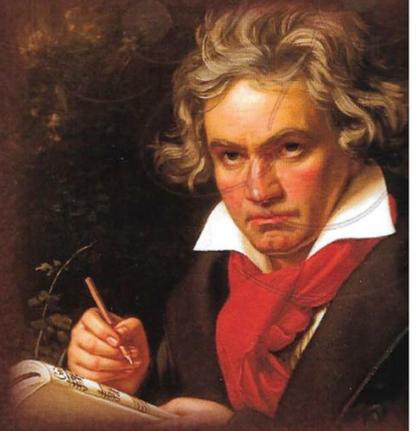
# Classical Masterpieces



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A close friend of Mozart and one of Beethoven's teachers, Franz Josef "Papa" Haydn was back in Vienna for his *Harmoniemesse* and this popular work from the end of Josef Haydn's life is painted with every color of the musical rainbow. Also a delight, the Santa Clarita Master Chorale will feature Beethoven's "A Choral Fantasie," a moving musical lark and a haunting precursor to his famous Ninth Symphony.



**Sunday, March 12 - 4:00 pm**

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**\$24/17/11 - Seniors(60+)/Students**

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