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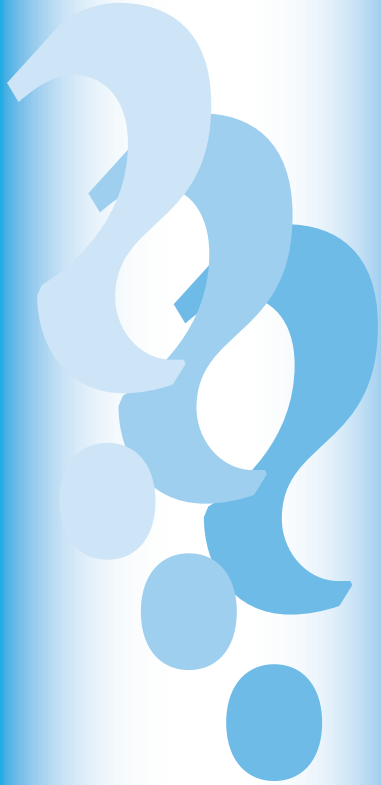
Sparks

OFF THE ROTARY WHEEL
AN AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER



May 11, 2017

This Week
Who the heck is Mendel Hill???
Program Host:
Ed Jasnow



That's what we're going to find out this week as one of our newest members, Mendel Hill, gives his craft talk.

For over 50 years, Mendel as worked for a large variety of federal, state, and city agencies under different Presidents, Governors, and Mayors.

Come and hear the interesting stories he has to tell about his long and varied career



Children Need Privacy to Become Self-Reliant Adults

From an article by Diana Lynn, May/Jun. 2001 issue of Scouting Magazine

Parents can honor a child's *personal space* while maintaining supervision and providing guidance.

The Setup

"Hi, Son, what happened at school today?"

"Nothin," mumbles 12-year-old Jesse as he puts down his books.

"Well, then ... how are you?" asks his mother.

"Fine, Mom."

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Jesse looks happy but heads for his room and closes the door behind him. Can this be the same boy who used to want to share every detail of his day?

Jesse's mother had panicked when her two older children tacked *Keep Out!* signs on their bedroom doors, but now she knows Jesse is not necessarily upset or rejecting her. More likely he's just growing up.

He is becoming more capable and independent every day, and, in a few

years, he will control certain aspects of his life on his own. During this stage of development, he needs and deserves more privacy.

Yet a boy his age also needs plenty of guidance, because adolescence is a time when he can get into the most trouble. At the same time, adolescents push hardest for privacy, and this can seem like a huge double bind for adults.

Over-vigilant parents who continually interfere, or parents who do the opposite and withdraw, represent two extremes. Fortunately, there are positive ways to keep up adult input and still let a child develop naturally.

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Greeter of the Week

May 11
Sterling Louviere

May 18

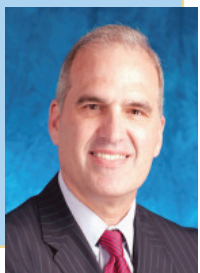
Tom McCurry

May 25

Dennis Mebringer

Program Review

Mini Grants Make a > BIG IMPACT <



A Mini-Grant is a modest amount of money – in this case, \$400. But, in the hands of a dedicated teacher, it can do **MAGIC**.

It is obtained by a teacher filling out a Mini-Grant application and submitting it to Ed Jasnow. This year Jasnow had over

68 requests for 28 Mini-Grants, by far the largest number of applications in the program's history.

Ed assembled a team to review the applications consisting of Susan Applegate, Mark Mariscal, Dennis Mehninger, and Mike Zoeller. They selected this year's recipients who shared their stories at last week's Rotary Club meeting. The investments ran the gamut from registration fees for an Academic Decathlon to subscriptions for a

social studies newspaper and website.

Ed Jasnow starting doing the math on the impact that the Altadena Rotary Mini-Grant program has had. In its 20-plus-year life, we have awarded over \$300,000 in grants, which have benefited over 32,000 students!

Small investments can have a big impact. Congratulations to Ed Jasnow, his team, our grant recipients, the students, and these wonderful teachers.

Mini-Grants = An Enhanced Learning Experience Just ask these Teachers & Principals

From Daniel Webster Elementary School



From Don Benito Elementary School



From Jackson Elementary School



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Birthdays



05/15 - Elsa Smith

05/18 - Craig Cox

05/30 - Susan Applegate



Anniversaries



05/18 - Tony & Ann Rider Hill

Roger & Kathleen Anne Fennell

May Water & Sanitation

Program Chair, Ed Jasnow

May 11 - Mendel Hill - Craft Talk

May 18 - JROTC Awards - Tom McCurry

Guest Program Host

May 25 - Dr. Luther Beegle, Deputy Manager, Science Division, JPL

Helping Red Badgers become White Badgers



As this article is being published,

we will have two additional prospective new member's names published to our club for the final step in joining the Rotary Club of Altadena. Assuming there is no comment to the contrary, these prospective members will be eligible to be inducted into the club on May 18.

Every new member begins his/her Rotary Club of Altadena journey with a red badge. Our hope is that each new member will complete five tasks to earn his/her permanent white badge. These tasks are designed to help our new members deep-

en their understanding of Rotary and the operations of our club.

One of the tasks is called a *Craft Talk*. This is an opportunity for a new member to share about things that are important to her/him. Typically, this is a discussion of his/her family, business, and hobbies, among other topics.

Attending District 5300 or Rotary International events is another way that a new member can understand how our club fits into the Rotary universe. Current members should encourage new members to attend District/RI training events, competitions, and conferences.

Understanding the Club Board and Club

Committees is another way for new members to understand how *service gets done*. Attending a Board meeting or a Committee meeting qualifies as a task toward the white badge. Creating an organizational chart of our club is another way to satisfy this requirement.

And last, bringing a prospective new member to our lunch meeting counts toward a permanent badge.

New member sponsors should help the club keep track of the progress of our new members. When 5 tasks have been completed, the sponsor should inform the Membership Committee Chair so that the white badge can be ordered for presentation. ○

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From Muir High School



From Pasadena High School



From Altadena Elementary School



From Jackson Elementary School



From Blair High School



From Eliot Middle School



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Understanding a Child's Need for Privacy

Children have to discover who they are apart from their families in order to establish a healthy and strong sense of personal self.

"Children approaching puberty are often preoccupied trying to figure out what's in store for them as adults," notes Dr. Aaron Kipnis, a California child psychologist and author of *Angry Young Men: How Parents, Teachers, and Counselors Can Help Bad Boys Become Good Men*. "It's their time to dream," he says, "to grow from the child who must do what he is told, to the young adult who must reason for himself."

Be Willing to Discuss rather than Dictate

"When adults show they are open to discussion and willing to do some negotiating, children feel far less resentment when adults do have to interfere," points out Dr. Kipnis.

Instead of making demands such as, "You can't be playing video games for hours alone in your room. Now go outside and play!" he suggests using open-ended statements such as, "When you play video games for hours at a time in your room, I worry about you. How can you help me feel OK about this?"—then sitting down to go over the issue and find solutions.

Accurately reflect a Child's increasing Independence back to Him

A child grows more confident and responsible each time an adult acknowledges how much he is maturing. When parents say, "You can have all the privacy you show us you can handle," then allow increasing appropriate privacy as the child earns parents' trust, a child can experience autonomy and freedom on the path ahead to adulthood.

Fifteen-year-old Steven called his par-

ents to ask if he could go with friends to a party at which there would be no adults — something his parents had clearly said "no" to a few months earlier. Steven was showing responsibility by asking, so his father responded with a question of his own: "What do you think?"

"Umm ... I can't go, right?"

"That's right, Son," his father replied.

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Steven called back a few minutes later to say he was coming home and bringing some friends. His parents promptly ordered pizza for everyone and had plenty of praise for their son the next day.

Help Children protect their Territory and respect their Right to it

When siblings share a room, separate desks and storage areas should be assigned and respected. A child's room is his castle — with the understanding it will never be totally off-limits to parents. Children's rooms should never be locked in such a way that a parent can't unlock them from the other side if necessary, but occasional closed doors allow appropriate privacy. Tree houses, clubhouses, and forts can provide younger children with kids-only spaces away from adults.

Learning to share is essential, but so is learning to respect private property — starting with one's own. When we help children maintain ownership of what is theirs, they grow to respect others' privacy and property as well.

Keep up Family-Centered Activities and Adult guidance

Respecting children's rights to privacy is not the same as relinquishing parental control or losing touch. Stay involved in each child's day-to-day activities, such as sports, hobbies, and Scouting. Extend family boundaries. Make a child's friends feel at home, get to know them, and

include them in family activities and outings.

Inadequate supervision can, in rare cases, result in juvenile delinquency. No matter how much teens may decide to go it alone, keep showing an interest in their lives without being overly intrusive and keep on insisting on doing things as a family even if they seem reluctant.

Use stricter Privacy Rules away from Home

"I would allow far less privacy when children are away from home," cautions Honolulu child psychologist Vicky Stoddard. "Parents should always know who their children are out with and what they are doing when they are away from home."

The Internet should also essentially be considered "away from home," since it opens children up to unpredictable risks.

When quizzed by his grandparents as to what he wanted for graduation from junior high school, Derek asked for a laptop computer with Internet service. The grandparents called his parents to find out if that was O.K. with them.

The result: Derek was asked by his parents to continue using the family computer, kept in plain view, for research, e-mail, and other Internet-supported activities, but was told that his grandparents would happily buy him a laptop minus the Internet service.

Stay Informed without Snooping

Learn when each child is usually in the mood to talk. Sarah finds it hard to talk with either of her parents unless she and the parent are doing something together like gardening or dishes. Her brother Joseph is talkative before bed, so his parents allow extra time for saying good night.

Try initiating conversations rather

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than asking questions – which can seem like interrogation. “I hope your history teacher liked your great paper!” can lead to a discussion, while “Did you turn in your history paper?” is likely to get a “yes” or “no” response.

Communication patterns start at an early age. For example, parents who attentively, quietly listen whenever their child wants to share with them will build lasting open communication.

Away at college, Eagle Scout Cal Johansen still has long phone conversations with his parents. “When he was 4,” Cal’s mother says, “I listened to hours of his Godzilla stories. When he was 10, I heard about every new video game. Now he calls to tell us about his classes, dating,

and career plans.”

Keep adult antennae up for children’s conversations that take place around you. Best friends Joe, Steven, and Andy talk openly as they are driven to and from school each day. All three carpooling mothers actively share any overheard information that will help them parent more effectively – for example, news on people or subjects mentioned in passing that could help a parent launch a needed discussion.

Walk the Commonsense Middle Path

While distancing from parents helps establish one’s own identity, no child, even a teen, wants to feel completely on his own. Privacy is something a child

desires, not something he wants thrust on him. Timing is everything.

Conscientious adults can continually assess how much privacy each child can handle, encourage the child’s independence accordingly, and still provide adult guidance.

Remember Jesse, the 12-year-old who disappeared into his room after school? His mother knew his zipped lip and closed door signaled his need for some space right then.

Because she is in touch with his life and knows he is developing in good, appropriate ways, she wasn’t surprised when Jesse reappeared saying: “Mom, the class trip today was great! Guess who sat by me on the bus!?” ○

Grand Reopening, Summer Reading Kick-Off, & 50th Anniversary Celebration

**Saturday, June 10th
10:00 AM - 9:00 PM**

FEATURING:

- Mad Science Program for kids
- Musical performance for all ages by CHROMA
- Elected officials Anthony Portantino, Kathryn Barger, and more
- Delicious lunch at 1960s prices sponsored by Altadena Rotary Club
- Hip-hop dance and spoken word poetry by Antics
- Special live appearance by Andy Vargas, lead singer for Santana with his band Souleros
- Second Saturday Concert with The Satisfaction Band

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by Mark Mariscal

To: Altadena Rotary Club Members
From: Mark Mariscal, Committee Chair for Rotary's part in the Altadena Library Grand Reopening Party on June 10

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Over the years, our club has had a great relationship with the Altadena Library District (ALD). The library district started in 1926; our club started in 1949. In 1967, ALD built their main building (where we currently hold our Board of Directors' meetings). This year the ALD is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its main building. I am proud to say that I have had the opportunity to serve for four years as a member of the elected Board of Trustees for the ALD. I have also served on the *Friends of the Altadena Library* board in past years.

In honor of this historic anniversary and thanks to grant funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Library has recently undergone Phase I Renovation, which addresses many of the Library's needs after 50 years of wear and tear.

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From Franklin Elementary School



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The Sparks Editorial Staff apologizes if we inadvertently matched teachers with the wrong schools. A more than reasonable amount of time was spent working to ensure that this did not happen.

Our Spring 2017 Club Service Project: *Serving Lunch at the Altadena Library Grand Reopening Party on June 10*

To gather the community in celebration of its grand reopening, (its 50th Anniversary of the main building), and the kick-off of its renowned Summer Reading program, the Altadena Library will be hosting a spectacular celebration on Saturday, June 10, themed

Growing Up 'Dena.

This day-long event will include exciting dance and music performances, speeches from local government elected officials, games and prizes, and a delicious spread of food sponsored by the Rotary Club of Altadena.

We are proud to join the celebration of Altadena Library District and its many accomplishments through the years with our sponsorship of this event.

Our Club's Spring Project, is to purchase, prepare and serve lunch to the community attending the celebration. As Committee Chair, I am asking Altadena Rotarians to volunteer to work throughout the day of the event: helping prepare and serve food and clean up.

Assistance is needed for

- 9:30 to 11am - Setup
- 10:30 am to 1 pm - food preparation and serving
- 12:30 to 2 pm - clean-up

Any funds left over that day will be donated to the Altadena Library Foundation to be used exclusively at the library.

If you are available between now and Saturday, June 10 to volunteer for other tasks that they may have leading up to the event, please email the Library's Volunteer Coordinator Yuni LaFontaine at <ylafontaine@altadenalibrary.org>.

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Even if you cannot volunteer, please save the date – Saturday, June 10, 2017 – and spread the news. We want you, your friends and family take part in and enjoy this exciting community-building opportunity!

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To volunteer for Altadena Rotary's part in the celebration, please let Mark Mariscal know by either email or phone.

markmariscal@yahoo.com

323-816-6713 -- cell



President Charlie's DEMOTION PARTY

Thursday, June 29

6 → 9:30pm

Pinocchio's Restaurant 1449 N. Lake Av., Pasadena



Job Creation & Entrepreneurship

by C. Ray Carlson, District Chair, Job Creation & Entrepreneurship

The 7th Annual Rotary District 5300 Business Plan Competition on May 4 at Huntington Middle School, San Marino, was won by a first-time entry: Rose City High School, Pasadena Unified School District. The competitors were students from San Marino High School and Arcadia High School, two of the top schools in the San Gabriel Valley and even in all of California.

Five very competent judges assembled to evaluate both the written business plans and the oral and PowerPoint presentations, similar to the TV series, *Shark Tank*. The judges were Pasadena Rotarian Ron Barry, President, Pasadena Federal Credit Union; San Marino Rotarian Paul Brassard, CEO, Arkon Resources, Inc; San Marino Rotarian Jonathan Duong, Assistant VP, Whittier Trust Company; Los Angeles 5 Rotarian Jeff Goodman, President, Sterling Strategies Inc; and Glendora Rotarian Ray Malki, CEO Hi-Tech Architect.

Rose City High School

First place winner was Hunter Smith. His customized computer business involves the assembly of computer parts to fulfill the desires of each customer, especially those primarily interested in gaming applications. Obviously, for gaming, the customers will be younger and mostly male. Hunter adds elaborate colored LED lighting to the exterior of the computer that synchronizes with background music or sound effects. This feature is rarely found on pre-built computers sold in chain stores. Still the price is competitive with the ordinary computers found in chain stores. Hunter and his partner also offer to help clients assemble their

own computers – on a consultancy fee basis – to help their clients capture the fun of making one’s own computer. My grandson – a gaming devotee – assembled his first and successive computers, so I can understand the attraction of doing so.

Cody Smith, brother of Hunter, has been a fisherman since age 5. He learned to carve small blocks of wood into casting lures, and to paint them in ways that actually attracted more fish than mass-produced lures. When nearby luckless fishermen saw him catching fish after fish, they would ask to see his lure and then ask where could they buy one. Cody would simply snip the line and hand him the lure, saying, “\$25 please.” He has a spinner lure made from a shiny Budweiser beer cap and feathers that he claims is effective. He hopes it also attracts sponsors from beer companies! He displayed a dozen lures on a board.

Arcadia High School

Arcadia High School’s entries were *Hollywood Events*, by Ysabel Dinsay and Tracy Shi, and *Blossom Cafe* by Sarah Hoang and Noelle Natividad. *Hollywood Events* is an event-planning Service for

younger millennials who *party a lot* and do so in proximity to Hollywood. They had researched offices there and found a small one they could afford. They said they could handle five languages and cater to those audiences. *Blossom Cafe* caters to a younger clientele also, and has a beautiful menu with exotic dishes that would entice younger millennials.

San Marino High School

San Marino’s entries both focused on backpacks. Amber Chien offered a special blanket-equipped backpack that would enable weary students to catch up on sleep or to lay on at the beach. Matthew Quinn-Chow – in response to fear generated by recent school shootings – devised a bullet-proof vest-equipped backpack that parents might feel worth the high price.

The experience was exciting for the students and imparted an *entrepreneurial mindset* and skill-set that could offer a career and income, counter to the current high youth unemployment.



For information contact C Ray Carlson, , 626-798-0404



1st Place winner, Rose City HS Student Hunter Smith, (l) with other contestants and their teachers

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Splish Splash Band
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 February 11

DeRumba
 Spanish Guitar to the beat of the Gypsy Rumba
 March 11

Louis Van Taylor Quintet
 Jazz
 April 8

Michael Haggins Band
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 May 13

The Satisfaction Band
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 June 10



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 Visit: <http://www.altadenasheriffs.blogspot.com>

21st Annual Summer Concert Series Schedule - 2017

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| The Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic | Saturday, July 8th |
| The Down Beat Express | Saturday, July 15th |
| Bleeding Harp | Saturday, July 22nd |
| Whos Next | Saturday, July 29th |
| The Tuners | Saturday, August 5th |
| Upstream | Saturday, August 12th |
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| Nowhere Man | Saturday August 26th |

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