

This Week
Theo Clarke
Joan of Arc:
Warrior - Saint
Program Host:
Dennis Mehringer

In 1999, Theo Clarke went to France to retrace the steps of Joan of Arc. As it so happened, Rotary opened many doors, and Clarke became an expert on Joan of Arc. In 2001, Clarke and his daughter Rachel lead an expedition for this purpose.

Clarke will regale you through Power Point of the expedition and of the spiritual journey of the 17-year old warrior-saint who inspired it. Learn of her *voices*, of her leading the army in routing England at Orleans, of leading Charles VII to Reims to be crowned King of France, and of her ultimate betrayal and death at the stake.

Joan of Arc helped launch the Renaissance. There are 30,000 statues of Joan of Arc throughout France. Today all sides of the spiritual spectrum claim her. She is recognized as one of the 100 most influential people in the world of the last 1,000 years.

This will be an inspiring event. Bring a guest. Bring your family. ○

More Information from
The Village of Mirge

"Healing is a matter of time, but it is sometimes also a matter of opportunity."
 Hippocrates



A friend of mine recently mentioned that she had enrolled at *Shaman School* ... not to become a practitioner but to learn more about a topic she'd observed from her travels around the world, yet knew little about.



I can't say I know much about *Shamanism* myself, but last month my parents were in Nepal to visit the village of Mirge in an area that describes itself intriguingly as: "50 percent Hindu, 50 percent Buddhist and 100 percent Shaman!"



For newer members who may not be aware, our Club and other Rotary Clubs from India and the UK are raising funds to build and equip a 15-bed hospital in the mountain community above Kathmandu. This is the minimum size that will be officially recognized by the Nepali Government and will allow medical aid and experienced medics to serve remote rural villages that until now have relied on a tiny health post (built by Rotarians) or visits from traditional healers known as *witch-doctors*, *jumping-doctors* or *shamans*. During last month's visit and meetings with the various Clubs involved, my parents witnessed the visit of an 80-year old shaman to the vil-

lage to treat a little girl with epilepsy. He chanted and recited mantras for an hour, burned incense and tied an amulet containing mushrooms and bones, mixed in water with live leeches around her neck. The family placed the equivalent of \$15 in rupees on a bowl of rice which he collected, and he went on his way...

Our Club's International Committee and this year's International Chair, David Smith, has more info on the project and our Club's involvement for those interested.



But back to Shamanism for now, and the following observations by Tom Kaczmarczyk:

"If in Shamanic societies you complain to a shaman or healer that you are disappointed, discouraged or depressed, he will ask you one of the following four questions:

- When did you stop dancing?
- When did you stop singing?
- When did you stop inspiring through stories?

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Greeter of the Week

December 06
 Tony Hill

December 13
 Mendel Hill

December 20

Christmas Party -- Evening Event



Program Review

>> The Math Academy << Challenging the Way Math is being Taught



The Altadena Rotary Club was honored by a presentation from Math Academy founders Sandra and Jason Roberts. They are developers of a not-

for-profit program that promotes and organizes advanced mathematical education in the middle school classes of Pasadena Unified School District.

Select students are placed in advanced mathematics courses that will take them through calculus

by the end of the eighth grade. They have one hundred fifteen students now enrolled in the program, the advanced class of which are now in the ninth grade. College professors have been enjoined to participate in the program as instructors. By high school graduation, it is anticipated that the participating graduates will have the equivalent of a baccalaureate in mathematics.

The pedagogical methodology of the Math Academy consists of a defined progression of computational fluency, distributive practice, mixed review, active learning, cognitive noninterference, deliberative practice, and mastery of learning.

This programed methodology is designed

December
Disease Prevention and Treatment
Program Chair: Dennis Mehringer
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to be taken up in any other receptive school district. The presenters of the program are confident of its potential and wider distribution. But can this program live up to its promise? Can advanced mathematical development occur at such a young age? But wait ... was not Pascal's theorem authored by a sixteen-year old? ○

Congratulations

Birthdays

7 - Jim Sanfilippo (Lee)
12 - Karen Gorton
14 - Nick Santangelo
15 - Jacque Foreman
18 - Olga Louviere
26 - Mona Jasnow
26 - Carol Zoeller
29 - Mendel Hill

Anniversaries

No Anniversaries in December

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Rotary and RYLA



This year, the Altadena Club will be sending a total of eight Pasadena Muir High school students to the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) at Camp Cedar Crest in Running Springs, California. This is the largest number of students sponsored by our club in many years (maybe ever) and represents a big commitment by our club to this great Rotary project.

From our Rotary District 5300 website, (RYLA) is an intensive, two-and-a-half-day leadership training program for high school sophomores and juniors in District 5300 chosen for their leadership potential. In addition to the development of leadership skills, RYLA is meant to develop understanding of Rotary among youth participants and

reinforce and provide recognition for their efforts, accomplishments, skills and potential as leaders. Rotarians serve as facilitators to the students' learning and discovery, as well as role models of Rotary ideals of the Four Way Test and Service Above Self.

In case you are wondering how the Rotary RYLA program came in to being, in 1959 when the State Government of Queensland, Australia, invited local Rotary Clubs to help plan an event to help celebrate the upcoming centennial of the state. Princess Alexandra, 1st cousin to Queen Elizabeth, who was in her early 20s at the time, was due to attend the celebrations, so activities were planned specifically for the princess's age group.

The gundoo, an aboriginal word mean-

ing "festival" or "fun together," was deemed successful with more than 300 men and women between the ages of 17 and 23 attending. Encouraged by the event's popularity with the young attendees, Rotary saw potential to create an annual youth program based on Gundoo. The governor of the then District 260, Art Brand, approved the project, and on 2 May 1960, RYLA was an official Rotary project.

Australian districts 258 and 260 established a committee together that developed the official framework of RYLA – to train youth ages 14-30 in character, leadership, personal development, and good citizenship. These guidelines helped RYLA expand to all Rotary districts in Australia and led to its approval as a Rotary International program by the RI Board at the 1971 Convention in Sydney, Australia. ○

In Tune

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- When did you stop feeling pleasant about silence?



Child and Mother sit with the Shaman who is working to evoke a healing for the child. Photo by O'Brien Family

Where we stopped enjoying dance, singing, charming stories or silence – that is where we experience the loss of the soul.”

I wonder, if we substituted the above questions for the 4-way test once in a while, whether we might find greater happiness or a little relief from our troubles? Regardless, I hope the little girl with epilepsy found a cure, and will soon have access to the medical care we so often take for

granted. Heartfelt thanks to all who are supporting the Mirge hospital project! ○



Cake baked by members of the village to thank the Rotarians for providing a hospital. Photo by O'Brien Family

Craig Cox Invites you to a Choral Concert In which he is Performing



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\$29/\$22/\$15 Adults

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

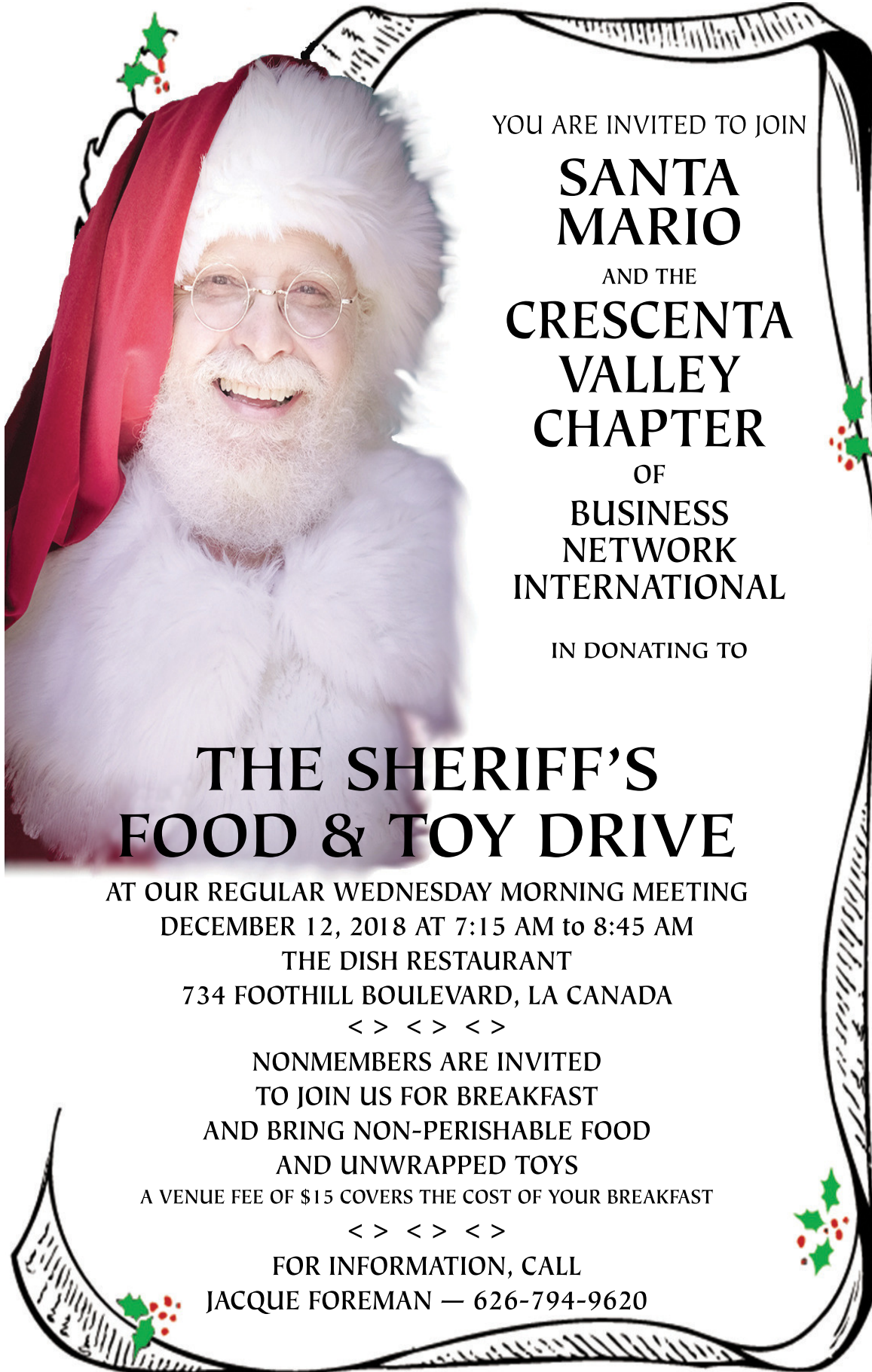
It is the music that unites our spirits at the holiday season. With selections from Handel's glorious "Judas Maccabeus" we honor Hanukkah; with Mac Wilberg's majestic "Tres Cantus Laudendi" with brass and percussion we proclaim the season; with a flurry of carols, both secular and sacred we celebrate Christmas. We will bring the spirit of the holidays to full sound with "Christmas at the Movies," "A Pentatonix Christmas Medley," an audience carol sing, and heart-warming arrangements by the renowned Shawn Kirschner.

**Tickets Available at
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or call (661) 362-5304**

These concerts are made possible, in part, by grants from the Los Angeles County Art Commission, The City of Santa Clarita, and the Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Berger



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR
Messiah Sing-Along
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018 - 4 PM
Valencia United Methodist Church**



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AT OUR REGULAR WEDNESDAY MORNING MEETING

DECEMBER 12, 2018 AT 7:15 AM to 8:45 AM

THE DISH RESTAURANT

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TO JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

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A VENUE FEE OF \$15 COVERS THE COST OF YOUR BREAKFAST

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FOR INFORMATION, CALL

JACQUE FOREMAN — 626-794-9620

Jacque invites you to join her and the other members of her BNI Chapter at their annual Food & Toy Drive Wednesday, December 12, 7:15 am to 8:45 am at Dish Restaurant in La Canada 734 Foot-hill.



*You are cordially invited
to our
Christmas Party*

*Thursday Evening
December 20, 2018*

6:00 to 9:00pm



Monte Cedro

2212 El Molino Avenue

Altadena



Members & 1 Guest: No Charge

Register on Club Runner

*Plan to join your fellow Rotarians with
your Significant Other
for an evening of Fellowship and Merry Making
as we Celebrate the Holidays*





**Altadena
Libraries**

**Second Saturdays, 6:30pm
at the Altadena Main Library
600 E. Mariposa Avenue**

Second Saturdays



October 13*

Upstream
Reggae, Soca, Caribbean

November 10

Past Action Heroes
80s & 90s Covers

January 12

Pasadena Playboys
Country

February 9

JazzZone
Smooth Jazz, R&B

March 9

**The Allan Wasserman
Jazz Ensemble**
Jazz

April 13

Sangre Nueva
Salsa

May 11

The Leapin' Lizards
Rockabilly, Blues, Swing

June 8

Harbor Groove
Latin Rock

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**October 13th's Second Saturday Concert is sponsored by the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger.*

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reserve Deputy Program

Back in the 1800s, the Sheriff would look to the community to form a posse and deputize citizens to assist him in the apprehension of horse thieves, murderers, or other criminals. Thankfully, we have thousands of full-time deputies to perform those duties today, but, in 2018, just like the 1800s, the Sheriff is looking to the community to find citizens to volunteer and help by becoming reserve deputy sheriffs.

Reserve deputies undergo the same training and background checks that full-time deputies receive. It's a year-long process, but, after graduation, reserve deputies can perform a wide array of duties and service to the community.

The *Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reserve Program* is one of the largest in the country, with over 600 all-volunteer sworn reserve deputy sheriffs. Last year they worked 182,000 hours keeping the citizens of Los Angeles County safe. Those 182,000 hours represent millions of dollars in savings to taxpayers.

Patrolling our communities is only one of many functions performed by reserve deputies. Lifesaving search and rescue missions are performed every week by reserves as part of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Search and Rescue Program. Last year reserve deputy sheriffs performed 684 missions throughout the county, saving countless lives.

Another opportunity for reserve deputy sheriffs to serve is by becoming a member of the Sheriff's Department's Posse. Posse members work patrolling trails and various community events on horseback.

Reserve deputies also help solve crimes by working in many of the Sheriff's Department's detective units, such as Homicide Bureau, Narcotics Bureau, Fraud and Cyber Crime Bureau, and Special Victims Bureau. We also have reserves who ride street and off-road motorcycles for the Department.

Reserve deputies come from all walks of life and from a wide variety of professions. The common thread of all is a burning desire to give back to their community and assist their fellow citizens.

If you are interested in signing up – just like citizens did over a 150 years ago – there is a reserve deputy academy scheduled to start in February 2019. Please contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reserve Forces Detail at 323-526-5100 and ask for Assistant Director Mike Leum to get started.