

## This Week

### PCC Vocational Awards Ceremony

#### Guest Program Host: Dennis Mehringer

Originally started and supervised by Dr. Bill Gannon, I have now been involved with this program since 1992. There was a period where Boyd Hudson filled in for me, however I have been again active in this program for ten years.

Along with our mini-grant program, this program effectively penetrates the educational community of the Pasadena/Altadena area. Many times I have been stopped on the street, at a mall or even at Dodger Stadium by former students who were recipients of one of our scholarships.

Pasadena City College is an institution that literally converts unskilled young people and immigrants into highly skilled, well paid tax payers who go on to happy, prosperous lives.

Our token of recognition of the accomplishments of the PCC faculty and their top students greatly enhances our prestige and positive impact of the surrounding community. This Thursday, May 31, we will once again recognize this great institution and its current top 22 vocational students. ○



## Dialing In

By Steve Kerekes,  
President



## Thoughts on District Conference

The weekend before last (May 13 and 14) I attended the District Conference on the Queen Mary down in Long Beach. I went down with Phil Miles, the president of Pasadena Rotary, who drove us. We arrived in time to have Saturday lunch with the musical accompaniment of the contestants from the Dan Stover competition. There were five finalists, playing everything from classical to rock. The winner of the event was a cellist sponsored by the Pasadena Rotary Club, Clair Park.

Next there was a presentation of the group that had returned from a Group Cultural Exchange (GCE) to India last summer. GCE is a relatively new program introduced by Rotary International. It is a hybrid between the traditional Group Study Exchange and a Rotary Friendship Exchange, and is open to Rotarians and Non-Rotarians who do not exceed a certain age. I want to say under 30, but I am not sure of the age cut-off. Our group from District 5300 had traveled throughout India and told us about their adventures there. An Indian youth group also came here, and their stay was sponsored by families in the District.

After that, there was a presentation of service awards. Our club garnered three awards - for Club service, Vocational



Service, and Youth Service. Mark Mariscal collected two of the three of these on Friday night. I collected the last one at this presentation on Saturday. The presentation of

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## Greeter of the Week

May 31  
Boyd Hudson  
June 07  
Ed Jasnow  
June 14  
Julius Johnson

# Program Review

## JROTC and Scholastic Awards Luncheon



Wishing to preserve and continue their legacy of fostering American

Patriotism, the members of American Legion Post 487 transferred an endowment of \$1.43 million to the Altadena Rotary Club.

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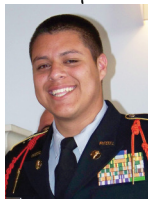
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This became the basis of the Altadena Rotary Club Charities (ARCC). In fulfilling the mission passed on to it, ARCC grants annual scholarships based on merit and patriotism to deserving students at Blair High School, Muir Highschool, Marshall Fundamental School, and Elliot Arts.

Blair High School was represented by their excellent Junior ROTC program under the leadership of MSgt Turner, US Army ret. Their cadets demonstrate outstanding patriotism by their formation in military discipline, academic discipline and excellence, and numerous flag-honoring ceremonies each month. Their ceremonial honoring of our flag set the tone of our rotary meeting last week. \$2,000.00 scholarships were awarded to Francisco Nunez and David Lopez. ARCC also provided necessary funds



for cadets' uniforms, M 1 drill rifles, and flags. Past scholarship graduate of this program Stephanie Magee is in her junior year at UCLA. Past scholarship recipient Richard Connel attends Monterey College. Past scholarship recipient Desiree Teriquez studies at UC Irvine. Past scholarship recipient Jackie Perez studies at Cal State Humboldt. Past scholarship recipient Giselle Garcia serves in the United States Marine Corps. Past scholarship recipient Leora Rodriguez is studying abroad in Great Britain.



Muir High School, under the leadership of Principal Dr. Nancy Heusser, was represented by two \$2,000.00 Americanism scholarship recipients: Jayson Salvador and Philomena Verceles.



Marshall Fundamental School, under the leadership of widely recognized and respected Principal Dr. Mark Anderson, was represented by two \$2,000.00 Americanism scholarship recipients. Please turn to Program, p. 3

### May Youth Services

#### Program Chair, Ed Jasnow

May 17 - Dr. Simon Hook, Manager, Science Division, JPL  
May 24 - JROTC & Citizenship Awards, Tom McCurry, Guest Program Host  
May 31 - PCC Awards - Dennis Mehringer, Guest Program Host

### Congratulations



#### Birthdays



05/15 - Elsa Smith

05/18 - Craig Cox

05/30 - Susan Applegate



#### Anniversaries



05/18 - Tony & Ann Rider Hill

05/19 - Roger & Kathleen Anne Fennell



## Status of The War on Polio



**A**s a long-time supporter of the Rotary International war on polio, which began in my Club Presidential year (1987-88), I was interested in the current article on the Rotary website which provides the latest information on how the battle is progressing.



Rotary International released an additional \$34.8 million in grants to support polio immunization activities in 10 countries, including Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, the three countries where the disease has never been stopped. The funds, whose release was announced 20 January, will be used by the World Health Organization and UNICEF for polio immunization and surveillance activities in the 10 countries, as well as to provide technical assistance in several other countries in Africa.

The grants include \$8.1 million for Nige-

ria to support its final push to eradicate the disease. Nigeria experienced a nearly 90 percent reduction in cases in 2014, compared with the previous year and hasn't registered a new case of polio in the last six months.

"Nigeria has managed an incredible feat," says Dr. Tunji Funsho, Rotary's PolioPlus chair for Nigeria. "However, now we must be more vigilant than ever, as our progress is fragile."

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative — in which Rotary is a partner — made significant progress against polio in 2014 in most places. More than half of the world's cases in 2013 were the result of outbreaks in previously polio-free countries, largely caused by instability and conflict in countries, including Syria, Iraq, and Somalia. The outbreaks appear to have been stopped last year following special vaccination efforts in 11 countries that reached more than 56 million children.

One less promising spot in the polio eradication fight has been Pakistan, which

saw an explosive outbreak totaling more than 300 cases in 2014, the most there in more than a decade. As a result, Pakistan accounted for almost 90 percent of the world's cases last year.

Pakistan will receive \$1.1 million of the funds that Rotary is releasing to support eradication efforts there. In addition, the grants include \$6.7 million in Afghanistan, \$7 million in Somalia, \$3.3 million in Democratic Republic of Congo, \$2.8 million in Niger, \$2.5 million in Chad, \$1.6 million in Cameroun, \$1.1 million in Ethiopia, and \$250,000 in Kenya. A total of \$321,000 will provide technical assistance in Africa.

To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion to fight polio. Through 2018, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match 2-to-1 every dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication (up to \$35 million a year). In 2014, there were only 350 confirmed polio cases in the world, down from about 350,000 a year when the initiative began in 1988. ○

## Program

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sented by \$1,500.00 scholarships granted to Kaitlynn Hooks and



Sarah Quan and \$500.00 scholarships granted to Alejandro Nava and Marco Bermudez.



Elliot Arts, under the leadership of



Principal Lori Touloumian, was represented by scholarships granted to their Valedictorian Tessa Clougherty and their Salutato-



rian Dillinger Herbert.



In sending forth these students on the path of their future careers, we have given hostages to fortune. We are grateful to be able to help them financially for their life's journeys. **Roger Fennell** ○

# Dialing

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**Mark Mariscal Accepting our Vocational Service Award**

awards was followed by a break-out session on how to get the message about Rotary out to the community-at-large. The District Chair on Public Relations, Zeb Welborn, spoke to all in attendance about those clubs which are the fastest growing in our District. He emphasized a three-pronged approach to successfully getting out the message about Rotary and, at the same time, increasing a club's membership. The first is traditional print media. The president of one club (I cannot recall which) spoke about her club's having a newspaper liaison who calls the local area newspapers and tells them about upcoming events so that the paper can cover them. She also offers to draft something up about the event and submit it for publication. Sometimes it is for events like a community project. Sometimes it is simply handing out scholarship moneys, or else a featured speaker at the club. This is an area in which I think we could make a lot of improvement. The president of that club told us that once they started circulating stories in the local press, her club began receiving a barrage of inquiries about Rotary.

The second prong was the use of social media, like Facebook. There was a discussion about the fact that a lot of clubs make it easy for members who attend a Rotary event to immediately upload photos taken on their phone to their club's Facebook website. I am very technologically ignorant,

so I thought that this was an interesting concept. I think that in order to do this, however, all the members must be authorized to make uploads, and know how to make uploads. I don't know how hard or easy this is. Maybe David Campbell could tell us.

The third prong was having a user-friendly and easy-to-navigate Club website. I know that

Jacque has been diligently working away on getting us a newly designed website based on the DACdb platform. Hopefully, this should be ready to roll out soon.

Of course, our Club has a special method to get out the Rotary message that not many other clubs enjoy — our own Summer Concert Series. There are several ways this could be a useful tool in getting out the Rotary message. We solicit local business for ads in the Summer Concert written program. We should also make announcements at the Summary Concert Series. And, of course, there is the information booth we have during the concerts. Lastly, we should invite the various sponsors to one or another of our lunches, or perhaps even hold a sponsor-appreciation dinner.

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The dinner on Saturday night was capped with a talk by the Rotary International President's Representative, Forrester "Bo" Darling. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Mercer Island in Washington State. He told us several motivational things about Rotary, but what I remember the best is his politically-themed "why did the chicken cross the road" joke. A few of the top responses are as follows:

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**Donald Trump:** We will build a big wall to keep illegal chickens from crossing the road. We will have a door for legal

chickens.

**Rand Paul:** It's none of our business why the chicken crossed the road.

**Sarah Palin:** The chicken crossed the road because, gosh-darn it, he's a maverick!

**Barack Obama:** Let me be perfectly clear, if the chickens like their eggs they can keep their eggs. No chicken will be required to cross the road to surrender her eggs. Period.

**George W. Bush:** We don't really care why the chicken crossed the road. We just want to know if the chicken is on our side of the road or not. The chicken is either with us or against us. There is no middle ground here.

**Bill Clinton:** I did not cross the road with that chicken.

**Al Gore:** I invented the chicken.

**Ernest Hemingway:** To die in the rain, alone.

**Grandpa:** In my day we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. Somebody told us the chicken crossed the road, and that was good enough for us.

**Bill Gates:** I have just released eChicken2014, which will not only cross roads, but will lay eggs, file your important documents and balance your checkbook.

**Albert Einstein:** Did the chicken really cross the road, or did the road move beneath the chicken?

**Colonel Sanders:** Did I miss one?

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Without skipping a beat, Darling then swore in John Chase as the incoming District Governor for next year.

After that, it was time to visit the hospitality suite. The next morning, we enjoyed a roast of this year's District Governor, Raghada Khoury. A main theme of this roast was her incomprehensible, yet indecipherable, text messages which she is fond of sending. Afterwards, we all said our goodbyes and headed back to Altadena. ○



# Flags go Up for Memorial Day through July 04

It was Saturday, May 26, and, earlier in the week, Tony Hill and Craig Cox had called for volunteers to meet at 10a at the Presbyterian Church Parking lot, basically at the corner of Woodbury and Lake.

When I arrived, Steve Kerekes and Frank Cunningham were already there. Next came Craig Cox. Cunningham took the opportunity to ask him how he folded himself up to fit inside his Mini Cooper and then unfolded himself when it was time to get out. Cox just said that there was more than enough head room and left it at that.

Then in succession – and I may not have the order exact – Tony Hill, Mark Mariscal, Doug Colliflower, Mike Zoeller and David Smith arrived.

Shortly after Smith arrived, Cox an-



nounced that he was leaving with Smith to go to Triangle Park to fix one of the lights that illuminates the flag and to replace the flag with a new one. The flag that had been adorning that very tall pole was faded and a bit tattered.

As he left, Cox suggested that the remaining six divide up into two teams – one going north on Lake to Altadena Drive and the other coming south from Altadena Drive. And, so they did: with Mark Mariscal, Steve Kerekes, and Frank Cunningham going north, and Tony Hill, Mike Zoeller, and Doug Colliflower going

south.

Two late arrivals joined the north-bound



team in progress: Kimmit Haggins and Maria Perez-Arton. When I caught up with Cox and Smith, they were ready to hang the flag. ○



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