



This Week

Lawton Gray
Principal,
John Muir HS
Program Host:
Steve Kerekes



He's returning for another year. Yes, Lawton Gray, an alumnus of MUIR HS is returning as Principal of this important school in the Pasadena Unified

School District. Actually, he did return earlier as a math teacher, then moved on to other school districts.

Last year, Gray replaced Tim Sipple who is at Harvard University, in a Doctoral Education Leadership program that admits only 25 students each year.

Gray completed 10 years as principal of Oak Avenue Intermediate School, which led to a 2017 California Gold Ribbon School award which honors for excellent teaching, learning, and building highly successful school climates that support student achievement.

Year before last, a big help at Muir came from substantial funds awarded by Pasadena Education Forward to make Muir a Magnet School, along with Eliot Middle School and Altadena Elementary School.

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This Month: October 24

One Day, One Focus

ENDING POLIO!

Rotary is getting ready for the 6th annual World Polio Day event in Philadelphia, PA, USA. The event will be streamed live from the College of Physicians, and aims to bring together more than 100,000 viewers around the world. We can all *tune in* and be part of it!

Some of us know Polio survivors personally or have witnessed Polio's devastating impact in one way or another. My beloved cello teacher in England, Keith Harvey was nine when he contracted polio. His mother had hoped that he would follow in



her footsteps as a violinist, but his illness meant that he could not stand for any length of time because his left leg had shrunk a little. Instead, when he was 13, she arranged for him to learn to play the cello. His playing touched the world but he always walked poorly, even with a bulky shoe support as an adult.



To learn more, get inspired and see last year's Live Stream,



access the following link - it's well worth it!
<https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day>
and to enjoy the music of Keith Harvey, cellist and polio survivor, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hayaE2qbToA&list=PLtPHWBYGSUoCY-OPTLyQ0s63s0bdSAVYJR> (or search for Keith Harvey, cellist on YouTube)

Rotary, along with partners including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Unicef, has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide since the first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in

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Greeter of the Week

- October 04
Craig Cox
- October 11
Frank Cunningham
- October 18
Steve Cunningham

Program Review

Margaret Mitchell and the Writing of *Gone with the Wind*



Altadena Rotarian and President of Audio Description Solutions, Deborah Lewis, spoke to us during Rotary International's month of literacy and education. She shared her interest and research on the life of American novelist Margaret Mitchell and her novel *Gone With the Wind*.

Lewis' interest in Mitchell began when she found herself in Atlanta, Georgia in

1980. The top three things for which Atlanta is known are *Gone With the Wind*, Coca Cola, and Delta Airlines. However, very few people knew much about Margaret Mitchell, which caused our speaker to begin digging.

Mitchell was born November 8, 1900. Her mother, Maybelle, was an active Southern suffragist who worked for two decades to get women the right to vote. This had a great influence on the young Margaret. Also, their home was a gathering place for relatives who would tell their stories about battles and created a great interest in the Civil War.

During her time at Forest Elementary School, Mitchell loved writing, but decided she didn't need to learn arithmetic. She would write plays and short stories. Her mother took her to see the buildings still destroyed from the war and explained the difference between *wheat people* – those who are driven down and never rise back up – and *buckwheat people* – those able to rise up after adversity.

In 1922, Mitchell decided to become a journalist writing for the Journal Constitution's Sunday magazine. Her boss said he liked her writing because he could "run it as she wrote it." She was ready to take on any story – even strapping on a harness on Stone Mountain to write an article on the stone workers.

In 1925 Margaret Mitchell married



John Marsh and moved into a back house apartment that she called *the dump*. While recuperating from an accident with a horse, she began reading everything she could get her hands on. Her husband encouraged her to write her own story. Sitting in front of their window she would write – keeping an envelope for every chapter – starting from the last chapter and working backwards. She did this for 10 years. Her friend, Lois Cole, who worked for MacMillan encouraged an agent to read the manuscript. When asked,

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October Economic & Community Development

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04 - Lawton Gray, Principal, John Muir High School

11 - Tom McNamara

18 - Leigh Adams

25 - Craig Sloane

Congratulations

Birthdays

07 - Noriko Suzuki Mehringer
08 - Susan Cox
10 - Heather Campbell
20 - Charles Wilson
24 - Jim Gorton
27 - Dawn Digrius

Anniversaries

01 - Fred & Margarita Figueroa
07 - Mendel & Helen Zivkovic Hill
19 - David & Elsa Smith

Connecting with Your Club



Membership in a Rotary club offers you opportunities to connect with other professionals who aren't afraid to lead and are dedicated to making a difference.

Spending time with your fellow club members – whether to attend a meeting, plan a project, exchange ideas, or just have fun – can lead to lifelong friendships. When you get involved and make connections, you will inevitably grow as a person and develop

new skills. Here are some ways to connect within your club.

- **Share Your Ideas** with club leaders to help your club achieve its goals, enhance its projects, and improve the member experience. Your suggestions could become the next big initiative in your club or community. See *Be a Vibrant Club* and learn more about club flexibility.
- **Find a Mentor** or mentor another member to share professional expertise, community knowledge, and Rotary information.

- **Organize a Club Event** or service project and gain new skills and experiences like event planning, public speaking, or managing volunteers.
- **Try a New Role** Broaden your knowledge and apply your experience and skills in a club leadership role. Take the first step by asking where your club needs help. If you've already been in a club leadership role, try serving in a district role. Ask your district governor and governor-elect where your expertise and talents could be useful. ○

Rene Amy Inducted . . Dorothy Brooks receives White Badge

Last week, at our September 27 meeting, new member Rene Amy was inducted, not with quite the fanfare we have been used to, but fanfare nonetheless.

And, Dorothy Brooks has completed her five (5) out of seven (7) tasks to receive her permanent white badge, and done so quite quickly. So, she was awarded her white badge.

Just checking, I asked if we had spelled her name correctly, and she confirmed that we had. Horray for all of us. ○



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Our club has donated a lot of scholarship money to Muir's students over the years.

Come hear what we might do to help Gray. Invite friends, associates and neighbors to hear this prominent shaper of our children's and grandchildren's future. ○

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Mrs. Mitchell said she had nothing to show him – finally relenting (out of anger) when a young debutante said she could not believe she had the ability to write a book. She had impeccable research on dates and battles. In addition – she captured the many dialects of the area.

The book was published on June 30, 1936. It was a worldwide hit. Unfortunately,

there were many *unauthorized* pirated copies. This encouraged her father, a successful lawyer, to create international copyright law. The movie premiered in Atlanta in 1939.

Mitchell died at age 49 after being hit by a car. Her legacy lives on through her writings. The Atlanta Historical Center runs the day-to-day operations on her home.

Craig Cox ○

In Tune

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1979. Eradication is close!! Rotarians have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries. For as little as \$0.60, and 2 drops of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.

How can we help?

- Build awareness
- Help get the word out about our efforts to fight polio.
- Make it personal by posting about polio on Facebook or Twitter.
- Keep informed by following our campaign to end polio on Facebook and Twitter.
- Use Rotary's resource tools to help advocate, fundraise, and educate about the need to end polio now.
- Become an advocate
- Make sure policymakers know how im-

portant it is to eliminate polio. You can:

- Sign a petition urging world leaders to fund the final push to end polio.
- Write to your government officials, or better yet, invite them to a Rotary meeting to learn what they can do to support our fight against polio.
- Donate: to support ongoing vaccination efforts.

Reference & resources at: <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/end-polio>

End Polio Now



Global Polio

Eradication Initiative

Many members of Altadena Rotary Club have donated time and money over the years toward eradicating Polio. On October 24, let's join with others around the world in celebrating their hard work and achievements, remembering those who have struggled with this terrible disease and re-affirming our determination and efforts... to **END POLIO NOW!!!** ○



Our End-of-Summer Fellowship Event: A Progressive Dinner

On Saturday, September 22, Steve Kerkes, Dave Smith and Mark Mariscal coordinated a Progressive Dinner that was attended by about 25 people. The evening



were provided. From there, we traveled (many carpooled) to the Mike and Carol Zoeller home. There, dinner



now.

Rotarians brought desserts to share, and there was



plenty. In addition, Mona and Ed made sure there was plenty of afterdinner drinks, including coffee and water.

started at the Mark and Paula Mariscal home, where appetizers and drinks



was catered by El Patron Restaurant on Lake Avenue. After a hearty meal of carnitas, chicken, rice and beans, we all made our way to the home of Ed and Mona Jas-



For those who missed it, please keep your calendar open for our next Social Event scheduled for Thursday, December 20 at 6 pm, when we will have a Holiday Dinner at MonteCedro. ○

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.

MOVING

ON UP!



FREE EXPERT GUIDANCE!

WHEN: Tuesday, October 9th
9:00am - 10:45am

Doors open at 8:30pm (Light breakfast and coffee provided)

WHERE:

Altadena Community Center
730 E. Altadena Drive, Altadena 91001

COST: FREE

Registration is required. Seating is limited.

Topics Included:

- What to do with the equity from your home after the sale
- Taking the confusion out of finding the right senior community
- How to overcome the fear and anxiety when facing a major life change
- How to navigate and prepare for a move from your long time home



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