



This Week
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As we approach publication time, we have yet to receive a bio of our Speaker of the week. What has been found is a description of the first Altadena Town & Country Club club house and a very nice photo of the rear of the building, which is seldom seen.



**Description of the First
 Altadena Town & Country Club
 Club House**

The idea of a country club in Altadena first surfaced in the fall of 1910. It was thought that "golf links with a clubhouse would add prestige to the growing community." The following spring, a small group of men met at the home of A.F. Gartz to perfect plans for the organization of the Altadena Country Club. The group selected a board of directors, which two weeks later elected J.B. Coulston president and Col. John Lambert, David Blankenhorn,

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**Rotary Clubs in Canada
 invest in PACT Program**
An Urban Peace Initiative
**that aims to break the
 Cycle of Youth Crime**

Akeem Stephenson wanted to go to jail. He believed it was the only way he could free himself from a life of crime – a life he desperately wanted to change.



After being arrested for a fourth time more than 10 years ago, for aggravated robbery, the teenager in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, was set to go to prison. But the judge saw something in Stephenson that suggested that he could redeem himself. So he gave Stephenson a choice: participate in an 18-month youth program, or serve the six-month sentence.

For Stephenson, the choice was clear. He decided to transform his life through the PACT Urban Peace Program.



PACT, which stands for *Participation, Acknowledgement, Commitment, and Transformation*, is a Toronto-based, award-winning charity supported by Rotary clubs in Canada. It works with at-risk young people and those who have committed crimes to change their direction in life. Entrepreneur and Toronto Rotary member David Lockett co-founded the program more than 20 years ago.

The intensive, step-by-step program aims to break the cycle of poverty and criminal

behavior. Its goal is to determine what the participants need and develop strategies "to put them on a positive path in their life, so they can enrich not only their own lives, but their community," says Lockett, a member of the Rotary E-Club of Social Innovators D7090.

Lockett says PACT builds peace in urban communities. "It's all about looking at the impact of violence and criminal behavior, and understanding the dynamics of the problem, and creating highly effective solutions to make investments for at-risk youth at an early stage," he says. "It's really quite simple. If you want to help at-risk youth, you really have to understand the simple needs they have."

He acknowledges that young people who commit crimes should be held accountable, and for many of them, that includes serving jail time. But for some, those he says come from *squalid and deplorable backgrounds*

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Greeter of the Week

- October 25
Dawn Digrious
- November 01
Freddy Figueroa
- November 8
John Frykenberg



*by Sarah
 O'Brien,
 President*

Program Review

Harvesting Water What a Great Idea!!!!



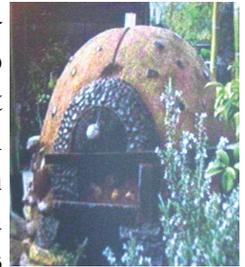
That's what our speaker last week, Leigh Adams, does on her plot of land in Altadena. With many experts predicting that the future will make water more precious than oil, we'd better listen to what she has to say.

This all started when fire ravaged her eight-acre plot in Mojave ... In frustration, she cut down everything that remained. Finally, she was able to let go of her grief. One day, a friend offered to fly her over her property so she could see what it looked like. When he pointed it out to her, she stated that it couldn't be hers. It looked like a farm. The pilot assured her that it was hers, and that by using stones and logs that have natural moisture beneath them, the land had recovered.

Eight years ago, she took a piece of land at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia, and using on-site material, built a swail. This is a canal that doesn't go



anywhere. She used clay in combination with other materials and was able to capture water that would normally run off. She also built a rocket stove, which heats to 400 degrees



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October Economic & Community Development

Program Chair: Steve Kerekes
11 - Tom McNamara - His 27 Active
Years with the Tournament of Roses
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

Spring Project needs a Plan Winter (Bikes) and Summer (Concerts) Projects Set



In our Service Projects Budget/Seasonal Projects, we have line items for four projects:

Summer - Concert Series, Winter - Bike Assembly, Fall and Spring - TBA.

We had a committee meeting on September 26 with the goal of discussing the various project ideas brought forth by members and to narrow the focus to a manageable number of viable projects.

First it was agreed to forgo a Fall project due to the late date and our winter bike assembly project being just around the corner. Therefore, we agreed to focus on a Spring project with the following parameters:

- Could be a single project or multiple projects, no more than three (3)

- Total funds available: \$3000
- Project(s) to be completed by end of April, allowing focus to shift to Summer Concert Series

Project Criteria

- Local - Altadena preferred
- Funds to pay for material and/or contracted services
- Ideally the project requires labor - provided by members of our Club to engage with the community
- Partnering with other groups on a larger project would also be very desirable

At the end of our discussion, we identified three targets to focus on and actively look for opportunities:

1. Schools
2. Local hiking trails and/or parks - maintenance and/or enhancements

3. Union Station - although not in Altadena, there was interest in reaching out to see how we might be able to help

Should you have any connections that may help us identify possible projects that meet the criteria outlined in this article, please feel free to reach out to them and have a conversation.

Our winter bike assembly project is fast approaching, and we need some help. The big day is Saturday, November 10 when all the bikes (250) are assembled and our Club prepares and serves a pancake breakfast for all the volunteers.

You can register on ClubRunner or contact me directly. This is a fun morning; a great cause, and I promise you'll leave feeling good. ○

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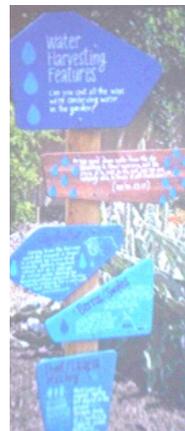
in ten minutes. With the swail, she is able to maintain a garden using existing water.

After the Station Fire insurance settlement, she got a contractor to landscape her garden. He made her sign a disclaimer because he didn't think it would work. **He was very quiet when it won first prize in a landscaping contest.**

She told Los Angeles County officials that she was going to put in curb cuts to harvest water. They told her that was

not allowed because it would alter their infrastructure. She kept going up to higher county officials, until she found one who asked her if she could call them *parkway drains*. With that agreement, she built four of them.

The swail exists now as part of the parkway drain. She put in PVC valves to get the water to turn. She now has sufficient water for 40 fruit trees, and she has several overflow contingencies. She uses lasagna



mulching, which is done in layers. All her fruit is grown using harvested water.

This is almost assuredly the wave of the future, as global warming continues to affect our water supply. This was a great lesson for all of us.

Ed Jasnow ○

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with very little parental guidance, PACT is a resource that can change their lives and reduce the likelihood that they will commit more crimes.

The organization works with the judicial system to identify repeat offenders ages 12-19 who may benefit from the program. After a young adult is convicted of a crime, the judge or judicial official refers them to PACT as part of a probation order.

Central to PACT's success is its *LifePlan Coaching program*, an intense intervention system that pairs a participant with a certified life coach. The two meet each week for 12-18 months to set goals in six key areas: education, employment, health, relationships, contributing to the community, and staying out of the criminal justice system. Life coaching is a conversational process that provides structure and acknowledgment, builds capacity and self-awareness, and fosters self-directed learning and action. This ultimately helps the young person get from where they are to where they want to be in the future.

PACT's LifePlan Coaching differs from the traditional model of therapy or counseling in that it does not focus on the person's past but rather concentrates on the present and future, says Lockett. The innovative program boasts a 65-percent success rate, with success meaning that the young person completes the program without re-offending.

It was the relationship with his life coach that gave Stephenson the insight and confidence to reshape his future. "The PACT program will change your mindset," he says. "They'll give you the blueprint, but it's up to you to run with it."

Stephenson has since obtained his high school equivalency certificate and has been working at a call center. He also honed his passion for music through PACT's Life & Job Skills Community Service Programs, in which participants learn through prac-

tical exposure to activities like music and film production, cooking, gardening, and entrepreneurship.

Rotary brings compassion

To date, nearly 30 clubs in the Toronto area have supported PACT, many with annual commitments of \$3,600 or more to fund the program, according to Lockett.

But Rotary clubs are also playing a more in-depth role in PACT. The two organizations created the PACT/Rotary Youth Mentoring

Program, which allows members to connect directly with participants. Liz Bosma-Donovan, a social worker and member of the Rotary Club of Wellington in Ontario, is the first Rotary ambassador to PACT. She works with Rotary clubs to find members who are willing to become mentors. "After learning about PACT and working with David [Lockett] on projects, I saw there was a missing opportunity for Rotary to create a more meaningful connection."

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and Leigh D. Guyer as the other officers. Important tasks lay ahead: purchasing land, constructing the golf course, designing a clubhouse, and building membership.

Events moved quickly. The Club opened its doors on December 28, 1911.

On this celebrated day it could be said, "from the wide perch at the rear of the building the visitor saw the whole stretch of the country, a splendid sweep from the trees

of the canyons...over the towns nestling in the hollow of the valley to the dim sea coast where the faint blue of

the ocean marked the horizon and Catalina lay like a pale cloud on the air."

The Altadena Country Club's first clubhouse was said to be "one of the most artistic and commodious club houses in Southern California. As noted, the planners had situated it on the side of a hill, affording unobstructed views of the mountains and the ocean on clear days. The Club's new home was 87 feet by 50 feet, built in the bungalow style, with two forward-facing, low-pitched,

hipped roofs. The exterior cladding was wooden shakes, which were described as a "restful green," suggesting a subdued earth tone. The building was two stories, plus a basement, and the foundation was cement on the west, facing the circular driveway and entrance, and cobblestone on the east, facing the golf course. Supporting the hipped porte-cochère were porch columns that began at ground level in cobblestone with



sloped sides and extended halfway up and were followed by wooden porch supports that met

the roofline. The roof was shingled and had extended, closed eaves. Front windows were small and multiple-paned, with both plate and leaded glass. A number of early photographs show striped awnings over some of the windows, evoking a resort lifestyle. The clubhouse cost \$25,000 and was thought to be "great, although not so large as some of the others."

Photo of back of the current club house is by Kristin Becerra, June 2017. ○

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.