

This Week
Danny Gott,
Danny's Farm
and Laurie
Stevens, PhD
Program Host:
Mark Mariscal

This week we will be hearing from Dr. Laurie Stevens and Danny Gott from Danny's Farm. Danny's Farm was founded by former Los Angeles Dodger Pitcher and current pitching coach for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, Jim Gott and his wife Cathy in 2007, in honor of their son Danny, who is diagnosed with Autism.

As a child, Danny was drawn to farm animals, and out of his continued affinity for them, Danny's Farm was formed. Anytime the petting zoo is mobile, you can almost always find Danny working. He still resides in Altadena.

Danny's Farm offers a safe and nurturing petting farm and social environment for children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities. Their mission is to provide meaningful employment opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities and to help them reach their fullest potential by developing special skills through their work and mentoring. The Farm was located in Altadena for many years before being

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Water Project unites
Lebanon Rotary Clubs
Across all Divides

Brought to you by Jacque Foreman, Sparks Editor

All 24 of Lebanon's Rotary clubs came together – overcoming religious, cultural, and political divisions – to form partnerships with the government, World Vision, UNICEF, and the Red Cross. Together the groups developed a program that delivers clean water to every public school in the country. by Arnold R. Grahl



A project to provide clean water to all of Lebanon's schools is uniting leaders from many of the country's diverse religious, cultural, and political divisions.

In 2011, Rotary members in northern Lebanon decided to install new tanks and water filters in a few nearby schools with the help of a Rotary Foundation grant. The idea caught on, and a few other clubs followed suit.

Two years later, District 2452 Governor Jamil Mouawad and other district leaders saw the potential of creating one giant water project that could reach every school and involve all 24 of the country's Rotary clubs. They formed a committee to handle publicity and gather technical knowledge, while each club was asked to provide volunteers, contribute funds, apply for grants, and secure contributions from outside organizations.

"Every student has the right to drink clean water. It goes without saying that clean drinking water leads to less diseases, healthier students, and consequently, better education," says Mouawad. "The bigger the challenge, the greater its positive impact on humanity."

While clean water is the main objective, the leaders also saw the effort as a means of helping heal Lebanon's long history of sectarian strife. A civil war divided the country from 1975 to 1990, leaving an estimated 120,000 people dead. In recent years, Lebanon's government is a shifting coalition of religions, political parties, and sects.

Lina Shehayeb, president of the Rotary Club of Aley, is a Druze by faith. Shehayeb says working alongside club members who are Catholic, Maronite, Greek Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, and Muslim to promote the project has deepened her understanding of those with different religious or political views.

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Greeter of the Week

February 07
Tom McCurry

February 14
Dennis Mebringer

February 21
Nick Santangelo



Program Review

Pushing for Truly Clean Air in California



For 17 years, Brian Sheridan has been the Development Director at the Coalition for Clean Air, and he leads the fundraising efforts for this statewide policy advocacy organization with a

budget of \$1.4 Million. Sheridan developed and implemented the first *California Clean Air Day* at the Coalition for Clean Air, a statewide campaign built on the idea that shared experiences unite people to action. More than 100,000 people from more than 160 organizations would go on to take the clean air day pledge. The result: a 300-percent increase in Coalition for Clean Air followers across the social media spectrum, and more individual donations and more larger gifts from individuals.

Sheridan reminded us of several personal things we could do to help with promoting clean air, such as using natural cleaners like vinegar and baking soda instead of toxic cleaners, and replacing – on a regular basis – the cabin air filters in our cars. He led us in a lively discussion about leaf blowers that are used by gardeners on a regular basis. One item of serious concern is the fact that there are a lot more cars on the road today, and, since they are the main contributor to our air pollution, it is difficult to continue to reduce pollution, no matter how *clean burning* they are.

He informed us about some activity in



the state legislature to curb diesel engine emissions, especially in the older trucks on the road. Of major concern, – especially in people who live near the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach – is the amount of pollutants produced by the trucks moving cargo to the rest of the country.

Sheridan is proud of his current organization's accomplishments and looks forward to the day when clean air truly comes to California. Tom McCurry ○

Congratulations



Birthdays



- 07 - Freddy Figueroa
- 08 - Mike Zoeller
- 10 - Julius Johnson
- 16 - Sunny Wu Kerekes
- 16 - Joan Frykenberg
- 27 - Mark Mariscal
- 28 - Wendy Davis Noll



Anniversaries



- 03 - Sue & Don Applegate
- 17 - Ed & Mona Jasnow
- 21 - Frank & Judy Cunningham

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**February
Conflict Prevention & Reduction**

Program Chair: Mark Mariscal
07 - Danny Gott, Danny's Farm
14 - Richard Frank, CEO Lawry's Restaurant
21 - John Chase - District Governor & Honoring of Captain Vicki Stuckey
28 - Jervey Tervalon - Altadena Writer, Poet & Author

Update: Summer Concert Preparations Progressing Well



I am pleased to share that preparation for the 2019 Summer Concert Series is progressing well. All five committees are actively engaged in completing their respective duties and we look forward to a terrific Summer Concert Series.

I have a bit of *good news/bad news* to share. We have some monies available

for a spring project: **Good News**, but no project identified: **Bad News**. The Summer Concert Series and bike building/give away projects have been and will continue to be a large part of Community Service Projects for the Rotary Club of Altadena. However, I would like to challenge all of us to contribute in coming up with an additional high-impact community service project for our Altadena Community.

It doesn't take a ton of money. Let's take

a fresh look at our community and think where could we lend a few hands and a few dollars and make a difference?

What makes a project transformational?

- It doesn't take a ton of money, but
- It must reach people, and
- Have a significant impact in our community.

This is key, and this is where careful planning and thorough research are critical for success. So ...

- Do your homework.
- Leverage your resources and
- Look for partnerships that can increase our impact.
- Finally, act.

I look forward to hearing from you. ○

In Tune

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"We are building peace and understanding," she says. "There has never been anything quite like this in our country."

Even the distribution of club responsibilities is designed to foster peace. Each club is responsible for a certain number of schools, some in their area but some in a totally separate region. The clubs nominate a project coordinator, find qualified suppliers, arrange for sponsors, and allocate contributions from sponsors, district funds, and global grants to finance the installation of filters in the schools.

"For example a club from Jounieh, a Christian resort town north of Beirut, might be assigned schools in the southern mountains near the Israeli border, an area that is considerably poorer and primarily Shia Muslim," explains Mouawad. "After all, who – no matter what their political or religious views – could argue with providing clean

water for children?"

The effort could not have come at a better time. With the crisis in Syria, Lebanon's population is ballooning with refugees, including many school-age children. By improving the schools these kids attend, Rotary members are laying the groundwork for future peace in the region.

The committee is working in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, World Vision, UNICEF, and the Red Cross. Red Cross volunteers take water samples in each of the schools a few times a year and send those samples to the Lebanese Agricultural Laboratory Institute for testing. According to the committee's technical team, it will cost roughly \$2,500 a school to install water tanks, filters, and provide ongoing monitoring. About 200 schools have been covered so far. The goal is to reach all 1,535 schools within three years. ○

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required to move about 10 years ago. Our club has been a supporter in the past.

Dr. Stephens is a leading expert in the diagnosis and treatment of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. She holds a PhD in Developmental Psychology, and has been working in the field of autism for over 20 years. She has lectured extensively, both nationally and internationally.

Her areas of specialty include the early diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome, developing social skills curriculum, facilitating early play skills and the development of theory of mind. ○



Congratulations, Doug Colliflower on Being Installed for a Second Year as Altadena Chamber President

Last Friday evening (February 1), our club was represented at the Altadena Chamber of Commerce Dinner where the Installation of new Chamber Officers took place. The Chamber is celebrating 95 years of service. Our club has supported the Chamber and the Chamber has supported our club since the beginning of our club in 1949.

Rotary members attending were Mike Noll, Steve Kerekes, Mark Mariscal, David Campbell, and David Smith (a past President of the Chamber in 2000), Jennifer Hall Lee and Dawn Digrius. Club member Doug Colliflower attended too, but he was there as President of the Chamber. This is Doug's second go around as President of the Chamber of Commerce. Another current club member who has also been President

of the Chamber is Jacque Foreman (1995).

The event was attended by local politicians who represent Altadena: State Senator Anthony Portantino and Congresswoman Judy Chu. Also, a good representation was there from local groups such as the Altadena Library District, Altadena Heritage, Altadena Little League, the Director so the Altadena Town and Country Club and the Altadena Town Council.

Jennifer Lee, one of the newest members of our club commented to me that she has been attending the Chamber for the last few years. She is also a member of the Altadena Town Council. She said "since becoming a member and meeting the club members, I have come to realize that I knew their faces but did not know their

involvement in Rotary." She sees first hand that our club really makes a difference in so many ways.

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With that last quote in mind, our club has been invited to have a table display at the upcoming Woman's History Month Celebration Day on Saturday, March 2 from 1-3:30 at Eliot Arts Magnet Academy on Lake Avenue (the Middle School).

We have two pull-up banners and brochures. In order to actually participate, the club needs 1 or 2 members to commit to attend, set up and tear down our display and answer any questions that are asked by those attending the event. If you are available, please let me or Jennifer Hall Lee know by February 15. ○



Those attending the Altadena Chamber Officer Installation are: (l to r) David Campbell with his wife, Heather, Steve Kerekes, Dawn Digrius, Congresswoman Judy Chu, David Smith, Mike Noll and Mark Mariscal

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February 5, 2019

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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.



**Altadena
Libraries**

**Second Saturdays, 6:30pm
at the Altadena Main Library
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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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