

This Week



**Cynthia
 Bergston
 Budzyn**

**Program Host:
 Ed Jasnow
 Helping Our
 Veterans when
 They arrive Back
 Home**

That's the goal of our speaker this week, Cynthia Bengston Budzyn. Budzyn serves as the Executive Management Consultant of an organization called Leadership Pasadena, a 501(c)(3) charity that creates the next generation of leaders for the greater Pasadena community. She will show us how this important organization helps civilians and veterans alike become valuable leaders of our community.

Growing up in a small town in Illinois, volunteering was always a part of her life, but her *real* charity work began when she created the Big Sisters of Los Angeles in 1979 at the age of 25 to serve at risk girls trapped in dysfunctional and dangerous families. *Big Sisters* merged into **Big Brothers/Sisters** of LA in 2000; it serves
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Memorial Day A Bit of History

Brought to you by Jacque Foreman for Sarah O'Brien

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans – the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) – established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, DC.

The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

Local Observances Claim To Be First Local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places.

One of the first occurred in Columbus, Miss., April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were



the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well.

Today, cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866.

Both Macon and Columbus, Ga., claim the title, as well as Richmond, Va. The village of Boalsburg, Pa., claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, Ill., cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan. Approximate

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Greeter of the Week

- May 16
John Frykenberg
- May 23
Ben Green
- May 30
Kimmie Haggins

Program Review

JROTC & Americanism Awards



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Blair High School

JROTC

C/LTC - Anayeli Rodriguez..... \$2000

Did not attend the ceremony.

C/Maj. - Alisson Guinada.....\$1000

C/Cpt. - Jacquelin Gallo.....\$1000

Muir High School

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Mike Zoeller..... Youth Projects

John Frykenberg..... Vocational

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(Americanism)

Natalie Noyola Gomez..... \$2000

Salomon Cooper..... \$2000

Marshall Fundamental STEM High School

Jalen Marquez..... \$1500

Chris Gonzalez..... \$1500

Claudio Reynoso..... \$ 500

Hunter Davis..... \$ 500

Eliot Arts Magnet Academy

Corita Kahler Rickman..... \$ 500

Ishmael Asturias..... \$ 500

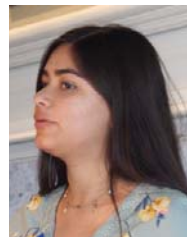
So... Why For?

Hard work, promise, patriotism, being helpful, just caring! Reasons enough! To encourage, to inspire, to reach beyond

ourselves and to leave those whose lives we touch a little better for our acquaintance and passing with a smile, a kind word, an encouraging thought and a pray can and does make the difference in indifference!

These young people, everyone was chosen for our JROTC and Americanism Awards for their leadership, unselfishness, willingness to pitch in, lend a hand, or leg in service to their schools, churches, communities. And so we honor them! We invest. We make their way a bit easier by opening some door, some path, some avenue of continued service to human-kind, to society, to our country and our community.

John Frykenberg



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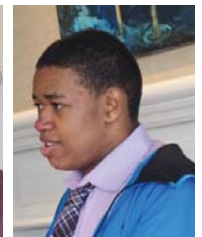
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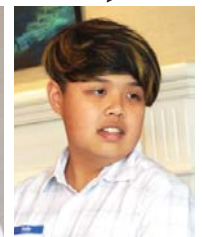
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Davis



Rickman



Asturias

May Youth Services

Program Chair: Ed Jasnow

May 09 - PCC Vocational Awards, Guest

Program Host, Dennis Mehringer

May 16 - JROTC Awards - Guest Pro-

gram Host, Tom McCurry

May 23 - Cynthia Bengtson Budzyn, Ex-

ecutive Consultant, Leadership Pasadena

May 30 - Annie Richardson, JPL

Congratulations



Birthdays



15 - Elsa Smith

18 - Craig Cox

23 - Dorothy Brooks

30 - Susan Applegate



Anniversaries

18 - Tony & Ann Rider Hill

19 - Roger & Kathleen Ann Fennell

24 - Jennifer Hall & Jim Sanfillipo

To Our New Members Welcome to Altadena Rotary!



Altadena Rotary is proud to welcome you into our global community of more than 1.2 million men

and women dedicated to building a better world.

You make Rotary stronger. By adding your skills, experience, and enthusiasm to our club, you can advance communities at home and on a global scale. Together, we can eradicate polio, train more skilled peacemakers, and provide lasting solutions for communities fighting disease, hunger, illiteracy, and poverty.

Through the Rotary community, you can exchange ideas and build lifelong friendships with people who share your passion for service. Take advantage of the resources and activities available through our club, district, and Rotary International to make your experience with Rotary both rewarding and fun.

Getting Started on Your Rotary Journey

Get the most out of your membership by participating in club projects and activities. Here are some ideas:

- Serve on a club committee where you can use your skills. Sylvia Vega is a good example of that, she is helping David Smith with International Projects. Dorothy Brooks and Maria Perez-Arton serve

on the Membership Committee.

- Identify a need in our community and suggest a hands-on project to address it. Rene Amy is a good example of this with the most recent Rotary fundraiser at the Grocery Outlet. He is also our *Shelter Box* club Representative
- Work with a youth service program sponsored by our club, e.g., Rotaract or Interact. See Steve Kerekes or Kimmit Haggins to get involved.
- Host a Youth Exchange student - ask Mike Noll and/or Craig Cox if you are interested.
- Help organize our district's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) programs. Talk to Tony Hill to get involved.
- Recommend a colleague or friend for membership in our club

Meet other Rotarians ... here are some Ideas!

- Rotary's global network provides a great opportunity to expand your contacts and friendships to other countries while creating a foundation of support with communities around the world.
- Explore Rotary's global opportunities: Ask David Smith about opportunities in this aspect of Rotary
- Attend Rotary's annual convention - Every New Member should do this at least once ... it will give you a sense of the bigger picture and help you to see how very global the Rotarian reach is both

locally, regionally and internationally

- Connect with Rotarians around the world who share your hobbies and personal interests or your service interests. Good examples of fellow Rotarians to ask about this are John Frykenberg and Theo Clark ... who have shared their interests overseas.
- Talk with Ed Jasnow, Dennis Mehringer or Jennifer Hall Lee about some of the opportunities we provide for local youth.
- Get involved with our club's international service projects. We give a number of grants of differing amounts for overseas projects in India, Nigeria, England and elsewhere. This year Altadena Rotary donated to a district project to help children with cleft lips and palates to smile again - through Rotaplast - where local Rotarians and doctors who donate their time are going to Mexico this year. If you haven't seen the results of these life-changing surgeries, it is very touching and is just another example of the work Rotarians do!

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I am proud that we have done so well recruiting new members this year; however I encourage all of the members to get involved in our club. Not only do you breathe new life into our club but it also provides this club leadership for our future! ☺

***Frank J. Cunningham
Membership Chair***

In Tune

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ly 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

Official Birthplace Declared

In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the *birthplace* of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed, and residents flew flags at half-staff. Supporters of Waterloo's claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community-wide or one-time events.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

Some States Have Confederate Observances

Many Southern states also have their own days for honoring the Confederate dead.

Mississippi celebrates Confederate Memorial Day on the last Monday of April, Alabama on the fourth Monday of April, and Georgia on April 26. North and South Carolina observe it on May 10, Louisiana on June 3 and Tennessee calls that date Confederate Decoration Day. Texas celebrates Confederate Heroes Day January 19, and Virginia calls the last Monday in May Confederate Memorial Day.

Gen. Logan's order for his posts to decorate graves in 1868 "with the choicest flowers of springtime" urged: "We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. ... Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

The crowd attending the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was approximately the same size as those that attend today's observance – about 5,000 people. Then, as now, small American flags were placed on each grave – a tradition followed at many national cemeteries today. In recent years, the custom has grown in many families to decorate the graves of all departed loved ones.

The origins of special services to honor those who die in war can be found in antiquity. The Athenian leader Pericles

offered a tribute to the fallen heroes of the Peloponnesian War over 24 centuries ago that could be applied today to the 1.1 million Americans who have died in the nation's wars: "Not only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions, but there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone but in the hearts of men."

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the US Congress passed – and the president signed into law – *The National Moment of Remembrance Act*, P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 pm local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day." ○

from the VA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs

Next Month's Programs

June

Rotary Fellowship

Program Chair, Mike Zoeller

June 06- Steven Kwon, PhD - President, Nutrition and Education International

June 13 - Terry Masango - Captain, Salvation Army, Pasadena Tebernale (to be confirmed)

June 20 - Lori Touloumian - Principal, Eliot Arts Magnet Middle School

June 26 - Demotion Party - Evening Event

June 27 - Dark

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over 1500 young people a year with a 95 percent high school graduation rate and an 85 percent college acceptance rate.

Professionally, Budzyn held significant leadership positions in Employee Benefits, ERISA, and Financial Compliance for 30 years with ARCO and then BP. A consumer science and economics graduate of Purdue University, she has years of estate tax, em-

ployee benefit, pension economics, mediation and legal professional training as well.

She has been a member or Board member of 20 nonprofit and charitable organizations. Let us welcome Cynthia Bengston Budzyn as she talks about Leadership Pasadena. She may be introducing us to a *graduate* of the Leadership Pasadena program. ○

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Holiday Lights - Sunday, December 8, 2019

Handel's Messiah Sing-Along - Monday, December 9, 2019

Romantic Journey - Saturday, March 14, 2020

Roaring 20s - Saturday, May 30th, 2020



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Second Saturdays



October 13*

Upstream
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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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Sarah O'Brien

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23rd Annual Summer Concert Series Schedule - 2019

The Answer to Classic Rock (<i>Classic Rock</i>).....	Saturday, July 06
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Floyd & the Flyboys (<i>New Orleans R&B, Jump, Swing, Blues, Roots Rock</i>)	Saturday, July 20
ReLoVe (<i>Reggae, Soul</i>)	Saturday, July 27
Live >From Earth (<i>Pat Benatar Tribute</i>).....	Saturday, August 03
Upstream (<i>Reggae, Soca, Caribbean Tunes</i>)	Saturday, August 10
My Generation (<i>British Invasion Genre Rock</i>).....	Saturday, August 17
Dog N Butterfly (<i>Heart Tribute</i>).....	Saturday, August 24

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