

This Week

Two Speakers from PCC

*Erika Endrijonas, PhD
and James A. Osterling*

Program Host
Dawn Digrius

Erika Endrijonas, PhD

Erika Endrijonas, Ph.D., was named the 16th president of Pasadena City College in January 2019. Prior to her service at PCC, Dr. Endrijonas was president of Los Angeles Valley College, holding that position since August 2014. Previously, she was Executive Vice President and Accreditation Liaison Officer at Oxnard College in the Ventura County Community College District for five years, and prior to that, she served nine years at Santa Barbara City College as Dean of Educational Programs. She currently serves as the Vice Chair of the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCA) board, the co-chair of the national LGBTQ Presidents in Higher Education board, a member of the Intelcom Board of Directors, and a member of the Pasadena Bio Collaborative Board. Dr. Endrijonas holds a bachelor's degree in History from

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Goblins, Saints and Souls ... All around This Week

When our two girls were under 12, we would take them out in the neighborhood and go trick or treating on October 31. But usually before that day, we would also attend a school festival or parade for Halloween. And with my wife and I both being half Mexican ancestry, we would also prepare our girls for the All Saints and All Souls Days (November 1 and 2). Of course, most of the USA now knows this as El Dia De Los Muertos or Day of the Dead.

Growing up, both Paula and my families thought and prayed about our dead ancestors around this time of the year. The Walt Disney movie *Coco* has really helped highlight this time of the year for families who were not familiar with the tradition. Our grandchildren really enjoy watching the movie.

A tradition in many Latino families is to make a small altar in the house with photos and memorabilia of our deceased ancestors. This was the first year that we introduced our 2 oldest grandchildren to the concept. They liked the decorations more than the photos of the family members.

Rotary Clubs also have ancestors. Our club is celebrating 70 years of service. The longest serving member is Michael Zoeller



On the Mark

By Mark Mariscal, President

who has been a member since 1984. In 1949, the club's *Charter Members* most



likely weren't thinking about their personal Rotary Legacy when they first started. In fact, 10 years later, they probably still were not thinking about a Rotary Legacy. But keep this in mind, whether you stay a Rotarian for 2 or 32 years, there will be some events you participate in that can and should serve as a Rotary Moment or Rotary Legacy for you personally.

If you haven't thought about what they are yet, I encourage each of you to do so. Your participation helps make our club strong and successful. ○

Greeter of the Week

October 31
Theo Clarke
November 07
Doug Colliflower

Ballet and the Tuskegee Airmen Both dance in His Life



Eugene Hutchins is the Managing Director of Barak Ballet, supporting the artistic vision of former New York City Ballet dancer Melissa Barak.

He has held previous arts management positions with the:

Los Angeles Master Chorale, USE/IQUE in Pasadena, New York City Opera and Chautauqua Opera.

Previously, Hutchins was a Professional stage director, Choreographer, and Production stage manager for more than fifty opera, theatre, and dance productions across the United States, including engagements with:

- A Noise Within,
- Sarasota Opera,
- Opera North,
- Opera San Luis Obispo,
- Opera Theatre of St. Louis,
- Syracuse Opera,
- Sierra Madre Playhouse, and many more.

He was a Drama and Dance Teaching Artist for Theatre 360 and the Southern California Conservatory of Music. His experiences and roles in these types of productions led Hutchins to also be an enthusiastic promoter of live dance and singing performances and their impact on both the performers and artists.

Hutchins gave us a brief history of Melissa Barak, who grew up in the Santa Monica area and became known as a ballet prodigy.



She was given roles as a choreographer on some major performances by the time she was 22 years old. Barak Ballet is located in Santa Monica.



He is also leading an effort to install a monument to Tuskegee Airman and civil rights activist, Oliver Goodall, in Altadena. The house in which Hutchins currently lives

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Congratulations



Birthdays



- 07 - Noriko Suzuki Mehringer
- 08 - Susan Cox
- 10 - Heather Campbell
- 20 - Charles Wilson
- 24 - Jim Gorton
- 27 - Dawn Digrius (Smith)
- 30 - Gary Landon (Vega)



Anniversaries



- 01 - Freddy & Margarita Figueroa
- 19 - David & Elsa Smith

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October

Economic & Community Development

Program Chair, Dawn Digrius
October 24 - Richard Kurtz - Craft Talk
October 31 - Jim Osterling, Trustee, Pasadena Community College District
November 07 - To be Announced

Altadena Rotarians and Deputies Flip Pancakes Together



On Saturday, October 19, our club sponsored a Pancake Breakfast in the parking lot of Grocer Outlet on Lake Avenue. All proceeds will be benefiting the Altadena Sheriff Station's "Baker 2 Vegas Relay Race"

team of volunteers and staff who will be participating in Spring 2020.

All though the numbers are preliminary, we believe over \$1,500 was raised. Club members helping out included: Rene Amy, Doug Colliflower, Jennifer Hall-Lee, Sue Applegate, Mark Mariscal, Sylvia Vega, Jacque Foreman, Michael Thatcher, Mike

Zoeller, and Kelly Bennett. Helping us sell pre-sale tickets included Grocery Outlet, El Patron Restaurant, Hoopla Emporium and the Altadena Sheriff Station. And of course, we have to give a special shoutout to Mario and Michell Guajardo, the owners of Grocery Outlet who allowed us to use their parking lot for the event.



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California State University, Northridge, and a Master's and Ph.D. in History from the University of Southern California.



James A. Osterling



Jim Osterling was elected to Seat #2 of the Pasadena Area Community College District in 2015. Jim currently serves as the PCC Board President. Prior to his election as a PCC Trustee, Jim served for 10 years as an Associate Adjunct Professor at the University of Southern California Price School of Public Policy. Jim earned a BS degree in Industrial Administration from Iowa State University in 1979. He earned a Masters in Management Degree from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University in 1986.

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formerly belonged to Lt. O. Oliver Goodall of the Tuskegee Airmen. Over the course of his life, Lt. Goodall made a powerful impact in his adopted community of Altadena and Pasadena. In addition to contributing to elevating the dignity and civil rights of African-Americans in this country,

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African American soldiers to complete their training at Tuskegee Institute and enter the Army Air Corps. Almost 1,000 aviators were produced as America's first African American military pilots. As a World War II officer and Tuskegee airman, Mr. Goodall joined his fellow officers by participating in *The Freeman Field Mutiny*.

From Wikipedia

In 1945, the Freeman Field mutiny was a series of incidents at Freeman Army Airfield, a United States Army Air Forces base near Seymour, Indiana, in which

African American members of the 477th Bombardment Group attempted to integrate an all-white officers' club. The mutiny resulted in 162 separate arrests of black officers – some of them twice. Three were court-martialed on relatively minor charges. One was convicted.

In 1995, the Air Force officially vindicated the actions of the African-American officers, set aside the single court-martial conviction and removed letters of reprimand from the permanent files of 15 of the officers.

The mutiny is generally regarded by historians of the Civil Rights Movement as an important step toward full integration of the armed forces and as a model for later efforts to integrate public facilities through civil disobedience.”

We look forward to supporting Hutchins in this endeavor



This past week, President Mariscal announced that our club was contributing \$200 to the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee (presentation made to Rene Amy who is a volunteer with that Rotary group), \$150 to Christmas Tree Lane Association and \$150 to Yes, Virginia Fund. To date, we have allocated about 50 percent of the amount allocated (\$3,600 for the whole year).

eliot arts annual fund

AUCTION

November 2, 2019
7-10 pm

Tickets are \$40 and include appetizers, wine and beer

Location: Altadena Town & Country Club
2290 Country Club Drive

Lunch with State Senator Anthony Portantino
Lunch with LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Lunch with Altadena Sheriff's Captain Marjory Jacobs
A trip up to the Eliot Tower!
Fine Art by Open Studios artists
A trip to San Francisco and stay at The Fairmont
Clippers tickets, Rose Parade tickets
Sonos Speaker, JBL Speaker, An Air BnB in Joshua Tree
tickets for museums and theater
Gift baskets, restaurant dining, hair styling
A fresh baked pie, fresh eggs '*eggscriptio*!'
and much more!

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