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**This Week**  
**Greg Hattori,**  
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**MonteCedro**  
**Program Host:**  
**David P. Smith**

Over the years Episcopal Communities & Services has had conversations with many residents, and they have given us a crystal-clear message: "We want to live in our own homes, and if we need care and services, we would like to have them brought to us." They have listened and we agree. So, they're designing MonteCedro to give our residents what they desire in terms of health care and wellness services: when they need it, where they want it.

With MonteCedro, they embrace the Aging in Place model: You can remain in the residence you have chosen; then, at your request, they will coordinate the care you need through our a' la carte, in-home services program. In addition, MonteCedro will offer a neighborhood of apartments specifically for assisted living and memory support. At MonteCedro you will have more options than ever, in your own home. ○



**REFLECTIONS**  
 by Hal Yorke, President  
**REFLECTIONS?**

**on . . . Remembrance**

**P**resident Hal has disappeared again, and without even a puff of smoke. He said he was going to Japan, and this while still suffering from jet lag from his visit to Germany. Your editor can not locate him, as he is neither answering email nor his phone. So let's discuss *Remembrance*.

Remembrance is one of those things that is very easy to forget. Sounds funny, doesn't it? We can easily forget to remember each other.

Each month a list of birthdays and anniversaries appears in *Sparks* on page 2. It's always in the same place; just the length of the list changes. Does it ever occur to you to dash off an email or pick up the phone and call your fellow Rotarian? If you did just that, you might be the catalyst for changing that person's day ... maybe the whole week.

It's pretty simple. It doesn't take much time at all. Sending an email isn't like

sending a card. No trip to the card shop, no trip to the post office, nothing formal, just a short email to let your fellow Rotarian know that you noticed it was a special day in his/her life.

Sometime in the next month or so why not try it on for size? If you don't happen to have the person's email already, it's available on ClubRunner and in the *Members' Only* section of our Rotary website. This little exercise could build a bit of comradery amongst our members, and, might even make it easier to invite people to share our Rotary Club with others. ○

**Greeters**

April 02

**Sue Applegate**

April 09

**George Buehler**

April 16

**Ray Carlson**

# Program Review

## Altadena's Boy Scout Troop 1



Last Thursday (March 26) Craig Snodgrass of Boy Scout Troop 1, St. Marks

Parish in Altadena, came to Altadena Rotary, to give a presentation about the Troop and it's service to our community.

As Rotarians were enjoying lunch, there was a slide show played of the different events that Troop 1 did around

the country and in the Altadena area. The slide show had pictures of the Troop kyaking, horseback riding, river rafting and camping.

As the presentation commenced, Troop Master Snodgrass explained about Eagle projects (Capital projects), and what Troop 1 has done, and is doing for the community. He explained that scouts are looking for community Eagle projects. Snodgrass told of Troop 1 and how they worked at the Altadena Library for the Art on Millionares Row event, assisting patrons who needed help. He also told of Troop 1 assisting the Altadena Library for the used book sale, by carrying out books and helping to clean up the books when the event was over.

Troop 1 also helped with the Pasadena Heritage home tours, by working as Docents and assisting in ticket sales. The Troop also assisted in the Pasadena Bridge Festival. Snodgrass stated that Troop 1 is available to help Altadena Rotary in fund raisers and happy to help.

In addition to community service, Troop 1 enjoys a n outdoor



program. Snodgrass stated that the San Gabriel Mountain area is a great place for outdoor activities. There was another slide show presented of the events of Troop 1 within the last 30 days. There was a backpacking, hiking, and camping trip to Cloudburst Summit, at the 7200-foot elevation. After camping the night, the scouts woke up to snow on the ground outside their tent. The scouts had to find their supplies under the snow, but this was a very small price to pay, due to the beautiful view they woke up to. As soon as one week ago, Troop 1 started out at the trail head on Echo Mountain to hike up

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**Congratulations**



**Birthdays**

04/13 - Alice Hudson  
04/18 - John Frykenberg  
04/29 - Mike Noll





**Anniversaries**

04/27 - Sterling & Olga Louviere



### April Magazine Month

#### Program Chair, David Smith

- April 02 - Greg Hattori, Marketing and Sales, MonteCedro - The new MonteCedro retirement community
- April 09 - Betsey Magdolano, Coroners Investigator, Los Angeles Coroners Office - The things we need to know and do when some one dies
- April 16 - Louise Jandura, JPL - The Mars Rover - Curiosity's sampling system and her current project
- April 23 - Adrian Ponce, JPL - Chemical and biological detectors he developed and his startup company

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## Rotary Youth Programs



Rotary has many programs geared to youth in our community. This article will provide a sampling of such programs that our

Altadena Rotary Club is currently involved in or has participated in in past years.

*Interact Club:* This is a mini Rotary Club that operates in a local high school. It is established and overseen by a Rotary Club such as ours with the help of a teacher liaison at the school, but it is actually run by the students themselves. The student members meet every week as we do, in the classroom of the volunteer teacher liaison, during their lunch break. They elect their own executives, including President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. They discuss different issues they deem relevant, they can arrange guest speakers and they do volunteer work in their local community and the world community as we do. Our Altadena Rotary Club sponsors

an Interact Club at Pasadena High School. Efforts are being made to have at least their executive members attend one of our upcoming meetings.

*RYLA:* Which stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. In this program Rotary Clubs in a Rotary District sponsor select high school Juniors who show potential for leadership to attend a youth leadership camp at a location in the local mountains. Each year we sponsor two boys and two girls — chosen after a series of interviews by members of our Altadena Rotary Club — to attend the weekend camp which occurs in April. The District is always looking for Rotary members to volunteer to attend this camp as *facilitators*, including this year. Anyone who is interested in volunteering to do this during the weekend of April 17 - 19, 2015 should contact Tony Hill as soon as possible (626) 795-5363. Otherwise think about it for next year.

*Interact Symposium:* This is a program similar to RYLA except that it is for mem-

bers of Interact Clubs throughout the District. This program takes place in the fall of each year and again Rotarians are always welcome to volunteer as facilitators.

*TLC:* This stands for the Teen Leadership Camp which is also similar to RYLA but for children in grade 8. Again it is weekend camp promoting leadership skills, held at a remote setting to which participating Rotary Clubs sponsor children from local Middle Schools.

*Four-Way Speech Contest:* This is a public speaking competition. Participating Rotary Clubs hold a competition among selected students from local high schools. The students make an oral presentation of an essay they have written incorporating our Rotary Four-Way Test. The winners go on to compete in other regional competitions and the best end up competing at our District Conference, where cash awards are presented to the winners.

*Dan Stover Music Contest:* Named after a former member of the Alhambra Rotary Club who has now passed away, this is similar in a way to the Four-Way Speech Competition except that these high school students compete musically. Again the winners from local and regional competitions end up in a competition at the District Conference at which time the final winners receive cash awards.

Our relatively small Club does a lot for local youth, but we could always do even more. So please do not hesitate to step up if you are interested in being involved a one of these Rotary youth programs. I am sure any member who has volunteered with one of these programs in the past will tell you, working with youth is very rewarding and also a lot of fun.

John Casci ○

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## Program

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to inspiration point. Besides seeing a King Snake on the hike, and beautiful views, the troop made it to the top of Mt. Lowe and could look down on Inspiration Point.

Craig Snodgrass ended the presentation by saying that he wants the young sons of Altadena. As long as they have a big heart, they would be perfect for Troop 1. He also pitched that, in general, he wants Boy Scouts, to develop character and leadership. Snodgrass went on to say that the one thing ruining our youth is the cell phone. He stated that, at Troop 1

events, there are no cell phones allowed. He would rather see families and friends interact than each being on a cell phone.

Lastly Snodgrass wants Troop 1 to partner with Altadena Rotary in community events. He wants the scouts to assist with what is needed to run the event. Craig Snodgrass' main goal is to expose the boys of Troop 1, St. Marks Parish, to the Altadena community. By what was seen in the presentation, the scouts are a big part of Altadena, and the community.

# Joy

To The  
World  
by Joy Carlson  
by Ray Carlson

## A Match made in Heaven Joy & Ray



My very first view of Joy was as she was standing in front of a youth group at church in Chicago and arranging a trolley party that would take the kids to a forest preserve for a BBQ then return. She was 14. She went to the trolley headquarters

in downtown Chicago and booked one. Then to the forest preserve office to book space. She was 14, and an event planner already. She arranged an Easter Sunrise service and a breakfast afterwards. We piled into a car and I ended up with her

on my lap in the back seat. She didn't even know my name. The next Easter we rode together again, but this time I was 16 and had a Driver's license. She was at my side, and another guy who liked her a lot was in the back seat. When there were just the two of them left, I asked, "whom should I drop off next?" "Elmer!" and that marked the beginning of a relationship that lasted 69 years, 63 years as husband and wife — starting in my last year of college. I never asked her to marry me. We just took it for granted after going steady so long. Joy chose the date. Her foster Dad lent me the money to buy her rings. Our honeymoon was for two nights in an Evanston hotel down the street from Northwestern University and even Rotary International headquarters, which was to later play a significant role in our lives.

My job in the oil industry brought a lot of traveling — 25 moves in 25 years. What wife would put up with that? Joy did, not always happily. But a major event shortly after our wedding would cement our relationship forever — a movie, *Quo Vadis*, about persecuted early Christians in Rome. When Emperor Nero watched Christians enter the Coliseum arena to be eaten by lions, not in terror, but singing hymns as they met their violent deaths, he asked, "How can they do that?" That phrase reverberated in my mind as we drove home. I attended church regularly but I was a nominal Christian. Joy had accepted Christ at age 7, but hadn't grown in that faith because of being forced by her foster parents to be confirmed in another

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# Joy

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church, but where we met! We knelt by our bedside that night for the first time and asked God to give us that kind of faith. And He did.

Not too long afterwards, I was in an oil refinery in Muskegon, Michigan and the truck loader asked if I was free Sunday. "Sure," I answered, thinking he might ask Joy and me for dinner or golf. "Come to church," he replied. "OK" — since I was used to attending church. But it was a Covenant Church. There Joy and I thrived and grew in our faith through the warm friendliness and Bible studies. After a lot of traveling to other refineries, I was promoted to district representative and could settle in Muskegon. We became youth counselors at church. Started an organization, Youth for Christ, where Joy was active in mobilizing mothers to bring their kids to the Saturday night rallies in high school auditoriums. This was event-planning on a large scale, and prepared Joy for large events in Stockholm, Sweden, including fashion shows, plays, and especially the International Church of Stockholm.

Joy's loving outreach extended to a young lady Jackie who was pregnant

and came to the oil refinery looking for the guy who was responsible. He denied it of course. She didn't know what to do so I called Joy and explained the situation. "Bring her home and let her stay here while we work out a solution." We brought her to Chicago and were directed to a Salvation Army home for unwed mothers. Years later, Jackie sent a postcard from Texas, thanking us for helping her and telling us about her marriage and further new child. No return address, but we rejoiced. As Joy was abandoned to an orphanage by her parents, then taken home by foster parents and gladdened their hearts, so Jackie's first child probably gladdened the hearts of parents that were able to adopt her.

In 1997, I attended a Promise Keepers men's rally in the Coliseum and pledged to take better care of Joy. That very evening Joy tripped in Macy's on an electrical connector brass plate in the floor, fell against the counter, then to the floor and broke both arms and a cheek bone. Many months passed before she healed and could go out of the house.

She had to retire from Nordstroms after 12 years where she had had an extraordinary sales record, promoting cosmetics and perfumes. She would look for ribbons and make roses that she would give to her customers when they bought something. At Christmas-time one year she was selling to a demanding customer, always smiling and asking "Is there anything else I can show you?" "What is your name?," he asked. This often strikes fear in the hearts of Nord-

strom employees in anticipation of being fired that day. "Joy Carlson" He then smiled and said, "I am from Nordstrom headquarters in Seattle. You have performed today as the ideal Nordstrom employee we look for. I will tell the management of this store how well you attended to my every wish and beyond. Thank you, Joy." The store kept her employed for many years thereafter, until her fall forced her to retire.

At our 60th anniversary celebration, she had pain in her back and just sat at our table and watched others dance. As I stood nearby, she suddenly stood up and said, "we've got to dance!" and grabbed my hand, and we danced. Suddenly many with cameras rushed to take pictures of us.

On the final evening of Joy's life, Feb, 22, 2015, our granddaughter Lindsay and a friend had gladdened her heart by praying for her and happily chatting with her at bedside. But during that night, God took her spirit to Heaven in her sleep, just as had been her fervent prayer in her waning years. Surely her many works of love and faith — in Christ's name — will follow her as Scriptures promise.

