



Rotary Club of Altadena

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AN AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER



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## This Week

### Mark Mariscal, New Member Craft Talk Program Host: Jim Gorton

Mark Mariscal is a new member to our club, but has been a Rotarian since 2000.

He has recently retired from the Park and Recreation Field after 35 years of public service. Mariscal worked 33 plus years for City of Los Angeles and then 17 months for the County of Monterey, where he served as the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

He will be informing us about the importance of the branding: *Parks Make Life Better*. Mariscal will also give us the background on the November 8 ballot initiative that all LA County voters have the opportunity to continue supporting (by voting for) – *Proposition A*. ○

## Safeguarding Children's Vision and Ensuring Eye Health

*Taken from an article of the same name  
by Cynthia Wallace – Scouting Magazine, May/Jun. 2006*

**E**arly detection and treatment of eye problems are essential to a child's health and the key to a lifetime of good vision.

Taking care of a child's eyes begins at birth and requires an adult's continued attention toward the warning signs of any serious vision problems that can occur during childhood.

A child's first eye examination should be in the hospital nursery, where a pediatrician screens the newborn's eyes, looking for signs of problems.

Although the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that regular eye screenings should continue as part of well-baby doctor visits and then during a child's regular doctor visits, a child's vision problems often become apparent at home, when a child displays a warning sign. A child should see a pediatric eye doctor (ophthalmologist or optometrist) for any

specific problems. (An ophthalmologist is a medical doctor who specializes in treating eyes and eye diseases; an optometrist is trained to diagnose and treat many of the same diseases but has not attended medical school and does not perform surgery.)

Here are some of the childhood vision conditions that parents or significant adults should watch for, as well as some precautions to be taken:

- Crossed Eyes
- Misaligned Eyes
- Difficulty seeing Things

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## Greeters

November 03

**Mindy Kittay**

November 10

**Sterling Louviere**

November 17

**Tom McCurry**

# Program Review



The most important task of any generation is to prepare the next generation to take its place. Rosa Valdez was hired by Pasadena Unified School District in 2008 to act as the Coordinator of Career

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## Preparing Students for Their Place in Business and Industry

Technical Education where she worked to develop and promote college and career pathways. In April of 2016, she accepted a position with Los Angeles County as the Project Director over the Career Technical Education Unit.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) is an educational model that looks to prepare high school and college students for real world demands. There has been a growing demand by the public for this kind of education. In 2015, the state of California made a huge investment creating a \$900 million pool to be distributed in grants across three years: \$400 million in year 1; \$300 million in year 2; and \$200 million in year 3. Districts applying for the grants needed to match the funds: dollar for dollar in year 1; \$1.50 for dollar in year 2; \$2.00 for dollar in year 3. The goal is to have the programs be sustainable through 2022. In addition to district grants, one (1) percent of the \$900 million was set aside for county Offices of Education. Los Angeles County applied and got \$760,000.

Valdez highlighted three (3) benefits that CTE provides students. Students are more engaged with their learning. They are more excited about their studies. Lastly, students



gain a higher expectation to succeed. In addition, students learn critical thinking skills, how to be responsible citizens, and how to communicate clearly. Other ways students benefit is through Students going through access to industry certifications and internships. In 2016, 109 11th graders in PUSD participated in 6-week internships.

Craig Cox ○

## November Rotary Foundation

### Program Chair, Jim Gorton

November 03 - Mark Mariscal - Craft Talk  
November 10 - To be Announced  
November 17 - To be Announced  
November 24 - Thanksgiving - Dark

## Congratulations



### Birthdays

11/06 - Mindy Kittay  
11/08 - Steerling Louviere  
11/13 - Ed Jasnow  
11/20 - Steve Kerekes  
11/26 - Ray Carlson  
11/26 - Roger Fennell



### Anniversaries

11/01 - Jacque Foreman & Bruce Conroy

# Chairmen's Corner

by Craig Cox, Membership Chair

## What Happens When You Invite a Prospective Member



When you have someone visit that you think would make a good Rotarian, you will tell the Club Secretary, John Frykenberg, that your guest is a *guest of the club*.

We will provide three (3) lunches at the expense of the club to help your guest get to know us and allow us to get to know him/her. I will get your guest's contact information and follow up their visit with an

Email thanking them for coming, provide my contact information and offer to discuss Rotary and membership in the club.

Your guest will be directed to <[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)> for more information. You will be copied on this Email. It would be a good idea for you to follow up with your guest and see if he/she would like more information and to book another visit to the club.

If your guest shows an interest in joining Rotary, you will need to fill out a Member-

ship Proposal. After making sure your guest understands the costs of membership and how Rotary works, this form is given to the Board for their approval. Once I receive their approval, your guest's name will be published to the club members for 10 days.

During the 10 days, we follow up with the prospective member to coordinate an induction date. If there is no objection from club members, we will welcome our new member into the club with appropriate ceremony.

## by Jacque Foreman Playing IN THE Mud

### Scout's *Continued from p. 1*

- A Family History of Childhood Eye Disease
- The Red Eye Warning Sign
- Not adequately Protecting the Eyes

Ophthalmologists say that once a child is diagnosed with a condition that can be helped by wearing glasses, the child should actually wear them! That often requires encouragement and planning on the part of the adult. If youngsters are overly self-conscious or afraid of teasing by peers, they may conveniently leave their glasses at home.

Toddlers also may resist wearing glasses initially, but pediatric ophthalmologists say that often, once the little ones realize they can see better with their glasses, they'll

happily wear them.

Interestingly, in a recent development, ophthalmologists are also challenged by children who are eager to wear glasses because of peer pressure to be stylish – but who don't actually need them. These kids go with an adult to the eye doctor complaining that they need help seeing. All the while, they actually have 20/20 vision!

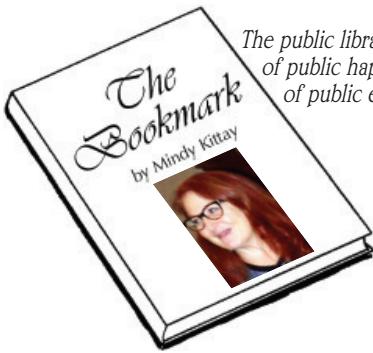
Because a child's vision is such an important aspect of his or her overall health, parents or significant adults must make the early detection and treatment of eye problems in children priorities. Then, looking into their child's eyes will be a pleasure, knowing that those young eyes are truly at their optimum health.

This year, with the summer heat combined with the drought, our orange tree has been hit hard and our plum tree to a lesser extent.

I believe it was the middle of August that I noticed that the east side of the plum tree was looking a little unwell. But, when I walked around to the west side – the side away from the house – it was terrible. There were virtually no leaves on that side of the tree.

I took one of our deep waterers and drip watered it for 48 hours. Within four days, it was blooming, and then the leaves appeared. In another couple of weeks, it had miniature plums on it. I deep watered

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The public library is a center  
of public happiness first,  
of public education next.

John Cotton Dana,  
A Library Primer, 1896

## The Altadena Library Moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Across our country, libraries are looking at new ways to adapt to the rapidly evolving information needs of their 21<sup>st</sup> Century patrons. The Altadena Library is working hard to transform our resources and services for the good of our community and is dedicated to providing new services that help our patrons connect more deeply and meaningfully with the library.

The Altadena Library is providing experiences that will help you think about our world and our community in new ways. We want to give you opportunities to connect with an idea and play with it, to do something, learn something and make something happen. We want to deepen our connection with the community and address issues that matter to you by aligning our services with your needs. The Altadena Library is dedicated to being a positive agent for change in this community.

This fall and winter, the Altadena Library will begin our efforts to turn outward by engaging members of our community in conversations about Altadena. What are your aspirations and concerns? How can community members and groups work together to address problems and improve the way our community operates? We want to hear your thoughts and will do this by getting out of the library and going out into our community to meet you where you work, worship, gather, learn and play.

The library has always been a hub for self-education for people of all ages, and we are constantly looking at new ways to do this in the most progressive ways possible. Our high-speed Internet service allows us

to add resources that provide community members with access to research, homework help and other on-line tools. We provide platforms where you can share your writing and artwork with the world. We are sharing the knowledge we gained creating our Water Conservation Demonstration Garden through a continuing series of open seminars, and we're rearranging our space in the library and providing places for collaboration, conversation and innovation for all ages.

Experiences – as much as books – are essential to enrichment. As an experiential library, we are introducing new activities focused on education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment, and engagement that open the door to creativity and invite participants to experience in areas as diverse as cooking, art, dance and more. We are still the place that people visit to borrow books, CDs and DVDs, and we will continue to do all that while also serving as a vigorous and engaged community center.

We are also a place where, on a weekend night, you can join us for fun and meet your neighbors in a relaxed setting. Our Second Saturday music events kicked off on October 8 with a performance by Upstream playing Caribbean music for hundreds of people. We have lined up eight more concerts in 2016-17 and have other entertaining and enlightening presentations planned throughout the year.

In October, we hosted meetings for our book and Lego clubs, celebrated Mexican painter Frida Kahlo and the women's liberation movement, as well as having movie

screenings, art exhibits, poetry readings, craft workshops and much more. Stop by the Altadena Library at 600 East Mariposa Street or the Bob Lucas Branch at 2659 N. Lincoln Ave. or visit us at [www.altadenalibrary.org](http://www.altadenalibrary.org) for more information and updates.

The strength of the Altadena Library comes from the wisdom of our community to incorporate diverse views into a plan that ensures that this library will always be relevant while honoring and respecting its rich history. We believe that our role is *Bringing People + Ideas Together*, and in what we do for and with people.

Noted Altadenan and author Bob Lucas, for whom our branch on Lincoln is named, called libraries, "the door to the world and personal freedom."

At the Altadena Library, we believe that truer words have never been said. Join us as we become a 21<sup>st</sup> century library. ○

### Mud

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it again a month later, and it has been reasonably healthy.

Not so for our orange tree. I noticed that the top leaves were turning yellow, so I dug a shallow trench around the drip line and gave it some nitrogen, which I watered in. It looked worse. Then I deep watered it for 48 hours, and it still looked worse. Then I gave it calcium and then iron, watering each in turn. In the process, I added mulch. Then I pounded in some Job's Stakes into the trench and watered the tree again. It is looking a bit better, and I am seeing new leaves at the lower portion of the tree. ○

# Second Saturday Concerts

Second Saturday's [mostly] from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Listen to great music as you sip beer and wine from The Ale House; savor grilled eats from El Patron; and sample delectable desserts from Sweeter Than Honey.

**Kenny Sara and the Sounds of New Orleans** returning to the Altadena Library playing New Orleans music along with various other styles and favorites. Raised in New Orleans, Kenny lives in Altadena with his wife.

[www.kkaremusic.com](http://www.kkaremusic.com). **November 12**



**Young Dempsey** Sprinkle in music from the 50s to 80s with dancing and you get that explosive concoction known as Young Dempsey – a band of “dudes” made up of Drewin Young, Josh Jones, Mac Lake and Marc Doten – that bring back that hot-rodded nostalgic doo wop and country sound.. **December 3 [First Saturday]**

**Todd Washington Trio** will entertain with a mix of blues, folk, rock, soul and gospel. The band's lead singer, TMax, has performed with Chaka Kahn, Katy Perry, Earth Wind & Fire, Taj Mahal, Sarah Brightman, Michelle Shocked and other top artists. **January 14, 2017**



**Louis Van Taylor Quintet.** Louis has performed with Kool and Gang Band and The Gerald Wilson Orchestra. Louis played in June with JazzZone at the Library and it was fantastic – don't miss it! [www.plazanoir.com/louis-van-taylor-2/](http://www.plazanoir.com/louis-van-taylor-2/) **February 11**

**DeRumba** Bringing the sound of the Spanish guitar to the beat of the gypsy rumba – these musicians are AMAZING! [www.facebook.com/Derumba](https://www.facebook.com/Derumba) **March 11**



**Splish Splash Band** is an acoustic classic rock, folk 'n blues band made up of Pierce Brochetti and Dolores D'Angelo. They take you through time playing tunes from the '60s to the '90s and all the way to the present with a few originals thrown in the mix. [www.Facebook.com/SplishSplashBand](https://www.facebook.com/SplishSplashBand). **April 8**



**Michael Haggins Band** combines funk and smooth jazz with a taste of old school, having been inspired by Stanley Clarke, Isley Brothers, George Duke, Earth Wind & Fire, and many others. [www.MichaelHaggins.com](http://www.MichaelHaggins.com) **May 13**



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