

Rotary Club of Altadena

# Sparks

OFF THE ROTARY WHEEL  
AN AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER



October 06, 2016

## This Week

**Jennipha Lauren Nielsen,  
UN Spokesperson  
and Social Advocate**

**Program Host:  
C. Ray Carlson**

Jennipha (Jenny) Lauren Nielsen was invited back because Ray Carlson has never heard anyone else speak about serious topics in such a witty and convincing way.



Oct 1 was UN Older Person's Day, so she wrote on Facebook about her dad when he had been retired as a lifelong pilot at age 60 and could not find another job. She waited in the car during his interviews and was so sad when he was turned down repeatedly. He was deemed *overqualified*.

Ray Carlson recalled his own experience when caught in a 10 percent employee cut, and he was only 33.

Nielsen was at the UN in NY week before last, then at a gala in LA honoring an outstanding citizen, and this past

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**Scout's Honor**  
by Charlie Wilson,  
President



## Helping Children Learn Positive Values From Sports Heros

*Taken from Parenting Solutions by Robert W. Peterson – Scouting Magazine, Jan. Feb 2001*

Every sports fan is well aware that many superstar athletes leave something to be desired as sportsmen (and women). They talk trash, taunt opponents, and celebrate touchdowns or baskets with dances or gestures designed to show up the other side. A few stars also use illegal drugs, drink too much, and are sometimes accused of assaulting their spouses, friends, or casual acquaintances.

Still, their athletic skills are admirable, and many children want to emulate them. So what's a parent to do if a child adopts as his hero a sports figure whose behavior, either in or out of the arena, is undesirable?

The parent can start by putting the question into perspective, something he or she is uniquely qualified to do.

"Parents are stronger role models for their children than athletes," said Temple University psychologist Frank Farley, Ph.D. "In fact, in the kind of empirical research I

do, I find that mothers and fathers are at the top of the list as heroes for their children," said Farley, who was president of the American Psychological Association in 1993-94.

That's not just for young children either. "When I ask people in their 20s about their heroes, I get about the same percentage who say their parents are," Farley said.

He is not alone in his findings. Researchers who queried Canadian teenagers about their role models also found parents leading the list. "That's very encouraging," Farley said. "There's nobody that beats parents, nobody." ○

## Greeters

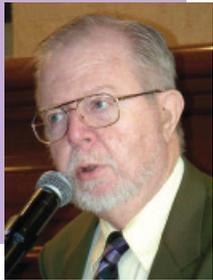
October 06  
**Anthony Hill**

October 13  
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# Program Review

## Joshua House



**M**embers of the Altadena Rotary Club were enlightened by a presentation detailing the mission of Joshua House, a member of the Los Angeles Christian Health Centers. Los Angeles has become the *Homeless Capital*

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*Lisa Abdishoo*

of the World; and Los Angeles Christian Health Centers offer a faith-based remedy to address this dire situation. Their approach is founded on a tripartite foundation:

- 1) Permanent supportive housing,
- 2) Health and mental services,
- 3) Leading to housing stability, addiction

### October

#### Economic & Community Development Program Chair, Ray Carlson

October 06 - Jennipha Lauren Nielsen, UN Spokesperson  
 October 13 - Dennis Franklin, Wells Fargo bank  
 October 20 - PDG Steve Garrett, Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor  
 October 27 - Rosa Valdez, Project Director - LACOE

recovery, improved health, community connection and reduced public cost.

While there is no proselytizing, spiritual consolation and direction are available to those who need it.

There are 120 members on the staff of Los Angeles Christian Health centers, twenty



*L. Renee Smith*

### Congratulations



#### Birthdays



10/08 - Susan Cox  
 10/17 - Noriko Suzuki Mehringer  
 10/20 - Charles Wilson  
 10/24 - Jim Gorton



#### Anniversaries



10/01 - Freddy & Margarita Figueroa  
 10/19 - David & Elsa Smith

## The Importance of Youth



**R**otary considers Youth to be a central element of its mission statement. Indeed, one of only five avenues of Rotary service is devoted entirely to serving the youth of the world. But far beyond that single avenue, you have probably noticed that most of the activities of the Rotary Club of Altadena in one way or another are devoted to youth. For example, here's list of the on-going youth-related projects the club is supporting by allocating both its budget and manpower:

Rotarians have long been committed to serving youth in their communities. The RI Strategic Plan encourages clubs to balance activities in all five Avenues of Service, and the Youth Avenue of Service acknowledges the exceptional work that Rotarians do with youth and young adults while encouraging clubs to spread their reach even further. It also encompasses a fundamental idea: that every Rotarian has a responsibility to support the personal and professional success of young people while recognizing the diversity of their needs.

Why do we put so much emphasis on

Youth? Well, simply because it's clear that all of the objectives of Rotary will one day be in the hands of today's youth and, to the extent that Rotary can introduce and positively shape their view of Service to their community and to the world, it can make service happen throughout the world.

We only have a limited time to impact youth – before they become like you and me. So, we will continue our support of Youth with this year's projects and look for new projects to add to our involvement. Be sure to get involved in at least one of our Youth Projects – you'll be glad you did. ○

- School Mini-Grants
- RYLA
- Interact and the Interact Symposium
- 4-Way Test Speech Contest
- Dan Stover Music Contest
- PCC Vocational Awards
- Dewey Merrill Business Plan Contest
- JROTC/Americanism Awards
- Nigeria Entrepreneurial Project

From Community projects like the Mini Grants and our work with Eliot School to our long-time International involvement with entrepreneurship training to all the youth awards, contests and activities we support, our club has developed a huge investment in Youth. We recognize that the youth of the world will soon determine the direction of mankind and the more effort and time we commit to their development, the better off we will all be.

### Program

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of whom are licensed health care providers. More providers will be added to accommodate a growing patient population and the expansion into a new facility to be opened by 2018. This new health care building will be funded by grants and donations. The present operating budget is maintained by federal grants, medicare and medical, and individual grants. This system has supported the care of nine thousand individuals and forty-eight thousand medical, dental, and mental health care visits.

This excellent presentation was conducted by Dr. Lisa Abdishoo, President and CEO, and her very able director of public relations, L. Renee Smith. We are invited to come for a visit. Call her at 562 533 8922 (c) or 213 225 2650. Roger Fennell ○

### Our Challenge and Opportunity

- Joshua House operates from a 9,000 sq. ft. converted single-room occupancy hotel built in 1913.
- Demand for care surpassed the building's capacity long ago.
- Through this joint endeavor, we will expand our capacity to provide quality integrated care in a new facility at 7<sup>th</sup> and Wall, two blocks from our current location.
- The new Joshua House clinic will be co-located with 55 units of permanent supportive housing operated by the Skid Row Housing Trust.
- In the new 25,000 sq. ft. 3-story clinic, we will have space to serve an additional 1,200 patients in the first year alone, and eventually serve 7,000 patients each year.

### This Week

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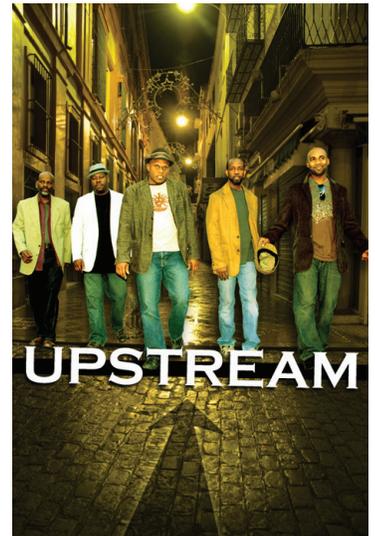
weekend in Vegas promoting one of the presidential candidates. She is constantly on the move, despite suffering from MS – A real mover and shaker.

Carlson asked her to talk about whatever she feels passionate about that has relevance to RI's theme for October: Economy & Community Development. ○

# Returning in October New Second Saturday Concert Series

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 deserts from Sweeter Than Honey.



**UPSTREAM** has been spreading their message of love and positivity through their exhilarating Caribbean Music, namely, Reggae, Calypso, Soca and Steel Drum Music. [www.upstreammusic.com](http://www.upstreammusic.com). This concert is sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. **October 8**

**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 14**



**Aaron Atkins: Into the Cole.** A one man show, inspired by Nat King Cole. Atkins performs "Mona Lisa" with a twist of hip hop. A contemporary blend of jazz, urban and R&B. His new song, "God Made Women Beautiful" was just considered for a grammy. More at [www.IntoTheCole.com](http://www.IntoTheCole.com). **December 3 (First Saturday!)**



**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](http://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, '70s, '80s, '90s and all the way to the present with a few originals thrown in the mix. [www.Facebook.com/SplishSplashBand](http://www.Facebook.com/SplishSplashBand). **April 8**



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& benefit The South Pasadena Rotary Foundation

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5:30 - 8:30 pm

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