

Rotary Club of Altadena

# Sparks

OFF THE ROTARY WHEEL  
AN AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER



October 13, 2016

## This Week

**Dennis Franklin,  
Vice President and  
Financial advisor,  
Wells Fargo  
Advisors**

**Program Host:  
C. Ray Carlson**

Dennis Franklin joined the Rotary Club of Monrovia in 2001 and has served as president and several other positions. He served as District 5300 Executive Assistant Governor and is currently District Chair of Training.

At the recent training meeting at Chaffey College, Franklin scheduled a session for Vocational Service, which had been neglected for several years. This gave C. Ray Carlson an opportunity to talk about Job Creation & Entrepreneurship with very positive interest and commitments.

As a Financial Advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors, he offers his clients a full range of investment strategies tailored to their unique needs. Estate planning and retirement planning are a special focus.

Franklin earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida International University in restaurant and institutional Management, as well as a BS degree in Theology. ○



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



## Helping Children manage Anger and Conflict

*Taken from Parenting Solutions by Cynthia Wallace – Scouting Magazine, Mar., Apr. 2005*

Adults can play a key role as a child develops the skills of understanding what triggers strong feelings of displeasure and knowing the best ways to deal with them. Big emotions can come in small packages. An 11-year-old confides that, when he can no longer ignore another child who is annoying him, he loses control. "I get angry and snap. I take my rage out on that person making me angry," he says.

An adult can help children learn to settle disputes without a fight. Say, "What do you think would be a fair thing to do?" Indeed, children may experience their own version of *road rage* when they're so exasperated by a situation that they consider responding with aggression or even violence. The child quoted above admitted to no more than grabbing the other child's shirt. But if he doesn't learn to manage his anger now, how will he express it when he's 15, or 21?

Managing anger and conflict is an essential lifetime skill that can take years to master. Help from an adult often clears the way for children having a difficult time, and it's never too early to begin the learning process. "No age is too young; the

younger the better, really," emphasizes Mark Lombardo, Psy.D, a clinical psychologist on the Interfaith Medical Center's Mobile Crisis Team in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Some ways parents and significant adults can plant the seeds for success in managing anger and conflict early in a child's life are:

- Learn what triggers anger
- Put a name on emotions
- Let a child know what's acceptable
- Be a model for your children
- Learn to shift the mood
- Help resolve the conflict
- Show that you understand

Every child will become angry from time to time, but, with guidance and support from caring adults, he or she can learn to manage these emotions and live a more content and rewarding life. ○

## Greeters

- October 13  
**Boyd Hudson**
- October 20  
**Ed Jasnow**
- October 27  
**Julius Johnson**

# Program Review

## United Nations Social Good Summit A Perspective from an Attendee



As a returning guest of Ray Carlson, Jennipha Lauren Nielsen gave us a report on her attendance at the *Social*

*Good Summit*, a part of United Nations Week. The Social Good Summit is a 2-day conference examining the impact of technology and new media on social good initiatives around the world. Held annually during United Nations Week, the Social Good Summit unites a dynamic community of global leaders and grassroots activists to discuss solutions for the greatest challenges of our time. The theme #2030NOW asked the question “What kind of world do I want to live in by the year 2030? During the Social Good Summit, global citizens around the world unite to unlock the potential of technology to make the world a better place.

Nielsen was able to attend sessions with speakers like Vice President Joe Biden and Secretary of State John Kerry. Joe Biden gave a speech titled *Cancer Moonshot* in



which he envisioned an end to cancer by 2030. Nielsen is a *blogger fellow* who gets invited to attend many conferences such as this one because of her passion to increase social good. She shared with us her blog on the sessions she had attended, on such topics as terrorism, the Soviet Union, and future humanitarian efforts.

Tom McCurry ☉

**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

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### October

#### Economic & Community Development

#### Program Chair, Ray Carlson

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

### November

#### Rotary Foundation

#### Program Chair, Jim Gorton

November 03 - To be Announced  
November 10 - To be Announced  
November 17 - To be Announced  
November 24 - Thanksgiving - Dark

## Community Service Opportunities



**K**aBOOM! Is the national non-profit dedicated to bringing balanced and active play into the daily lives of all kids. The Jackson Annual Fund and KaBoom! are funding a completely new playground for the students at Jackson Magnet Elementary. They need 200 volunteers on build day: Saturday, October 15. This is a great opportunity to help our youth, make new

friends, increase the visibility of the Rotary club in the community, and have fun. To sign up go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0444aaab28a6f94-kaboom>, and enter *Altadena Rotary Volunteer* in the comments box when you enroll.

Our next Altadena Rotary sponsored service project will be on Saturday, November 19. We will be assembling 141 bicycles that will be given away through the Salvation Army to needy local families for Christmas. We are doing this as a joint

project with the Rotary Club of Pasadena. We will assemble the bicycles at the PUSD Yard on Woodbury (just behind the Highway Patrol).

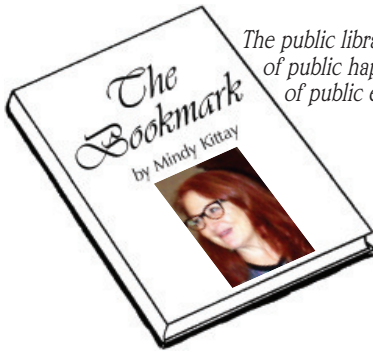
In addition to assembling bikes, we have offered to cook breakfast for all the volunteers. We will begin planning next week by meeting at the Altadena Ale House at 6 pm. An invitation has been mailed through ClubRunner. Please R.S.V.P. through the invitation and I will plan on seeing you there. ○

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## Induction of our Newest Member *Mark Mariscal*

The induction ceremony was conducted by Membership Chair, Craig Cox who reminded us that Rotary is both a local and international organization. The Rotary pin signifies the international portion of the organization, and President Charlie presented new member Mark Mariscal with his pin by attaching it to his shirt pocket. Then his sponsor, Mindy Kattay presented Mariscal with his name badge, which represents the local nature of Rotary. ○





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

John Cotton Dana,  
A Library Primer, 1896

## Friends of the Altadena Library

The word *Friend* immediately brings to mind the people who help celebrate all the goodness in life and stand steadfast when times are troubled, who offer support when it's needed and offer counsel to help us see the straight path. We count on our friends, and they count on us. Our library has friends.

### ***Friends of the Library!***

In 1959, a couple of hundred civic-minded residents joined together to form the Friends of the Altadena Library. After a couple of years of highly successful book sales, the Friends paid for the professional survey that ultimately led the district from a small building on Lake Avenue to the mid-century modern library of today.

But they didn't stop there, the Friends organized support for the bond campaign that paid for more than half of the library's construction. And with continued revenue from their annual sales, the Friends paid for all the furnishings in the new library's community room.

Paging through the library's collection of scrapbooks filled with old photos and faded news clippings, it's easy to see that the Friends have been good and constant friends over the years. Trying to tabulate all their support produces an incredibly long and varied list of programs and materials.:

- Large-print books
- Sound-films (a long ago precursor to DVDs)
- Summer reading prizes
- In 1976, the Friends commissioned and completed a quilt featuring Altadena

symbols to commemorate the American Bicentennial. *Once hanging in the library, it is now preserved and on display at the Altadena Historical Society if you'd care to see it.*

And the Friends

- Paid for repairs to the library's roof and lighting and circulation desk enhancements
- Purchased a copier and
- Paid for the library's Christmas tree every December
- For fans of verse, Poetry and Cookies – the library's annual poetry review – is brought to you courtesy of the Friends
- In 2006, they refurnished the children's library with new carpet, child-sized tables and the distinctive owl-emblazoned chairs
- And, a few years back, they presented the world premiere staged reading of the Zane Grey Playwriting Contest winner, *Surprise Valley* by Mary Casey, in an event held at the Zane Grey Estate with speakers and guests, including Ray Bradbury, Jervey Tervalon, local authors Naomi Hirahara and Lian Dolan, John Dean, historian Dr. Kevin Starr, and JPL planetary scientist Dr. Rosaly Lopes.

*Proceeds from this event helped get the Altadena Library Foundation started.*

On a trip to the library, it may be easy to walk right by their bookstore, but who among us hasn't donated a few no-longer-beloved books to their annual May sale, replenished children's bookshelves with

lovingly used picture books or chapter stories from their collection, given up those murder mysteries that just don't keep our interest the second time around to follow the fortunes of a different detective or turned in a cookbook that no longer appeals in favor of another with promises of fresh new tastes ... all at prices far below what we would pay at a book store.

### ***The Friends' Mission***

The Friends' mission at their founding was:

... to inform the public of the resource needs of the library, foster the development of cultural programs for the community-centered in the library, and to encourage gifts of desirable collections for public use and enjoyment."

*- History of the Altadena Library, 1908-1967*

Their mission – in more current language – remains the same today. The organization is run entirely by volunteers, people who are devoted to the library. And the Altadena Library District is much richer for having such good friends – these dedicated individuals who embody the philosophy of the French poet and priest Joseph Roux:

"Have friends, not for the sake of receiving, but of giving." Though they gladly receive our donated books!

We celebrate our Friends through the month of October. If you love our library like they do, consider becoming a Friend, too. ○

# 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.

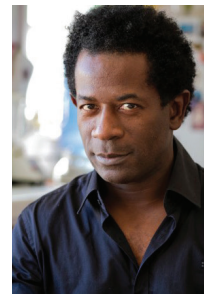


**UPSTREAM** has been spreading their message of love and positivity through their exhilarating Caribbean Music, namely, Reggae, Calypso, Soca and Steel Drum Music. [www.upstreammusic.com](http://www.upstreammusic.com). This concert is sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.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

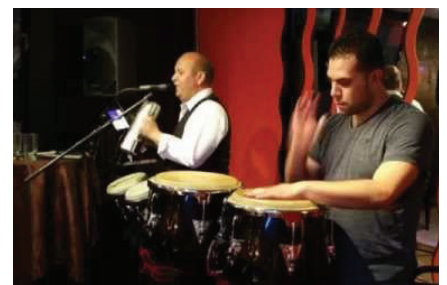


**Aaron Atkins: Into the Cole.** A one man show, inspired by Nat King Cole. Atkins performs "Mona Lisa" with a twist of hip hop. A contemporary blend of jazz, urban and R&B. His new song, "God Made Women Beautiful" was just considered for a grammy. More at [www.IntoTheCole.com](http://www.IntoTheCole.com).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

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