

This Week

Dion Neutra, President, Neutra Institute for Survival through Design

Program Host: Dennis Mehringer

Dion Neutra will discuss the conversion of their former office to a museum and the various art exhibits they are sponsoring.

The *Neutra Institute for Survival Through Design* is a non-profit California corporation, established in 1962. Its name is derived from the prophetic book by Richard J. Neutra, one of the architectural greats of the Twentieth Century. The Institute's activities depend on grants and donations, which are tax deductible. Its work is the expansion, implementation, and memorialization of the basic Neutra theme.

This Institute differs from others with academic orientation in its close affinity to the *practical*. Founded by admirers of the *Neutra oeuvre*, it was determined that close liaison with practical practice activity, as opposed to *Ivory Castle Academia*, should undergird this Institute's inspiration and raw material for research

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

Being a Father Who makes a Difference

From an article by Victor Parachin, March-April 2001 Scouting Magazine

Recently, Tom Bloch stunned the corporate world when he resigned as chief executive officer of H&R Block – the \$1.7 billion tax-preparation and financial services firm – to become a teacher at St. Francis Xavier School in Kansas City, Mo. His annual salary suddenly dropped to \$15,000 a year, about three percent of his former pay. The reason for that dramatic career change: Bloch knew his hectic schedule as CEO had been interfering with his top priority: his wife and their two sons.

"The hardest part was telling my father," Bloch says of H&R Block cofounder Henry Bloch. "But I didn't want to look back on my life and say, 'You had an opportunity to play a bigger role in your children's lives and didn't take it.'"

Like all good fathers, Tom Bloch knows that being an effective parent means making children a top priority in one's life. And he is willing to make the necessary changes and adjustments in order to be a father who makes a difference. Following are some other ways to be that kind of effective parent.

Fathers who make a difference know their role is unique and vital. A father's presence in the family will determine a child's success and happiness. An active father provides an important foundation for his children and their ongoing security, stability, and development.

Rich or poor, black or white, the children of divorce and those born outside marriage often struggle through life at a measurable and miserable disadvantage, say an increasing number of social thinkers.

"Fatherlessness is the most destructive trend of our generation," declares David Blankenhorn, author of *Fatherless America: Confronting Our Most Urgent Social Problem*.

Today, 38 percent of all children live without their biological fathers, up from

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Greeter of the Week

June 01
Sarah O'Brien

June 08
David Smith

June 15
Mike Zoeller

Program Review

Exploring the Red Planet



That's what our speaker last week, Dr. Luther Beegle, has been doing for almost his whole career at JPL. He described in great detail the similarities between Earth and Mars, showing compara-

tive parts of Mars with places on Earth, such as Death Valley and the Mojave Desert. It also has aqueous environments like Earth's deltas and volcanic activity with standing water. Because Mars so closely resembles Earth, we have sent more spacecraft to Mars than any other planet anywhere.

The next mission to Mars is call Mars 2020, and on that spacecraft is an instrument called SHERLOC, which is an acronym for Scanning Habitable Environments with Ramen and Luminescence for Organics and Chemistry. Dr. Beegle is the Principal Investigator on this instrument. The current issue in the search for life on Mars is the definition of life itself. Everywhere we look now we find living organisms. This includes inside rocks, boiling hot springs, deep under the ocean. This is why we'll be collecting samples on Mars and bringing them back to Earth for analysis.

The NASA Mars 2020 Rover Mission will scan material with a laser. the interesting samples will be stored in sealed tubes, which will be dropped onto the Martian surface.



In the year 2024, an orbiter will be sent to Mars It will send a spacecraft to the Martian surface to collect the samples. This spacecraft will contain a rocket that will enable it to launch itself to Earth.

This is just one example of the adventurous and futuristic work being performed by vje scientists at JPL. What an interesting glimpse into our future in space. ○

Congratulations



Birthdays



06/03 - Kathleen Fennel
 06/08 - Theo Clarke
 06/12 - Tom McCurry
 06/17 - Gary Clark
 06/20 - Dotty Clarke
 06/23 - Margarita Figueroa



Anniversaries



06/05 - Mike & Wendy Davis Noll
 06/18 - Charles & Regina Wilson

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 June 01 - Dion Neutra, AIAA, President,
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 Design
 June 08 - To be Announced
 June 15 - To be Announced
 June 22 - To be Announced
 June 29 - Demotion Party - Evening Event

Summer Community Service Opportunities



Ah, the sweet smell of freshly cut grass, the taste of cold lemonade, and plenty of opportunities for summer service in the Rotary Club of Altadena.

Flags up for Memorial Day

Memorial Day weekend Tony Hill is leading the team who will be putting up our flag display on Lake Avenue. The flags will stay up through July 8. We will be looking for volunteers on Saturday, July 8 to help take down the flags and prepare them to be laundered. A request will be sent through ClubRunner.

Altadena Library Grand Re-Opening Lunch

Mark Mariscal is leading our project to

serve lunch at the Altadena Library Grand Re-Opening on June 10. We will be serving a hot dog lunch, including chips and a drink for 1967 prices (or as close as we can figure – \$1). Volunteers are needed for set up starting at 10 am, cooking and serving from 11 am to 1 pm, and clean up from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. You can volunteer by telling Mark, me or by volunteering on ClubRunner. This should be a fun event!

Concerts in the Park

Concerts in the Park at Farnsworth will begin each Saturday on July 8 through September 9 (**dark on Labor Day weekend, September 2**). Each week we will need 2 set up people, 4 security people, 3 people to serve beer/sodas/snacks, and several people to help put it all away. Mike

Zoeller will be holding a meeting in early June. Volunteer signups will be available on ClubRunner starting mid-June.

Triangle Park Project Update

The remodel of the park continues. The Rotary Club is supporting the project with funds to bring lighting to the monuments, walkways & steps, and planters. We will also be upgrading the lighting on the flagpole. We reached out to Vista Professional Outdoor in Simi Valley who, through the help of their lighting designer, Glenn Tyson, is donating all of the new LED fixtures to the project. Fixtures are currently being installed in the hardscape.

Stay tuned as we continue to stay engaged with Amigos de los Rios on the park improvements. ○

This Week

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and development.

The Institute draws from the day-to-day experiences and observations of an ongoing architectural and planning practice of three-quarters of a century – Richard and Dion Neutra, Architects and Associates of Los Angeles. It welcomes the participation and similar inputs from other like-minded practicing planning professionals.

The Neutras sounded the environmental alarm in the 1950s – many years before ecology, Green architecture, and Sustainable Design became buzz words for

politicians and recently concerned organizations. The Institute is fortunate to have the interest and talents of Dion Neutra, son and partner of the late Richard J. Neutra, to act as Executive Consultant and Project Director for the Institute. As far back as he can remember, his father was warning that “today’s man-made environment has become an irritating, increasing threat to the vitality and soundness of mind and body.”

The Neutras have observed that planners are frequently unaware of the advances made by science and researchers in diverse

fields in areas that could affect “healthy environment,” and therefore “they continue to house man without fully understanding or fully respecting his biological necessities.”

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Survival Through Design is not a *catchy* title. It is literal truth, using the word *Design* in its broadest sense. Man must re-discover the relationship he once had with nature. He must honor a new generation of priorities. “Otherwise, we are headed for ecological and personal disaster,” warns Dion Neutra. ○

Scout's

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just 17.5 percent in 1960. More than half of today's children will spend part of childhood without a father.

The physical absence of fathers is increasingly linked to most social nightmares – such as boys with guns and girls with babies. Forty-six percent of families with children headed by single mothers live below the poverty line, compared with 8 percent of those with two parents. Indeed, fathers are unique and vital.

They are committed to parenting.

Fathers committed to parenting place children and their well-being above any personal interests, professional considerations, and careers. Their children are their No. 1 priority and their commitment to them is nonnegotiable.

They love their wives

Fathers who treat their wives with kindness, tenderness, respect, honor, and love create a more secure, more comfortable, and more emotionally strengthening environment for their children than do fathers who are distant and detached from their wives.

"When I get married, I can only hope that I will have found someone who loves me as much as Dad loves Mom," said Rebecca Lobo, a former College Player of the Year and professional basketball player with the Women's National Basketball Association's team New York Liberty in an article in *Reader's Digest* by Jonathan D. Deckerd

"Because there was always so much love in the family, I grew up with an incredible security blanket ... the most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother. My dad is a perfect example of that."

They are supportive

Fathers who make a difference respond supportively when they see a child in need. They don't point a finger; rather, they hold out a helping hand.



A powerful example of this occurred at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. After four years of grueling training, British runner Derek Redmond was almost halfway through the 400-meter run when he tore his hamstring and collapsed in agony. Despite the intense pain, Redmond was determined to continue.

Suddenly a man appeared next to the injured runner. Redmond's father had been watching in disbelief from the grandstand and knew how important it was to his son to finish the race. "Derek, it's me," he said. "If you're going to finish this race, we'll finish it together."

The father then provided a much-needed shoulder as his son hobbled in agony toward the finish line, producing one of the most glorious finishes in Olympic history.

They are encouragers

Effective fathers know that children blossom when they receive encouragement and praise, much like flowers which receive sun and water. Shirley Gould, a psychotherapist and author of *How To Raise An Independent Child*, wisely notes: "Children respond best to those acts and words that they perceive as encouraging, and worst to punishment and degrading comments, which inflict discouragement. Encouragement enables. Discouragement disables."

They model and instill values

Children need clear and unambiguous role models. Indeed, their first and most

important teachers are their parents.

Good fathers model the virtues (for example, honesty, integrity, compassion, kindness, loyalty, perseverance) they hope to instill in their children. They make certain that their deeds match their creeds and that their acts are consistent with their words.

They stay involved even when there is a divorce

Mature men and wise fathers know that a divorce signals the end of a marriage but not the end of their family. Consequently, they remain active and involved in every facet of their children's lives.

Consider this glowing tribute written by an ex-wife on Father's Day: "My children's father has always been a strong, positive influence in their lives. He coached our son's Little League team and bought season tickets to the symphony for our daughter when she was learning to play the violin.

"The kids have spent at least two nights a week with their dad ever since we parted ... he was always available to help take care of them when they were sick or had doctor's appointments. We all turned out to be winners, because my ex-husband met me more than halfway."

The Message

Effective, involved fathers – those who work at being the best possible parent – leave positive imprints on their children for the rest of their lives. ○

Flags go Up For Memorial Day Flag Day & July 4

When I arrived at the Presbyterian Church parking lot, just a bit before 9a on Saturday, May 27, Tony Hill and Mike Zoeller were already there. Then came David Smith with his pickup with a red ladder hanging over the back edge of the truck bed. Ed Jasnow arrived next. While we were discussing who else had said he would be there,

Mark and Paula Mariscal arrived. A bit later, I received a call from Steve Kerekes, telling me he was on his way.

Hill wanted to get started a bit before Kerekes arrived because he had to replace one of the flag brackets. So Zoeller and Jasnow climbed into Hill's van, and I followed to get photos. The Hill team when north up Lake.

As the Hill team left the parking lot with me following in my car, Kerekes arrived, and soon the Smith team was off to the top of Lake, going south. Since the Mariscals brought their dog with them, Paula followed the Smith team in the Mariscal vehicle. It took about 1.5 hours, and some members of the teams met at Amy's when done. ○



**Take-Down is July 08
It includes Preparation for Laundering
Can You be Part of the Crew?**

What Salary do You need to afford a Home in Los Angeles?

by Elijah Chiland, May 16, 2017 - <https://la.curbed.cc>

Nearly \$100,000 as it turns out

A typical median-priced home in Los Angeles County is out of reach for the vast majority of residents, according to a new

— more than \$40,000 short of the homebuyer income suggested by the association of realtors.

It's worth noting that the analysis assumes a 20-percent down payment, which would, in this case, total \$97,160 — a hefty

tors, around 48 percent of residents can afford an entry-level home with a median price of \$412,950. That's still less than half, of course, but it's an improvement.

After a 20-percent downpayment (of \$82,590), mortgage, property tax, and insurance payments would total \$2,090 per month — the same price as a median one-bedroom rental, according to Zumper.

If all this data makes the dream of homeownership seem impossible, take some schadenfreudian comfort in the fact that LA County is still far more affordable than many other parts of California.

In Orange County, where it requires a salary of \$154,120 to afford a median priced

home, only 21 percent of buyers can afford to do so. In San Francisco, only 13 percent of residents make the association of realtors's suggested income of \$267,130. Even a starter home in San Francisco County requires an income of \$167,800.

Incredibly, a majority of residents can afford to buy a median-priced home in just seven of the 43 counties included in CAR's analysis. In other news, many LA residents seem to be resettling in Arizona and Nevada lately.

According to the Association of Real-



analysis from the California Association of Realtors.

According to the data, just 29 percent of potential homebuyers can afford a property at the county's median price of \$485,800. At that price point, a nearly six-figure household income — \$99,830 — is required to comfortably afford the \$2,500 per month payments that would accompany the purchase.

Recent Census estimates place the median income in LA County around \$56,000

chunk of change that would take even high-earners years to save.

Still, it's certainly possible to get a loan with a smaller down payment. FHA loans, for instance, can be as low as 3.5 percent. Of course, a smaller downpayment also means higher monthly invoices, which can leave homeowners stretched precariously thin.

The outlook is slightly brighter for LA County buyers investing in a starter home. According to the Association of Real-

When to Floss?

Everyday the question arises. The profession of dentistry is under siege with this great perplexation. No one knows for sure, when someone needs to start flossing.

It has been well established that flossing is critical daily habit to prevent gum disease. But gum disease is a middle age disease. When do we become middle aged? I have been one of the few dentists willing to admit that many patients don't need to floss. If I see healthy dentition, solid supporting bone and healthy gums without swelling. I have solid bases to declare

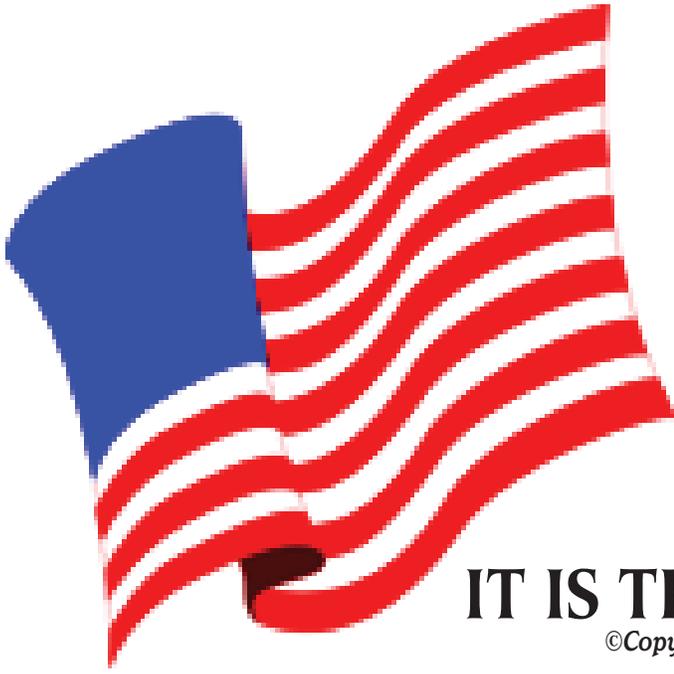
that the patient has adequately cared for their dentition. Their home routines, whether brushing twice and flossing once, or not, is adequate. I love to make this proclamation before asking the probing questions. The guilt of a non-flossing patient is often an overwhelming stressor for the appointment. Subtly, I inquire with a slow steady tone to my voice, "Honestly? Do you floss every day?." Peering into their eyes, I tilt my head to the side, questioning their response before they provide it. Of course, the dental chair light is poised carefully glaring just below their

eyes. They often sweat from the stress. OK, that's just for fun. I do have a light hearted attitude toward the inquiring. I give them latitude and offer them options of other reasonable frequencies. "Do you floss once a day, or a couple times a week or just when you need to?" This latitude of three answers, makes the middle ground, seem a reasonable response. Of course, I've already told you that I give many of my patients the freedom to NOT

FLOSS. I wait until middle age, and I wait for symptoms to arise. I expect regular check ups are part of the picture as well, and I don't give in on this. So, when to floss? In the evening, is the correct response. The evening is best because occasionally flossing does cause bleeding and the bleeding can stop before the next day. In fact, oral tissue heals so fast that often gum abrasions can heal in 8 hours. So, that's

the simple answer. Most of my fine friends in Rotary are a smidge past their middle ages, so it is universally true for us that we need to floss once a day and brush twice a day. If complications have arisen over the years, other devices may be recommended to supplement this routine, but this routine is adequate for a vast majority of the dentate public.

So, when to floss? Last answer. I love to see the looks on the mom's faces when I declare that their children don't have to floss. There's universal guilt in parenting that children are not caring for their teeth, like they should. So, as the child declares to me that he/she doesn't floss, I often surprise the mother sitting with us, by admitting that children don't need to floss every day. It's a bold statement for a professional to make. I'm seasoned and experienced. I feel as though I have good predictive capabilities, and I like to be unique. So, I declare to many children, "You only need to floss to remove something that is bothering you, until you reach adulthood." As I finish my bold statement, I look up at the child's mother and remind her. "Adults need to floss everyday. Right mom?" Most moms do floss every day. It's the dads we have to worry about... ○



In Honor of Memorial Day, Let Us Remember

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It is the Soldier, not the minister
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Soldier, not the reporter
Who has given us freedom of the press.

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Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer
Who has given us freedom to protest.

It is the Soldier, not the lawyer
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Soldier, not the politician
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

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Grand Reopening, Summer Reading Kick-Off, & 50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, June 10th, 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM

Main Library (600 E. Mariposa St., Altadena)

10:00am - Welcome with John Muir Drum Corps

10:15am - Mad Science Program for kids

11:15am - Musical performance for all ages by CHROMA

12:00pm - Elected officials Anthony Portantino, Kathryn Barger, and Christopher Holden

Delicious lunch at 1960s prices sponsored by Altadena Rotary Club

1:30pm - Hip-hop dance and spoken word poetry by Antics

3:30pm - Special live appearance by lead vocalist of Santana, Andy Vargas and Souleros

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6:30pm - Second Saturday Concert with The Satisfaction Band



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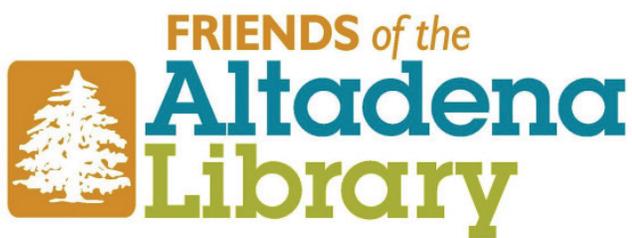
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2017 Annual Friends of Altadena Library Meeting

Monday, June 5th
7:30pm

Community Room
Altadena Main Library

600 E. Mariposa Street
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The Friends of Altadena Library, formed in 1959, is an organization committed to the support of the Altadena Library District and its programs and services. The purpose of the Friends is to stimulate public interest in the library, assist with funding to purchase library materials, and to support cultural and educational programs at the Altadena Library.

- **Brief business meeting to elect next year's officers**
- **Followed by keynote address by Jervey Tervalon**
- **Open to the public**
- **Refreshments will be served**

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Altadena resident **Jervey Tervalon** is the founder of Lit Fest of Pasadena and author of *Monster's Chef*, *All the Trouble You Need*, *Understand This*, and the Los Angeles Time bestseller *Dead Above Ground*. An award-winning poet, screenwriter, and dramatist, Tervalon was born in New Orleans, raised in Los Angeles and now lives in Altadena, California with his wife and two daughters and works as a professor at University of Southern California.

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Todd Washington Trio
Blues, Folk, Rock, Soul and Gospel
January 14, 2017

Splish Splash Band
Rock, Jazz and Blues
February 11

DeRumba
Spanish Guitar to the beat
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March 11

Louis Van Taylor Quintet
Jazz
April 8

Michael Haggins Band
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The Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic	Saturday, July 8th
The Down Beat Express	Saturday, July 15th
Bleeding Harp	Saturday, July 22nd
Whos Next	Saturday, July 29th
The Tuners	Saturday, August 5th
Upstream	Saturday, August 12th
Kings of 88	Saturday, August 19th
Nowhere Man	Saturday August 26th

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