

## This Week

### The PCC Annual Vocational Student Awards

#### Guest Program Host: Dennis Mehringer

This week we celebrate the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Altadena Rotary club's awarding of scholarships to the top students at Pasadena City College (PCC). This program was originally started by Dr. Bill Gannon. When I joined the club in 1992, I was immediately attracted to the concept of helping young students in their academic careers who are working really hard on their own to get ahead in life.

We all know PCC is an outstanding vehicle for young students to start their academic career before transferring to USC or a state University to complete their academic training.

However, because of our scholarship program, we have learned of the various professional and technical programs which propel students into valuable high paying jobs right out of PCC.

At over 25,000 students, it is the largest community college in California. The California education system was originally K-14. However, when it was downsized to K-12 to match the rest of the USA, the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> grades became the Community College system. This

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## Congratulations!!! Our Club's a Winner

*"The Most Radical  
and Rebellious Choice  
You Can Make  
Is to Be Optimistic"*

**S**o began the 2019 Rotary International District Assembly and Conference, with this quote by Del Toro. Matthias Sundholm of the United Nations praised Rotarians as possibly the most optimistic people in a world desperate for hope.

Altadena Rotary was well represented with myself, PE Mark Mariscal, David Smith, Craig Cox and Rich Kurtz in attendance. Also attending – and serving – were John Frykenburg with his booth and info about job creation and entrepreneurship, and Rene Amy with a demonstration tent and supplies from **Shelterbox**.

DG John Chase was present as was, incoming DG Luanne Arredondo, Brenda Cressey, Trustee Chair of The Rotary Foundation, and Susan Johnson, District Foundation Chair plus others.

I am hopeful that attendees from our Club will share what they gained from the presentations and break-out sessions as there is not enough space to account for it all here. Needless to say, it was an inspiring event and wonderful to gather so many Rotarians from throughout the District.

But what there **IS** space for is **BIG CONGRATULATIONS to US!!!** As a Club we won many awards ... many! I felt both proud and privileged to be invited on stage to receive recognition on behalf of the

Club for our achievements over the past

year. Each and every member who has served should be very proud. As a Club, we were recognized for the following:

Membership Development, Rotary Foundation, Club Service, Community Service, International Service, Public Image, Vocational, Youth/New Service and ...

... and the best Newsletter award went to our talented and dedicated Jacque Foreman! The issue selected featured my article *Building a Fence, Not a Wall* about our support of rural schools in Cambodia, and the framed award should look nice on Jacque's mantel!

**Well-deserved by all!** Please give yourselves a pat on the back, and let's keep up the momentum in the remaining weeks of this Rotary year. We've concerts to stage and bring people to, and even sooner is our Pancake Breakfast next Saturday! In the spirit of optimism described above, I am hopeful that members are busy selling tickets and promoting the event to friends and neighbours. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



## Greeter of the Week

May 09  
**Freddie Figueroa**  
 May 16  
**John Frykenberg**  
 May 23  
**Ben Green**

# Program Review

## They came to Thank Us



One of our favorite events of the year is the program featuring the teachers who received our mini-grant awards and their description of the awards and how they used them for the students.

Ed Jasnow has led this program for 27

years, and he estimates that we have awarded over \$400,000 since the awards began, and we have touched the education of thousands of students in this time. Jasnow is to be congratulated for his devotion to the students of Pasadena Unified School District and the many teachers whom we have helped with these mini-grants.

One of the side benefits of this program is that the teachers actually



*From Altadena Arts Magnet Elementary: (l to r) Yiota Regopoulos, Hanh Le, Regina Major, and Lita Haido-Mayer*

get to sit down and enjoy an excellent meal from the Altadena Country club, since they

seldom get to enjoy much of a lunch during the school week. It was exciting to have several school principals with us: Mrs. Lori Toloumian of Eliot Arts Magnet School; Mrs. Rita Exposito of Jackson STEM Elementary; Dr. Lawton Gray of John Muir High School; Dr. Mark Anderson of Marshall Fundamental High School; Mr. Robert Hernandez of Pasadena High School; and Dr. Jeffrey Bauer of Daniel Webster Elementary School.

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*From Jackson STEM, Dual Language Academy (l to r) Whitney Reese; Rita Exposito, Principal; John A. Newell; and Janneke Verhoeven-Briggs*

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## May Youth Services

*Program Chair: Ed Jasnow*

*May 02 - Teacher Mini-Grant Report*

*May 09 - PCC Vocational Awards, Guest*

*Program Host, Dennis Mehringer*

*May 16 - JROTC Awards - Guest Pro-*

*gram Host, Tom McCurry*

*May 23 - Cynthia Bengtson Budzyn, Ex-*

*ecutive Consultant, Leadership Pasadena*

*May 30 - Annie Richardson, JPL*

## Congratulations

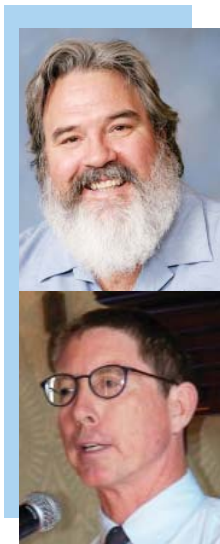
### Birthdays

15 - Elsa Smith  
18 - Craig Cox  
23 - Dorothy Brooks  
30 - Susan Applegate

### Anniversaries

18 - Tony & Ann Rider Hill  
19 - Roger & Kathleen Ann Fennell  
24 - Jennifer Hall & Jim Sanfillipo

## First Woman EVER Appointed to lead Rotary Foundation



**W**hile at the Rotary District 5300 Assembly last Friday in Anaheim, club members David Smith, Craig Cox, Sarah O'Brien and Richard Kurtz and I,

learned that the Board of Trustees of the Rotary International Foundation had appointed Brenda Cressey as the first Woman Chair of the Trustees to fill the remaining term through June 30, 2019.

What makes this worthy of mentioning during the International article is that she leads the team that raises money and makes the decisions on how our donations to

the foundation are allocated around the world.

During District Assembly, we heard and **Brenda Cressey and Mark Mariscal, President Elect** had open dialogue about the work of various district 5300 clubs throughout the world. Two of those discussed were:

- Rotoplast – to which our club has contributed money – is a team of 23 people (17 medical professionals and 6 non-medical chosen from within the district) all connected to our district leave on June 9 to go to Arusha, Tanzania to perform almost 80 surgeries, focusing on



cleft palate. The mission will partner with local Rotary clubs which will provide the in-country support, publicize the mission in the surrounding communities, search out and find patients, and work side-by-side with our team to assure that patients' needs are met.

- Superbuild, has Rotarians from our District going down on Saturday, May 18 to Tecate, Mexico to build two homes in one day. They are still looking for about 20 additional volunteers. More information can be found at <https://district5300.org/service/international-service/super-build/> ○

### To be Announced

PRESIDENT SARAH APPOINTED  
DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL CHAIR

## Mother's Day is Coming Soon and Father's Day arrives in June *How did They come to be?*

The first American Mother's Day was in 1908. It was celebrated when a woman named Anna Jarvis put on a memorial for her mother at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. This church is now the location of the International Mother's Day Shrine. Jarvis actually began to campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized United States holiday three years earlier in 1905, when her mother died. Jarvis's mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a pacifist who tended wounded soldiers on

both sides during the Civil War, making no distinction between Confederate or Union in her care or compassion. She also started the first Mother's Day Work Club, which soon had branches in many states in the nation, to encourage the government and local communities to address issues of public health importance. Her daughter wanted to found a Mother's Day holiday not only to honor her own mother but to honor all mothers, as well as to continue the charity work her mother started. Jarvis often said

mothers were the people who did more for their children than anyone in the world.

Though the United States Congress rejected Jarvis's Mother's Day proposal

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## This Week

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Thursday we will honor 19 of the top students from PCC and get to recognize their wonderful teachers who have dedicated their lives to these students. ○



# Program

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Ten teachers out of the 22 awardees were able to be present and describe the purchases that they made and how the students benefitted from the awards. Several of the teachers commented that these purchases, as well as those from previous years, will be used for several more years for more and more students.

Unrestricted, as well as Restricted grants were given, based upon their grant requests (specific areas of need or atten-



*From Daniel Webster Elementary (l to r), Ossanna Youssefian; Jeffrey Bauer, Principal; and Ashley Villagran (not pictured)*



*From Eliot Arts Magnet Academy (l to r) Karen Klages; Lori Toloumian, Principal; and Rotarian Jennifer Hall Lee, Annual Fundraising Chairperson*

tion), and some teachers received both kinds of grants. Every year, we get to see some *recidivists* who have received grants in the past, sometimes over several years. We are very grateful to be able to serve the youth and teachers in this way. The teachers present were from Altadena Arts Magnet Elementary, Jackson STEM Elementary, Marshall Fundamental High School, Pasadena High School, and Daniel Webster Elementary.



*From Marshall Fundamental High School, (l to r) Suergmee Seo; Mark Anderson, Principal; and Zara Agvavian*



*From Pasadena High School (l to r) Jose Trejo; Richard Chung; Roger Baar; and Robert Hernandez, Principal*

*Tom McCurry* ☉

## Special Days

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in 1908, Jarvis did not give up working to make her dream of a day to honor all mothers a reality. The only reason Congress cited for rejecting the first Mother's Day proposal was that they would have to declare a Mother-in-Law's Day, too. The statement was made half-jokingly but was used to dismiss Jarvis's proposal.

Jarvis continued to lobby Congress and work to gain public support for a national Mother's Day holiday. Instead of going through Congress, she went to the states. By 1911, every state in the nation observed Mother's Day, with the first state being Jarvis's home state of West Virginia. Noticing that the states were doing what the

nation was not, President Woodrow Wilson declared Mother's Day as a national holiday in 1914, to be held the second Sunday in May each year as a day to honor all mothers and mother figures in the country.

Because of space constraints, Father's Day will be taken up on a different week. Look for it in a future issue. ☉

# Rotary Committees making Final Plans for the 2019 Summer Concerts in Farnsworth Park

by Craig Cox, Summer Cocerts Chair

With the hard work of our Summer Concert Committees, we are in great shape for another successful season of free Summer Concerts in Farnsworth Park.

## Concert Schedule

This year's season kicks off on July 6 (the weekend after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July) with *The Answer to Classic Rock*, a local favorite band. Our first concert will also be Rotary Night with a special invitation to Rotary members from all our local clubs. The July 13 concert will host *Blue Breeze Band* and their dance floor packing Motown, R&B, Soul, and Funk arrangements. On July 20, *Floyd and the Flyboys* will perform with their unique sound influenced by traditional Soul, Blues, Funk, New Orleans R&B and Roots Rock. On July 27, we are showcasing *ReLoVe* who play Reggae, and Soul. August 3 will be *Live From Earth* who will provide a Pat Benatar Tribute. On August 10, *Upstream* returns to provide Reggae, Soca, and Caribbean tunes – bring your dancing shoes! August 17 *My Generation* will feature British Invasion Genre Rock. August 24 the fun continues as we host *Dog N Butterfly* with their tribute to Heart.

The Grand Finale of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Concert Series will be on September 7, featuring special guests selected by our partners, the Sheriff's Support Group of Altadena with *The Who Experience* – a tribute to *The Who*.

## Thankyou to our Sponsors

These concerts have been made possible by the generous support of our community sponsors, including MonteCedro, Supervisor Barger, Los Angeles County Arts Commission, Linda Seyffert - Podley Real Estate, Riedon, Altadena Town & Country Club, Morgan Stanley – The Pasadena Complex, and David Campbell DDS.(If you would like to contribute to the concerts, speak to Doug Colliflower – checks can be made to *Altadena Rotary Charities*).

## Special Mention for our

### Our Committee People

Many thanks to our **Production Committee** for putting this schedule together for us.

Additional thanks for everyone on the **Fundraising Committee** for their work in getting us the financial support required.

## The Schedule in a different format

Our **Promotion and Publicity Committee** is making sure local publications, electronic bulletin boards, and social media have our schedule. You can help by sharing the dates with your family, friends, local businesses, and social networks.

The **Facilities and Permits Committee** is making sure we have everything we need to safely hold the events. This includes coordinating with the Sheriff's Station, Parks & Recreation, and the Fire Department. It also means securing our food and liquor permits and staying in compliance with ASCAP.

Last, the **Concessions Committee** will be meeting on Thursday May 16 (5:30 PM at the Ale House) to begin their planning for making sure we are offering a great selection of beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks.

As you can see, it takes a lot people to make this happen. As we get closer to July, be on the lookout for signups for the people we need at the concerts.

This includes someone to meet the band on site, people to set up and work the concession stand, security people, Master/Mistress of Ceremonies, etc. ○

<b>The Answer to Classic Rock (Classic Rock)</b> .....	<b>Saturday, July 06</b>
<b>Blue Breeze Band (Motown, Funk, Soul, R&amp;B)</b> .....	<b>Saturday, July 13</b>
<b>Floyd and the Flyboys (New Orleans R&amp;B, Jump, Swing, Soul, Blues, Roots Rock)</b> .....	<b>Saturday, July 20</b>
<b>ReLoVe (Reggae, Soul)</b> .....	<b>Saturday, July 27</b>
<b>Live From Earth (Pat Benatar Tribute)</b> .....	<b>Saturday, August 03</b>
<b>Upstream (Reggae, Soca, &amp; Caribbean Tunes)</b> .....	<b>Saturday, August 10</b>
<b>My Generation (British Invasion Genre Rock)</b> .....	<b>Saturday, August 17</b>
<b>Dog N Butterfly (Heart Tribute)</b> .....	<b>Saturday, August 24</b>
<b>And ... For The Grand Finale ... Saturday, September 07 -- Presented by B &amp; E Promotions &amp; SSGA</b>	
<b>THE WHO EXPERIENCE -- Tribute to THE WHO</b>	




# District Conference in Pictures

The photographs have been provided by Sarah O'Brien and John Frykenberg

Thank you Sarah O'Brien and John Frykenberg for supplying photographs of District Conference and thanks also to those

who assisted in taking the photos they sent. The plan is to put initials (**SO** or **JF**) in a lower corner of each picture to indicate

who has provided that picture.

Captions may be added to some photographs. 



Flags of all the countries where one can find a Rotary Club.



Every District Conference attendee received an End Polio Now Shirt.



Two First-Place awards given to Altadena Rotary at District Conference: (l to r) Club Service, Vocational & Community Service and International Service, Youth/New Generations Service & Public Image.



In front of the Shelter Box Tent are (l to r) Mark Mariscal, Rene Amy, Sarah O'Brien and, in the way-oversize shirt, Isabel O'Brien.



Altadena Rotary Attendees at District Conference (l to r) David Smith, Richard Curtz, Sarah O'Brien, Crait Cox and Mark Mariscal.

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for more District  
Conference  
Photographs





*Raul Pasqual (left) pulled in many observers for the Vocational Services/Entrepreneurship booth with his talent for drawing charatures.*



*John Frykenberg spent much of his District Conference time in the Vocational Service/Entrepreneurship booth.*



*Sarah O'Brien and daughter Isabel spent some time at the aquaponics booth by Community First to showcase their work in the rural areas of Cambodia.*



*President Sarah O'Brien and PE Mark Mariscal pause by the British flag that is in the display of flags representing all the countries where Rotary Clubs can be found. There is no indication who the person is who is standing directly behind them.*



*Mark Mariscal holds additional first place awards presented to Altadena Rotary. To our left is a Gold award for our Newsletter, and to our right is a Gold award for Membership Development and Rotary Foundation.*



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April 1, 2019

*An Invitation from Nick Santangelo whose band is performing at this event*

Dear Friend,

The Campbell Center is proud to announce a new fundraiser, **"Bubbles & Blues,"** to benefit The Campbell Arts Academy (TCAA).

The Campbell Arts Academy provides an option for integrated services through life enriching arts-based experiences, events and gallery shows. The goal of TCAA is to:

- Discover upcoming Artists, maximize their talent and support self-employment as an outcome.
- Provide a creative environment to promote personal growth and community integration for our Artists

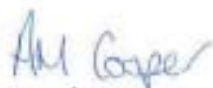
**"Bubbles & Blues"** will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2018 at the Fickwick Banquet Center in Burbank. This event will feature an Art Exhibit and Art for sale by our TCAA artists, spectacular mix performances of Blues, Jump and Swing provided by **The Blues Channel**, a complimentary champagne reception, dancing, and opportunities to dedicate songs played by the band for a small contribution.

This event would not be possible without the support of friends like you. We hope you will consider participating in this year's event as a Sponsor. Your participation will make it possible for us to reach our ultimate goal.

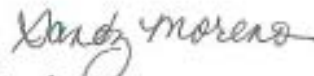
Attached, you will find a Sponsorship Opportunities form which lists the various benefits of each level. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to a great evening of art, music and dancing in support of our talented artists.

Warmly,



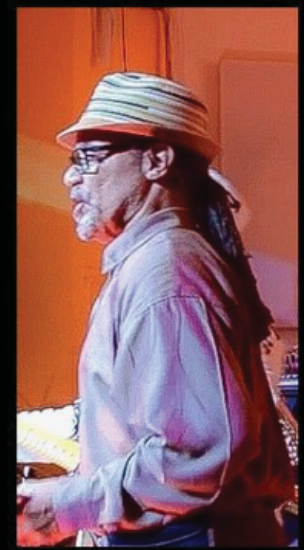
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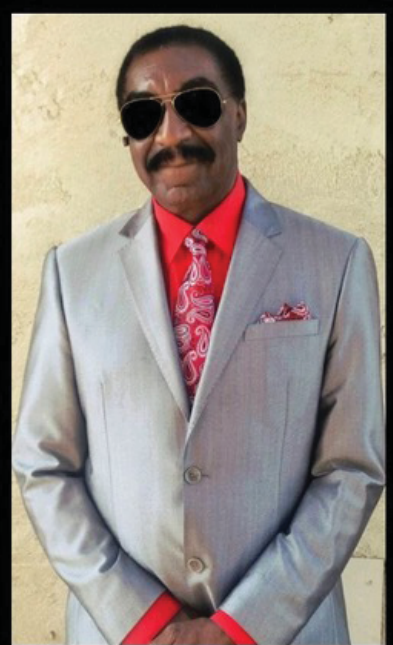
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# Second Saturdays



**October 13\***

**Upstream**  
Reggae, Soca, Caribbean

**November 10**

**Past Action Heroes**  
80s & 90s Covers

**January 12**

**Pasadena Playboys**  
Country

**February 9**

**JazzZone**  
Smooth Jazz, R&B

**March 9**

**The Allan Wasserman  
Jazz Ensemble**  
Jazz

**April 13**

**Sangre Nueva**  
Salsa

**May 11**

**The Leapin' Lizards**  
Rockabilly, Blues, Swing

**June 8**

**Harbor Groove**  
Latin Rock

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**Holiday Lights - Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**Handel's Messiah Sing-Along - Monday, December 9, 2019**

**Romantic Journey - Saturday, March 14, 2020**

**Roaring 20s - Saturday, May 30th, 2020**