

Rotary Club of Altadena

Sparks

OFF THE ROTARY WHEEL
AN AWARD-WINNING NEWSLETTER



November 14, 2019

This Week's Program

**Susan Shiells,
Advocate for
Children**

**Program Host
Michael Thatcher**

Susan Shiells is currently the Recruitment and Outreach Coordinator for the Los Angeles Chapter of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASALA). They mobilize community volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse and neglect.

Their vision is a Los Angeles in which every child in the child welfare system has an advocate and the opportunity to thrive.

CASA of Los Angeles recruits, trains, and coaches these Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to work with each child individually and make sure they get the support they need. Its vision is a Los Angeles in which every foster child has an advocate and the opportunity to thrive.

Come learn about their core values of Deep Love, Justice, Authenticity and Integrity, Accountability and Respect. ○

Friends ... Old and New

About a month ago (mid-October), my wife and I had breakfast with two couples with whom we have been friends for almost 30 years. Our children attended St. Elizabeth Catholic School on Lake Ave. even though the 7 kids between us were not all in the same class and in the same academic year. All of our children grew up together because of the friendship of the parents (us); and the many gatherings we held together. All three couples



continue to meet new people (at work or the local community) but we also cultivate the love and friendship that have together.

During this past year, many of our club members have gathered at places like El Patron, the 1881, Foxes, and the Altadena Ale House (just to name a few) to eat, drink and share stories. Some of these meetings might have started off as something official, but then turned to just friendly talk. I feel fortunate to have been a part of some of these gatherings and hearing from longer term members about where the club has been and hearing their insights as to where they think the club is going. If you haven't shared a breakfast, lunch, dinner or coffee with one of our club members outside of the weekly meetings, I encourage you to



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By Mark Mariscal, President

schedule one soon. It will be worth your effort.

This past Saturday, I helped out – for just over an hour – at the Rotary Bike Build that was coordinated by the Pasadena Rotary Club. It was nice to see at least a dozen of our members helping with the Pancake Breakfast and the building of the bikes. It seemed to me that there were

less volunteers than in past years. Since I could not stay and help, I am sure that the members from our club, along with those from Pasadena, San Marino, Alhambra, and Pasadena After-Hours Rotary Clubs got all of the bikes built and stored. Before leaving, I was able to talk with rotary members from the other clubs that I have known for years or just recently met during 2019.

A special shout out to Doug Colliflower

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Greeter of the Week

November 14
Craig Cox

November 21
Frank Cunningham

November 28
Dawn Digrius

Patriotism in Song



Songs to live by – tunes of life: nostalgia, sadness, reflection, reminiscence, and hope for happy days; were all offered up by a cast of fourteen for the delight of Altadena Rotarians and their veteran guests.

We enjoyed the special Veteran's Day celebration with uniformed troopers from Theatre Americana ... and we are glad we made a Club contribution to the this Historic Theatre group, now in continuous engagement and performance for over 84 years. *Way to go!*

the Boys Are, We Didn't Start the Fire, I've Seen Fire and I've Seen Rain, Who Stopped the Rain, You Can't Hide Your Lying Eyes, I Give You the Best of My Love, Take It Easy, But I'll Be Back Again, and more for our sustained enjoyment and ruminative musings.



We enjoyed the gifts of music and of time ... free from the cares of life for a moment, allowing each of us to wind down from the hustle and bustle of complicated, hurried lives on the brink. Thank you cast!

Winding down, they brought us to our feet with a spirited rendition of, *I'm Proud to be an American*, and kept us on there

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Our trip to *Somewhere over the Rainbow* was accompanied by strains of: *Where*

November Foundation

Program Chair, Mike Thatcher

- November 07 - Theater Americana
- November 14 - Susan Shiells, Advocate for Children
- November 21 - To be Announced

Congratulations



Birthdays



- 08 - Sterling Louviere
- 09 - David Campbell
- 11 - Sylvia Vega
- 13 - Ed Jasnow
- 20 - Steve Kerekes
- 26 - Roger Fennell



Anniversaries



- 01 - Jacque Foreman & Bruce Conroy

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Hospice Care Making a Difference



For the last few months, I have been away from our weekly Rotary meetings due to my mother being in Hospice Care. This started the first week of September and it has been a long 10 weeks. If you remember, my father died in late November last year. Thank goodness my sister and I are working with a Hospice Care program that has become the FOUNDATION of our lives for these last 10 weeks. I thank all of you who have sent a text, called or just have said some prayers on behalf of the Vega family.

The month of November is Rotary International Foundation Month. The idea is for local Rotary Club leadership to talk with the members about the many areas of service the foundation focuses on. Just like I have described my latest involvement with Hospice care for my mother, the RI Foundation provides so much care for people throughout the world.

I invite you just go and spend 15 minutes on the website: <<http://www.Rotary.org/foundation>>. There you can read so many amazing stories of the support that Rotary members from different clubs around the world give to provide that specialized care for people in need – just like Hospice Care is helping my mother share her last few months at home surrounded by her two

daughters and many other family members and friends.

Many members in our club are part of the Paul Harris Society. This means that you have donated a minimum of at least \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation. Our club has a special program that allows our members to begin the process with a donation of \$500 and our club matches that amount for your first Paul Harris Fellowship pin. If any of you are interested, please speak with me, David Smith or President Mark Mariscal.

Thanks again for your prayers and support. They really mean much to me. As I wrote earlier, I miss the weekly meetings, but know that I will be back in the regular volunteer service regiment soon. ○

Program

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with a stirring presentation of the song from each branch of American Service.

President Mark, we appreciate your efforts in arranging this delightful performance for your fellow Rotarians and express our appreciation for each of Theatre Americana's cast members who helped to brighten our day!



On Mark

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for organizing the Breakfast part of it and Rene Amy who is part of the Bike Build Committee and in charge of the *Final Bike Inspection* team. This group ensures that the bikes will be ready for riding as soon as the Salvation Army hands them over to local families from the Altadena-Pasadena area.

To keep you updated: Club Member Boyd Hudson just entered hospice care at home. Some members have known him for the full 20 years of his Rotary service time, and others – like me – more recently, over the last 2-3 years. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. ○

Breakfast & Bicycle Building

It's Saturday, November 09, and Altadena Rotarians arrive early at the Woodbury PUSD yard to set up the fixings for providing a pancake and sausage breakfast for those intrepid mechanics putting bicycles together, from something like 12-inch to 24-inch sizes. This year the crews from Alhambra, Pasadena After-Hours, San Marino, Altadena, and Pasadena Rotary Clubs assembled 250 bikes.

From memory and the best IDs I can make from the photographs, here is a list of our members who participated:

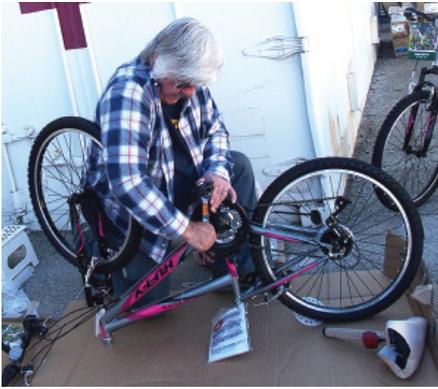
- Rene Amy
- Sue Applegate and her sister Carol
- Kelly Bennette
- Doug Colliflower
- Craig Cox
- Frank Cunningham
- Tony Hill

Kimmit Haggins
Steve Kerekes
Mark Mariscal
David Smith
Mike Zoeller
and, from Muir Highschool. Interactor Advisor Carina Jacob and fivve (5) Interact members
I apologize for missing or mis-identifying any of our members.



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And the Morning Continues



Another Wooden Nickel Presented



This week President Mark presented Veteran and Honorary Member Don Applegate with the coveted Wooden Nickel



David Smith (l) and Mark Mariscal are posing in front of our Rotary Club flag, each wearing a Tibetan scarf known as a Khata.

The scarves were sent to them by the

Rotary Club of Patan, Nepal via Dr. O'Brien, the father of our most recent past president, Sarah O'Brien, who currently serves District 5300 as their International Services Chair.

Our club has sent over \$10,000 in the last 2 years in support of the medical building (for construction and supplies) that is being built in a small village about two hours from Kathmandu.



Rotary



District 5300

Garbis Peace Institute 30th Annual Peace Conference

Pieces of Peace

Saturday, November 16, 2019 / 8:00 am—1:30 pm
Treasure Island Hotel and Casino
3300 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada



Mattias Sundholm
Strategic Communications
Officer
United Nations



Dr. Marta Meana
President
University of Nevada,
Las Vegas



KEYNOTE
Azim Khamisa
Founder of Tariq Khamisa
Foundation,
Author, Peacemaker



**Congresswoman
Susie Lee**



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**Rotary District Governor
Luanne Arredondo**



**Conference Chair
Dr. Garbis Der-Yeghian,
PDG**



**Conference Emcee
Michael D. Driebe**

Breakout Session Options Include:

- Human Trafficking—Matt Crystl of Destiny Rescue
- Global Issues—PDG Chehab El Awar
- Peace Fellowship—Peace Scholar, Chantelle Doerksen
- Millennial Response to Peace—SGV New Gen Club

Registration/Admission

(includes continental breakfast)

\$35.00: pre-registration by November 9, 2019

\$45.00: at the door if seats are available

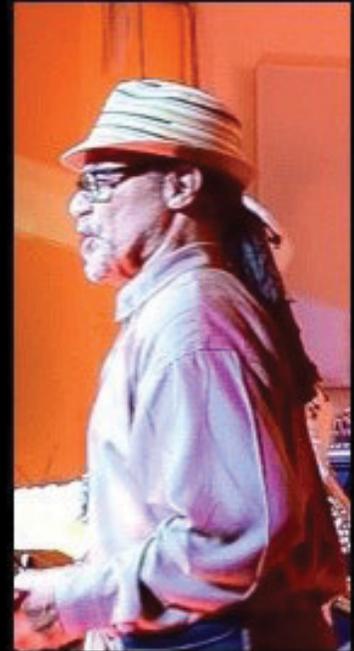
\$10.00: students with ID

To **REGISTER** and for more information, visit the event website at:

<http://district5300.org/peace-conference/>

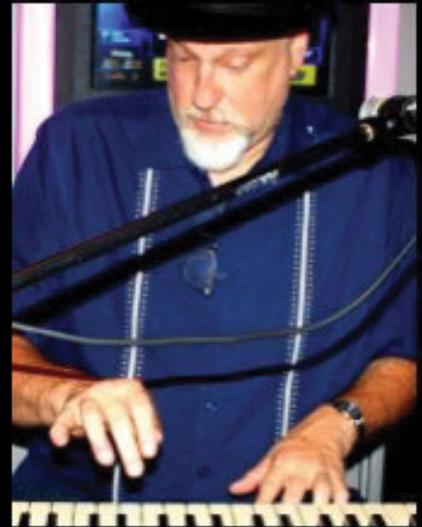
Youth-Centric Programming— Art for Peace Student Contest— Youth Peace Champions— Peacemaker of the Year Award

For further information, registration, and sponsorship opportunities contact Hassan Kheradmandan Tel: (310) 731-2083 E-mail: hassank@sbcglobal.net



**On December 10,
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JACQUE FOREMAN — 626-794-9620

Jacque invites you to join her and the other members of her BNI Chapter at their annual Food & Toy Drive Wednesday, December 11, 7:15 am to 8:45 am at Dish Restaurant in La Canada 734 Foothill.

Please RSVP. Chocolate Chunk cookies are baked for the occasion, and we want to have enough for everyone.