

## This Week's Program

**Kelly Bennett,  
Realtor**  
**Craft Talk**  
**Program Host**  
**Ruben Alvarado**



Kelly Bennett was born and raised in Altadena and went to Pasadena schools. She then attended dental assisting school at Citrus College and received her certification and then took her boards to get her license to become a Registered Dental Assistant. Did that for 20 yrs. During that time, she got married and had a son, Nicholas, who is currently attending Pasadena high school with plans to become a doctor.

After getting days cut by her former employer, she decided to move on from dental assisting and is now a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services California Properties in Pasadena. ○

## Money flowing to Local Organizations

Starting last Spring, our Board of Directors approved a new committee. The members are the President, President-Elect and Immediate Past President. This committee is focused – but not exclusively – on allocating funds to local Non-Profit organizations serving the Altadena community. The funding comes from our *HAPPY BUCKS*. As mentioned in a previous article, the money comes from you and our guests. The committee just recently awarded the first set of support checks.



We are supporting the upcoming *Taste Of Dena* event – coordinated by the **Altadena Library Foundation** – in the amount of \$500.

In addition, we are supporting:

- the **Convalescent Aid Society** in the amount of \$300 and
- the **Rotary Tournament of Roses Float Committee** in the amount of \$200.



## On the Mark

By Mark Mariscal, President

And, so far this month of September, we have donated

- \$100 to the **FRIENDS of the Altadena Library** for assistance in renting tables for their Book Sale the first weekend in September and
- \$75 to help cover costs of coffee and refreshments for the **Coffee With The Sheriff Captain** held on September 19.

This past week, our club was represented at the **Meet Sheriff Alex Villanueva** by Jennifer Hall Lee, Sylvia Vega and me. After he spoke and answered questions, the three of us went up to tell him we were from the SUPER-DUPER Rotary Club of Altadena. And, of course, we asked to have a photo with him. The photo includes (l to r) Sheriff Alex Villanueva, Jennifer Hall Lee, Mark Mariscal, Sylvia Vega and Captain Marjory Jacob. ○

## Greeter of the Week

September 26  
Charles Wilson

October 03  
Mike Zoeller

October 10  
Ruben Alvarado

## Opening Homes to help Hearts



That's the main focus of the Altadena Guild, as stated by our speaker last week, a former president of the Guild, Elizabeth Polenzani. The wife of longtime Rotarian, Tom Polenzani (who received a wooden nickel from President Mark), Mrs. Polenzani compared the Guild to Altadena Rotary. Our club was founded in

1949, while the Guild was founded in 1951. Our club meets weekly, while the Guild meets monthly. And, more importantly, both organizations are dedicated to community service. The primary purpose of the Guild is to support both Huntington Hospital and the Huntington Medical Research Institute (HMRI). Currently, the hospital is building a brand new cardiac center to make it easier for heart patients to access care.

The volunteer time put in by the Guild last year equated to \$130,314 in donated dollars. There are now 50 members of the Guild currently volunteering at the hospital.



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| Summary - Service to the Community (one year) |                 |                   |             |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
|   | Hospital        | Non-Hospital      | Total       |
| Hours   | 5,278 Hrs.      | 7492 Hrs.         | 12,770 Hrs. |
| Value   | \$130,313       | \$184,977         | \$315,290   |
| 2019 Direct Donations                         | TO HH: \$40,000 | TO HMRI: \$60,000 | \$100,000   |

appearance altered by the treatment. Other funds are used for employee scholarships.

The HMRI is the other major recipient of the Guild's donations. Located on South Fair Oaks Avenue, across from the hospital, HMRI is now in a brand

They also donate to the Appearance Center, which is dedicated to restoring the appearance of chemotherapy patients who have either lost their hair or otherwise had their

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### September

#### Education & Literacy

Program Chair, Ruben Alvarado

September 26 - Kelly Bennett, Craft Talk

### October

#### Economic & Community Development

Program Chair, Dawn Digrius

October 03 - To be Announced

October 10 - To be Announced

### Congratulations

#### Birthdays

- 07 - Robert Smith (Dawn)
- 13 - Jennifer Hall Lee
- 13 - Boyd Hudson
- 17 - Dennis Mehninger
- 18 - Dorothy Brooks
- 21 - Doug Colliflower
- 22 - Etta McCurry

#### Anniversaries

- 01 - Mark & Paula Mariscal
- 13 - Boyd & Alice Hudson
- 14 - Dawn (Digrius) & Robert Smith

## Building a Better World



**A**t Altadena Rotary, we are well blessed to be able to help our community and other clubs two ways:

- With a donation
- Actual work

### **Soon a Hospital for Mirge, Nepal**

Our Rotary Club just recently sent \$5,000 to the Rotary Club of Wollaton Park in Nottingham England. This is our second year in a row with a donation of this size. The Wollaton Park Club is the home of our Past President Sarah O'Brien. The funds will again be used toward the construction of a 15-bed hospital in Mirge, Nepal. Mirge is

a remote village with no electricity, a day's drive from Kathmandu and then a five-hour walk up the mountain.

A couple of years earlier, the Wollaton Park Club helped to build a small medical aid station, but that has turned out not to be enough. Thus, the pledge that the Altadena Rotary Club has made to help fast track the 15-bed hospital. Ground breaking occurred earlier this year. We hope that soon in the future, some of our Club members can find some personal time and go and visit to see first-hand how our funds are making a difference.

### **Super Build**

It is now time to talk about *Super Build* – Rotary working with Corozon.org to build homes just south of the border in Tecate Mexico. Our club has allocated funds that will allow our members to receive a stipend

of \$200 to participate. This will help with some of the expenses of gas, transportation and one night's lodging.

Rotary District 5300 actually has two *builds* during our Rotary year: One on November 2, 2019 to build one home and another on May 17, 2020 where we hope to be building 2-3 homes based on District 5300 Clubs financial commitment!

If you are interested in the *build* coming up, please sign up under District 5300 on the Corazon.org website for November 2, 2019.

This Build includes transportation to the Mexico site by bus only. There will be no separate cars allowed on this build across the border. The cost for transportation is \$30 round trip per each volunteer. There is a cut-off at 45 volunteers, and there are currently 25 signed up. ○

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new building that has been already paid off. Along with other institutions, they are on the cutting edge of major breakthrough biomedical research.

The Guild's major fundraiser is the home tours that they conduct on the first Sunday in May. These tours yield a profit of \$80,000 annually. They've been conducting these tours since 1951. Last year's street was Midwick Drive, and included the home of Altadena Rotary member Mike Zoeller. Each year, the Guild selects a street to

be featured on the tour, with four or five moderately sized homes. They stage the homes with flowers, some furniture, and some gardening.

Last year, the Guild donated 5,278 hours to the hospital for a total value of \$130,313, 7,490 hours to non-hospital entities, for a total of \$184,977, and direct donations of \$100,000. This organization continues to be a driving force in the community for both Huntington Hospital and the HMRI.

*Ed Jasnow* ○



**Tom Polenzani, member of the After-Hours Rotary Club in Pasadena is the first non-Altadena Rotarian to receive the coveted Wooden Nickel - 19-September 19**

# A Progressive Dinner in Progress

*It all started at 1881 Washington Bl., Pasadena*

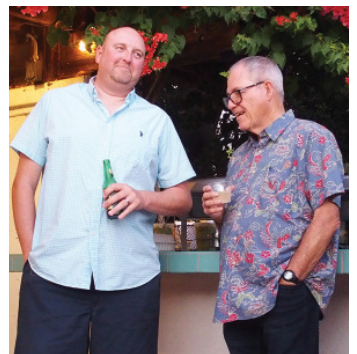


## *And continued at Mike Zoeller's Home*



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# More Photos



**Thank you All for making it a Great Party**