



Rotary ROTARY CLUB OF ALTADENA



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

'SPARKS' OFF THE ROTARY WHEEL

An Award-Winning Newsletter

The Rotary Club of Altadena meets Thursdays at noon
at the Altadena Town and Country Club

Rotary Club of Altadena - #772

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OCTOBER 28, 2021

Halloween costume contest in next
week's 'Sparks' - photos please!

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THIS WEEK IN PERSON!!!!

* LOCATION: ALTADENA TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB

Victorian Room

Altadena Town & Country Club Protocols:

Proof of vaccinations or 72 hours negative COVID test for all events. Face mask is required for all indoor events.

ERIC MULFINGER, ALTADENA HISTORICAL SOCIETY and more..!

Speaker Chair for October: Nikki Winslow



I am a fourth-generation Californian, and I've lived in Altadena for 30 years with my wife Laura and son Noah. I graduated from Pomona College with a degree in philosophy, and then after a few career detours, I became a math teacher. I taught for 12 years at The Westridge School in Pasadena, and then for 19 years at Marshall Fundamental Secondary School. I coached cross country, advised the

chess club, and retired in 2017. I have been a volunteer at the Altadena Historical Society for the past four years and president for the last two. I handle most of the research requests and social media posts. I'm especially interested in the history of the local mountain canyons, including the Mt. Lowe Railway. My other volunteer time is spent with a USFS trail crew maintaining the paths in Millard and Grand Canyons up to the Mt. Lowe Trail Camp.

* November 4, 2021 – ATCC Confirmed

November 11, 2021 – TBD

November 18, 2021 – TBD

November 25, 2021 – Dark-Thanksgiving Day

December 2, 2021 – Confirmed ATCC

December 9, 2021 – Confirmed ATCC

December 16, 2021 – Confirmed ATCC – Club Christmas Party Tentative

December 23, 2021 – Dark December 30, 2021 – Dark January 6, 2022 – Club Assembly

LAST WEEK: Isabelle Briggs: 'Shared Landscapes: Mapping Teen Altadena'

Speaker Chair: Nikki Winslow
Program Review: David Campbell



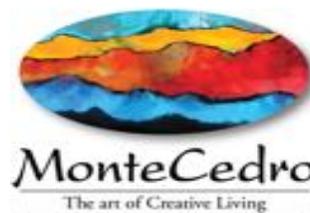
Isabelle Briggs has been the Teen Services Librarian at the Altadena Library District for just over two years now. Prior to this she worked in museums and libraries in Los Angeles, Cleveland, and Baltimore, always in youth education or public service roles. After receiving her library degree from UCLA she began organizing

the Teen Library Services for our ALD, just before Covid struck and the library was closed for attendance. This gave Ms. Briggs the opportunity to create a program that was all her own. She began by applying for a grant from California humanities fund to expand the outreach to teens. Upon receiving this grant she began this new program that is launching online this week, called, "Shared Landscapes: Mapping Teen Altadena". The goal is to allow a creative space for the Altadena teens to share their geographic perspectives on their world around us here in our own community. This is encouraging geographic place studies of Altadena using their favorite media of all sorts. Hoping to build on the influencers and creative Tik Toker's of this generation, Shared Landscapes will build a teen experience that records a collection for presentations showing: who is the Altadena teen and how do they see Altadena from their perspective?

First step will include a distribution of media recording devices to teens for their location related emotional memories. Next step will include collection of the media from a specific website upload.

Perhaps the most important step is next where a council of local teens will curate the submissions to authentically validate these experiences are true and honest. There are very important values that will be prioritized to represent the less visible communities. Within this leadership council an intentional effort to reach out to the neglected and under-represented communities so it will be inclusive for all.

Finally, the goal is to create a map exhibit at the library for presentation of these resources and to create space of ownership for the teens of our communities. Within Altadena there will be recognition of the indigenous heritage and their story. Also, the natural resources of our hillsides, flora and



<https://www.ecsforseniors.org/montecedro/>



Last week's meeting began with a moment of silence to remember Club Members, our friends, who are no longer with us.



FRANKLY SPEAKING...By President Frank



How did YOU celebrate World Polio Day?
There is still time to donate!



wildlife are going to be melded to form a geographically realistic picture of the sustainability efforts that have preserved our environment to heal from our impacts.

For Ms. Briggs, her favorite part of being a Teen Librarian is working with volunteers, making connections in the community, and teaching media and literary recommendations.

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Making Dreams Come True...

By Dawn Digrius Smith



On Friday, October 8, 2021, I participated in a wonderful opportunity to give back by partnering with Dr. Hailey Nelson, MD, a Pediatrician at Valley Children's, who is also Dr. California America 2021. She and I both competed in the Dr. World Productions competition, Dr. Nelson in the Dr. America division and I in the Dr. United States of America division representing California. I won the national title of Dr. United States of America 2022, which allows me to represent charitable and philanthropic causes across the US. I drove up to Fresno in order to both support Dr. Nelson as Dr. California America 2021 but also to assist her in making a young woman's wish come true.

One of Dr. Nelson's patients attends a local Fresno school and has both autism and a neurodegenerative disorder. Sarah's (I will only use her first name to protect her identity) wish was to become a princess; she loves all things blingy! So, Hailey and I surprised Sarah at the Big Fresno Fair on that day to present her not only with her wish to become a princess, but also to present to her family two important donations, a power wheelchair and a power recliner to assist with her daily life and activities. Sarah is in the choir at her school and was singing a solo in front of a live audience at the fair, an amazing feat alone for someone with autism; while she was on stage after finishing her song, Dr. Nelson and I joined her onstage and we presented her with an official princess tiara, flowers, and a stuffed giraffe.

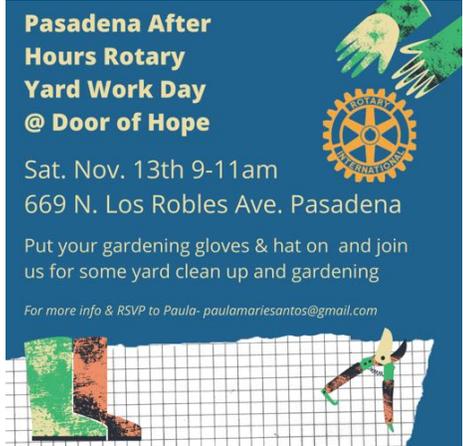
After the presentation, we had professional photos taken (they are still being processed), and gave Sarah's family the certificates for the two chairs. Her mother was so moved she began to cry; Sarah was so happy she had a smile on her face and wore the tiara for the rest of the day! Opportunities like these are the reason I continue to not only compete in pageantry, but volunteer my time to help others. To see a family or an individual's life changed for the better is a truly profound experience! To find out more about me, Dr. United States of America 2022, link here: <https://www.dmdspartnersinc.com/about2>

Pasadena After Hours Rotary Yard Work Day @ Door of Hope

Sat. Nov. 13th 9-11am
669 N. Los Robles Ave. Pasadena

Put your gardening gloves & hat on and join us for some yard clean up and gardening

For more info & RSVP to Paula- paulamariesantos@gmail.com



Dr. Nelson and Dr. Digrius Smith getting "corny" at the Big Fresno Fair!

To find out more about the Dr. World Productions organization:
<https://www.drworldproductions.com/>
Dr. Hailey Nelson:
<https://www.valleychildrens.org/news/news-story?news=1305>.