

Rotary ROTARY CLUB OF ALTADENA



'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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Rotary Foundation Month!

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Youth Contests, Scholarships, Awards:

Mike Zoeller

Youth Activities: Tony Hill

Foundation: Steve Kerekes

THIS WEEK IN PERSON!!!!

*** LOCATION: ALTADENA TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB**

Mendocino 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.

THIS WEEK: Dan Denoncourt

Campus Director, EF Academy

Speaker Chair for November: David Campbell



EF Education has been the largest private educational company in the world since starting in 1965. Offering educational tours, immersion language learning, cultural exchange and academic programs around the world. Whether for study abroad, learning a language at one of their language schools, offering exchange experiences or travel with a teacher or professor to exciting destinations (such as

Altadena!). Some of us may be interested in joining EF to become an international educator.

EF has invested over \$10 million here in the Altadena/Pasadena community by purchasing and renovating the old William Carey campus to create an international campus for their overseas students. One of their unique strategies over the years has been to organize student exchange programs all over the world. EF High School Exchange Year has been promoting global awareness through student exchange for over 40 years. We bring more students to the US each year than any other high school exchange program. Since 1979, our organization has connected more than 100,000 international students with caring host families across America. We have been one of the more active chapters in Rotary International with Mike Noll both hosting students and

sending his daughter for international education within Rotary's sponsorship program. I believe we have connected about 10 students over the years?

EF education provides tours for public schools too. My kids went on Sacramento tour, and Washington D.C. tours and a Boston tour with their schools that EF provided to Arcadia schools.

The campus on Elizabeth Ave, at the old William Carey campus will be dorms for international students who are on tour from other countries, who are interested in exploring Southern California. Some will be studying our language and some will be exploring our culture. The tours may be long programs or temporary stops on longer tours. This is a huge organization with many different avenues of educational growth for students.

The campus stopped construction during Covid but now has resumed and should be ready to host students this summer.

As one who invested on Lake Ave. 5 years ago, I see this investment as a significant step forward in the development of our wonderful community. We as Rotary have synchronized interests in education and our role as diverse community leaders here in Altadena make this a significant moment in the future of Altadena.

Today we are being joined by significant campus leaders. Today's guests are:

Dan Denoncourt, Campus Director, EF Academy
Kim Stein, Deputy Head of School at EF Academy,
Shawna Marino, Vice President at EF Education First
in charge of the _EF Pasadena Community Information Line: (626) 346-9233

Just to emphasize how large EF Education is: they provided significant support for the Olympic Games in Tokyo and have for years supported one of the biggest Tour de France professional bike teams. Their investment in Altadena, could transform Altadena in dozens of ways. I want to thank them for coming. (David C.)

- * November 4, 2021 – ATCC Confirmed
- November 11, 2021 – Backstage, Coffee Gallery
- November 18, 2021 – Backstage, Coffee Gallery
- 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



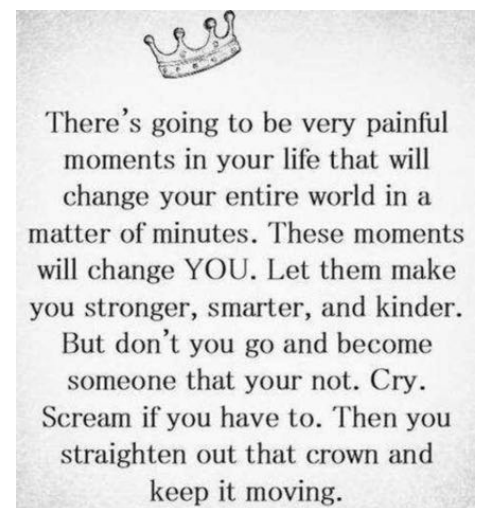
The Pasadena After-Hours Club is asking if our Rotary Club members might consider assisting on Saturday, November 13th from 9-11 am. They need help doing outdoor gardening, weeding, etc. See opposite and contact Mark if available. --->



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



FRANKLY SPEAKING...By President Frank



Grammar errors not the editor's (lol)

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

LAST WEEK: ERIC MULFINGER, ALTADENA HISTORICAL SOCIETY and more..! Speaker Chair: Nikki Winslow Program Review: Mike Zoeller



The club was pleased to host our speaker for the week, Eric Mulfinger, President of the Altadena Historical Society. Eric is a 30-year resident of Altadena, a four-year volunteer for AHS and the Society's President for the last two years. Please see Eric's detailed background in Nikki Winslow's introduction in last week's Sparks.

The Altadena Historical Society (AHS) was founded in 1935 and is dedicated to gathering, preserving, and sharing print and digital information about the people, places, and events that have shaped the Altadena community. He indicated that the Society is continually adding material to its substantial library. Eric gave the club a complete run-down on the activities of the Society and some of its recent projects. Here are some of the topics that Eric covered:

- New website – the Society has introduced a new and improved website, which you can view at www.altadenahistoricalsociety.org. There you can browse the collections, publications, services and other resources available through the Society.
- The Society Newsletter, the Echo – a spring and fall edition of special topics of historical interest to the Altadena community. All recent issues are available in the Society's website and well-worth reading.
- Outreach projects – Eric covered a number of recent projects, including the Ellen Garrison Clark gravesite identification. Clark was an early fighter against slavery and now buried in Mountain View Cemetery; on-line presentations featuring Pablo Gonzales, Lionel George covering Octavia Butler; Richard Bale, *Getting Around in Old Altadena* and Paul Rollins, presenting his new historical novel on the Sphinx Ranch and the Allen family.
- Research projects of the Society – including the history of African Americans in Altadena, a compendium of background information of a large number of homes in the Altadena area, the restoration of the Owen Brown stone marker and landscaping of the Cobb estate.

Although the ASH offices at the Altadena Community Center have not yet re-opened during the pandemic, Eric encouraged all Altadenans to make use of the Society's website and visit their offices when the Community Center restrictions are lifted.

Rotary International Foundation: Working For All

By Steve Kerekes, Club Foundation Chair

During last week's meeting, I presented a Paul Harris Society pin to Mark Mariscal. The pin came with 3 sapphires. The pin had arrived in late 2020. Since then, Mark had actually contributed additional funds that brought him to a higher level and 4 sapphires. Another member (Mike Zoeller) is very close to becoming a Major Donor Level 2 contributor to the RI Foundation. In fact, Mike and Mark are two of the current five club members who have committed to contributing at least \$1,000 to the Foundation each year. November is Rotary Foundation Month. Clubs work on:

- 1) encouraging members to sign up for **Direct Deposit** to the Foundation,
- 2) encouraging members to commit to **\$100 or \$1,000 per year**
- 3) encouraging members to add RI Foundation to their **Estate Planning Documents**

Reach out to Mark or me with any questions!



On Sunday, October 24th, PP Mark Mariscal and current President Frank Cunningham attended the Convalescent Aid Society's (CAS) Annual Garden Party. Our club was one of the sponsors of the event. Over 80 people attended in person and another 75 or so joined in during the Virtual Ceremony program. In the photo with Frank and Mark are Mark Waterson, the CEO of CAS and Scott Vandrick, the Past President of the Rotary Club of Pasadena. (Photo above)



As part of the meeting on October 29th, Rotary Club members gathered with newly appointed Altadena Sheriff Captain Jabari Williams for a group photo (above). The photo will be added to the LA County Sheriff's yearbook. The Altadena Station wanted to include our club as a "thank you" for the different ways that we have helped the station over the last two years.

ACTIVATE PEACE IN THE PARK
HEALTH & WELLNESS FESTIVAL
AN INTERGENERATIONAL CELEBRATION OF #PEACEINTHEPARKDENIA
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
LOMA ALTA PARK
3330 N LINCOLN AVE,
ALTADENA, CA 91001

SMUSHBALL GAME | FOOD TRUCKS | INTERACTIVE ARTS AND CRAFTS | LIVE MUSIC | LIVE PERFORMANCES | BICYCLE AND SKATE SKILLS COURSE | YOGA / GUIDED MEDITATION | CHALK ART | MOBILITY DEMONSTRATIONS | INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTING | NATURE WALKS | CONNECTING CULTURES | GIFTS AND PRIZES