

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

Chartered: February 14, 1949, P.O. Box 414, Altadena, CA 91003
 RI Pres: Shekhar Mehta, Dist. 5300 Gov: Elizabeth (Betsy) McDonough Barry



NOVEMBER 18, 2021

Rotary Foundation Month!

THIS WEEK IN PERSON!!!!

*** LOCATION: BACKSTAGE at the COFFEE GALLERY**

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

2029 Lake Ave, Altadena, CA 91001 (626) 398-7917

**THIS WEEK: Dr. Marc Haney, Periodontist and Pilot for Mission Flight
 Mauricio Rodriguez, Director of Mission Aviation may also join us.**

Speaker Chair for November: David Campbell



"Mission Flight organizes and leads trips to serve communities that invite us to come to serve alongside them where there is significant need. These communities are either remote or very difficult to access by ground.

On a long-term basis, we serve in three locations:

- San Quintin, Baja MX, Culiacán, Sinaloa, MX, Huichol Indians in the central mountains of MX outside of Guadalajara

We believe that God uniquely and unconditionally loves each person, no matter their background, and further desires to adopt us into His family as passionately loved sons and daughters. We believe that God weeps with those that weep, and deeply cares about the poor, the marginalized, and those who are isolated without access to basic resources. It is this conviction that compels our desire to be multiple expressions of His love on the earth. As such, we serve on a "need basis" to the extent of our capacities and perform all services free of charge, obligation, or discrimination. Our volunteers also share a variety of backgrounds and perspectives and we are unified by our shared desire to

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- Membership: Maria Perez-Arton**
- International: Sarah O'Brien**
- Community Service: Doug Colliflower**
- Vocational: Steve Kerekes**
- Youth Contests, Scholarships, Awards: Mike Zoeller**
- Youth Activities: Tony Hill**
- Foundation: Steve Kerekes**

love and serve people in great need. Unity with diversity is one of our unique strengths as an organization.”



Dave and Brad Campbell on their last trip to San Quintin, Mx.

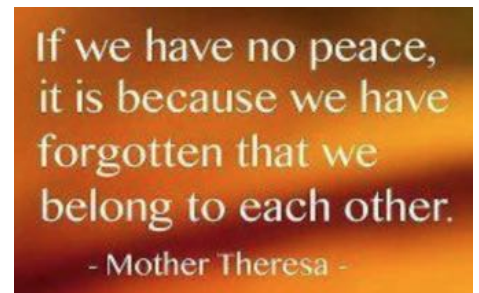


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FRANKLY SPEAKING...By President Frank

- 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



LAST WEEK: Tim Peters, Director with Union Rescue Mission



Speaker Chair: David Campbell
Meeting & Program Review: Theo Clarke

Frank Cunningham opened the meeting with a summary of things that happened on this day in history:

- 1620 Mayflower Pilgrims make their first landing in America, at Provincetown Harbor, Massachusetts.
- 1647 Massachusetts passed the first compulsory school attendance law in the American colonies.
- 1889 Washington was admitted as the 42nd state of the USA.
- 1909 Construction of a US Navy base begins at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 1926 U.S. Route 66 is established from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California, 2,448 miles (3,940 km). [I checked the distance. It is 2,013 miles (3,240 km)].
- 1961 Adulterous couple ride a dung cart through Staphorst, Netherlands.
- 1972 Dow Jones Index moves above 1,000 for the first time.
- 2015 Flawless 12 carat Blue Moon Diamond sells for \$48.4 million at auction.



Our Mission

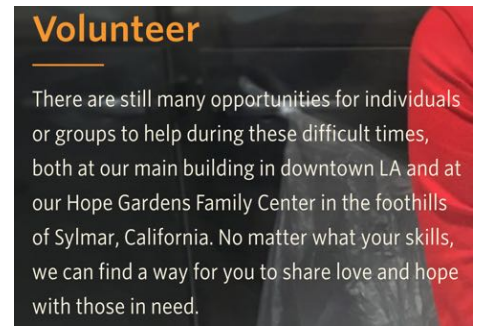
We embrace people with the compassion of Christ.



Announcements: (1) Craig announced that the day for flag take down is this Saturday; (2) Frank mentioned Meal Boxes. (3) We will meet at the Altadena Town and Country Club on December 2, 2021. Stay tuned for meeting sites after that.

November Speaker Chair Dave Campbell introduced our speaker Tim Peters. Tim is a Director with Union Rescue Mission (URM). URM is the largest mission of its kind in America. Tim started his career in the field of homelessness in Kansas City. He came to L.A. in 1991 serving as the Director of the Door of Hope for 11 years. He then came back to URM, and the heart of Skid Row. For his entire career he has focused on homelessness. There are 66,000 homeless living on the streets in Los Angeles. The period 2019-2020 saw a 46% increase in homelessness among seniors. It was a huge wave. Many are unsheltered, living in cardboard boxes. 76% of the homeless in L.A. are unsheltered. Five people die per day of hyperthermia on the streets of L.A. 76% of the homeless suffer from mental illness. Many suffer from substance abuse. Downtown Los Angeles has the distinction of being the worst neighborhood in the country. Here is where the URM comes in.

The URM is the largest privately funded homeless shelter in the U.S. The operating budget for URM is \$28 million/year. URM is building ~1,000 small structures, about 50 square feet per person. The facility is called Hope Gardens. URM spends ~\$1,000,000/year on meals to feed the homeless. URM is Christian based. They never turn away a single mom or a family with children. The fastest growing population of homelessness are women with children. Two examples of the help URM has provided includes a young man who saw his stepfather kill his mother. This trauma resulted in his living on the street for 26 years. Through URM he regained his self-respect, and in fact is now on the URM staff. Another example is a lady with four kids who sought help from URM. She is now sheltered by URM and has a good job. There are 1,000s of stories like this. But URM is having a hard time finding entry level workers.



URM is building a new facility in South L.A. It will open January 20, 2022. It's on 700 acres. URM is building a chain of thrift stores. More than half the clothes donated to them are brand new. Each store can generate ~\$3 million/year. URM is worthy of your support. 82% of every dollar raised goes to the homeless. On June 10 next year URM is sponsoring a walk around the Rose Bowl to end homelessness. URM believes in the compassion of Jesus Christ. For more information on URM go to URM.org where you can find job listings and testimonials. URM wants to raise rainy day funds, a reserve. They strive to be good stewards.

INTERACT UPDATE By Carina Jacobs

JMHSAA Campus Pride Co-Director,
JMHSAA Acting Fundraising Director & Interact Co-Advisor
John Muir High School Alumni Association

Tony gave a great presentation at last Wednesday's Interact Meeting. We had our largest turnout! The classroom was packed! One of my friends was able to arrange for free pizza from Dominos for every Interact meeting for this school year! The free hot food really brought in the students!

Tony Hills did a great job speaking to Interact's Club over WebEx at our monthly meeting last Wednesday, November 3rd! I have attached a picture from our November meeting that shows Tony on WebEx. He mentioned that students will be able to help with Rotary's Rose Parade Float. They are excited about that!



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RI President Shekhar Mehta and Mark Mariscal Share a Moment Together!

By Mark Mariscal

While attending the Rotary Zone 26/27 Training Institute in Tucson Arizona, I had an opportunity to say hello and take a photo with the RI President Shekhar Mehta. He spent almost two full days with us in sessions, walking around saying hello and just being a good Rotarian greeting members.

My opportunity to attend this Training Institute was because of the role I have in the District as the District Rotary Foundation Chair. The sessions were educational. Much of the discussion was based on President Mehta's goals of 1) growing Rotary, 2) empowering and helping girls, 3) clubs holding days of service. His theme this year, **"Serve To Change Lives"** is something I already know our club members believe in.



Mark and RI President Shekhar Mehta



Below and opposite are photos of nearly new, high quality furniture that I'm interested in selling prior to Thanksgiving when I move out of my Lake Ave office. We have no space for these beautiful pieces in my home office.



If anyone is interested or knows of someone who is interested, please contact Mike Noll at 626.818.5564 (text or voice).



Table: Minh Thanh counter height, solid hardwood, trestle dining table, 4 chairs & bench (\$1,200)



Sofa: Calico Corners custom made loveseat with pillows (\$950)



Chairs: 4 - Marshall gray faux leather dining chairs (\$300)



Dropleaf: Bradding 42" diameter, round, drop leaf table - mahogany finish (\$175)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ED JASNOW!
(Nov 13)



Trash: simplehuman 45L rectangular step can (\$50)