



**'SPARKS' OFF THE ROTARY WHEEL**

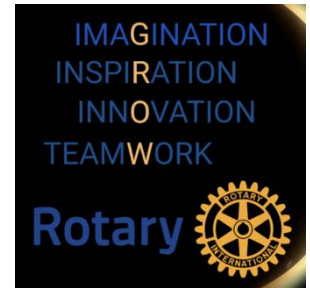
*An Award-Winning Newsletter*

**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

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**THIS WEEK: DR. KRIS ZACNY, HONEYBEE ROBOTICS**

Location: Altadena Town and Country Club



Our speaker this week is Dr. Kris Zacny. That name is familiar because he spoke to our club back on August 4th of last year. It is pretty unusual to have a returning speaker this soon, but many people requested to have Kris come back to give us additional details on how his company is helping the US Government land a human back on the moon by 2025.

Dr. Kris Zacny is VP at Honeybee Robotics. His interests include space mining, extraterrestrial drilling, and In Situ Resource Utilization (ISRU). He co-founded Exploration Systems division in Altadena, which focuses on developing space mining robots. In his previous capacity as an engineer in South African underground gold, diamond, and coal mines, Dr. Zacny managed numerous mining projects and production divisions. Dr. Zacny received his PhD in Extraterrestrial Drilling and Mining from UC Berkeley and BSc cum laude in Mechanical Engineering from University of Cape Town.

He participated in several Antarctic, Arctic, Atacama, and Greenland expeditions and has over 300 publications. Dr. Zacny is a Principal Investigator of TRIDENT lunar drill for the upcoming PRIME-1 lander and VIPER rover missions to explore water in the lunar South Pole.

**JANUARY 12, 2023**

January is: Vocational Service Month

**Officers**

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Dawn Digrius Smith

**Chairs**

Membership: Maria Perez-Arton

International: Sarah O'Brien

Community Service: Craig Cox

Vocational: Steve Kerekes

Youth Contests, Scholarships, Awards:

Mike Zoeller

Youth Activities: Tony Hill

Foundation: Steve Kerekes

## LAST WEEK: CLUB ASSEMBLY

At Altadena Library



Mark made soup, Committee Chairs spoke about programs and plans. More details to be shared in the weeks to come. A great start to 2023!

Service Projects/Youth Contests & Awards – Mike Zoeller

Service Projects/Youth Activities – Tony Hill

Service Projects/Seasonal & Other Projects – Craig Cox

Vocational Service Projects – Mark Mariscal

Membership - Maria Perez-Arton

Service Projects/Teacher Mini-Grants & Americanism Mini-Grants – Ed Jasnow

Foundation – Steve Kerekes

International Service / Sparks newsletter – Sarah O'Brien



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### TURN THE CORNER

PE Dawn shared some inspirational quotes about 'turning the corner' at the start of a New Year.

#### Continuing the theme:

Choose your corner, pick away at it carefully, intensely and to the best of your ability and that way you might change the world.

- Charles Eames

It is time for us to turn a corner and come together, put our differences behind us and focus on the future.

- Christine Gregoire



More to come!

#### Rotary Sponsored Events:

March 2023 Read at Families Forward

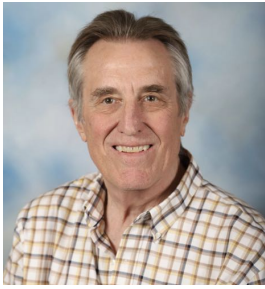
#### Upcoming General Community / Service Opportunities:

##### Native Milkweed Seed Giveaway

January 21, 2023

Altadena Community Garden

10 AM to 3 PM



## President's Piece

By President Doug Colliflower

### Goals for 2023

Happy New Year! I hope yours is off to a wonderful start. Our Rotary year started with our traditional Club Assembly on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at the Altadena Library. We enjoyed a wonderful meal, including homemade vegetable and chicken soups, compliments of Mariscal Catering. Thank you Mark!

The purpose of the Club Assembly is to share information and keep our members informed about the goals and plans we are working on for the remainder of our 2022 - 2023 Rotary year. Our Club Assembly had a full agenda with all committee chairs, or their designees providing verbal reports and answering questions from the membership.

In last week's issue of Sparks I shared some highlights of our accomplishments for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of our year and now that we have crossed the bridge into the second half of the year, I think it would be appropriate to share my primary goals for the remainder of my term as President of our Club

In our Club Leadership Plan we have a "Public Relations" committee and, unfortunately, the Chair position is vacant. I will do my best to fill that critical position with a member that has some passion for marketing. Anybody?

The sub-committees that fall under Public Relations are:

- Sparks - Sarah O'Brien
- Website - Mark Mariscal (acting)
- Media Outreach - vacant
- Rotary Signage - vacant

Enhancing our **Branding & Marketing** remains my primary focus and I believe the better we can spread the word about the good that Rotary does, the more our membership will grow.

Secondly, I want to continue the work started in June of 2022 when we distributed a Member Assessment Survey. We shared the results during our weekly meeting on September 22, 2022. I commented during that meeting that the survey gave us good direction on areas to focus on and, Dawn & I have discussed and agree that the survey results should be included in the goals and direction for our Club over the next couple of years. I intend to meet with Dawn and our President-nominee soon to discuss priorities relative to the survey findings.

Your questions and comments are always welcome.

**Yours in Rotary, see you Thursday!**

## Grants - District Designated Funds

By Mark Mariscal

As reported by Steve Kerekes, our Club Foundation Chair, our club receives an allocation each year based on members' contributions to the RI Foundation Annual Fund. This year, our club applied for and received over \$4,000 in District Designated Funds. With these funds to date, we have:

- 1) spent about \$400 to assist with the Christmas Tree Lane Lighting Ceremony
- 2) purchased \$750 worth of duffle bags from REI to help 16 High School Youths attend an Environmental Camp in Hawaii (upcoming in March)
- 3) helped rent tables for the Friends of the Altadena Library's Book Sale in September
- 4) helped with food costs for the club's Fall Project - The Pancake Breakfast
- 5) we will purchase books and other educational items for the Spring 23 'Read a Book' Project at Families Forward
- 6) we will help the Muir High School Interact Club provide a lunch for the Sheriff Deputies and Fire Fighters First Responders in our area stations

# Rotary Club of Altadena

## Director Nominations

### 2023-2025

In accordance with the bylaws and the California Corporations Code, the Nominating Committee presents the following as nominees to serve on the board of directors from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025:

Maria Perez-Arton  
Brad Roeber  
Maricela Viramontes

The vote will take place following our Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023.

Please be informed that members have the right to nominate candidates by petition as follows:

**Nomination by Petition** Additional nominations to the board may be made by petition and presented to the secretary at least one week prior to the annual meeting, when bearing the signatures of ten (10) or more members.