



'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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THIS WEEK: Pasadena City College Vocational Scholarships

Altadena Town and Country Club, Thursday at noon

Program Chair: Mark Mariscal

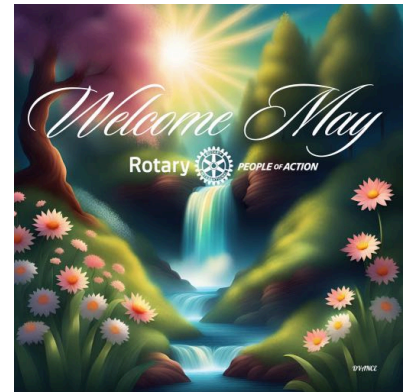
This week, we honor 18 students who attend Pasadena City College with scholarships that range between \$350 - \$1,000. Vocational scholarships have been a tradition in our club since the early 1960s. Recipients are selected by the faculty at PCC. The students will attend our luncheon along with family and school faculty members.

This year, the areas covered by the scholarships include our newest scholarship: Library Technology. We raised funds for this scholarship during our 75th Anniversary Celebration back in February. And of course, we will have in attendance Mr. Bruce Conroy! He is the husband of our late Rotary member Jacque Foreman-Conroy. We will again be awarding the scholarship that was founded in her name (Jacque Foreman-Conroy Scholarship), this year to Ms. Samantha Shuton.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Pasadena Community Foundation for its contribution to our club to help cover the lunch expenses for the students, family members and PCC faculty. Representing CEO Jennifer DeVoll for PCF will be Jeannie Bogaard.



Invite a guest - this is always a wonderful program!



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MAY IS: YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

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LAST WEEK: Mini-Grants to Teachers - And How They Are Used!

Program Chair: Ed Jasnow Review: Maricela Viramontes Photos: Mark Mariscal



Earlier this year our Club gave out 23 \$400 Mini-Grants to teachers in six different schools in the Pasadena Unified School District. This week, those teachers told us about the remarkably creative ways they used those funds to enhance the classroom experience of their students. (L: Ed Jasnow)

We learned about the direct impact our Rotary Club makes in the community by supporting these principals and teachers and we got to show how much we support the work they do to educate our most valuable resource: our children.

Special thanks to Sylvia Vega, realtor and former club member for sponsoring the teachers' lunches through a generous donation. (R: Sylvia Vega)

Some teachers had received the grants previously and were grateful to Ed Jasnow, his selection committee and Club members for the ongoing support over the years. For others it was the first grant they had received. We heard from experienced teachers, and newly appointed ones. All were enthusiastic and passionate about their work with students and we are lucky to have them serve our youngsters! The school principals introduced the teachers who had received grants. Below is a selection of what each teacher used the grant to purchase, in order to enhance the learning experiences of their students, both in and outside of the classroom.

Marshall School - Principal: Lori Toulumian

- Galvez, Spanish teacher, took students on a field trip, and used funds for the transportation cost.
- Dickerson, art teacher, used funds to purchase art supplies incl. construction paper, origami paper, pastels, water color pencils, and acrylic paint.
- King, music teacher, organised a field trip to Disney imagination center.
- Harry, special ed teacher purchased science supplies, thermometer, microscope and art equipment.
- Alison, teaches 6-12 grade drama, and used funds for weights and costume designs.
- Marjory, choir teacher bought stationary supplies.



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Congratulations and THANK YOU to All Our School Principals and Teachers!
(Photos below and on following pages)



Eliot Middle School - Lanisha McKenzie

- McKensie, drama teacher, purchased an iPad.
- Evans, Special Ed teacher, was teaching a theme about the circus. Purchased quality water color paper and art supplies.
- Dr. Lambert, math teacher, purchased science supplies and mosaic paint based on the book Abstract Art.
- Pauline, French teacher, purchased French learning materials for school sessions to enhance the linguistic and cultural experience for her class.

Muir - Principal: Lawton Gray

- Franklin, choir teacher, used funds for field trip to The National Winning Choir and T-shirts.
- Chang, math teacher, purchased notebooks and calculus calculator.
- Courtney, tech teacher, purchased 4 screw guns and screw tips, to build sets and lighting.
- Lake, used funds for a field trip using public transportation to the museum.

Altadena Arts Magnet - Principal: Dana Hill

- Metropolis, 3rd grade teacher, purchased books sets for the class of: Charlotte's Web, Flora & Ulysses, and Flat Stanley.
- Alfonso, 1st grade teacher, 500 pre reader booklets with 50 different stories.
- Guzman, 2nd grade teacher, variety of books.

Jackson Elementary - Veronica Villagrana

- Jasco, purchased books for 640 students in the next 4 years.
- Newel, science teacher for K-5th grade, purchased glue sticks, feathers, and glitter.
- Reynaga, bi-lingual art teacher, purchased art supplies and ceramic art materials.

Pasadena High School

- Chang, Special Ed teacher, purchased 3D printer. So far, the students have created bookstands, Battle Galactica and dragon snack.
- Batch, Web Design teacher, purchased Epson color photo printer and paper & ink.



LOCAL CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS!

Last Thursday evening, our Rotary Club helped out at the Vinci De Mayo Program led by Paul Staff at Farnsworth Park. The club provided some of the refreshments served to the public. While there Club President-Elect Maricela and Mark were able to present Ms Azita a check for her organization's upcoming Children of One Planet Event scheduled for Saturday evening on June 1st.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

DO YOU HAVE YOUR TICKETS YET?



Guests from South Africa



Altadena Grocery Outlet is Proud to Host

The Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast
Benefits Altadena Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT),
Altadena Town Council (ATC), and Outward Bound Adventures

GROCERY OUTLET
Bargain Market

Saturday, June 1, 2024 • 8:00-10:30 am

Here or To-Go Tickets \$5.00
Tickets available at Sheriff Station, El Patron
Restaurant, Grocery Outlet or altadenarotary.org
Sheriff Station (626) 798-1131

Proceeds benefit AMRT, ATC, and Outward Bound Adventures | Sponsored By - **Rotary**

Pancake Breakfast!

Tickets are now available for our June 1 Pancake Breakfast at El Patron and Grocery Outlet. Please invite friends, family and neighbors!

The event benefits Outward Bound Adventures, Altadena Town Council and of course, our terrific Altadena Mountain Rescue Team.

Altadena Rotary Projects and Events Calendar

Craig Cox

- May 25 - Put up Flags for Memorial Day through Independence Day
- June 1 - Pancake Breakfast at Grocery Outlet
- June 29 - Melodia Mariposa Concert
- July 6 - Take down Flags on Lake Avenue
- July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24 - Summer Concerts
- August 31 - Melodia Mariposa Concert
- September 7 - SSGA Concert

To register for any event go to DacDB, Login, elect the My Club, tab, go the the Calendar icon, and go to the date.





Upcoming meeting info and events (save the dates!)

May 9 - PCC Vocational Scholarships
May 16 - PUSD Scholarships
June 27 - President Dawn's Demotion Party



Mini-Grants photos (cont'd)

