



'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: PUSD SCHOOLS Student Scholarships Program

Altadena Town and Country Club, Thursday at noon

Program Chair: Mark Mariscal

This week, we present scholarships to 15 students from 4 local PUSD schools to help further their education. The schools are Eliot Arts Magnet School (2 students), John Muir High School (4 students), Blair High School ROTC program (5 students) and Marshall Fundamental High School (4 students). The students are selected by the administration of each campus. Scholarship totals exceed \$13,000.

As part of the program, scholarship recipients are allowed to bring a guest. Each school will send at least one administrator. The lunch costs for the students, their guest and one administrator per school will be covered by a grant from Montecedro. A big thank you to Ruben Alvarado for making that arrangement!

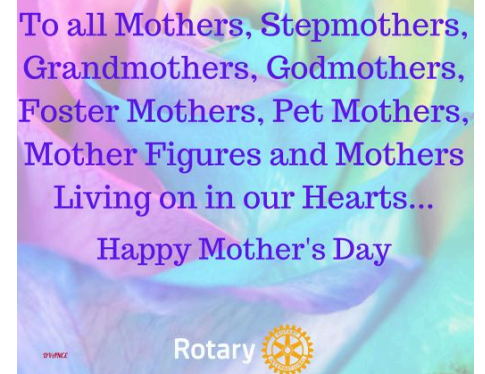
Please remember to arrive around 11:50. The buffet lunch starts promptly at noon.



Invite a guest - this is always a wonderful program!



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May 16, 2024

MAY IS: YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

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LAST WEEK: Pasadena City College Vocational Scholarships

Program Chair: Mark Mariscal Review: Tony Hill Photos: Mark Mariscal

Last week, we honored 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 were accompanied by family and school faculty members.

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.



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. Mr. Bruce Conroy also attended. He is the husband of our late Rotary member Jacque Foreman-Conroy. We awarded the scholarship that was founded in her name (Jacque Foreman-Conroy Scholarship), this year to Ms. Samantha Shuton.

Pictured above is Samantha, Bruce Conroy and Jeannine Bogaard.

The funds for the scholarship are invested with the Pasadena Community Foundation. We use the dividends each year to award the scholarship.

Award Recipients are listed below:

These notes are in order of appearance:

Photography/Graphic Design:

Samantha Shuton:

- Winner of the photography/graphic design award titled the "Jacque Forman/Conroy Award in honor of former Altadena Rotarian, Jacque Foreman and her husband, Bruce Conroy.



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L to R:
Lisa Velasco, Liliane Ribeiro (both from PCC Foundation), Mark Mariscal, Jeannine Bogaard (Pasadena Community Foundation)



Mark made preliminary comments about Jacque Foreman and her studies in graphic design at a community college, which led to her starting her successful business named “Foreman Graphics”.

Samantha told those present that she read about Jacque Foreman and was inspired by her story. She wants to continue her studies to keep improving her skills to be the best she can be.

Raymond Price - No Department representative and no statement by the student.

Machine Shop Technology:

Hyacinth Ang & Griffin Brock - No Department representative and no statements by students.

Business/Accounting:

Gabriel Powell & Aaron Joshua Tia - No statement by the students; Instructor, Avo Yousefian, said this program is wonderful for students who want to find work in the accounting federal tax field without the cost and time commitment to become a CPA or Tax Attorney. With this PCC program, after completing the training and passing 3 exams, one can be eligible for certification to do tax work with the IRS

Television / Radio:

Jack Gonzalez - during his 2 years in this program, Jack excelled in audio and single camera operation. He was particularly skilled at special effects. He intends to continue his studies in a 4 year program at CalState LA.

Kiara Teixeira - is a straight “A” student. Her instructor, James Patrick, said she is one of the best students he has ever taught. He describes her as very organized and creative, excelling in such programs as single & multi television set cameras. Kiara hopes to continue her studies at Emerson College in Boston.

Paralegal Studies:

Lisa Minassian - has been working as a paralegal for 30 years but has not been certified until now. Her instructor, Stephanie Marshall, advised that Lisa is a straight “A” student who is always available to help her fellow students.

Lawrence Jie - was not present.

Radiologic Technology/Health Sciences:

Dan Mach Nguyen - is a former US Marine who has completed this two year program. He is described by his instructor, Barbara Kissel, as a hard worker, quiet and helpful to others. He has done internships at Cedars Sinai and Huntington Health, working on CT scanning and



radiography. His future plans include moving on to further studies in radiography.

Jennifer Vasquez - is from El Salvador. She is described by instructor, Stephanie Marshall, as a hard worker with a 3.58 grade point average. She has interned at White Memorial & Cedars Sinai. She plans to continue her studies, living up to her mother's advice to "be the best that you can".

Restorative Dental:

Natalie Alvarez-Padilla - this is the field of cosmetic dentistry. The students study to be experts in such areas as colors, bridges and partial dentures. She was described by her instructor, Henry Saghians, to be a very talented student who is determined to succeed. She has been a full time student having completed 67 units.

Cesar Hernandez - was described by instructor, Henry Saghians, to be a father, who is a hard worker, compassionate and always happy to help other with a smile.

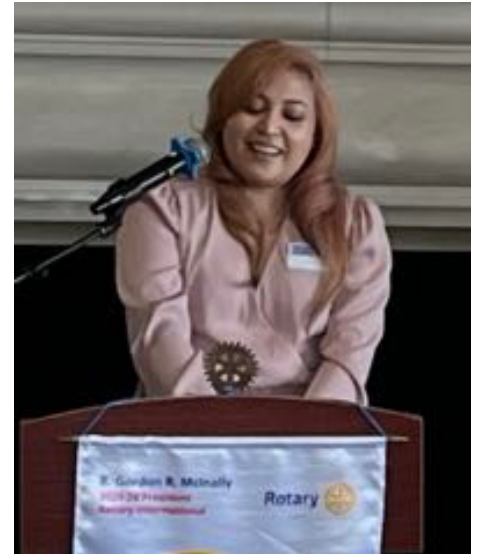
Dental Hygiene Program:

Gabriela Marquez & Donalyn Nakamoto - No Department representative and no statements by students.

Library Tech:

Sunny Kim - said she was humble and grateful. She thanked Rotary and the PCC staff who have been her inspiration. She feels that what she has learned at PCC has given her a pathway to her future career.

Laura Noonan - said she became interested in a career in library studies while she was a student at Canoga Park High School. She interests include art history. She is planning to attend Simon University which has a library science program.



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



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 Altadena Mountain Rescue Team.

My Bald Eagle Juvenile Has Left The Nest!

David Campbell, DDS

The Bald Eagle mating pair, Clearman and Clara, nest in the Azusa Canyon. This pair of Bald Eagles in Azusa Canyon have been faithfully raising chicks in their nest for 8 years. This year there were two eggs that hatched. Unfortunately, one of the chicks had a deformity which proved fatal, in infancy. The remaining chick has grown to juvenile status and fledged from the nest this week. The juvenile Bald Eagles are mostly all black with a small amount of white speckling around the head and neck areas. These speckled areas take three years to change to completely white, thus giving the adults their full coloration with boldly white heads and tails, and boldly black bodies. Some say they sport "formal attire" as kings of the sky.



This is the first picture of the juvenile that is flying in the skies near the nest hunting with its parents for a few more weeks before it leaves the area to reside somewhere else. We really don't have any idea how many survive their first year of life, because they hardly ever return to their nest

that they were hatched and raised in. The adult's for instance were hatched and raised near Irvine Lake. It is very likely that the offspring of this pair continue northwards to reside in Ventura and Santa Barbara County where habitats are much more hospitable for Bald Eagles.

They have moved their nest within a small grove of pine trees next to the San Gabriel Dam. They are visible from the road as it passes the dam, from the first turnout with a view of the backside of the dam. The nest is 40 ft up the pine tree, but also, at the exact elevation of the road turnout, because the tree sprouts from 40 ft below the road. The tree grows from a cliff-like slope that descends from the road to the reservoir. There are two large pines amidst a grove of smaller pines all growing from this slope below the road. The first nest in 2016 lasted three years before falling apart in a windstorm. Every year Clearman and Clara construct the nest in the same trees, but nearly starting from scratch each year, moving it slightly as the branches break and grow in different ways during the off season.

They have an annual ritual which is predictable and charming, starting nest building about Thanksgiving, mating about Christmas, laying eggs at New Years, which hatch at Valentine's Day, and ultimately the juveniles fledge around Mother's Day. All these are approximates, but reliably close. The male, Clearman, was named after Mike Clearman

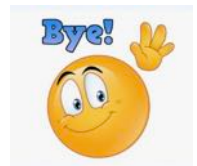
Altadena Rotary Projects and Events Calendar

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 to the Calendar icon, and go to the date.

June 27 - President Dawn's Demotion Party



The Summer Concert Song!
(to the tune of *Saturday in the Park*)
By Craig Cox

Saturday we'll be in the park
I can hardly wait for July
Saturday in the park
DacDB needs your reply.
People dancing, people laughing
Maggie selling tacos
Singing those oldies songs

who showed me the nests, but has since passed away due to a tragic motorcycle accident in the mountains of Arizona. Clara was named in rhyme. I have taken thousands of pictures over the years, just as a hobby, enjoying the mountain drive, the fresh air, and the drama of the natural beauties of the baldies!



Birre e vino, yesirrinno
Can you dig it? (yes, I can)
And I've been waiting such a long time
For Saturday

Programs and flyers tell the stories of the day
A Rotari-an still can help out in their own way
Listen people we are the host
we are the host, oh yes, yes.

Fun filled nights in the park
I can hardly wait for July
Fun filled nights in the park
DacDB needs your reply
People reaching, people touching
A real celebration
Waiting for us all
(Waiting for us all)
If we want it, really want it
Can you dig it? (yes, I can)
And I've been waiting such a long time
For the day

CONCERTS IN THE PARK
Presented by The Rotary Club of Altadena In Cooperation with LA County Parks & Recreation

27TH ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES 2024
All concerts are FREE and start at 7:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays at the Amphitheater at Farnsworth Park (568 East Mt. Curve Avenue, Altadena, CA 91001)

SATURDAY, JULY 6 PHAT CAT SWINGER	SATURDAY, JULY 27 SANGRE NUEVA BAND	SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 PAST ACTION HEROES
SATURDAY, JULY 13 BRITAIN'S FINEST	SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 MISKEY MOUNTAIN BOYS	SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 GHOST IN THE MACHINE
SATURDAY, JULY 20 EAGLES RONSTADT EXPERIENCE	SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 UPSTREAM	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 TBD

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FRIENDS of the Altadena Library
Friends of the Altadena Library (FOAL) Annual Meeting
 with Author Ellen Snortland

Tuesday, June 4, 2024
6:00-7:30pm
Main Library Community Room

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY from the students in Nepal!

