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'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: JARRAD WINSLOW

Altadena Town and Country Club, at noon

Speaker Chair: Mark Mariscal



Jarrad Winslow is a California native, born in Apple Valley, CA. Until 15 years old he lived in multiple cities in California, including Big Bear, Willits, Hesperia and then San Dimas where he attended schools until he moved to Las Vegas his sophomore year of high school. During his second year of college attending UNLV, he began a job as a lot porter with Friendly Ford Las Vegas. Only 18 years old at the time, he then moved up into a Service Advisor position approximately a year later and continued in

this position for the rest of his automotive career. After 25 years with Friendly Ford, Jarrad retired from that work and moved to California with his son Landon, age 16, to join his wife, Nikki Winslow, an Altadena Rotarian, and has lived in So Cal for just over a year now.

As a Service Advisor, you quickly learn how many hats you are required to wear. The job requires many clerical skills such as scheduling, entering data for repair orders, estimating on the cost of repairs, and most importantly, communication between the service advisor and the customer. The customer base can be very diverse, as Jarrad helped some of the largest businesses in Las Vegas, such as The Venetian Hotel and Casino, Ahern Rentals, and Las Vegas Paving. He also dealt with



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many affluent or famous customers like Dana White of the UFC, former Los Angeles Laker Jordan Farmar, The Killers Lead Singer Brandon Flowers, and more. The job was also fast paced, could be cutthroat at times and never boring. Jarrad will share some of his tips, tricks and stories about car service in his presentation this week.



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LAST WEEK: MATT WALSH, TONY AND KATHY SALERNO OF FOREVER KIDS

Speaker Chair: Mark Mariscal

Program Review: Elizabeth Schreib



This week we had the pleasure of hearing from Tony (pictured left) and Kathy Salerno along with their associate Matt Walsh. Tony and Kathy are the founders of Forever Kids, a non-profit organization that has reached over 150,000 kids, youth, and families. Forever Kids works with schools, churches, camps, and public service agencies to introduce foundational principles and values through engaging books, music, and resources to help build successful

lives. Tony is an author, speaker, and producer. Kathy is a musician and writer. Additionally Forever Kids recently launched a program called Case for Character, providing brand new suitcases to foster children. Thousands of kids are placed in foster care every year. While in the program, they endure unthinkable tragedies and trials. On top of their daily challenges, they can face multiple moves from home to home, often with little to no advance notice. In those moves they are given a trash bag to carry their belongings. Many times only taking what fits, everything else is left behind. Forever Kids has made a commitment to change these circumstances by restoring a sense of dignity and ownership to these children through their own personal suitcases. These suitcases are also enclosed with reading and music materials to support and enrich their development. While donations are greatly appreciated, Forever Kids also hosts several suitcase packing events throughout the year that anyone can participate in.



Tony and Kathy Salerno



Matt Walsh



<https://www.foreverkids.org/>



Today, Forever Kids continues to build on that belief, incorporating a character program to help meet the needs of kids and families, with a current focus on foster kids.

www.foreverkids.org

We are very thankful to Tony, Kathy, and Matt for their information and to learn of the incredible work they are doing in the lives of youth, families, and foster children alike.



MESSAGE FROM DAWN

This past week was a great one! Our speaker on Thursday, Matt Walsh, brought with him Tony and Kathy Salerno, founders of Forever Kids, highlighting the amazing work this organization does for foster kids AND in building character in youth and adults!

On Saturday, Strange Days (a Doors Tribute band) performed at Farnsworth Park as part of our 26th annual concert series. They ROCKED IT! Not only was the dance area filled to capacity, but so were the seats and folks were even dancing up there too.



Jason, the lead singer/Jim Morrison, had Morrison down pat: vocals, mannerisms, stage presence! As a Doors superfan, I was blown away! So many folks came up to me at intermission and after to thank Rotary for the concerts AND for bringing Strange Days to Altadena! We did well in concessions and the crowd had a great time based on comments and smiles on the way out.

It was also fun to serve as emcee, although I was a bit nervous. Looking forward to next Saturday! Until then...

Rotary Collaboration Across Three Continents!



Nirmal Pradhanang of the Patan Rotary Club, Nepal, Dist 3292 visited Sarah and Chris O'Brien (Wollaton Park Rotary Club) in Nottingham, UK last week. Nirmal was involved in the local assessment and reporting for the recent Global Grant Ambulance Project. He regularly checks on progress at the village scholl in Mirge and the Community Hospital and looks forward to future collaboration (and hosting Himalayan visits) with Altadena Rotarians!



Concert Photos
By Dawn



Best concessions takings!