



'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: Stephanie Urchick, Dist. 5300 Gov: Michael Driebe

THIS WEEK: KRUPAL PATEL, M.D., M.Sc.

Assistant Clinical Professor, Division of Head and Neck Surgery
City of Hope National Medical Center, Duarte, CA

Altadena Town and Country Club, Thursday at noon
Speaker Chair: Mark Mariscal

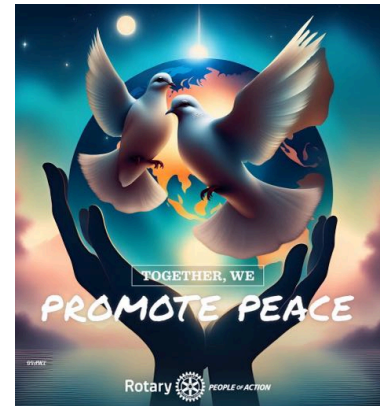


In the clinic, Dr. Patel works with head and neck cancer patients, as well as those with thyroid and parathyroid diseases. His expertise in a wide range of minimally invasive surgeries includes transoral robotic surgery and microvascular reconstructive surgery.

He earned his medical degree at the University of Saskatchewan's College of Medicine, then completed a residency and master's degree in head and neck surgery at Western University in London,

Ontario, and a fellowship in microvascular reconstructive surgery at The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center.

Dr. Patel's research includes projects focusing on head and neck cancer outcomes, virtual health, financial toxicity, and the development of genomic analysis biomarkers that can be used to predict the impact of therapeutic interventions on patients' quality of life.



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AUGUST IS: MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Officers

President: Maricela Viramontes
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Foundation: Steve Kerekes
Service Projects: Mike Zoeller

Subcommittees

Community Service: Craig Cox
Vocational Service: Steve Kerekes
Youth Contests, Scholarships, Awards: Mike Zoeller
Youth Activities: Tony Hill
International Service: Sarah O'Brien

LAST WEEK: VIVIAN KAMBE

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, PASADENA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Speaker Chair: Mark Mariscal Review: Bridget Brewster



<https://www.ecsforseniors.org/montecedro/>

Altadena Rotary Projects, Volunteer Opportunities and Events Calendar

Craig Cox

August 24, Sept 7 - Summer Concerts
August 31 - Melodia Mariposa
Concert

Please save the date for the next
Rotary Community Pancake Breakfast
- October 5, 2024
8 -10.30 am.

September 14th: 12-4 pm
Altadena Community Garden Annual
Event

September 28th: 5-9 pm
Altadena Library Foundation
Taste of Dena Event

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

*** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - check
emails from Craig Cox**



Following a meaningful moment of inspiration from Ed Jasnow highlighting the importance of giving (tzedakah), the speaker, Vivian Kambe gave us proof of the value of lifting others up and lending a hand to help our neighbors. Since its founding in 1953, the Pasadena Community Foundation has given \$141,000,000 to help our neighbors.

Louis Webb and his wife Marion Webb established the Pasadena Foundation with a pledge of their estate as a future gift. Following their deaths in 1966 and 1978, the total gift from the Webb estate was \$2.3 million . . . their gift is now valued at over \$15.4 million.

Clearly, not everyone can give this kind of gift, but the salient point is in the act of giving in the belief it will make a difference beyond our own lifetime. PCF Supports its mission in three ways: establishment of charitable funds, management of Charitable Assets and awarding grants to nonprofit organizations.

Endowments play a critical role at Pasadena Community Foundation. Endowed funds are preserved and grow charitable assets. These gifts are invested for long term growth allowing the Foundation to make an annual distributions, while preserving the principal, which creates a permanent source of financial support for the community.

Kambe gave a few Altadena examples of endowed funds: the Jacque Foreman Conroy endowment, the Justin Carr Wants World Peace scholarship endowment, the Wayne and Judith Carter endowment and the Altadena Library Foundation endowment. Additionally, several Altadena organizations received significant support. Among them are, Altadena Meals on Wheels, Amigos de los Rios, St. Vincent de Paul of the St. Elizabeth Conference Food Pantry and Altadena Library Foundation.

Local community grantmaking is focused in specific areas: Arts and Culture, Community and Economic Development, Environment and Animal Welfare, Health and Safety, Human Services, Youth and



Ed Jasnow's inspirational moment about the importance of giving (tzedakah)

Education. In 2023, Pasadena Community Foundation gave \$2.6 million throughout greater Pasadena focused in these six areas.

A point Kambe stressed is the incredible ability and vision of Pasadena Community Foundation to listen to community members and when a critical need is surfaced, the leadership finds a way to respond. She stated in closing, "PCF listens and, more than that, we act in response to what we hear. That dedication to the community is why I can say with utmost certainty the Pasadena Community Foundation is here for good."



<https://pasadenacf.org/>

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

By Maricela Viramontes, Club President



Last Saturday, my daughter and I attended the Summer Concert in Farnsworth Park. We arrived and checked in to see if there were any of the volunteer positions that were not filled. To my surprise, all of the slots were filled. Club members were busy running around preparing the venue for the show by Past Action Heroes to begin. In addition to club members, we had some of their family members, proposed new

club members and straight-out concert attendees volunteering to help make the event memorable for the more than 1,200 attendees.

Our club stays active in the community by helping and participating in activities that are not direct rotary club programs. And of course, we have our own programs that keep us occupied with many volunteer opportunities. These upcoming opportunities include:

August 24th - Summer Concert at Farnsworth Park - 5-9 pm

August 31st - Melodia Mariposa Concert inside Davies Building at Farnsworth Park - 6-830 pm

September 7- Special Event Concert at Farnsworth Park - 5-9 pm.

September 14 Altadena Community Garden Annual Picnic. 1 or 2 people needed to help Craig Cox between 12-4 pm.


September 28 - Altadena Library Foundation - TASTE of Dena event from 6-9 pm. You can spend some hours with set-up or consider attending (tickets are \$75 each). There are a few volunteer assignments from 5-8 pm.

October 5 - Pancake Breakfast in the parking lot of Grocery Outlet. Sign up on DacDb or see Craig or Mark. 7am-11am

(Volunteering Cont'd) One area we continue to need assistance with are additional volunteers who are willing to review the weekly speakers and send a brief write-up to our SPARKS newsletter editor, Sarah O'Brien. Currently a small and loyal group of members are always called upon, and it would be 'fair to all' to share the work. Sarah, her daughter Isabel and son Andrew will be in Cambodia for most of this new school year. Sarah remains passionate and dedicated to serve as editor, ensuring that our members are updated with past, present and future information, even across the miles! That is really part of the theme "The Magic of Rotary" this year. We can all contribute in little ways no matter where we are in the world. If you want to try your hand at submitting a speaker review for one of the upcoming newsletters please speak with Mark or me, or email Sarah at sobrien.la@gmail.com. Articles of interest, submitted by members are also welcome!



Sandra and Jose lead the 4-Way Test!



DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.


Blood Drive
Sponsored by Altadena Sheriff's Station




Community Meeting Room
 730 East Altadena Drive
 Altadena, CA 91001

Monday, September 9, 2024
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: ALTADENA to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

 **Come to give blood Sept. 1 to Sept. 15 for an EXCLUSIVE Red Cross raglan shirt, while supplies last**

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ACROSS THE MILES..!



Sarah in UK, meeting with Rotarian Yingji Wu, of the Rotary Club of Mayfair, London. Jingji regularly visits Nepal to volunteer at the school in Mirge. She also joins the weekly zoom meetings where students make presentations in English to Rotarians who log in from around the world!



LAST WEEK'S SUMMER CONCERT FUN w/PAST ACTION HEROES!



THIS WEEK'S CONCERT IN THE PARK:



PLEASE CHECK EMAILS FROM CRAIG COX RE. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!