



**'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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**NOVEMBER 17, 2022**  
**November is:**  
**Rotary Foundation Month**

**THIS WEEK: MEET THE 2023 PASADENA ROSE QUEEN AND COURT**

**\* Location: San Marino Community Church**  
**1750 Virginia Road, San Marino, Ca 91108 at noon**  
Speaker Chair for November: Nikki Winslow



The Rose Queen and Royal Court are iconic traditions, steeped in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses' history and we are excited to continue the treasured legacy with the 2023 Royal Court. Members of the Royal Court experience countless benefits; becoming part of an organization dedicated to hands-on volunteerism, discovering opportunities to connect with and give back to the local community, developing public speaking skills, and growing self-confidence.

<https://tournamentofroses.com/about/royal-court/>

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 Mike Zoeller  
**Youth Activities: Tony Hill**  
**Foundation: Steve Kerekes**

## LAST WEEK: PETER HARRIS

Writer and Cultural Worker

Altadena Poet Laureate Editor in Chief

Speaker Chair: Nikki Winslow    Program Review: Theodore C. Clarke



Last week's speaker was Peter Harris, Altadena Poet Laureate. He enthusiastically promotes the writing of poetry, inviting poets to submit their creations to Altadena Poetry Review, via the Altadena Library. He urges poets to keep writing/exploring their poetry. Stay engaged. When submitting poetry to the library, he suggests you might include art.

Peter launched the poetry program at the library because of his love of poetry. At the first meeting three poets showed up and five poets submitted poems. He urged poets to stay engaged and go to poetry readings. He is putting together another poetry workshop, scheduled for November 19. He sees a wave of music and poetry in the offing. He advised against the notion that you have a signature poem, suggesting if you do, you have gone stale.

Harris is a Fellow of the Los Angeles Institute for the Humanities at USC. He has written books of poetry, most recently *Bless the Angels*, 2015. He shared his poem, *Give It Back*, dedicated to his Aunt Mahalie:

one hug  
multiplies the gift of her guarantee  
that I can always lay my head  
on her Virginia shoulder  
or on a pillow in her two-lane home

one hug  
teaches me to embrace with grace  
when my time come to show generosity  
I fold you beside me in her arms  
until you ready to stand again  
on your front lines  
hospitality tingling under the skin of your hands  
reserved for the special occasion  
somebody need you to be their holiday



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### Rotary Sponsored Events:

By Craig Cox

11/19 Santa's Pantry at Families Forward

Forward

11/22 Lunches for Shower of Hope

Early December: Mini Grant

Applications Review (see Ed Jasnow for details)

12/27 Lunches for Shower of Hope

March 2023 Read at Families Forward

### Upcoming General Community Service Opportunities

11/5 John Muir Interact service lunch  
(see Mark for details) **POSTPONED**

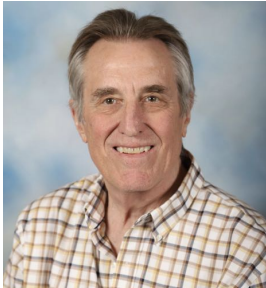
11/15 Red Cross "Sound the Alarm"  
Event (see Rene for details)

12/10 Christmas Tree Lane Lighting  
(see Mark for details)

look for good  
give it back  
receive the good  
give it back

Stay up to date with the Poet Laureates in Altadena and poetry events at: <https://www.altadenalibrary.org/poetry/>

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## President's Piece

By President Doug Colliflower

### Happy Thanksgiving To All!

As many of us sit down to enjoy a turkey dinner with friends and family, we as Rotarians should take a few moments to reflect.

Rotarians are thankful for the opportunity to serve locally and globally. We know of many causes, many opportunities to volunteer, and we know that members in all Rotary Clubs around the world make contributions daily that impact local & international communities.

#### We as Rotarians should be thankful that....

The Eradication of Polio in the world is almost completed. There are only two countries that have active cases of Polio, and it is Rotary who has helped and will continue the fight until we have completed the task, to rid the world of Polio.

#### We as Rotarians should be thankful that....

We are active in Promoting Peace around the world. Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.

#### We as Rotarians should be thankful that....

We support local solutions to bring Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.

MISC / COMMUNITY: 12/3 Sip & Shop by Altadena Chamber of Commerce



Annual Holiday SIP & SHOP at Mariposa Junction  
An Altadena Shopping Event  
Saturday, December 3, 2022  
Mariposa Street (between Lake Avenue and El Molino)  
12Noon – 4 pm



The staff at Loma Alta Park is looking for 2-3 volunteers on **December 8th**, to help with their Toy Giveaway and Holiday Program.

Time is from 4-8 pm.  
(Contact: Mark / Craig)



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Altadena Rotary Club on

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<https://www.facebook.com/AltadenaRotary>

**We as Rotarians should be thankful that....**

We Support Education. More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

**We as Rotarians should be thankful that....**

We help Save Mothers and Children. Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.

**We as Rotarians should be thankful that....**

We have the opportunity to meet each week, hear a speaker, network and enjoy the fellowship of Rotarians. We have many riches to share with each other.

**We as Rotarians should be thankful that....**

We can achieve our motto each day **"Service Above Self"**

We are thankful for our dedicated and committed Rotary members helping create positive change around the world. Take a moment during Thanksgiving to enjoy the contributions that Rotarians like you make in the world.

Thank you for making a difference.

Happy Thanksgiving!



**Altadena Rotary Club celebrates its 75th Anniversary next year!**



Rotary International President Jennifer Jones discusses the

importance of pollinators and what individuals can do to help bolster populations with Ella Phillips from Monarch Joint Venture and Chris Stein of the Twin Cities Rotary EcoClub and Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group - ESRAG. Join the conversation on FB each Monday!



### ROTARIANS IN NEPAL

Exciting update soon about our Global Grant, and progress with the school and hospital in the Himalayan village of Mirge.



Rtn Chris and Dot O'Brien will be in Altadena to celebrate Christmas and New Year!

