



'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: Jennifer E. Jones, Dist. 5300 Gov: Roger Gutierrez

**THIS WEEK: NO REGULAR MEETING
HOLIDAY PARTY!**

Next regular meeting: Jan 5 Club Assembly
Altadena Town and Country Club, at noon



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DECEMBER 15, 2022

December is:

Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

Officers

President: Doug Colliflower

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Dawn Digrius Smith

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Membership: Maria Perez-Arton

International: Sarah O'Brien

Community Service: Craig Cox

Vocational: Steve Kerekes

Youth Contests, Scholarships, Awards:

Mike Zoeller

Youth Activities: Tony Hill

Foundation: Steve Kerekes

Rotary Club Of Altadena
HOLIDAY
Party

Please join us and enjoy some fine food, wonderful fellowship,
and celebrate the spirit of the Holidays

ALTADENA TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB | **THURSDAY 15TH DEC** | **SOCIAL HOUR 6PM**
DINNER 7PM

Be a wine sponsor!! We are looking for four sponsors @ \$200 to underwrite our libations for the evening.

Bring an unwrapped toy or game suitable for boys & Girls 13 and under.

Cost per person \$50. Limited to our members & one guest.
Please make your reservations on DACDB no later that December 8th.

LAST WEEK: Habitat For Humanity In Our Community

Speaker Chair: Steve Kerekes Program Review: Tom Polenzani



Independent Living, reimagined

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



Our Vision:
A San Gabriel Valley and a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

sgvhabitat.org
sgvrestore.org

Shannon Castro, the Director of Resources and Development, and her associates provided us an update on what is happening with Habitat. The organization's main office is now in Monrovia and a new office will open at the corner of Colorado and Sierra Madre Blvd, the old Fedde Building on the east side of the street.

The presentation included the following information:

- Did you know you can get a 30% discount at the Monrovia Re-Store, the third Wednesday of each month?
- In order to have a home built, a family must first help build a home for someone else. This approach is a "hands up" not a "hand down".
- Help is also received from many nonprofit employers who make their employees available for a "Build".
- If a person sends a donation to the National Office of Habitat, be sure to indicate that the donation is directed to the San Gabriel Valley.
- There is a program working as partners with churches and other faith-based organizations who provide workers for their "Build". In addition, Habitat works with high school and youth groups.
- In March, construction of a single-family home will begin in Altadena, with the foundation being laid the last week in February. For this home, Habitat has scheduled a "women's build" on March 9, 10 and 11.
- Volunteers do not need to have construction skills. Habitat will provide on-site training.
- Habitat's annual gala, the first one in five years, is scheduled for June 3.



Images courtesy of <https://sgvhabitat.org>

MAKING THE SEASON BRIGHT!

Altadena Rotarians - People of Action and Merriment!



Toys and books to give away!

Festive fun at the Toy Giveaway in Farnsworth Park!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!



White Badges to Elva Sandoval and Brad Roeber!



Int'l Service Chair, Sarah presents a check to Ramika, an Afghan refugee recently arrived in the US, to assist with re-settlement travel expenses. w/President Doug.



Rotary Sponsored Events:

Early December: Mini Grant Applications Review

12/27 Lunches for Shower of Hope

March 2023 Read at Families Forward

Upcoming General Community / Service Opportunities:

Native Milkweed Seed Giveaway

January 21, 2023

Altadena Community Garden

10 AM to 3 PM