



Rotary
ROTARY CLUB OF ALTADENA



'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: Mike Savage

President of the Board of Directors from Corazon

Location: Altadena Town and Country Club

Speaker Chair for August: Mark Mariscal



Our speaker this week is Mike Savage, President of the Board of Directors from Corazon. This is a non-profit organization that focuses on building community by strengthening families, enabling service and inspiring mutually beneficial relationships across the borders of the US and

Mexico. The focus areas are Tijuana and Tecate.

For many years, Rotary District 5300 had a district project (and are club contributed funds towards at times) that sent Rotary members on a specific Saturday morning across the southern border into Mexico to build a house for a family in one day. More than 30 volunteers would gather on the property after caravanning across the border and start building by 8 am. The work was steady and challenging. But by the end of the day, a place for a family to now sleep was the fruit of the labor.

Last April, Mark Mariscal from our club went on one of these SuperBuild programs along with Rotarians from San Marino, Pasadena, South Pasadena and San Gabriel New Generations. He shared earlier with the club that the experience was amazing.



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AUGUST 18, 2022

August is: 'Membership and New Club
Development' Month

Officers

President: Doug Colliflower

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Community Service: Craig Cox

Vocational: Steve Kerekes

Youth Contests, Scholarships, Awards:

Mike Zoeller

Youth Activities: Tony Hill

Foundation: Steve Kerekes

Mike Savage started building with Corazon in 1988. A mutual friend invited him to a House Build sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Mike saw the difference the new home make in this family's life. At that time, Corazon became part of his life. Of course, COVID stooped many homes from being built. The organization is now back on track.



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LAST WEEK: District Governor 2022-23, Roger Gutierrez

Speaker Chair: Mark Mariscal Program Review: Nikki Winslow

Photos: Mark Mariscal

Dawn's Inspiration Moment – *"What did you do in high school that makes you who you are today?"*



Roger Gutierrez – District Governor 2022-23

- Background: Started in 1984 in a new club. Held various positions. Last 15 years in leadership positions. Honored to be asked to run and honored to serve.
- Roger Shutle, who died of ALS, will have his celebration of life and reception to follow on 8/29 in San Dimas for those that want to attend.
- Maricela Viramontes is now a Paul Harris Fellow
- Upcoming Events
 - Presidents Advance in Las Vegas – January 13-14, 2023, train ride on Saturday night in Boulder City (for Presidents and President-elects to get to know each other)
 - Convention May 4-6, 2023 in Las Vegas at the newly renovated Bally's



DG Roger Gutierrez



Congratulations Maricela, our new Paul Harris Fellow!

- 4 Clubs in our District celebrating 100 years of service – first time it’s happened in the same year. Lots to celebrate at the Convention
- So grateful to his staff – great to work with hard workers.
- Cause-Based Club
 - Chartered the first Tutorial Club
 - Meet monthly
 - Educational focus
 - 20-25 children each session- tutors from Cal Poly
 - Many different types
- **District 5300 Rotary Club of Altadena Club Champion Citation is Mark Mariscal**
 - Annual fund chair
 - Demonstrates service to others in all that he does
 - Unbounding energy and enthusiasm.
 - Serves on lots of committees and shows up at lots of events.
 - Follows up and follows through.
 - High ethical standards and embraces diversity.
 - Stays updated on current events and trends in Rotary – attends conferences and conventions.



Guests L-R: Captain Jabari Williams, Sheriff Station
Veronica Jones, Altadena Town Council
Judy Matthews, Altadena Chamber of Commerce



Bob Spence discussing Cause-Based Rotary Clubs

PRESIDENT'S PIECE:

Growing Rotary

By President Doug Colliflower



I know you hear it often: “We need to grow membership.”

And that is true. However, I want you to consider looking at it a little differently. I am going to assume that if you are a member, you believe in the organization and what we stand for - “**service above self**” - and everything Rotarians around the globe do to help others. If this is the case, why

wouldn’t you want to share Rotary with your friends and colleagues?

I continue to be amazed at how often I am asked, *what does Rotary do?* Many people really have no idea what Rotary does but when they hear even just a little, they are often intrigued and want to learn more. I am sure you have astute answers when the question comes your way, talking about efforts to eradicate polio, famine relief around the world, water infrastructure projects, etc. I would also suggest that you encourage visits to www.rotary.org and www.altadenarotary.org if you encounter somebody that is really interested in learning more. Maybe even consider inviting them to join us for lunch one Thursday. This is not a sales maneuver; it is a friendly invitation to learn more about Rotary and our club.



Who’s ‘Happy’ today?! \$\$\$

We had a wonderful meeting last week which included a visit from our District Governor, Roger Gutierrez, and his Chief of Staff, Bob Spence. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, we hosted five guests and shared the Rotary experience.

If we share the opportunities and experiences Rotary offers for giving to others and for personal growth, then we will continue to grow organically.

Yours in Rotary, see you Thursday!

COMMENCEMENT OF WORK: Global Grant 2129083

Update by Sarah, International Chair and Rtn. Nirmal K. Pradhanang, PP. Rotary Club of Patan, Dist. 3292

Community Hospital, Nepal



Work related to the above GG Project has finally commenced as of 8th August 2022 following delays due to heavy rains and some unforeseen circumstances.

Currently:

- a) Contractors are working to solve the unstable and fluctuating power problems.
- b) Some physiotherapy equipment have been delivered.
- c) Refurbishment of X-ray room is in progress to safeguard technicians from harmful radiation
- d) AC is being installed in CR Digital imaging room
- e) Government permit is being processed for duty-free import of ambulance vehicle



Congratulations Mark - Club Champion!



More concert photos below, submitted by Mark, Jim, Doug!



Full House for Upstream last week!



Don't Miss Past Action Heroes on Sat!