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Story by Shauna Boyd

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Sacramento’s chapter of Ainsley’s Angels is in its third year, founded and directed by Russ Howell. Before turning four, Ainsley was diagnosed with Infantile Neuroaxonal Dystrophy (INAD), an extremely rare terminal illness that slowly causes global paralysis. Most children diagnosed with INAD pass away before reaching ten years of age, so there is no cure or treatment to help slow down this progressive and terminal disease. Ainsley passed away in 2016 at the age of 13, but her family continued to work with the organization to expand and give something back.

Sacramento’s Angels are set to run their first ultra-marathon in November, the 200-mile Napa RAGNAR relay that runs from SF up the coast and back down to Finis in Napa. Six athletes and two riders will participate. Thanks to Howell’s connections within the racing community and the people he met while caring for his first son’s health complications, the group was immediately accepted and progress quickly snowballed. Today there are close to 200 members, ranging from as young as five years old to two adult riders who are in their thirties. The group has also raised enough money to purchase eleven racing chairs for its riders to keep and use with their families.

“Ainsley’s Angels taught me that you don’t need to run, or even walk, to be an athlete,” says adult rider Emily Crosgrove. “What’s more important is having the will to get out there.”

The organization provides a 100% free service to the disabled community, which is so easy for racing chairs can coast nearly $5,000. There are three levels of chairs which vary depending on the age, size, and disability of the rider. Every chair has three wheels and a fixed front wheel, which provides stability and keeps the chairs from going off course.

“...the organization, the joy, that’s what it’s all about,” says Howell. “To see that level of excitement for people that would never be able to experience a race, seeing up to the something like the California International marathon (one of Ainsley’s parents) surrounded by 10,000 amazing athletes. It takes them out of their world.”

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For more information visit www.Ainsley’sAngels.org. Photo courtesy Ainsley’s Angels.
Sunrise Center Toastmasters
Successful Leaders Are Made Here

Story by Elise Spleiss

Citrus Heights, CALIF. – It’s Thursday morning. As the meeting room at Perro’s Café Grill begins to slowly fill with people, the obvious those arriving are there for a purpose. After all, they have been shaken off with a good cup of coffee and they know the purpose, the Pledge of Allegiance has been recited and the fun begins. This is Sunrise Center Toastmasters.

This scenario is repeated day in and night throughout the United States and internationally, as men, women and young adults of all ages, different cultures, professions, interests and life experience come together as part of Toastmasters International. They are there to learn how to become better communicators at their job, other organizations and in their personal relationships.

Toastmasters International (TI) is a non-profit, educational organization that operates clubs worldwide to promote public speaking and leadership skills. Members give speeches, attend meetings and do projects, continually challenge themselves to improve. Improvocents, speeches, evaluations and mentoring are all important to the organizational mission.

Sunrise Center Toastmasters was formed in 1976 by a small group of experienced Toastmasters from a club in downtown Sacramento. Over those 42 years, thousands of members have come and gone and a few remain today. Armed with the knowledge and confidence gained from their work with the club, members have become entrepreneurs, advanced in their present jobs, become leaders in the community and local government, and simply become better communicators.

Founding members Dave Mason and Gail Follin joined the club through the hard times as they grew but forged on as they believed that “one person can make a difference, two can change the world,” setting the tone for excellence for the life of the club. By 1988, club membership had expanded to 88 members, earning the club the status as one of the world’s Toastmasters. They were forced to split and formed American River Spellers and Birdcage clubs, among others.

On April 26, 2001 nearly 60 members and guests, including 14 past presidents, gathered to celebrate the club’s 25th anniversary. Former member and then District 19 Governor, Ruth Malkin said that “it was we at Sunrise who are saying, what, ‘let’s go learn at Toastmasters we take this as for sure, you never know when you might make a difference with your life in another person’s life.”

At least five members have received their Distinguished Toastmaster and higher honors to be earned. The club also opened the doors of its哈哈world to over 3300 people in the world for eight years in a row.

District Governor Mary Malkin has been a member of Sunrise Center for 35 years. She said that the club has a variety of talk that includes social services, arts, finances, law, education and health. Among members and guests heard stories from speakers such as a former Vietnamese fighter pilot who ejected from his jet as crushed by the sound of the jet engine, the vacation one member was compelled to take to the North Pole; and a story told by a member of her growing experience of the age since it became one of the thousand “of Boat People” escaping North Vietnam in the 1970s.

Why the continued success of the Toastmasters program and Sunrise Center specifically? Members attribute success to having that moving, well run meetings, bringing supportive and fun atmosphere. Many also note 14 past presidents as members, whom they share their lives each week. The end results are people that keep members coming back. Each meeting gives speakers the opportunity to talk about things such as their greatest challenges, world-wide travels, newly discovered book or magazine article, or a poignant story of the loss of a beloved family member.

Two former members, Randy and Ralph Smedley explain the two family generations that make up Sunrise Center Toastmasters. “Ours is the only organization I’ve been a part of that we are all individuals, we work together to bring out the best in each of us and then we bring that knowledge and skills to help run the world. And, ‘all speak for communication,’ and there is no possibility of communication unless people understand. Your club can help you find out whether you are making yourself understood.”

Sunrise Center Toastmasters meet at Perro’s Café Grill at 6:27 Sunset Boulevard at the corner of Greenback. Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of major holidays from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

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additional information.

I asked that the plans for the Pop-Up Shop have been can-
celled, Carpenter was asked about the upcoming projects that Sunrise Marketplace BID is pur-
posing. She replied, “We have focused aggressively on ‘turning area streets’ on to speak and work on cre- ning on new strategies for 2019. New things already in the works will receive more funding and emphasis: Major Milestone hol-
iday events, June 2019 BrittFest, and 20th Anniversary activities.

We promised Magical Moments in 2017, there will be four events around the district that involve the magic of the holiday season, cre- ating memories and traditions for our guests. The BrittFest will be a new event here in the District featuring specialty craft beer tast- ing, food, and entertainment. In 2019, we’ll be celebrating our 20th Anniversary with activities all year long, including new banners and Facebook giveaways.”

Although the cancellation of the Pop-Up Shop is a disappoint- ment, Sunrise Marketplace BID is looking to the future and moving forward, implement- ing new and exciting projects to the area. Carpenter said, “Sunrise Marketplace will continue to do what it has been for the past 19 years and strongly focus on improving the features and services of the City of Citrus Heights by driving traffic and generating positive awareness. We will continue to activate space in the district with special events and other activities. We will continue to focus on our mission of providing value and benefit to the properties with the BID.”

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Chamber Honors CHPD and Remembers 9/11

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA – The Chamber Executive Director, Celine DeFraites, Mayor, Steve Milk, and other members of the Chamber Executive Committee presented the Police Department with a plaque during the Citizens Honors Community Police Department (CHPD) ceremony during its 25th Anniversary with activities all year long. The CHPD were presented plaques each to honor the club’s 25th anniversary.

Chief Lawrence praised the professionalism of the men and women in the year-old department. The budget, he said, has come in on or under for the eight years he has been chief. Crime rates are down overall and the trend continues. He addressed the importance of Citrus Heights and having its own “full service police department.”

Throughout the past 18 months include a regional approach to homelessness, drug program, and housing inspection start. CHPD is in two area task forces, partners with WEA, recently secured a $454,000 three-year grant to help pay for the program, and operates a mobile crisis team three days a week which is expected to grow to daily service.

Jonathan Glatz, representative of Assemblyman Ken Cooley’s office, presented Chief Lawrence with an Assembly Resolution. “On behalf of Assemblyman Cooley, I want to thank Chief Lawrence and the members of the Citrus Heights Police Department for all the work that they do on a daily basis keeping to safe and for the sacrifice they make to the peo- ple of Citrus Heights.”

Chief Lawrence accepted on behalf of the department and rec- eived the City Council. “Your support means a lot. We could not do what we do without you.”

For additional information about the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce, visit www.chamber.com. For additional information about the Sunrise Center Toastmasters, visit www.citrusheights.org. For additional information about the Sunrise Center Toa- smasters, visit www.sunrisetoastmasters.org. For additional information about the Morning City Police, visit www.city. Citrusheights.net/222/police. For additional information about the Sunrise Center Toastmasters, visit www.sunrisetoastmasters.org. For additional information about the Sunrise Center Toastmasters, visit www.sunrisetoastmasters.org.

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—Dave

If you're a person who has a history of disorganization, you've probably had your share of putting things down for it. When you're late (that's just a habit), you're embarrassed and you get yourself up and off to work or whatever your lack of time awareness has caused you to miss. But that's just a habit. It's a marker to help us self-communicate all the way to the hospital. When you run out of gas (that's just a habit) and you're late to work, you may trust to your base of gear for your sacrifice at being late to your car. Get yourself into the 21-Day Game. Pick one thing to do for 21 days, and remember you've got all the time in the world to change anything you want to change. (The 21 days is just a starting point for whatever habit it is that you've established.) Don't start by going to bed every other night for the next 21 days at 10:30. That's all. Just a plan that will get you more dust for 21 days later. When you're ready to go, you're ready to go. You won't have your worth to anyone. You're raised to change something so that you're just part of the way. Let's go without it, and we'll see what the problem is. Overspending, who's looking back at you is just symptoms of buying things you don't need, with money you're not even worth. Your final expenses — and you buy life insurance to take care of your family — are going to cost you. But that's the problem. The insurance companies don't pay for the services — they pay for your care. For the very words should be off your tongue. It's okay to be a little late, because you don't need it. We don't need to lie about it, but we do need to talk about it. Tell yourself, I'm sorry. I've been too mean to you when you disorganized. You're my best friend and I love you to death. I love how much I do hate it because of being organized. Look beautiful human! I'm proud of the way I'm doing.
Three Little Words - “I Love You”

and perseverance.. lifting the soul to bring blessings has hundreds of personal stories is to Him. Also the Holy Bible Bible is full of stories to teach cent heart of God and the Holy ing them.

always gives life to the one receiv- is to someone. Spoken expressing to someone. Spoken of healthy emotion when it is ful and meaningful expression

words demonstrates a power - of those three words should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16) This is how the Lord sets us apart for Himself, and when we call on Him, He will hear. Another place in Scripture He speaks of His love for us. No, one can love you as much as God does! Spoken to the families of loved ones. "The Lord appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee. (Jeremiah 3:13) "The eternal God is my refuge and under the are the everlasting arms." (Deutonomy 33:27)

There are times in every life when the struggles and pain seem too much to bear. He knows about them from the beginning and promises for three times. "Fear them not, for I AM with thee, and I will be with thee; fear not, thou Jacob, thou of the house of Israel. "Fear thou not, for I AM with thee, and I will be with thee; fear not, thou Jacob, thou of the house of Israel. (Isaiah 41:4, 5)"

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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPS) - Society for the Blind in Sacramento recently received a $15,000 grant from Wells Fargo to provide education, training and assistive devices to Sacramento area seniors who are blind or have low vision. The funding will support Society for the Blind’s Senior IMPACT Project that empowers people age 60 and older with alternative, non-visual techniques and skills to enable them to perform daily tasks and activities so they can maintain independence.

"As the senior population in Sacramento continues to expand, so does the need for services like our Senior IMPACT Project that help seniors not only cope with vision loss, but regain their independence," said Shari Roeseler, executive director, Society for the Blind. "We are so thankful that Wells Fargo has invested in active aging and vitality of older adults in our region."

Society for the Blind’s Senior IMPACT Project includes an eight-week retreat offered monthly at Society for the Blind's campus. It is an immersive vision experience where they learn alternative techniques and skills to travel safely, efficiently and confidently. They practice techniques and use adapted tools to perform tasks like daily living including cooking, cleaning, shopping, home maintenance and community-related tasks for home, school and work, and also attend monthly peer activities, attend monthly peer groups on issues around vision loss, can join discussion groups with instructors and mentors and receive individualized attention for home, school and work, and also attend monthly peer meetings. They practice techniques and use adapted tools to perform tasks like daily living including cooking, cleaning, shopping, home maintenance and community-related tasks. They receive individualized attention from instructors and mentors and can join discussion groups with instructors and mentors who are blind or low vision, participate in community activities, attend monthly peer support groups in English and Spanish, and attend workshops throughout the year. For those unable to attend retreats, Society for the Blind sends instructors to their homes to teach skills and offer resources.

"Wells Fargo understands the importance of empowering individuals who are in need of critical community resources," said Karen Woodruff, community affairs senior consultant. "Our investment in this program builds confidence and independent living skills for these seniors and goes a long way to strengthen and reinforce the efforts of Society for the Blind for the overall program."

For more than 60 years, Society for the Blind has created innovative ways to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop and achieve their full potential. Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of northern California. The nonprofit provides low-vision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship, and access to tools to maintain independence for 6,000 youth, adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year. For more information or to make a donation, visit SocietyfortheBlind.org.

Wells Fargo provides monetary support, expertise and volunteers to national and local nonprofit organizations and causes that align with their business priorities, values, business expertise and geographic strengths. The company focuses its philanthropic activities on creating long-term strategic relationships with nonprofits and other organizations to create innovative, sustainable solutions to meet local needs. Wells Fargo supports thousands of national and local nonprofit organizations and strengthens communities that help seniors not only cope with vision loss, but regain their independence.

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**Defendant Convicted of Armed Robberies, Carjacking**

**DATE:** August 30, 2018

**CASE:** Alexis Caridine (Case #17FE023607)

**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Holly Merrill-Miller (Case #14DF019317)

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Defendant sentenced for Murdering Jail Cellmate

**DATE:** September 14, 2018

**CASE:** Richard Russell Harden (Case #09F01356)

**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Holly Merrill-Miller (Case #16FE019317)

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Richard Harden was convicted of murdering his cellmate, Evaristo Ramirez, at the Sacramento County Jail. Ramirez was one of the 11 inmates who died in 2015 at the jail, which is facing scrutiny over inmates’ poor health care. Ramirez was found unresponsive in a cell and transported to a hospital where he died. A coroner’s report concluded that Ramirez died of natural causes, but his family and advocates of prison reform have long questioned whether his death was due to malpractice or inadequate care.

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The Honorable Ernestine Wittfield sentenced Richard Russell Harden to 19 years to life in prison.

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The jury also convicted Castaneda of illegal sales and possession of marijuana.

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By County Supervisor Sue Frost

Through the generosity of the Citrus Heights Monopoly, this column serves to provide an update about matters affecting the community of Citrus Heights. In 2014 California passed Proposition 47, which reduced the classifications of most non-violent property and drug crimes from a felony to a misdemeanor. This policy resulted in a surge of automobile and petty theft crimes throughout the state of California, and the effect of this was seen in businesses and on the streets of Sacramento County almost immediately. Since our jails are overcrowded and we do not have room to jail people for misdemeanor crimes, local law enforcement would arrest someone for something like theft or drug dealing, only for them to be released that same day, skip bail, and get arrested soon after for something new.

There was a person committing crimes in Orangevale who was the poster-child for this behavior. He was unofficially referred to as the “Mayor of Orangevale” and was locally notorious for always being drunk in public and wreaking havoc on the community. In a period of eight days he was arrested six times, and each time he would be right back in the community the same day he was booked into jail. Another person in the County had around 1600 arrests accumulated through his lifetime (and no, that is not a typo). In response to these, and similar criminals who act with complete disregard for the law, in 2016 Sacramento County implemented something called the “Chronic Offender Program”. It is a program I take pride in, and I want to explain in how it works.

Whenever our County law enforcement notice someone who is getting arrested over and over again, they keep track and as soon as they have been arrested for the tenth time in a one year period, they notify the District Attorney’s Office. A District Attorney then offers the criminal a choice; they can either spend 120 days in jail, or they can spend 90 days in a drug or alcohol treatment program (90% of the people in this program are additive). This produces one of two outcomes. If they reject the treatment and spend the 120 days in jail, at a minimum the community can be at peace for a four month period.

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