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Pasadena Rotary's **LAST** Hybrid Program

JOHN KARLIK

“Xeriscape: Water Conservation in Landscapes & Gardens”

INTRODUCER: FRANK FISH

It is well known that California and the West are in the midst of a long-term drought. In California's urban areas, about one-fourth of the water used is for landscape irrigation. John Karlik of the University of California will discuss the most important steps toward saving water in landscape irrigation, and will offer a longer-term perspective about the design of landscapes.



John Karlik has been an agricultural and environmental scientist with University of California (UC) Cooperative Extension in Bakersfield since 1984. That locale is advantageous because of the \$7.6 billion agricultural production in his home county, as well opportunity to work on the significant air pollution problems of the San Joaquin Valley.

Dr. Karlik earned a B.S. in soil science from the University of Minnesota (1974), an M.S. in horticulture from Michigan State University (1975), and a D.Env. (doctorate in environmental science and engineering) from

UCLA in 1998.

Dr. Karlik's teaching activities include numerous seminars pertaining to horticultural practices, pesticide use, and air quality within California, as well as college classes in plant

science, horticulture, and chemistry. His sequential series of horticulture classes for adults has been offered to the community annually, and focuses on enhancing urban green spaces, reducing pesticide use, and water conservation. From 2005-2019, he was annually a visiting professor at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, offering a lecture series on atmospheric science and policy. He has conducted 10 horticultural study tours to locations in Europe and Asia.

PLEASE NOTE:

ZOOM BROADCAST OF THE ROTARY MEETINGS WILL END ON MAY 31, 2022

May 25th MEETING IS HYBRID

THIS IS PASADENA ROTARY'S LAST HYBRID MEETING & ZOOM BROADCAST

LIVE: 12:00 pm - RECEPTION & LUNCH BYRSVP ONLY

ZOOM: 12:15 - RECEPTION

12:30-1:30 pm - MEETING

Song Leader: Eric Olson

Inspiration: Sandy Goodenough

Scout Zone Reporter: Justene Adamec

Photographers: Hillary Schenk & Tammy Silver

Tech Lead: John Burt

Zoom Coordinator: Scott Carlson

All or part of our weekly Rotary meeting may be recorded to assist with documenting donations, input, or other Pasadena Rotary business.

Join Web Meeting Via Zoom - Public is Welcome

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By President Cory Brendel

AREN'T YOU INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL? ... that there are people like Ken McCormick and our own Marsha Rood (and several others I'm sure, that I'm sorry to say are going unnamed in this little blurb) that have made career choices involving thinking about what Pasadena should/should not and could look like over the course of its development history? Aren't we so much better off? **What a wonderful local history lesson we had yesterday!**



AND DON'T YOU JUST LOVE a fun new vocabulary word? **an/te/pen/ul/ti/mate**. The last but two in a series; third last. The item preceding the penultimate item. The penultimate syllable of the word "penultimate" is "ti". The antepenultimate syllable of "penultimate" is "ul."

Cory

THE SCOOT ZONE

PP Mary Lou Byrne, Bureau Chief Emertius
Photographers: Jonathan Edwards & IPP Ken Joe

President Cory Brendel called the meeting to order at 12:30, and Music Committee Chair **Don Andruess** (with his trusty guitar) led the crowd in singing There's No Business Like Show Business, featuring **Past President Mary Lou Byrne** on vocals and **Roy Wild** and **President Cory** on percussion.

Colleen Carey gave the inspiration, noting that we have come through a tumultuous couple of weeks intact and moving forward, and whether our "village" is the Playhouse Village or the village that Rotary has created, it is true we are better when we all work together. She closed with an Irish thought: "May God in his wisdom and infinite love look down on you always from heaven above. May God send you good fortune, contentment and peace, and may all your blessings forever increase."

President Cory reminded everyone about the eblast he sent out on Saturday: **Angela Hawekotte** will not, alas, be able to fill the Club presidency for the coming Rotary year. **Cory** confessed, "every time in my presidency when I have an 'oh [heck] moment, it's not 'what am I gonna do,' it's 'what are we gonna do.'" He thanked everyone who participated in the decision to fill the vacancy. As you have doubtless all heard by now, **Past President Mary Lou Byrne** will fill the first six months of the term, and **President Elect Justene Adamec** will fill the second half. **Mary Lou** and **Justene** stood and waved (**Mary Lou** with two hands, pope-style; **Justene** Rose Queen style, with a twirling single hand) and the members and guests applauded them for stepping up.



Announcements:

Past President Ken Joe asked "what is better than the San Francisco Giants beating the Dodgers, President Cory playing his ukulele, the San Francisco 49ers winning the Super Bowl?" It's Demotion! Mark your calendars for the evening of June 29 and remember there will be no lunch meeting that day -- details below. All singing, all dancing, all crying, all laughing!

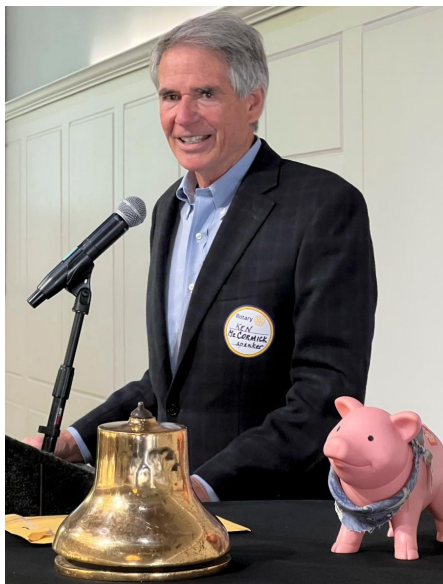
Dean Billman made a Polio Pig announcement in honor of his wife Karen Billman, who is a designer at the Pasadena Showcase House of Design. It closes this Sunday so hurry up so you don't miss it!

Howard Raff announced the Showcase of Rotary on Wednesday night, for prospective members. (Ed note: It's in the past now but I bet it was great!)

Ellen Simon reminded Tyros members and Tyros Committee members that the monthly Tyros lunch is this coming Monday, May 23, at California Pizza Kitchen. If you are a committee chair in our Club, please contact **Ellen** for a chance to present to our new members about your committee.

Guests: **Marsha Rood** and **Howard Raff** introduced their guests. Fun fact: **Howard's** guest was here because she saw the article about our speaker in Pasadena Now! **President Cory** noted that he was happy to see **Joel Sheldon** at our meeting and told a very interesting story about shopping for a dictionary at Vroman's. He then taught us all a new vocabulary word he learned this week: "Antepenultimate," meaning third in line. **PP Mary Lou Byrne** correctly identified the antepenultimate syllable in that word, but **President Cory** deemed that feat not knife-worthy.

Mic Hansen introduced our speaker. Ken McCormick has been champion of the Playhouse District for more than 30 years, and is sensitive to the community in aesthetics and function, as evidenced by the Granada Court apartment complex he developed behind Vroman's Bookstore. The title of his talk was The Playhouse Village: A Century in the Making (Cultural Assets & Placemaking).



Ken began by explaining that in his view, the best cities are those that have at their roots "a level of cultural ballast" – institutions that mean a lot to the human spirit. He explained that those things give rise to good feelings in people. He noted that the University Club where we were meeting is a good example of that -- It's been around since 1922 and hosts various organizations. He then led us down memory land and shared the growth of downtown Pasadena (specifically Colorado Blvd) since it was part of "east Pasadena" in 1922. Fun fact: originally it was almost all single family homes!

Throughout its history, Pasadena wanted its buildings to be both beautiful and memorable, on the inside and the outside. Buildings in the 1920s were mostly Mediterranean or Beaux Arts style, and many buildings

had amazing murals. The impetus was to have nothing that wasn't either beautiful or useful (per William Morris). The then-leaders of town were consciously trying to build a town that appealed to our best senses, creating beauty and inspiration.

After the stock market crash everything was put on hold including plans to connect the Civic Center to City Hall. It eventually got built but there was no activity for 20-25 years when Vroman's came in 1954, then Robinson's department store came in four years later.

Bullock's in South Lake was pulling people in from Los Angeles. Other than that, not much more going on. The area was really quiet.

The playhouse area was left with a lot of parking lots. Ken showed an aerial photo of vast spaces of parking lots. The area continued to slide downhill and in the 70s and 80s it was somewhat bleak. The Playhouse even shuttered briefly in 1969.

By the mid-80s things were really quite a problem, said Ken. A small group of people got together including Al Lowe, trying to revitalize the area. The good news was that the Redevelopment Zone boundary stopped just short of the Playhouse District. It might have been good in the short term but it would have probably have involved razing historic buildings in favor of commercial behemoths such as the Bank of America building on Arroyo.

The City Council after about 5 years approved the plan. It had a park at corner of El Molino and Union and the council committed to building it in 1993. But there was a terrible real estate depression and everything stopped. Nothing got built, so in 1997 the Playhouse District was same as 1957. Vroman's led the way rebuilding itself and expanding into the back parking lot.

Slowly, the mixed-use plan began to be executed. The Trio apartments got built on one of the parking lots. There was a proposal to infill Union St. parking lots with housing. Granada Court, and the Andalucia got built. And the park on El Molino and Union is finally being built, 35 years later.

What's missing? If we need a town that attracts people because of liveability, one of the issues is what to do with parking lot behind the playhouse itself. This is such an important opportunity and Eric thinks we should turn it into an outdoor theatre. He noted that "Danny Feldman [of the Pasadena Playhouse] is a force of nature who is completely turning around the Playhouse, and we need to keep the momentum going."

After a question and answer session, **President Cory** presented Ken with his speaker's gift, and also presented **PP Mary Lou** with a gift as well, noting that while figuring out the third syllable of a word isn't knife-worthy, agreeing to step in as president certainly is.



HELLO PASADENA ROTARIANS!
RSVP to the IN-PERSON LIVE ROTARY MEETING 5-25-22
Everyone who wishes to attend LIVE must **RSVP!**
DEADLINE IS MONDAY 5-23-22 at 5:00 pm

Join Us Wednesday!
Check In with Barbara Bishop, Jane Waas & Frank Fish



THIS WEEK'S MENU

*Rotarian Meal choices - Please select from the following Lunch options.
No substitutes. If you have allergies or food restrictions please contact Wendy
and we can work with it so you have a meal and can attend the meetings.*

**Roasted Pork Loin with Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccolini
Cobb Salad with Choice of Blue Cheese or Vinaigrette
Kung Pao Tofu Stir Fry Bowl over Brown Rice**

**CLICK HERE TO
RSVP TODAY**

Everyone who wishes to attend live must RSVP
CLICK RSVP BUTTON OR YOU MAY ALSO
RSVP by emailing Wendy at office@pasadenarotary.com
or 626-683-8243 and remember to give your menu selection

You will always receive a **CONFIRMATION** of your reservation.
**** Note:** If something happens and you can't make the meeting -
make sure you contact Wendy to cancel your meal.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

KEEP SCROLLING!

BREAKING NEWS

The winner of Pasadena Rotary's Dan Stover Music Competition held at our Meeting on March 30th was Alistair Picken who played *Mozart's Bassoon Concerto*. Alistair appeared via video and is in the 12th grade at Pacific Academy.



Dan Stover co-chair Ken Hill is happy to report that Alistair won the regional competition held Wednesday night at the Pasadena Conservatory of Music. There were seven contestants from our district's west region. Alistair now goes to compete in Palm Springs at the district finals in June.

CONGRATULATIONS ALISTAIR!

MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR

TYROS MEETING

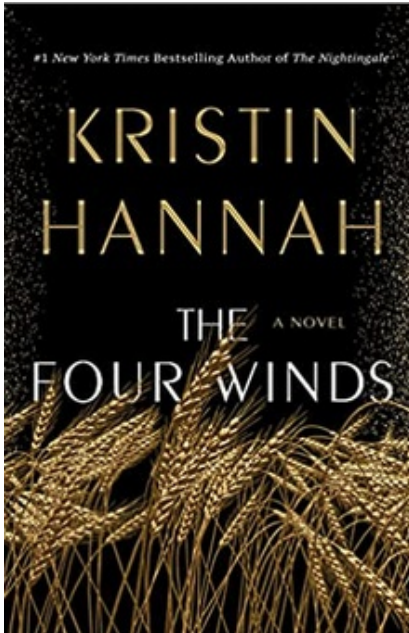
Monday May 23, 2022
"High Noon"



**California Pizza Kitchen,
90 North Los Robles.**

Please reach out to Ellen Simon or
Judy Taylor for details.
Ellensimon@hearcenter.org
or Judy@judytaylorid.com

**Photo of Tyros Mixer at El Portal - circa 2014*



ROTARY READERS

Monday-6/6/22

6:00pm

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah is the book which
we will review on June 6th at 6pm .

For details to attend the meeting live or on via zoom,
reach out to Jan at janinpasadena@gmail.com or Cathy
at simmsie1@pacbell.net.

There will be a zoom option.

SAVE THE DATE

*Wednesday,
June 29, 2022*

University Club of Pasadena
Cocktails at 6:00pm
Dinner and Demotion at 7:00pm

DEMOTION OF PRESIDENT CORY BRENDEN



more information to follow



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

SING IT!

*Song Leader Don Andruess on guitar, PPP Mary Lou Byrne vocalist,
President Cory on tambourine & Roy Wild on drums*



The Rotary Foundation created a funding channel for relief efforts in Ukraine

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2022 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - IN-PERSON EVENT

More info: https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston?cid=mkt_ic22_20211123_eml_ad_mem_northam_q4reg_na



2022 District Conference

June 23, 2022 – June 25, 2022

Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa

44-400 Indian Wells Lane

Indian Wells, CA 92210-8708, US

More Information about the District Conference

For More
Information

POLIO PIG & COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS AT WEDNESDAY MEETING

Wish to "Show & Tell" us what you are up to or make an announcement about your family, business or a favorite nonprofit or a Committee announcement. Email Wendy at office@pasadenarotary.com **by Tues at noon**. Minimum donation for Polio Pig Announcement: \$20.00 which is billed to your account.

Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

David Weidert	May 13
Ben Mishico	May 14

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

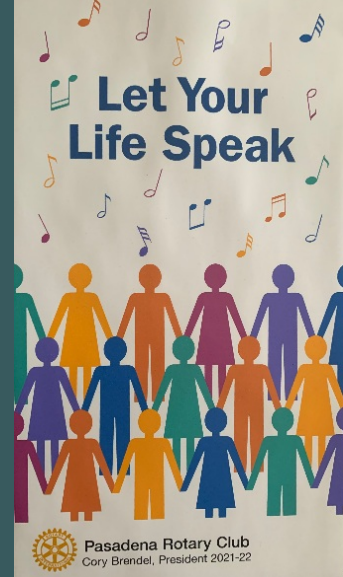
JUNE 1st - Major Roy Wild, Salvation Army, Pasadena Hope Center Apartments
JUNE 8th - Julia Bradsher, President & CEO, HMRI (Huntington Medical Research Institute) Talk: <i>Reflections on Being A Transformational Leader</i>
JUNE 15th - Victor Boutros, CEO, Trafficking Institute
JUNE 22nd - President Cory's Final Meeting
JUNE 29th - LUNCH - DARK
JUNE 29th - DEMOTION DINNER OF PRESIDENT CORY at the University Club. Reception at 6 pm & Dinner at 7:00 pm - Featuring the "Rotary Players"

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