



## PASADENA ROTARY CLUB ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

### SPOKES NEWSLETTER

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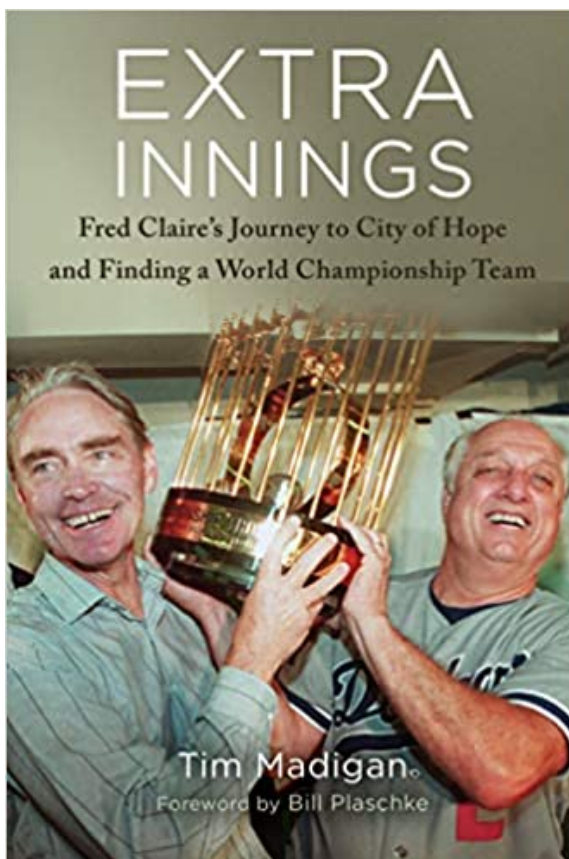
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## This Week's Program

# Fred Claire

*"From Dodger Blue to City of Hope"*

**Introducer: Phil Hawkey**



Fred Claire was a member of the Los Angeles Dodgers' front office for 30 years, advancing from publicity director of the team to the position of Executive Vice President and general manager with responsibility for player personnel decisions and baseball operations.

In a distinguished career with the Dodgers, Claire served the team as a publicity director; vice president of public relations, promotions and marketing; Executive Vice President in charge of day-to-day operations; and Executive Vice President and general manager in charge of player personnel.

Claire joined the Dodgers in 1969 and proved to be an award-winning executive at every stage of his career. Claire was directing the team's marketing efforts when the Dodgers first hit the three-million mark in attendance and established a

period of record-setting attendance figures. He was instrumental in creating the branding of "Dodger Blue" and the subsequent "Think Blue" campaign.

In April of 1987, Claire was named general manager of the Dodgers and when

the team won the World Series in 1988 he was selected Major League Baseball's "Executive of the Year."

Since his departure from the Dodgers in June of 1998, Claire has maintained an active schedule as an educator, a founding partner and currently chairman of the sports analytics company Scoutables and as a contributor to MLB.com in addition to an on-going civic involvement. He is a member of the Rose Bowl Operating Company.

In 2017 Claire spearheaded the creation of the Fred Claire Celebrity Golf Classic, benefiting City of Hope in Duarte, CA.

Claire currently serves as a patient speaker for the City of Hope. The book Extra Innings chronicles Claire's journey to City of Hope with all net proceeds to the medical center.

**11:45 am: Greeters Scott Carlson - Jane Waas - Elisabeth Browne**

**Song Leader: Ross Jutsum**

**Inspiration: Sandy Goodenough**

**Scout Zone Reporter: Justene Adamec**

**Tech Team: Frank Fish - Robert Lyons - Don Andruess**

**Zoom Team: Scott Carlson - Kat Rogers - Frank Fish -  
Tammy Silver & Elisabeth Browne**

**\*\* NEED HELP WITH ZOOM\*\***

**Tammy Silver - tamarasilver@gmail.com - 626-755-4272**



**Pasadena Rotary invites you to its Weekly Wednesday Meeting  
October 28, 2020 at 12:00pm - 1:00pm**

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

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86287855806?  
pwd=WUJBY0RGdjV2UUUpLWXIRTWpWS1Vldz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86287855806?pwd=WUJBY0RGdjV2UUUpLWXIRTWpWS1Vldz09)**

**Meeting ID: 862 8785 5806**

**Password: 994656**

**NOTE:**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND COUNTY MANDATES AND FOLLOWING PHASED IN REOPENING OF GATHERED GROUPS, AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF THE PASADENA ROTARY CLUB MEMBERSHIP:**

**PASADENA ROTARY IN-PERSON MEETINGS ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**  
**THIS MAY CHANGE, AND AS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S PLANS TO REOPEN BUSINESSES AND GROUP MEETINGS UNFOLD, WE WILL KEEP EVERYONE UPDATED ON THE STATUS OF PASADENA ROTARY CLUB'S IN-PERSON MEETINGS.**

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



President Ken & Stephen

Hello Pasadena Rotary,

On the Bus Part 2

I am thankful because one of our three boys, our youngest, Stephen, enjoys fishing with me. Finding someone that enjoys fishing is a rarity.

Stephen is a senior at UC Riverside and will be graduating this Spring with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Fortunately, all three of our son's take after Marina when it comes to math and science.

Stephen was very fortunate to do two summer internships for the City of San Francisco in their Public Works Department. While interning in SF, he was also coaching two girls' volleyball

teams.

As someone born and raised in SoCal, it was quite an adjustment for Stephen to live and work in SF. He's seen things on the streets of San Francisco that most people never see. ( He does not want to live in SF, so any job leads are appreciated!)

One of his unique experiences was his daily transportation, which was riding the bus.

He was ending his work day on a crowded bus filled with a mix of people including some high school students and very young children. The high school students were playing some very loud-blasting profanity laced music.

Stephen who is by nature soft spoken asked them to turn it off. When they ignored his first request, he stood up and asked a second time to turn it off. They complied.

I see Stephen as a future Rotarian because he cares about his community and is willing to step up!

Am always available to you at [president@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:president@pasadenarotary.com) and or to meet for a cup of coffee.

In Your Service,





## THE SCOOT ZONE

By **Mary Lou Byrne**, Bureau Chief Emeritus



*He's Back..... **IPP Scott Vandrick***

**Immediate Past President Scott Vandrick** burst onto the scene at the University Club via the Pasadena Rotary Time Machine and found himself breathless and disoriented after a zip-zap-zoom through Pasadena Rotary's past, present, and future. "Are we in President **Colleen's** year? President **Leah's** year? President **Jonathan's** year?" After finding a Giants pennant behind the lectern he realized it was **President Ken Joe's** year and explained that **President Ken** is out of

town with his ailing mom. He sent out the Club's best wishes to **President Ken** and his family.



**Past President Phil Miles**, with his trusty guitar, led us in singing a chorus of Alice's Restaurant, a food-related song in honor of our food-related speaker, and This Land is Your Land. Fun fact: Those songs were written, respectively, by son-and-father duo Arlo and Woody Guthrie. **Phil** followed that up with the Pledge of

Allegiance.

**Tammy Silver** provided the Inspiration, from Eleanor Roosevelt: "Someone once asked me what I regarded as the three most important requirements for happiness. My answer was: 'A feeling that you have been honest with yourself and those around you; a feeling that you have done the best you could both in your personal life and in your work; and the ability to love others.' But there is another basic requirement, and I can't understand now how I forgot it at the time: that is the feeling that you are, in some way, useful. Usefulness, whatever form it may take, is the price we should pay for the air we breathe and the food we eat and the privilege of being alive. And it is its own reward, as well, for it is the beginning of happiness, just as self-pity and withdrawal from the battle are the beginning of misery."



Next up, **IPP Scott** busted out the online poll: What are you most looking forward to after COVID restrictions are lifted? Of the options (visiting family and friends, traveling, live music and theatre, or sporting events), 55% chose visiting with family and friends: We have all been missing each other!

In the Department of Announcements Department, **IPP Scott** led off with a thank you to the amazing Zoom team. "You don't know what work goes into making these remote meetings work!" he exclaimed, thanking our crack team of **Frank Fish, Scott Carlson, Kat Rogers, Tammy Silver** and **Elisabeth Browne**.

**IPP Scott** then announced that we would have a challenge to raise \$1000 for the Polio Fund for World Polio Day, upcoming tomorrow, Saturday October 24. He invited people to put their pledges in the chat bar. **Scott** started with \$50 to put in a plug for Pasadena Symphony and Pops's new intimate concert series, Pasadena Presents, running from October 17 through November 14. Check out the details [here](#)!



**IPP Scott** then called on **Past President Mary Lou Byrne**, sporting her bright red End Polio Now t-shirt, who gave a presentation about presented about World Polio Day and the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), in which Rotary International partners with five other international

organizations. She invited Pasadena Rotarians to join San Marino Rotary Club for their Socially Distanced World Polio Day Walk on Saturday, October 24 from 4 to 6 p.m., beginning in the parking lot at Huntington Middle School, 1700 Huntington Drive in San Marino. Bring your leashed dog and your family, wear a mask, and enjoy a one-mile walk! There will be an ice cream truck and Polio Plus merchandise for sale, with all proceeds going to polio eradication. Mary Lou noted that if you can't make it in person, please join the [World Polio Day 24-hour live Facebook webcast](#) here, beginning tonight Oct 23 at 10 p.m.!

**Past President Mary Lou** also made a Polio Pig contribution of \$100 in honor of **President Elect Cory Brendel** and his fantastic performance in **IPP Scott's** Demotion, noting that in the heat of the moment she forgot to give **Cory** his much deserved "special prize" (a homemade trivet made of wine corks) on the day of, so she would be dropping it by his house that afternoon.

By this time the chat bar was fast and furious with Polio Pig pledges from our members! Read all about them elsewhere in this issue!

**IPP Scott** thanked Social Committee co-chairs **Debi Kroman** and **Stephen Smith** for organizing a great socially distanced brunch at the U Club last week, and showed some nice socially-distanced photos of the event.

**Colleen Carey**, on behalf of **JP Harris** and the Bikes for Christmas team, announced that we have fewer bikes than usual because Huffy is under great stress due to pandemic-related supply and demand issues, but we will get 150 bikes out of the 200 we asked for. See details elsewhere in this issue!

**Cathy Simms**, on behalf of the International Projects Committee, invited everyone to the Festival of Life with our Rotarians in Chennai, India. Watch for an Pmail with the link to join in!

**Past President Shel Capeloto** and **Elaine Silberman** thanked the Adopt a Meal Committee for another successful meal at Union Station's Family Shelter. This month [Green Street Restaurant](#) supplied the food at a great price, so please support them by getting takeout or enjoying

patio dining.

**Wende Lee** announced the Giving From the Home project supporting Five Acres. See below for details.

**Past President Howard Raff** introduced his guest, Ben Berad, nephew of Debbie Mitsch of the Rotary Club of Green Valley that President Ken met at a (Pre-Covid) District Assembly. Ben now has a business in Pasadena and interested in membership.



*Pasadena In Five with Eric Duyshart*

**Eric Duyshart** gave a report on the City of Pasadena, including these highlights:

- \* COVID deaths are trending down in L.A. County and Pasadena, in contrast with 37 other states which are seeing increases and influencing local caution for reopening.
- \* The City Council met recently to debate on a wide range of items including zoning restrictions, more affordable housing in the Civic Center, money for street repaving and replacement of water mains, and a new electric vehicle charging station at Glenarm. Next week the Council will consider how to appropriately recognize the late local legend Eddie Van Halen.
- \* Last year Caltech developed the world's fastest camera, and recently they made it even faster, so fast that it can even capture light traveling in slow motion!
- \* He highlighted local companies [Gigajot Technology](#), [IDT Vision](#), and [Ecliptic Enterprises](#), all of which are bringing cutting-edge technology to Pasadena.

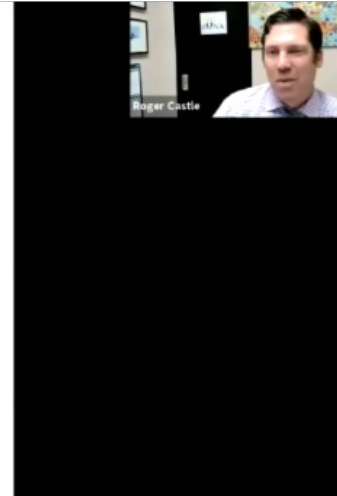
**SPEAKER; ROGER CASTLE**

**Anne Miskey** introduced our speaker, [Roger Castle](#) of the [Los Angeles Regional Food Bank](#).





**FIGHTING HUNGER...GIVING HOPE  
SERVING LOS ANGELES COUNTY SINCE 1973**



Roger said the food bank was founded in Pasadena in 1973 by someone who saw food going to waste and knew there was a better use for it. It moved to Los Angeles in 1989, at which time **Scott Jenkins** was the president of its board and helped with the facility acquisition, and re-named L.A. Regional Food Bank. It is probably the largest supplier of food, last year donating 82 million pounds of food and 66 million meals. Roger says the food it handles is perfectly good and is "timing out of the system" and will expire if not distributed to the needy. More than four million pounds of food per week are distributed through 600 plus agencies from hundreds of food sources.



### History

- The Grandview Food Bank is established in 1973 and operates out of 200-square ft garage on Marengo Avenue in Pasadena.



With the pandemic there is a huge increase in need. L.A. County is "America's Hunger Capital." If it were a state it would be the 10<sup>th</sup> largest and has 2 million food insecure people, including not just homeless people but working poor who can't buy food or can't buy adequate nutritious food after paying rent and other necessary expenses.

Roger noted that L.A. Food Bank has 600-plus agency partners at more than 1,000 sites. For example, it has a grant from Tournament of Roses Foundation which it redistributes through the Pasadena area. Since the pandemic has hit, said Roger, "we have had to triple or quadruple the number of people fed by various agencies."

Says Roger: "We have a warehouse, logistic, trucking, 135 employees who pick up and sort the food and make it available for the agencies to order. We have our facility in South LA and





*Speaker Roger Castle*

another one in Commerce. We are also a Key Emergency Responder in the event of a natural disaster. We have 30,000 volunteers per year, which is equal to 77 full time employees. Each volunteer hour is worth \$25. They are critical to maximum efficiency. Many business and community groups

use volunteering as a team building exercise - it's a self-contained event and requires no training."

Programs for children include a backpack program, after school meals, summer meals, and a mobile school pantry. Programs for seniors including Commodity Supplemental Food Program and Brown Bag.

In addition to feeding the hungry, L.A. Food Bank helps the environment: "We use food that would otherwise go to waste and reduce the carbon footprint."

COVID-19 response has been huge: "There has been increased unemployment and people don't have savings and there have been huge spikes in people needing food, many of whom have never needed assistance before. Food Bank distributions are up 145%. We did a distribution in Inglewood and people waited in a line of cars 5 miles long, for 1.5 - 2 hrs. We've seen donations rise again and now there is a farm-to-donation program so unsold food doesn't go to waste. We've been able to increase our distribution to about 900,000 people each month."

Roger explained, "unemployment peaked at over 20% and there was a big lag in people getting benefits, which contributed to the huge demand for food assistance. 1 in 4 households have experienced food insecurity in the pandemic so far."

What's next? "We are purchasing a new warehouse in City of Industry to replace our leased Commerce facility, and coincidentally **Scott Jenkins** helped with this, too. We will be able to give more food to more people so thank you **Scott** for helping us again in acquiring a building."

**IPP Scott** thanked Roger and then turned things over to **Kat Rogers**, who announced the Polio Pig total is at least \$2,200, blowing way past our \$1,000 goal! **Scott** said Mr. Polio Pig is very very happy that we had a call to action, and we met it! At press time, the final total was \$2325. (Ed note: That will be



matched two-to-one by the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation for a grand total of \$6975 and what the heck - this reporter is kicking in the last \$25 to get us over \$7000!)

**\*SEE UPDATE BELOW.**

We went into our breakout groups and the topic was "tell the other members something they don't know about you." When we came back, **Edsel D'Souza** reported that **Julie Bank** has seen Barry Manilow in concert 21 times! And **Russ Guiney** has seen Neil Diamond twice. **Ken Hill** shared that he had lunch yesterday with Lora Ungar and David Lockington, which **Scott** knew but nobody else did!

Next Wednesday: Fred Claire former EVP & GM of the Dodgers and patient speaker for City of Hope. Until then, open every opportunity.

**Kat Rogers** led a lively Q&A that went into overtime with speaker Roger Castle.

### **10-21-20 POLIO PIG CHALLENGE UPDATE: We raised \$2,550 in one hour!!**

**Scott Vandrick** for Pasadena Symphony & Pops new series Pasadena Sings; **Dean Billman** donated in honor of **Mary Lou's** presentation & his Dad Neil who was a polio survivor; **Mary Lou Byrne** in honor of **PE Cory Brendel** & all the wonderful Past Presidents; **Phyllis Currie** for Pasadena Foothill Valley's Racial Injustice Virtual Breakfast; **Jennifer DeVoll** to Pasadena Community Foundation Heroes Happy Hour; **JP Harris** for Dean's dad; **Diana Peterson-More** for UCLA; **Cory Brendel** for Cheryl Andruess (Don's wife) a polio survivor; **Colleen Carey** in honor of Pasadena Rotary; **Mary Chalon** for Radio Theater Podcasts; **Russ Guiney** for **Mary Lou's** enthusiasm; **Wende Lee** for her birthday (*Happy Birthday!*); **Deborah Lewis** in honor of Boyd Lewis, Atlanta Press Club 2020 Hall of Fame recipient for photojournalism streaming live 11/19 at 4 pm (*WOW!*); **Phil Miles** for his years on earth; **Kat Rogers** for Salvation Army; **Julia Shih** for Love Hearing Services; **Tammy Silver** for PCC's support for its students; **Cathy Simms** on birth of granddaughter McKenna Michelle Bell; **Michele Ferroni** in honor of **Mary Lou's** announcement and Rotary. Also donations from **Desiree Alvarado**, **Wendy Anderson**, **Elizabeth Browne**, **Shel & Elaine Capeloto**, **Lisa Cavelier**, **Richard Cornfield**, **George Falardeau**, **Fred Findley**, **Frank Fish**, **Akila Gibbs**, **Ken Hill**, **Dave Mans**, **Eric Olson**, **Ellen Simon**, **Judy Taylor**, **Kathy & Jim Meagher** and **Mary Wilson**.

**If you weren't at the meeting and would like to  
donate to WORLD POLIO DAY  
Email your name and donation amount to  
[office@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:office@pasadenarotary.com)**

# **COMMITTEE EVENTS & CALENDAR**

**Capturing A Great Day of Fellowship  
Social Committee Rotary Brunch at the UClub  
Co-chairs: Stephen Smith & Debi Kroman  
Photos by Mary Chalon**



**31st Annual District 5300 Peace Conference  
REGISTER: [District5300.org/peace-conference/](https://District5300.org/peace-conference/)**





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Garbis Peace Institute  
31st Annual Peace Conference

PEACE out of CHAOS - a Pandemic

Saturday, October 24, 2020 / 9:00 am—1:00 pm

VIRTUAL — Free via Zoom

FEATURING KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER

Mark Daniel Maloney  
President, Rotary International  
2019-2020



"How has Covid-19 Impacted  
Rotary's Priorities and  
Opportunities of Working  
Together"

Dr. Quentin Wodon  
Lead Economist, World Bank  
"The Long Term Effects of  
Covid-19 Pandemic: Education,  
Human Capital, and How  
Rotarians Can Help"



Michael Brosowski  
Founder-CEO, Blue Dragon Children's  
Foundation  
"The Impact of Covid-19 on Children  
and Women"

Dr. Siobhan Nash Marshall  
Professor and Chair of Christian  
Philosophy and Philosophy Depart-  
ments, Manhattanville College, NY  
"The Spiritual Response to Covid-19"



Sheila Gutierrez,  
MA, LMFT  
Marriage and Family  
Therapist  
and  
Anthony J. Hill, ESQ  
Attorney at Law



Eugene Whitlock, J.D.  
Assistant Vice Chancellor for People  
and Culture; Chief People and Culture  
Officer, UC Berkeley, CA  
"Creating a Culture of Belonging  
in a Virtual World"



"Harmful Effects of Covid-19 on the Family"

Information, Registration and Updates

go to: [www.district5300.org/peace-conference/](http://www.district5300.org/peace-conference/)

Registration is Free

Must Register to obtain the Zoom link

Art for Peace Student Contest "Cash Prizes"

Email Denise Wadsworth [denise.wadsworth@gmail.com](mailto:denise.wadsworth@gmail.com) for entry forms and information



Rotary District Governor  
Greg Jones



Conference Chair  
Dr. Garbis Der-Yeghian,  
PDG



Conference Emcee  
Michael D. Driebe

## POLIO PIG ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wish to show a photo & tell us what you are up to - Wish to make an announcement about your family or your favorite nonprofit. Email **Wendy** at [office@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:office@pasadenarotary.com) by Tues afternoon. Minimum donation: \$20.00

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM ROTARIAN BRANDON ITO





Rotary Video

Click here for [AMAZON WISH LIST](#)

# Giving from Home



## Giving from Home Year End Project

ROTARIANS SUPPORT  
FIVE ACRES

Begins October 21  
ends November 18

Learn more about  
Five Acres  
<https://5acres.org/>

You can also purchase your items locally and drop off  
at the **University Club** daily from **10 am to 4 pm**

# OCT 21 thru NOV 18

GO TO

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/316QNTKU5ZDPL?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/316QNTKU5ZDPL?ref_=wl_share)

*And select any of the items on their wish list.*



### TOP FIVE NEEDS

- Bedding (all sizes)
- Sanitation supplies
- Diapers & baby wipes
- Children's desk  
(for distance learning)
- Basic toiletries

***Items will be directly shipped to Five Acres.***

If you haven't designated a Amazon Smile  
Non-Profit organization, please consider Five Acres

<https://5acres.org/amazon-smile/>

## BIKES FOR CHRISTMAS

Building bikes for deserving children with fellow Rotarians  
Joint Project with Rotary Clubs of  
Pasadena - San Marino - Altadena - After Hours



The Bikes for Christmas committee invites you to participate in the bicycle assembly project. An opportunity to sign up to help build bicycles will be sent out via email that invites you to sign up to build bikes at the PUSD Maintenance Facility at 750 W. Woodbury in Pasadena on one or more of the following dates:

Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 7-10AM

Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 7-10AM

Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 8AM to Finish

We have U Tube videos providing instructions on how to assemble these bicycles. Some tools are required and the video will advise on that.

Co-Chairs: **Colleen Carey** at 626-676-1932  
and **JP Harris** at 626-664-3116.



## ADOPT-A-MEAL PARTICIPATING RESTAURANT

Show appreciation to restaurants supporting our monthly Adopt-A-Meal Program

- **CABRERA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT**, 655 N. Lake (Orange Grove) 626-795-8230 [www.cabreras.com](http://www.cabreras.com)
- **UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PASADENA**, Click on Calendar for their "to go menu" and other virtual & live events. Every Fri & Sat - BBQ Americano 626-793-5157 [www.universityclubpasadena.com](http://www.universityclubpasadena.com)
- **GREEN STREET RESTAURANT**, 146 Shoppers Lane, 626-577-7170 [www.greenstreetrestaurant.com](http://www.greenstreetrestaurant.com)
- **ROMEGA EVENTS** with Chef Cameron Czekalla 626-710-0240 [www.romegaevents.com](http://www.romegaevents.com) [cameron@romega.la](mailto:cameron@romega.la)

**Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!**

Pierre Mainguy	October 24th
Gary Kearney	October 26th
Mike Farrand	October 26th
Wende Lee	October 28th
Mic Hansen	October 28th
Mary Chalon	October 29th

## Rotaversaries!

Frank Nicolas      October 24, 2001      19 Years

## Upcoming Programs

- Nov. 4      Bob Miller, President, Tournament of Roses -*"The 2021 Rose Rose Parade: Why the Parade Will Not Pass By This Year"*
- Nov. 11      Harold Martin, Founder & Advisor, PCC Student Veterans Club.  
*"Recognizing Veterans' Day on Armistice Day"*
- Nov. 18      Peter Kalmus & Family
- Nov. 25      DARK - *HAPPY THANKSGIVING!*

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Chair Paul Martin -  
[www.pasadenarotary.com](http://www.pasadenarotary.com)

Looking for Spokes go to the website, scroll down the homepage to [This Week in Spokes](#).



Rotary Opens Opportunities

**See you on Wednesday!**



