

Rotary

Club of Pasadena, CA



A CENTURY OF SERVICE



SPOKES NEWSLETTER

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This Week's Program

Deven Upadhyay

Assistant General Manager/Chief Operating Officer
Metropolitan Water District of SoCAL

"Metropolitan Water District- Planning for Resilience"

Introducer: Phyllis Currie



Deven Upadhyay is the Assistant General Manager and Chief Operating Officer for Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. He is responsible for managing the operational business functions of the district, which include system operations, engineering, planning and water resources management. In this position, one of his primary duties is to implement the Chief Executive Officer's Business Plan and initiatives, as well as, to oversee the application and operational practice of the Board's policies and directives.

Upadhyay began his career with Metropolitan in 1995 as a resource specialist in the Planning and Resources Division. In 2005 he left Metropolitan to work for the

Municipal Water District of Orange County on water policy issues. In 2008, he returned to Metropolitan as the Budget and Financial Planning Section Manager before becoming Group Manager for Water Resources Management in 2010.

An avid tennis player and a devoted Angel's baseball fan, Upadhyay earned a bachelor's degree in economics from California State University, Fullerton and a master's degree in public administration from the University of La Verne.

"PASADENA IN FIVE" with ERIC DUYSHART

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

Song Leader: Ross Jutsum

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 - tamaramsilver@gmail.com - 626-744-9533



**Pasadena Rotary invites you to its Weekly Wednesday Meeting
December 2, 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=WUJBY0RGdjV2UUpLWXIRTWpWS1Vldz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86287855806?pwd=WUJBY0RGdjV2UUpLWXIRTWpWS1Vldz09)**

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, Immediate Past President Scott, Past President Mary Lou

Presidents Corner November 26

As I write this article, I can't help but reflect on this past year and the theme of being thankful.

The success of our club is due to the countless Rotarians that serve humbly behind the scenes. Our Tech and Zoom team each Wednesday makes our Wednesday meeting happen. Our Programs, Music and Inspiration committee ensures a solid line-up every Wednesday. Our Board of Directors and Committee Chairs demonstrate amazing leadership. There are countless "other saints" in our club who seek no recognition, but are simply here to serve.

Most importantly, as a club and organization, we continue to transform this community locally and abroad.

Together we:

- saved newborn infants with heart defects in India

- helped people have clean water in third world countries
- prevented child brides in Bangladesh
- planted trees for the 911 Memorial on New York Drive
- fed and clothed the poor in Pasadena
- assembled bikes for Christmas
- helped local children buy school supplies
- supported the Pasadena Humane Society
- supported the eradication of polio worldwide

I am extremely thankful to be part of an organization that does good things! I am always available to you at president@pasadenarotary.com and or to meet for a socially distant cup of coffee.

In Your Service,

Ken

THE SCOOT ZONE

Past President Mary Lou Byrne, Bureau Chief Emeritus

Justene Adamec, Bureau Chief

"Scoot Zone is on vacation this week. [Ed. note: We at Scoot Zone are thankful for Pasadena Rotary and its wonderful members, especially our loyal readers!]"

California Awards Presentation - Pasadena Rotary Club

Receives Highest Honor for its Centennial Year,

2019-2020



On Saturday, November 21, 2020, **Immediate Past President Scott Vandrick** accepted a number of awards on behalf of the Rotary Club of Pasadena's Centennial Year including the highest honor from Rotary International- Governor's Distinction Platinum Club- bestowed on clubs who went above and beyond to connect members and serve the community.

In addition, the Club was honored for its amazing contributions to the Rotary International's Polio Plus over a two-year period: 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. And finally, the Pasadena Rotary Club was recognized for its celebration of 100 years of service to the City of Pasadena, and its unique and creative way of marking the occasion. Congratulations, Pasadena Rotary on your fantastic Centennial Year!

District Awards Governor Distinction and RI Distinction

SILVER +1	PLATINUM +3	PLATINUM +4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Covina 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adelanto Altadena Arcadia Azusa Barstow Chino Valley Covina Covina Sunrise Duarte East Los Angeles Five Points El Monte/South El Monte Glendora Greater Chino Hills Greater San Gabriel Valley Industry Hills La Verne Lancaster Sunrise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lancaster West Monrovia Montebello Monterey Park Pasadena Pasadena After Hours Pico Rivera Rancho Cucamonga Rancho Del Chino San Dimas San Gabriel San Gabriel Valley NG San Marino South Pasadena The High Desert- Hesperia Upland Victorville Walnut Valley
<p>GOLD +2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lancaster Ontario - Montclair Sierra Madre 		





COMMITTEE EVENTS & CALENDAR

A message from President Elect Cory POLIO PIG ANNOUNCEMENT

A message from **President Elect Cory** - Thank you all, my brothers and sisters, for the many calls, texts, and emails. Turns out my heart and arteries are fine. The event that caused the "cardiac event" symptoms were in fact oxygen deprivation due to aerobic exercise with a covid mask on! Rapid pulse, shortness of breath, dizziness, fatigue, and chest discomfort. VERY PLEASED WITH HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL!!! - See you soon!

ROTARY READERS

Monday, December 7th at 6:00 pm. Book: A Woman is No Man by Etaf Rum. Lead by **Diana Peterson-More**. Info to join and zoom link contact **Cathy Simms** simmsie1@pacbell.net

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE

Want to learn more about non-profit organizations in the community that focus on the arts? Consider getting involved with the Community Grants Committee and helping to get much-needed funds to non-profits who are struggling during the pandemic. Reach out to co-chairs **Deborah Lewis** at deborahlewis@audiodescriptionsolutions.com **Sheryl Guerrero** at thesherylshow.com to learn more or join the committee.

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 by Tues afternoon. Minimum donation: \$20.00

ADOPT-A-MEAL PARTICIPATING RESTAURANT

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

- **CABRERA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT**, 655 N. Lake (Orange Grove) 626-795-8230 www.cabreras.com
- **UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PASADENA**, Click on Calendar for events. 626-793-5157 www.universityclubpasadena.com
- **GREEN STREET RESTAURANT**, 146 Shoppers Lane, 626-577-7170 www.greenstreetrestaurant.com
- **ROMEGA EVENTS with Chef Cameron Czekalla** 626-710-0240 www.romegaevents.com cameron@romega.la
- **KETCHEF with Benjamin Berard** 213-458-8854 MyKETCHEF@gmail.com
Brings the restaurant experience to your home. www.KETCHEF.com

Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

Ross Jutsum

November 30th

Scott Carder

December 2nd

Rotaversaries!

Judy Taylor	November 29, 2006	14 years
Don Fedde	December 1, 1989	31 years
Jeffrey Palmer	December 1, 1992	28 years
Mary Wilson	December 1, 1988	32 years

Upcoming Programs

- Dec. 9 Robert Hori, Gardens Cultural Curator & Programs Director,
The Huntington - *The Japanese Heritage House - The story of the discovery & restoration of a 320-year old Japanese house that served as the center of village life, its restoration and current relocation to the Huntington's Japanese Garden*

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Chair Paul Martin -

www.pasadenarotary.com

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