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SPOKES NEWSLETTER

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This Week's Program

TOM COSTON

Everything You Wanted to Know About the "Other" Parade

Introducer: Sarah Smith Orr



Tom is Board Chair of Light Bringer Project, a nonprofit organization that provides arts and learning programs for students of the Pasadena Unified School District.

He is a co-founder and former board chair of Leadership Pasadena and was a mayoral appointment to the City of Pasadena Arts Commission. He has served as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Room 13 International, a global network of creative studios led by young artists at approximately 80 locations around the world. Tom is also a board member of Day One, former board member of Villa Esperanza Services, and former

board president of the Mothers Club Family Learning Center, now known as Family Forward. Tom was recently named one of the 50 Most Influential community members

11:45 am: Greeters
Scott Carlson - Jane Waas - Wendy Anderson
Song Leader: **Don Andrues**
Inspiration: **Dean Billman**

PASADENA IN FIVE WITH ERIC DUYSHART

Scout Zone Reporter: **Mary Lou Byrne**
Tech Team: **Frank Fish - Robert Lyons - Don Andrues - Ken White**

Zoom Team:
Scott Carlson - Kat Rogers - Frank Fish - Tammy Silver
Elisabeth Browne - Wendy Anderson

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

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



Pasadena Rotary invites you to its Weekly Wednesday Meeting
May 5, 2021 at 12:00pm - 1:15pm

** 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/84583324183?
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Meeting ID: 845 8332 4183
Passcode: 073016

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



Findley family photo from Christmas 2019

Hello Pasadena Rotary!

Last week, in Spokes, I asked, **What was your "Rotary moment?"**

Fred Findley's journey with Rotary began prior to joining our club in 2017. While employed with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Fred was encouraged to join The Rotary Club of Los Angeles/LA5.

At LA5, Fred became very involved with the grants committee, which he would eventually chair. It was through his involvement with the grants committee that Fred had his Rotary Moment and I quote, "it's what we do!" Fred would serve at LA5 for about 20 years.

Fred joined Pasadena Rotary in 2017 and the two of us would frequently sit at the same table. (Be careful who you sit with at lunch!!!) Why? Because he is serving as our club's treasurer and doing an amazing job!

Fred and his wife Kay recently celebrated their 25th anniversary, have 3 children and 5 beautiful grandchildren.

I would love to hear your story or "Rotary moment". Email me at president@pasadenarotary.com and or I am always available to meet with you for a cup of coffee.

In Your Service,
Ken

THE SCOOT ZONE
By Justene Adamec, Bureau Chief



President Ken Joe called the meeting to order. **Eric Olson** sang Simple Gifts, an old Shaker song, and God Bless America before leading us in the pledge of allegiance.



Russ Guiney gave the Inspiration, reflecting on the roles of giving and receiving within Rotary, sharing a quote from Deepak Chopra: The universe operates through dynamic exchange . . . giving and receiving are different aspects of the flow of energy in the universe. And in our willingness to give that which we seek, we keep the abundance of the universe circulating in our lives.



The poll question asked who would like the return of the printed Rotary directory.

Sandy Goodenough donated \$100 to the Polio Pig in honor of her parents' 73rd anniversary (!) after both have survived COVID (!!).

President Ken announced The Rotary Club of Monrovia is having an online auction as a fundraiser from May 1 - May 16. Visit the auction at trellis.org/Monrovia-rotary

Today is the hotly anticipated and well received annual event: COMMUNITY GRANTS (yes! That all-caps is shouting.) This year's committee chairs are **Deborah Lewis** and **Sheryl Guerrero**.

Co-chairs: **DEBORAH LEWIS & SHERYL GUERRERO**

The Pasadena Rotary Foundation has an endowment from donations from members. Its current assets exceed \$1 million. Since 2004, the foundation has given out 697 grants, totaling \$765,000, to community organizations.

This year, the grants supported cultural and arts organization which have been adversely affected by COVID. The grants were given to assist the organizations with operating expenses and not towards individual projects.

[A Noise Within](#), accepted by Development Director, Patti Anne Miller
They are the only year-round repertory company in Southern California and only one of a few nationwide. Repertory means they rotate 2 (or more) shows at the same time. This week's gala honored the late Pasadena Rotarian, **Margaret Sedenquist**. They are currently running shows online.

[Armory Center for the Arts](#), accepted by Executive Director, Leslie Ito
One of their "Magic Moments" this past year was getting older adults, many of whom were in isolation, to take art classes via Zoom.

[Boston Court](#), accepted by Charitable Giving Manager, Tina Langill
In addition to online shows, they have a Virtual Escape Room, using their facility as the location for this puzzle solving activity.

[LA Children's Chorus](#), accepted by Artistic Director, Fernando Malvar-Ruiz -
This year, they have been able to bring their choral programs online. They are currently holding auditions so if you know any talented eight-to-thirteen-year-olds, let them know!

[Light Bringer Project](#), accepted by Managing Director, Patricia Hurley
Their Room 13 program, offering PUSD students the opportunity to develop their own creative projects assisted by mentors, has moved online as the students have moved online.

[Lineage Performing Arts Center](#), accepted by Founder and Artistic Director, Hilary Thomas - Their new performing arts center, located on Lake Avenue and Mountain Street, was all ready to open in March 2020 (!). They are looking forward to welcoming the community as things reopen.

[Muse/iQue](#), accepted by EVP of Development and Communications, Ron Silverman - Their online program, MUSE/IQUE in A Minute (...or Two), has has 115 episodes, which have already garnered over 100,000 listens.

[Parsons Nose](#), accepted by Acting Managing Director, Hoyt Hillsman
In response to the pandemic, they formed Parsons Nose Radio. You can listen to it on their website or by saying "Alexa, play Parsons Nose."

[Pasadena Playhouse](#), accepted by Producing Artistic Director Danny Feldman - In the past year, they have emphasized diversity in their online offerings, including a program developed in response to the death of George Floyd.

[Pasadena Symphony Association](#), accepted by CEO, Lora Unger
They will be back in full operation with their Pasadena Pops at the Arboretum on July 10. The tables will be spaced further apart and they are only allowing in vaccinated people.

[Pasadena Conservatory of Music](#), accepted by Executive Director, Stephen McCurry - The Conservatory serves 5000 students a year from infants to lifelong learners. This year, they have offered 1/3 of their programs online.

The infographic displays the following grant awards:

- aNoiseWithin** (Classic Theatre, Modern Magic): \$6,000
- BC**: \$6,000
- ARMORY**: \$6,000
- LINEAGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER** (Your home for connecting through the arts in Pasadena): \$6,000
- PASADENA PLAYHOUSE**: \$6,000
- LIGHT BRINGER PROJECT**: \$3,500
- Rotary Club of Pasadena, CA** (COMMUNITY GRANTS 2020-2021): \$6,000
- LOS ANGELES CHILDREN'S CHORUS**: \$5,000
- Pasadena SYMPHONY AND POPS**: \$6,000
- grant award total**: \$62,000
- PARSON'S NOSE THEATER**: \$5,500
- pasadena conservatory of music**: \$6,000
- MUSE/IQUE**: \$6,000

With that, **President Ken** adjourned the meeting and sent us to our breakout rooms. Next week's speaker is Tom Coston of the Light Bringer Project.

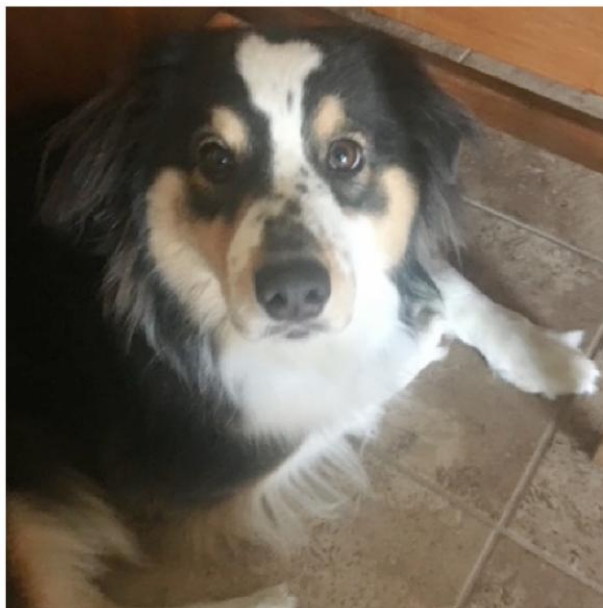
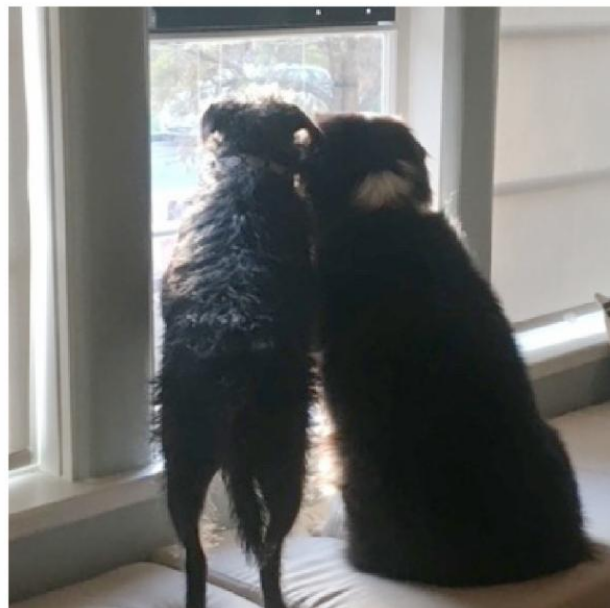
SPOTLIGHT ON PASADENA ROTARY 'FUR-ish' FAMILY

For many of us, our cherished pets have kept us sane, motivated and kept us comforted in only ways they know how to do during this Pandemic. We thought we would spotlight some of our Rotarian pet family members! If you wish to Spotlight a member of your 'fur-ish' family send photos & a sentence or two about them to Wendy at office@pasadenarotary.com.

Spotlight Paddy & Tilly from Wende Lee

I couldn't resist sharing my Pet stories!! In 2017 we lost all three of our animals, not at one time, but it might as well have been. Paddy came to us (April 2018) via a friend's post on Facebook, and we immediately fell in love. Initially, I was told she was a boy, and I was a little confused. She is definitely a girl, and she has the best life sleeping with Robert and me nightly. Her snoring is a little annoying, though.

Tilly (Matilda) came to us a year after. Again, that darn Facebook posts! Another friend was breeding puppies, and I went over to help out. That was all it took. We brought Tilly home in April 2019. She also has the best life in that she runs with Robert 2-3 times a week, wrestles with Paddy, and sometimes lets her win, and I cuddle with her ALL the time. These are our Pets!



Tilly upper right & riding with Robert. Paddy lower left.

NEXT WEEK SPOTLIGHTS FELIX & OSCAR (Mary Lou Byrne & Gary Kearney)

MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

VIRTUAL ROTARY READERS

Monday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm

Mary Wilson will lead the discussion of Talking to Strangers by Malcolm Gladwell. Co-chairs: Jan Sanders (janinpasadena@gmail.com) & Cathy Simms (simmsie1@pacbell.net)

DISTRICT 5300 - 2021 VIRTUAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

NO COST TO ATTEND TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS

May 4, 2021: 5:30 - 6:30 pm Grant Management - 6:30-7:30 TRAINING - Secretary or Treasurer or Board of Directors

[DISTRICT 5300 ASSEMBLY](#) for more info and to register

TYROS VIRTUAL MEETING

Monday, May 10th at High Noon

Co-chairs: Sheryl Guerrero (thesherylshow@gmail.com) & Mary Lou Byrne (maloby@outlook.com)

BUSINESS ALLIANCE VIRTUAL MEETING

Monday, May 17th at 4:30 pm

Co-chairs: Cyril Vergis (cyril@arosacre.com) & Wendy Anderson (wowproductions2@gmail.com)

DISTRICT 5300 VIRTUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 2 pm to 5 pm

[REGISTRATION](#) - Go to District Calendar on right and scroll to District Conference and click on more information

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 at noon. Minimum donation: \$20.00

ADOPT-A-MEAL PARTICIPATING RESTAURANT

Show appreciation to restaurants/caterers supporting our monthly Adopt-A-Meal Program for Union Station Homeless Services Family Center

- **CABRERA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT**, 655 N. Lake (Orange Grove) 626-795-8230 www.cabrerass.com
- **UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PASADENA**, Click on Calendar for their "menu" and other virtual & live events. 626-793-5157 www.universityclubpasadena.com
- **GREEN STREET RESTAURANT**, 146 Shoppers Lane, 626-577-7170

www.greenstreetrestaurant.com

- **KETCHEF with Benjamin Berard** 213-458-8854 MyKETCHEF@gmail.com
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- **MIJARES MEXICAN RESTAURANT** Celebrating 100 years in Pasadena, 145
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- **SANSAI**, 350 S. Lake Ave., The Shops on Lake Ave. 626-683-0900
<http://www.sansaigrill.com/>
- **PIE 'N BURGER**, 913 E. California Blvd. 626-795-1123 www.pienburger.com
- **MOFFETT'S Family Restaurant & Chicken Pie Shoppe** 626-447-4670
1409 S. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia www.moffettsfamilyrestaurant.com
- **GO CHINA RESTAURANT**, Mandarin & Szechuan Cuisine 626-793-3888
136 N. Lake Ave <http://www.gochinarestaurants.com> Open daily 11 am to 9 pm

OUTDOOR LUNCH DINING IS NOW OPEN!

For Weekly Menus and Specials

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UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PASADENA

We're Open for Outdoor Dining!
Enjoy Our Weekly Menu for Lunch on the Patio,
or Pick up Lunch & Dinner To Go Monday-Friday
Please Call (626) 793-5157 for Reservations & To Go Orders

Parking Lot BBQ Americano is BACK - Friday's 5pm-9pm

With live entertainment and Robin's Wood Fire BBQ

Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

Patricia Wright	May 4th
Jane Imai	May 5th
Kat Rogers	May 6th
Anthony Shapiro	May 6th

Rotaversary!

Maria Way	May 1, 1989	32 years
John Grech	May 1, 1979	42 years
Prakash Shrivastava	May 2, 2012	9 years
Robert Lyons	May 5, 2010	11 years
Akila Gibbs	May 6, 2009	12 years
Chet Specht (Honorary)	May 6, 2020	Previous member 11/1/92-9/30/19 - 27 yrs

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- May 12 Chad Augustin, Pasadena Fire Chief
- May 19 Teachers of Excellence - Co-Chairs **Lisa Cavelier & Sandy Goodenough**
- May 26 Pasadena Rotarian **Jeff Palmer**, Golden Gate Bridge

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WEBSITE UPDATE:

Chair Paul Martin - www.pasadenarotary.com

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

See you on Wednesday!

