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This Week's Program

LISA CLEMENTS, CEO
Kidspace Children's Museum
"Building a Paradigm of Play"
Introducer: Kat Rogers



Lisa Clements has committed 25+ years to developing educational products, programming and live experiences that engage and inspire audiences of all ages. Her early career took off at Disney Learning. There, she collaborated with educators and subject matter experts to produce award-winning interactive programs for both in-school and at-home use around the globe.

At the J. Paul Getty Museum, she has served as Assistant Director of Education, Public Programs, and Interpretive Content and focused on improving the design and impact of the museum's programs, with particular emphasis on accessibility and inclusivity.

In May of 2020, she joined Kidspace Children's Museum as CEO. Since reopening in May, the team has concentrated on creating compelling play-based experiences designed to delight and engage children emotionally, intellectually, and

physically. Under her leadership, the museum won several awards for online educational content, expanded its commitment to community programs, and launched a new series of exhibits.

**LIVE MEETING: 11:45 am Greeter: Jane Waas
ZOOM MASTER: 12:15 pm - Scott Carlson**

**Song Leader: Eric Olson
Inspiration: Florence Helmberger**

**Scoot Zone Reporter: Justene Adamec
Photographer: Wende Lee & Tammy Silver
Tech Crew: John Burt, David McAlexander, Don Andruess,
Frank Fish & Paul Martin**

**Pasadena Rotary invites you to its Weekly Wednesday Meeting
In-person or via Zoom. Attending In-person please RSVP Below.
September 29th - Lunch: 12:00pm Meeting: 12:30-1:30pm
Guest COST to attend live \$35.00 - Must RSVP
Meetings are open to the public**

* 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 Wed. at 12:15pm
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Meeting ID: 845 8332 4183
Passcode: 073016a

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NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY OF PASADENA HEALTH DEPARTMENT WE ARE REOPENING OUR CLUB, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF THE PASADENA ROTARY CLUB MEMBERSHIP. At this time, we will honor and comply with the standards set by the University Club, which are: In accordance with Pasadena Public Health Department, masks are required for all individuals whether vaccinated or unvaccinated except when actively eating or drinking. At this time only members or guests with proof of vaccination or proof of Covid negative test within 48 hr of the noon meeting may attend.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I'm in Palm Springs as I type. Son getting married in a poolside service. It's a good thing I lived over half my life in Tucson and Riyadh! Today I explore whether the local music store is hip enough to have a few ukuleles. (You know what they say - at some point something extremely nerdy can cross over from nerdy to hip. Okay okay maybe that



hasn't happened to ukes.)

CALLING ALL TYROS! CALLING ALL TYROS! We want to see you and know you!

1. We are starting a twice monthly meeting segment "What You Don't Know About xxxx (Insert name here)." **Who wants the October 6th slot?** Contact me.

2. **Would you like to get known in a hurry, via some mic time, some high visibility, and organizational work on a fun social event?** Did you join this club to be a wallflower? How about taking on The Rotary Book of The Year Dinner and Discussion Groups next year? You will promote it, find the willing hosts, handle attendee

signups, and handle appropriate communications. You will have experienced help. This is a first for Pasadena Rotary, involving the club voting on the book to be read, and members signing up for multiple small-group hosted dinners!!! **Maybe some Tyros will sign up to host a dinner?** We may even get the author to address the club (this might require a living author...). Interested? Contact me, Armida Baylon or Mary Chalon.

Cory

Photo: President Cory with Tech Chair John Burt

THE SCOOT ZONE

**Past President Mary Lou Byrne, Bureau Chief Emeritus
Wende Lee, Photographer**



President Cory Brendel, looking dapper and relaxed in an aloha shirt with his trusty ukulele slung around his shoulder, rang the bell at 12:30 and caught everyone by surprise by asking us to remain seated. He gave us a short quiz, naming songs and asking us to name the movies in which they appeared. (First four in top 100 songs) He was joined by surprise guest **David Minassian**, toting his bass fiddle, and they treated us to a song from the movies: Young at Heart from 1954's movie of the same name starring Frank Sinatra and Doris Day, which was renamed for the song after the song was such a hit for Frank in 1953.

Past President Scott Vandrick gave a fun inspiration featuring quotes from Cecil B. DeMille, Stephen Spielberg, and Spike Lee and these special shoutouts to Pasadena: "We gotta go to Pasadena, man." (From the Cohen Brothers' *The Big Lebowski*, 1998). "There's an old saying: "Nobody comes from Los Angeles. Everybody comes to Los Angeles." But if you do come from Los Angeles, then chances are you come from Pasadena." (Ted Griffin and Rob Reiner's *Rumor Has It*, 2005).



Next up, we had the exciting event of inducting a new member. **Howard Raff** introduced [Barbara Bishop](#) but confessed that he did not recruit **Barbara** – she contacted our Club to ask about membership, she has faithfully attended our meetings for several weeks, and she even participated in our recent Done in a Day project. Accordingly, she shared her own bio: **Barbara** is originally from Chicago and was a ballet dancer from ages 4 to 15 and a Phoenix Inferno professional cheerleader in her 20s. She moved to Los Angeles and started her own million-dollar P.R. firm. She is now focusing on a new concept called Hot Flash Universe, a humorous look at women age 50 and above. She practices yoga every day and is an award-winning photographer, artist, an accomplished cook,

and singer. She was a member of Santa Monica Rotary for 15 years and was new member of the year and a board member for 2 years. She has served on many boards especially in the Santa Monica area. She moved from Santa Monica to Pasadena this year and looks forward to getting to know everyone. **President Cory** ceremoniously handed **Barbara** her new Rotary badge and gave her a verbal IOU for the rest of her new member package!

Announcements:

President Cory reminded everyone that the President Elect Elect is announced in December so please contact him if you have any ideas (including yourself) for someone to serve **after President Elect Angela Hawekotte**.

He also reported that **Past President Mel Cohen** is doing well after his positive COVID test although he is still pretty tired.

Waxing poetical, **President Cory** mused that "we stand on the shoulders of giants in this Club, including our past presidents and committee chairs." However, those giants

sometimes get a bit worn out, for example Tyros co-chairs **Dean Billman** and **Past President Mary Lou Byrne** have found themselves a bit overwhelmed with Rotary and other duties and have stepped aside in favor of once and future Tyros co-chairs **Judy Taylor** and **Ellen Simon**, who have graciously agreed to take over the Tyros Committee. We also have new co-chairs for the Community Grants Committee: **Deborah Lewis** and **Past President Scott Vandrick**. Thank you to all you giants of this club!

Tammy Silver made a polio pig announcement, accompanied by her friend [Sehba Sarwarwho](#) is a featured artist at Art Night Pasadena, upcoming on October 8. She does installation art and has a piece called On Belonging upcoming in Memorial, Victory, and McDonald Parks in Pasadena from October 8 through October 25. She is hanging cards on trees, and we were all invited to write "what made you feel as if you belonged or comforted you during the pandemic" and on the back we were asked to write the country where our mothers were was born.

Lisa Cavelier (Cav-lee-AY) made a polio pig announcement on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena, whose big fundraiser, [Black Tie and Burgers](#), will be held on October 9th. "Thank you all for all the support you have given over the years," she said to the assembled Rotarians.

Dean Billman talked about the Polio Pig and explained we make contributions for personal or non-Rotary announcements, to benefit the [Rotary Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#). "I wish to give a donation of \$100 in honor of my dad Neil Billman, polio survivor, whose celebration of life will be on October 9 in Columbus Ohio," he said.

Mic Hansen introduced our speaker. Patty Judy is the education director of Pasadena Heritage since 2009. She has lived in two Craftsman houses in Bungalow Heaven and has been active in Bungalow Heaven Craftsman Weekend.



[PASADENA HERITAGE](https://pasadenaheritage.org/)
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Patty started by introducing Pasadena Heritage Membership and Communications Coordinator Krysten Rac who, as a Pasadena Heritage intern, who did a lot of the work on today's presentation.

The first filming was in 1898 by the Edison Manufacturing Company, which was doing short nonfiction films around the world called "actualities." They did two pieces about the Rose Parade, called "Parade of Coaches" and "Parade of Floats." Since then, the pre-pandemic filming in Pasadena grew to 500 filming permits per year and 800 film days per year! Why? Because, explained Patty, there are so many historically accurate buildings

and homes in our city. She shared some particular properties and the films and television programs that have been filmed there:

First up was the Cravens Estate at 430 Madeline Dr. Mr. Cravens was president of Edison Electric Co. back in the 1920s. The property was subsequently used as the Red Cross headquarters until 2018. It has been used for many, many films including *Being There* (1979), *Memory of Eva Riker*, several episodes of *Murder She Wrote*, *Enemy of the State*, *Traffic*, *Swordfish*, and *Rush Hour 3* to name just a few. It was also featured in several episodes of *Glee* as rival high school Dalton Academy.

The first Busch Gardens along the Arroyo was very popular for filming. *It Happened One Night* (1934) was one of many films shot there, including *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (1937), which was during the first-ever actors' strike (which didn't really amount to much, according to Patty). The famous "barbecue at Twelve Oaks" scene from *Gone With the Wind* was shot there, and several neighbors appeared as extras.

Mayfield Senior School at 500 Bellefontaine Street features the Stub House. Built in 1914, it was the backdrop to several films including *A Change of Habit* (1969) starring Elvis Presley and Mary Tyler Moore, *Sneakers*, *Devil in a Blue Dress*, *The Nutty Professor* with Eddie Murphy, and *Jurassic Park: The Lost World*. If you ever have a chance to tour it, advised Patty, do it! Students are the docents, and they do a great job.

Next on our "tour" of Pasadena is the Pasadena Museum of History, the former home of Eva Fenyés, built 1905. Patty explained that the home was a salon for intellectuals back in the day. In 1912 D.W. Griffith filmed there, and more recently it appeared in *Being There* and *Newsies*. The interior stood in for the Harvard president's office in *The Social Network* and it appeared in the Beyoncé music video "Formation."

Famously, Patty reminded us, the Gamble House was used as the exterior of Doc Brown's home in *Back to the Future*. Through movie magic they combined it with its own garage as well as the Blacker House for various shots. Fun fact, said Patty: Brad Pitt collaborated on a book about the Blacker House including his own photographs.

The Blacker House is situated in the Hillcrest neighborhood, which was a prime location for *Bugsy* with Warren Beatty. According to Patty, Warren went door to door to thank the residents for their cooperation with filming!

One of the most recognizable houses in Pasadena is the imposing Paul Williams-designed brick house at 380 S. San Rafael Avenue. Most famously, it was "Stately Wayne Manor" in the 1966 *Batman* series starring Adam West. It also appeared in *Rush Hour*, *Scary Movie 2*, and *Bridesmaids*, among others. The Colorado St. Bridge was featured in *The Kid* with Charlie Chaplin in 1921, *Arsene Lupin* in 1931, *Rumor Has It* in 2005, among many others. Patty told us that Jim Carrey bungee jumped off it in *Yes Man* in 2008. And according to Patty, "it was the star of 2016's *La La Land*!"

Old Pasadena, said Patty is popular with filmmakers for its old buildings along Colorado Blvd. *The Rose* with Bette Midler, *Any Which Way You Can*, and *Body Heat* were all filmed along Colorado. Also, filmmakers particularly like the alley ways. *The Sting*, *Paper Moon*, and *Pulp Fiction* were all filmed in Kendall Alley.

Turning to television for a moment, Patty reminded us that Pasadena Civic Auditorium was the location for several seasons of *America's Got Talent* and was the home of the first performance of Michael Jackson's moonwalk at the 25th anniversary of Motown.

The Langham Hotel is replica of the original Huntington Hotel. Patty explained that Pasadena Heritage fought mightily in 1986, but the original building was torn down and the new hotel was built. However, she noted, at this point “we have a wonderful relationship!” Only the ballroom, the picture bridge, and the cottages remain from the original hotel. It has been a film scene for a long time beginning with the 1915 movie *The Yankee Girl*. It was featured in *Swing Shift* in 1984 with Goldie Hawn. More recently, the three *Beverly Hills Chihuahua* movies were filmed there. Patty chuckled and noted that there is no confirmation whether the Langham is in *Beverly Hills Chihuahua 4*.

Arden Villa, at 1145 Arden Road, is the site of frequent filming but alas is not visible from the street. However, it is the site of many movies dating all the way back to 1933 and the Marx Brothers’ *Duck Soup*, *Mildred Pierce* with Joan Crawford and at least 200 films including *Beverly Hills Cop 2* and *The Distinguished Gentleman*. It was also the Dynasty House from 1981-1989, used for all garden and pool shots, including the famous fight between Linda Evans and Joan Collins.

The Castle Green Hotel long ago converted its guest rooms to condos, but its public rooms are just as they were in its heyday. Many films have been shot there including *The Sting*, *The Man Who Wasn’t There*, *Bugsy*, *Sneakers*, and scores of other movies and TV shows.

Finally, Patty concluded with “the most iconic and recognizable building in Pasadena – City Hall.” Its design was influenced by the 16th century Italian Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio. Notable films shot there include *The Great Dictator* (1940) with Charlie Chaplin, the 1960 Elizabeth Taylor Oscar-winner *Butterfield 8*, and *Patton* (1974), in which it stood in for a French castle. Our City Hall stood in for the Beverly Hills City Hall in first two *Beverly Hills Cop* movies, and is most famous as the Pawnee, Indiana City Hall in the TV series *Parks and Recreation*.

Patty closed with this final note about filming in historic locations: “We are all about creative ways to raise funds for preservation. Renting out properties for filming is a great choice but be involved with the location manager and get everything in writing. My former house was the star of *The Haunted* TV movie, but the former owner of the home allowed the production company to remove some of the original features, including a beautiful beveled glass exterior door that was never seen again.” So proceed with caution!

After a lively Q and A (“NO SPEECHES,” said **President Cory**, largely in vain as usual), the program was adjourned.



PHOTO (L-R) Phyllis Mueller, Marsha Rood, Mic Hansen, Speaker Patty Judy, Krysten Racs, President Cory

RSVP to IN-PERSON LIVE ROTARY MEETING 9-29-21

DEADLINE IS MONDAY 9-27-21 at 5:00 pm

WELCOME ROTARIANS!

Join Us Wednesday!

**ADDITIONAL PARKING at the Women's Club across the street -
enter lot off Madison Ave.**



This Week's Menu

New Orleans Jambalaya, Chicken Breast, Jumbo Shrimp, Andouille Sausage, Sweet Peppers and Onions.

Cobb Salad with Choice of Italian or Blue Cheese Dressing

Portobello Mushroom Burger, Grilled Pineapple, Swiss Cheese, Teriyaki Glaze, Brioche Bun, French Fries (V)

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You will always receive a CONFIRMATION of your reservation.
You may also RSVP by emailing Wendy at office@pasadenarotary.com
or 626-683-8243 and remember to give your menu selection.

MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR

DONE IN A DAY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Union Station's Thanksgiving Dinner

Co-Chairs: Ken White ken.white@taya.us

& Angela Hawekotte angela@ahh-law.com

Monday, November 15th from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Need 10-25 volunteers for Meal prep for Union Station's Thanksgiving Dinner
We'll be doing whatever their chef directs, but plan on things like cooking and carving turkeys or turkey roasts, peeling, boiling and potatoes, mixing stuffing or other courses and then portioning to meal boxes for delivery as they are not doing the big banquet this year due to COVID. More details to follow.

POLIO PIG & COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wish to show a photo & tell us what you are up to or make an announcement about your family or favorite nonprofit or a Committee announcement. Email Wendy at office@pasadenarotary.com by **Tues at noon**. Minimum donation for Polio Pig Announcement: \$20.00. We can accommodate flyers & song lyrics if provided by deadline.

Walk the Painted Stairs of Silver Lake With the Rotary Roamers

When: Saturday, October 9, 2021

Time: 9am to 11am-ish

Where: Meet up near La Mill Coffee,
1636 Silver Lake Blvd, LA

What: 2.25 mile walk in the "stairway capital of LA" and see and climb six painted stairs.

We will walk through the charming and hilly neighborhood of Silver Lake. The area's many public stairways are vestiges from when the city had a



trolley system. This is not a long walk but be prepared to go up and down LOTS of stairs.

Questions? Contact Tammy Silver,
626-744-9533 or
tamaramsilver@gmail.com



Garbis Der-Yeghian Rotary District 5300 32nd Annual Peace Conference

Saturday, October 23, 2021 / 9:00 am – 1:30pm
VIRTUAL – Free via Zoom

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Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access



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**Enjoy Weekly Lunch Specials Monday-Friday
& Thursday Nights at the Patio from 5pm-8pm**

*Please call (626) 793-5157 for reservations & to go orders, & view menus
on the calendar & weekly dining pages at universityclubpasadena.com*

7 Day Notice

Rishi Agarwal, MD, Ascension Pain Specialists - Corporate Membership
Sponsor: IPP Ken Joe

Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

Chet Specht	September 24th
Roger Adams	September 26th
Mary Lou Byrne	September 26th
Phil Hawkey	September 26th
Eszylfie Taylor	September 27th
Ed Honowitz	September 30th

ROTAVERSARY!

Charles Kiu	September 27, 2006	15 years
Debi Kroman	September 30, 2009	12years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

OCT 6TH - Yavuz Atila: Intro to Rotary Enviromental Focus

OCT 13TH - Professor Mark Brown: The Man Who Killed Pluto

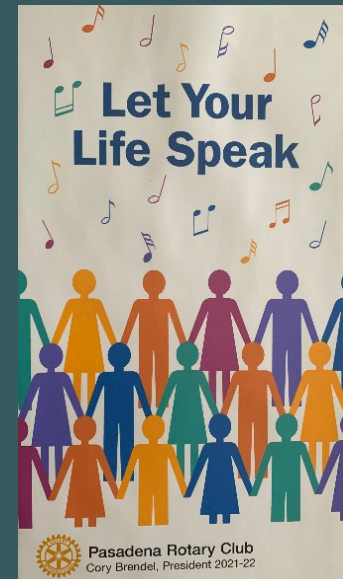
OCT 20TH - Betsy McDonough, District 5300 Governor

OCT 27TH - Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, Director of Public Health & Health Officer, City of Pasadena

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