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This Week's ZOOM Program

CHIEF CHAD AUGUSTIN

Pasadena Fire Department, City of Pasadena

"The Top 10 Things I Have Learned In My First Year In Pasadena"

Introducer: PRESIDENT CORY



Chief Augustin comes to Pasadena from the Sacramento Fire Department (SFD) where he worked for more than 20 years and in a broad range of areas including operations, administration, human resources, professional standards, training, emergency medical services and fire prevention.

Chief Augustin was responsible for SFD's Fire Operations and Emergency Medical Services divisions. He oversaw daily operations of 24 fire stations with an annual budget responsibility of \$100 million and has experience with Hazardous Materials, Urban Search and Rescue, large-scale emergency/disaster incident management, and developing short- and long-range plans. Chief Augustin has provided leadership in support of high-quality EMS care and transportation and streamlined

the emergency response model for ambulance dispatch as well as managed cost recovery efforts and billing improvements. He has served as program manager for California Task Force 7 and dedicated time and resources to the community with a focus on supporting inner city youth and middle and high school students.

Chief Augustin earned a Master of Legal Studies degree from the University of Arizona where he graduated Magna Cum Laude, a bachelor's degree in Fire Administration from Waldorf University, and holds a Chief Officer Certification from the California State Board of Fire Services. He is a certified paramedic and has worked as a flight paramedic for numerous years.

In his free time, Chief Augustin enjoys CrossFit, Aviation as a fixed-wing pilot and working with the youth in the community to achieve their goals.

Chief Augustin looks forward to serve the Pasadena community. He and his wife Sandra of 24 years are excited to be residents of Pasadena.

JAN. 26TH MEETING IS ZOOM ONLY

Please NOTE new Zoom Link

12:00 pm - RECEPTION

12:30-1:30 pm - MEETING

Song Leader: President Cory Brendel

Inspiration: Fred Findley

Scoot Zone Reporter: PEE Justene Adamec

Zoom Coordinators: Kat Rogers & Frank Fish

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. - NEW ZOOM LINK

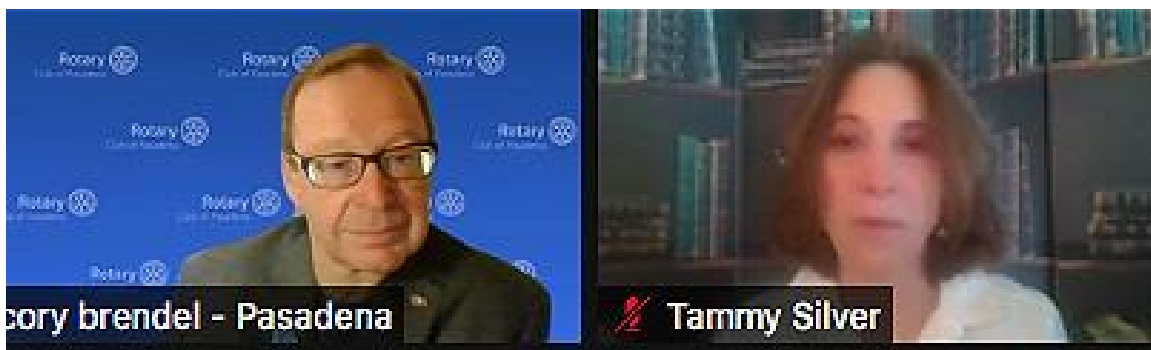
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



ATTENTION TYROS! I can't tell you how many people enjoyed what Tammy Silver had

to say in her craft talk yesterday. If you missed it, you missed photos of Tammy backpacking up Mt. Whitney with four of her close girlfriends. (I jokingly told somebody that sometimes ladies just need to leave the weaker sex behind.)

I want more exposure for you, yes, even as we hope this omicron thing will peak soon. We aren't waiting! Expect a phone call from me, hoping to get you on the calendar for a 5 minute talk. **There is something fascinating about you that everybody will love hearing.** A trip, a hobby, an unexpected adventure in your past? Something in your future? Your cherished desire to walk across Northern England along the Roman Hadrian's Wall with a metal detector to find an ancient Roman coin? (That one's mine, but you get the idea.) - Cory

THE SCOOT ZONE

Past President Mary Lou Byrne, Bureau Chief Emeritus

We were all back on Zoom again this week, with many of us enjoying delicious takeout lunches from the U Club. In the absence of the actual bell, **President Cory Brendel** said "ding!" from his home and brought the meeting to order at 12:30. Music Committee Co-Chair **Don Andruess**, also appearing from home and accompanied by his trusty guitar, led us in the George Gershwin/Ethel Merman classic I Got Rhythm, whose lyrics he changed to fit our high-tech speaker **Bill Opel**. He sang America the Beautiful as an encore, then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Past President Ken Joe gave the Inspiration, a quote from the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. from February 4, 1968 in which he mused about what he would like to have included in his eulogy:

"I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to give his life serving others.

"I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to love somebody.

"I want you to say that day that I tried to be right on the war question.

"I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry.

"And I want you to be able to say that day that I did try in my life to clothe those who were naked.

"I want you to say on that day that I did try in my life to visit those who were in prison.

"I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.

"Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice. Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not matter. I won't have any money to leave behind. I won't have the fine and luxurious things of life to leave behind. But I just want to leave a committed life behind. And that's all I want to say."

Next up, **Tammy Silver**, one of our newer members

(within the pandemic era), gave her Craft Talk. (What's a Craft Talk? It's where a new Rotary member shares their background and something about their non-Rotary life so we can get to know them a bit better.)

Tammy shared that she is a member of a women's hiking group that was lucky enough to climb **Mt. Whitney**. The five of them drove to Lone Pine on a Tuesday, set up camp, then the next day did a day hike to acclimate themselves so as to avoid the "very real threat" of altitude sickness. On Thursday, one-day permit in hand, they got up at 12:30 in the morning and were at the trail head by 1:30 a.m. Tammy showed us amazing photos of sunrise on the granite of the Sierras, which she aptly described as "jaw-dropping."



It's 10-1/2 miles to the top, and there are 99 switchbacks that take you higher and higher to the top. Even in September, some sections of the trail were covered with ice! At 13,800 feet, they switched from the east to the west face of the Sierras, and Tammy showed us amazing, amazing photos of the granite mountains with the trees of Sequoia National Park and the inaccessible Hitchcock Lake far below.

By the time they approached the summit, said Tammy, "we were traveling on grit and determination" at a pace of one mile per hour through fields of granite. There is a book at the summit where you can sign in, and the group had very big smiles! Alas, only four of the five members of the party made it as one fell pretty ill to altitude sickness on the switchbacks (she's fine now).

Department of Announcements Department:

President Cory started with a sad announcement, letting us know that **Hillary Schenk** lost her dad about a week ago. "Let's all give her our support."

Jan Sanders announced that our One Club, One Book dinners will be postponed from February, and instead we will be doing **In the Country of Women** by local author Susan Straight. We will meet on Zoom on Monday, February 7 at 6 p.m. Contact Jan or Cathy Simms for details.



Past President Ken Joe announced that **Dr. Rishi Argawal and Ariel Argawal** have welcomed their new baby girl, Aila Reese, born Tuesday, January 18 at Huntington Hospital! Hooray! And Ken stepped up and played Mary Poppins to big sister while Mom and Dad ran to the hospital for the blessed event!

Helen Baatz announced that the International Projects Committee meeting will take place January 31. If you have an international project to submit, please fill out the application on the web site. (The link was broken but hopefully it's fixed by now, otherwise contact Helen mhbaatz@gmail.com or co-chair **Julie Bank** jbanks55508@gmail.com .)

Wende Lee announced we are doing a Valentine's Day Food Drive – details to come, look for a flyer next week.

President Cory reminded us that the deadline for Community Grants is February 7 and information is on the web site: <https://pasadenarotary.com/community-grants/> . Also Tyros members are invited to join the committee, please: Contact co-chairs Scott Vandrick or Deborah Lewis through the web site.

Judy Taylor, Tyros Committee Co-Chair, announced that all our new members are doing marvelously and will be recognized at a meeting in February. Co-Chair **Ellen Simon** announced that there will be a Zoom lunch event Monday, February 28 for both graduating and continuing Tyros. Look for an email with details.

Past President Phil Miles, co-chair of the Remembrance Committee, announced that a condolence card has been sent to Hillary Schenk and a congratulatory card will be sent to the Argawals.



Past President Cathy Simms introduced our speaker, **Dr. William-we-call-him-Bill Opel**. Bill has been a member of Pasadena Rotary for 46 years so really needs no introduction, but it's always nice to have a recap anyway. He was President of Huntington Medical Research Institutes for 32 years, and since 2015 has been its President Emeritus. He was a founding partner of

Huntington Magnetic Resonance Center for 32 years, and was an Institutional Review Board member of Huntington Memorial Hospital for 34 years. He has served on significant local boards including the PCC Foundation, the Pasadena Bioscience Collaborative, and the Kinneloa Irrigation District. He received his B.A. from Pepperdine University, his MBA from USC, and his PhD from Claremont Graduate University.



Bill's topic was Milk, Honey & Hi Tech. He noted that it's quite relevant to us because "technology is our main export in Pasadena." He observed that almost everybody in our Club has received a COVID-19 vaccine, and said that [Katalin Karikó](#) from University of Pennsylvania should have received the Nobel Prize this year for her work on mRNA vaccines. She advised both Moderna and Pfizer and helped make the vaccines possible.

The main theme of this week's talk was who does and who should profit from research into lifesaving drugs? Bill noted that under current law, "the drug makers will walk away with massive profits even though much of the research was done with government money." He reminded us that Bill Honig, former Superintendent of Education in California,

was quite critical of University of California faculty “feeding at the public trough” while developing intellectual property relating to drugs.

All over the world there’s a difference between the haves and the have-nots regarding drugs. There are difficult policy questions in this area. One of the hot issues right now is “march-in rights,” whereby the federal government can grant patent licenses to third parties (even competitors) or to the government itself if it helped fund the patent owner’s research and development. https://www.google.com/search?q=march+in+rights&rlz=1C1GCEB_enUS879US879&oq=march+in+rights&aqs=chrome..69i57j0i512i4j0i22i30i5.1857j1j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

Fun fact, per Bill: You know the fountain in the U Club patio? There’s a little plaque saying “Dr. Gordon Ross Memorial Patio/1989.” He was Pasadena’s first endocrinologist, a great intellect, and a great member of the University Club. Bill dedicated his talk to Gordon Ross’s memory. The Gordon Ross Medical Foundation remains in Pasadena, making charitable grants for biomedical research.



Bill told us, although perhaps he didn’t have to, that “insulin prices in the U.S. are off the charts: We pay \$100 for doses that are \$3 to \$14 in other parts of the world. There is an experiment with Medicare Part D capping it at \$35 for five years, but that’s only for a limited number of patients.

What is the history of insulin treatment? In London, Ontario, in 1920, Dr. Banting figured out how to extract it from pigs and treat patients. The University of Toronto supported the development of insulin treatment for diabetes, which up until then had been a death sentence.

January 11, 1922, 14-year old Leonard Thompson was the first human patient to receive insulin made by Banting and Best. His blood glucose dropped to normal and he began to gain weight. The developers agreed not to take any steps which would result in getting a patent, and put it in the public domain. The goal was “to prepare and distribute these lifesaving products at minimum prices.” That revolutionized the health care industry and to this day the Canadian \$100 bill has Dr. Banting’s picture on the back.

The flip side, said Bill, is in the U.S.: At the U of Wisconsin, Dr. Harry Steenbock was wanting to treat rickets in children, caused by vitamin D deficiency. He treated milk with radiation to include vitamin D. He wanted to get patents. The University wouldn’t help him do it but a group of alumni who called themselves the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF) did. Dr. Steenbock’s position was nobody would make anything of this invention if there weren’t a patent to encourage it. These days WARF is still a formidable force in American technology development and licensing.

In 1945 Vannevar Bush published *Science, the Endless Frontier*. Science was seen as the super hero that would bring us into a new age. Problem was, after a number of years of funding science, there was nothing being patented or put on the market because the rights belonged to the government. There needed to be incentives for universities and faculties to move things to the market. The Bayh-Dole Amendment, in 1980, transformed the licensing of intellectual property coming out of universities by permitting the scientists to retain the rights to it. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayh%E2%80%93Dole_Act

Caltech, City of Hope, UCLA, USC, based on Bayh Dole, have brought billions of dollars back to our communities, said Bill. If universities get research grants they can retain patent rights to their intellectual property and take the products to market. Examples range

from Google search engine to drugs, chips, technological devices, even the Honeycrisp apple.

Jack Roberts, Caltech VP, Provost, Dean of Faculty 1980-83, was worried about conflicts of interest, secrecy vs collegiality, "profit or perish" vs "publish or perish." Bill opined that the question for the future is "should we allow the government to march in and destroy the incentives that Big Pharma has to bring drugs to market quickly and provide young people with profit participation, or should we march in and take away some of the profit in order to make profits lower?"

Bill thinks we shouldn't adopt march-in rights but there is definitely excessive profiteering. "Things have gone too far, and I don't know what to do about that. Having the threat of the march-in is probably a good thing."

After a fascinating question and answer session, President Cory thanked Bill for the talk and also for saving the day by stepping up at the last minute. We adjourned at 1:31.

LUNCH TIME ROTARIANS!

We're continuing to help support the UClub Lunch during our Zoom Meeting through TAKE OUT!

QUOTE HEARD FROM DEAN BILLMAN:

"I have to say that the take out from the U Club was amazing last week. i got six meals and the service was great! I'm cheerleading everyone to support the University Club & Rotary by ordering TAKE OUT"

PLACE YOUR TAKE OUT ORDER by emailing Wendy at

office@pasadenarotary.com or 626-683-8243

and give your menu selection & time you will pick up

Pick Up 11:00 am to 2:30 pm (let us know if you need later pickup)

DEADLINE FOR TAKE OUT ORDERS - MONDAY AT 5:00 pm

THIS WEEK'S TAKE OUT MENU:

- Classic Cobb Salad with Blue Cheese Dressing
- Lomo Saltado: Peruvian stir fry with Angus steak, tomatoes, onions, and potato fries, served with cilantro lime rice and aji verde sauce
- Market Deluxe Pizza (v): 12" wood fired pizza with sweet potato sauce, mozzarella, spinach, mushroom, corn olives, sweet peppers, onions with pesto drizzle.

TAKE OUT Lunch Order Deadline Mon. at 5pm

MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: FUTURE ZOOM MEETINGS AND THE MONTHLY MANDATORY LUNCH CHARGE

The Board of Directors, in its regular meeting on Thursday, January 13th, 2022, made the following decisions:

1. The Rotary Club meetings for January 19th, through and including the meeting on February 9th, 2022 will be zoom-only. The question of zoom-only meetings will be reconsidered at the next Board meeting, which will be held on February 10, 2022.
2. The monthly Mandatory Lunch Charge will remain in place, including for this month of January, and the ability of a Rotarian to opt out of the monthly charge upon request (thereby being placed on Waiver status) remains available to all.
3. During any period, including the month of January, 2022, during which Rotary meetings are being conducted as "zoom-only", Rotarians may order and pick up a take-out lunch from the University Club. This take-out lunch is in lieu of the served meal the Mandatory Lunch Charge entitles them to if we were meeting in-person. These Wednesday noon take-out lunches will be paid for by the Club for those members still paying the monthly Mandatory Lunch Charge. The Mandatory Lunch Charge will not cover any meals other than the Wednesday noon take-out lunch.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

The Rotary International Projects Committee is looking for grant applications. We have money to spend so if you have a passion project that needs funds please submit an application.

Applications can be found on the club web site and should be mailed to Julie Bank jbank55508@gmail.com before **January 31, 2022**. Once received, you will be asked to present to the committee about your project on Zoom on January 31.

GRANTS COMMITTEE

Pasadena Rotary, happy 2022! On behalf of Co-Chairs Deborah Lewis and Scott Vandrick, this is an announcement that the Pasadena Rotary Club Community Grants application materials are up on our website ready to be downloaded, filled out, turned into

a PDF and emailed to grants@pasadenarotary.com no later than **February 7, 2022 at 5pm**. This is a simple 2-page form with attachments. This year, the Committee will consider applications from non-profit organizations in the arts or culture. This year's focus will be on providing financial support to address needs as a result of organizational recovery from the pandemic.

Again, a complete packet is due no later than Monday, February 7, 2022 as a PDF and emailed, **hardcopy application will not be accepted**. As a reminder, organizations must include a Letter of Support from a current Pasadena Rotary Club member and there is a list of members with affiliations available on the Community Grants webpage to help organizations identify an active member. Thank you.

<https://pasadenarotary.com/community-grants/>

ROTARY READERS

Since we are delaying the One Book One Club to a future date, the Rotary Readers are reading the One City One Story selection that we typically read in March for February. The One City One Story for Pasadena is **In The Country of Women** by Susan Straight. All attendees will be on zoom. If you need further information about our February 7th meeting at 6 pm, please contact Jan Sanders at janinpasadena@gmail.com or Cathy Simms at simmsie1@pacbell.net

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.

7 DAY NOTICE

Robin Salzer - Sponsors: George Falardeau & Wendy Anderson

Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

David McAlexander	January 23rd
Gail Scanlan	January 25th
Bob Risley	January 26th
Roy Rico	January 26th

ROTAVERSARY!

John Ehlers	1/27/21	1 Year
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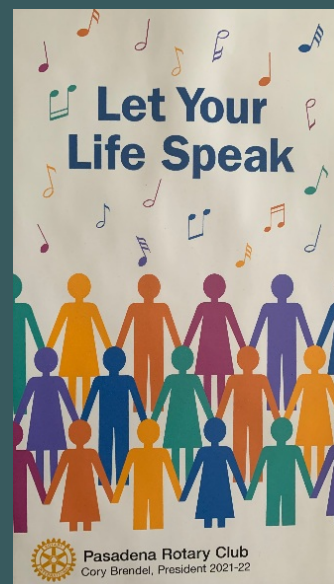
UPCOMING PROGRAMS

FEB. 2nd - Rotarian Victor Gordo, Mayor, City of Pasadena
FEB. 9th - Lance Davis, Artistic Director and actor, Parson's Nose Theater
FEB. 16th - District Governor Betsy Barry & District Foundation Chair Mark Mariscal

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