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## Club of Pasadena, CA



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## This Week's ZOOM Program

### JUDGE DARRELL MAVIS

*"Art of Persuasion"*

**INTRODUCER: PP MARY LOU BYRNE**



Judge Mavis has presided over 100 jury trials since his appointment to the Superior Court of California in 2006. For over a decade, he supervised 40 civil and criminal judges in the Pasadena, Burbank, Glendale, and Alhambra courthouses. He studied politics, philosophy and economics at Oxford University and received a Bachelor of Science in Economics from MIT and a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School.

As a prosecutor for the Los Angeles County District Attorney for fourteen years, Judge Mavis tried over 100 jury trials. He prosecuted some of the District Attorney's most complex and high-profile cases including one of California's largest "no-body"

murder cases.

Judge Mavis regularly teaches and speaks to law students, lawyers, and judges at the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, Los Angeles Superior Court Judicial Education Seminars, the California State Bar, the B.E. Witkin Judicial College of California, and Harvard, Southwestern, UCLA, and USC Law Schools, as well as various

state and national bar associations. Topics include conducting a jury trial, criminal law, evidence, experts, trial skills, dispute resolution, ethics, persuasion, and civility. He has published articles on scientific evidence, criminal street gangs and consular notification.

In 2008, the Constitutional Rights Foundation awarded Judge Mavis "Judge of the Year."

## **JAN. 12TH MEETING IS ZOOM ONLY**

**12:00 pm - RECEPTION**

**12:30-1:30 pm - MEETING**

**Song Leader: Phil Miles**

**Inspiration: Tammy Silver**

**Scoot Zone Reporter: Justene Adamec**

**Tech Crew: Lead-John Burt**

**ZOOM MASTERS: Kat Rogers, Frank Fish & Scott Carlson**

**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.

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Meeting ID: 845 8332 4183

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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**





I GOT AN EMAIL COMPLAINT FROM OMICRON. It was upset that we zoomed, it was looking forward to attending the in-person event at the UClub. I responded with a socially rude emoji involving one of my fingers.

ROTARIANS WHO ORDERED TAKEOUT WERE THE HEROES OF YESTERDAY. We put Cyrus in an awkward situation and the takeout orders solved it.

COMMUNITY GRANTS WILL FOCUS ON THE AREA OF ARTS AND CULTURE. I believe I left that out of my announcements.

Cory  
[president@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:president@pasadenarotary.com)

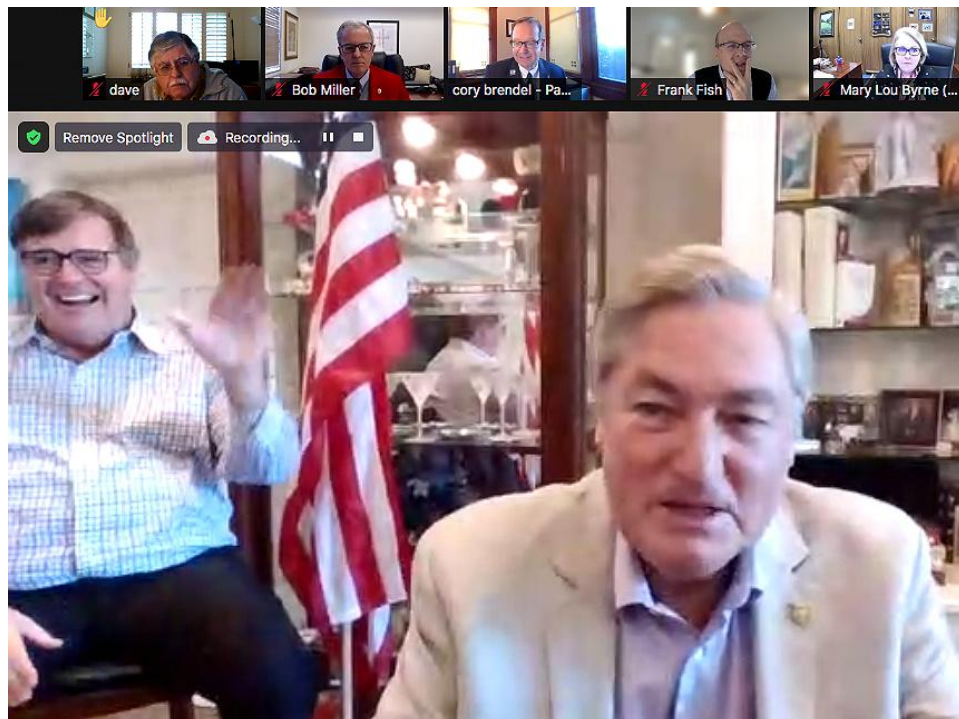
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## THE SCOOT ZONE

### Past President Mary Lou Byrne, Bureau Chief Emeritus

Oh, man! We were back to Zoom-only this week due to the Omicron surge... it was like déjà vu all over again! **President Cory** rang the virtual bell right at 12:30, with more than 75 members and guests online. He thanked **Cyrus Afshin** and the University Club for rolling with the punches and providing such a great takeout lunch for 40 of us despite the short notice of the Zoom meeting.

Our very special musical guest **Ross Jutsum**, Zooming in from the home of Sierra Madre Rotarians Tom and Julie Brady, led us in singing Everything's Coming Up Roses in honor of our guest Bob Miller of the Tournament of Roses. He followed that up with our National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance.



**Past President Mary Lou Byrne** did the inspiration, in the form of a courtwide email of encouragement she received from her colleague Judge Rupert Byrdsong on Monday as she was casting about for something fabulous to share. \*\*You can see the full text below.

**President Cory** announced our Rotary Readers One Club, One Story will be postponed until the current COVID surge dies down. Therefore, the February book will be Susan Straight's **The Company of Women**, which is the City of Pasadena's One City, One Story selection. The meeting will be via Zoom at 6 p.m. on February 7th – details below.

**President Cory** also announced the Community Grants process is underway. This is the second of two years in which we are supporting non-profit arts organizations. Details and application materials are available on our web site, here:

<https://pasadenarotary.com/community-grants/> The application deadline is February 7th.

On a more somber note, **President Cory** passed on the following from **Bill Opel**: longtime Monrovia Rotarian Herb Hezlep passed away on December 11. He was an [\*\*Arch Klumph Fellow\*\*](#), which means he donated more than \$250,000 to the Rotary Foundation during his lifetime, and was also a leader in the Rotary Exchange Program. A memorial service will be held **TOMORROW**, Saturday January 8, at 11 a.m. at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 585 E. Colorado Bl.



More sad news: Our longtime friend and Pasadena Rotary Director of Music, Ross Jutsum, has resigned from our Club after 42 wonderful years and is moving to Florida to be closer to his family. **Jan Moscarel** introduced **Ross**, saying: "He has fingers of magic and makes every keyboard sing! We thank you for all you've done, and we send our love."

**Ross** said he joined Pasadena Rotary 42 years ago next month. In 1975, after he graduated from the Royal College of Music in London, he came to Pasadena and had his first encounter with Rotary in 1976 when the late Past President Jack Bonholtzer's Demotion was held at Ambassador College, where **Ross** was chair of music department. He estimated that during his involvement with Pasadena Rotary, he probably provided music for 1500-1600 meetings of our Club! He also fondly reminisced about his involvement with Ambassador College, the Tournament of Roses, and Rotary, which involved playing for many luminaries and all kinds of funny stories ("I was there the day Bing Crosby fell off the stage!"). He also played at four Rotary International Conventions including Las Vegas, "somewhere in the 80s;" Munich in 1987; and Philadelphia, when his fellow Australian was International President, and he wrote a song for the occasion.

**Ross** and Tammy have sold their house in Sierra Madre (hence Zooming from their neighbors, the Bradys) and there will be an estate sale tomorrow from 9 to 4, and the last driveway concert will be on Sunday at 3 p.m. "I take requests, people bring folding chairs and food and drinks, social distancing is not a problem, and we have a good time for an hour or so." The address is in the Rotary directory – it's on S. Canon Ave. in Sierra Madre, only accessible from Orange Grove.

At this point there was nary a dry eye in the house(s on the Zoom), and Ross closed by saying, "The friendships we've made in Pasadena will stay with us and we'll be coming back! God be with you all, until we meet again!"

**President Cory** urged everyone to show up on Sunday and make it a Rotary social event! At that time, **Ross** will be receiving an appreciation plaque presented by **Cory**: With heartfelt appreciation, the Rotary Club of Pasadena recognizes, honors and thanks Ross F. Jutsum.... (If you want to hear the rest, you'll need to be there!)



**President Cory** introduced our guest, Bob Miller, president of the Tournament of Roses for the past two years. “If there were an award for Mr. Pasadena, Bob would win it,” said **Cory**. He was an instructor and administrator at PCC for many years and currently is a member of the PCC Foundation Board and Executive Committee. He was also on the board of the Los Angeles Community College District before retiring to helm the Tournament. And more than that, said Cory, “he’s good to his mother.”

Bob began by showing us a video of himself jumping out of an airplane to kick off the 2022 Rose Parade, followed by the introduction by Grand Marshall LeVar Burton, musical introduction by LeAnn Rimes, and of course the always-popular B-s flyover. So fun! His presentation was titled “Dreamed, Believed, Achieved,” a play on the theme of the 2022 parade Dream, Believe, Achieve.



As we all know, the 2021 parade was cancelled, and the year was used to focus on reimagination, improvement, and planning. Bob and his team created reimagination teams including initiative for social justice and equity, TV special (reimagining the 2-hour broadcast), business development, community relations and membership, reimagining all the committee activities, and long-term budget and forecasting. As the pandemic wore on, they had to make sure public health and safety were the #1 priority, and also that the financial risk to the Tournament Association and all its partners was minimized. “Flexibility and patience were the watchwords,” said Bob, “and they were joined by ‘grace’ toward the end.”

Bob briefly recapped the decision, in conjunction with the USC Keck School of Medicine, to cancel the 2021 parade. Working closely with Keck School of Medicine and City of Pasadena Public Health Dept, it was subsequently determined the 2022 parade could go forward safely. They invited bands, equestrian units, 43 floats, and selected “an amazing Royal court.” Of course, Bob emphasized, there were strict COVID protocols for members and participants.

There were two major themes to the 2022 parade: Celebration of education, and celebration of science/scientists/health care workers/first responders/essential workers. Bob said he really wanted to make sure bands, units, and floats were “very theme-relevant” this year.

The parade, the game, and post-parade Floatfest were all considered “mega events: for purposes of COVID protocols. TV Corner, the game, and Floatfest all required vaccination or negative test within 72 hours. Somehow, they collected more than 6,500 people’s documents, of which 91% were vaccinated. And of course masks were required for all

patrons.

The Omicron surge required a lot of pivots at the end, said Bob, such as cancelling a lot of ancillary indoor events including the President's Ball. But, he said, "we focused on putting the parade down the street and the game on the field," and they did just that!

Bob gave us the facts and figures on the parade: 43 amazing floats: 16 commercial, 16 non commercial, six self-built, five Tournament entries. "God is a charter member of ToR, and he/she delivered to us an amazing sunny day," Bob crowed.



10 high school bands, six college/university bands, four "other" including military bands and one made up entirely of band directors from all 50 states and Mexico. Unfortunately, all five international bands had to bow out due to COVID.

18 equestrian units from throughout So Cal and as far away as Hawaii.

LeVar Burton was a great choice for Grand Marshall this year, Bob said – he represents literacy because of Reading Rainbow, and people also have great memories of him from Roots and Star Trek.

Royal Court: "They were an incredible group representing the richness and diversity of our community from a cultural and racial standpoint," said Bob, and "it all happened naturally and organically through our process." They wore masks during the parade because it was a requirement of Pasadena Public Health. And, Bob noted, "I'm also proud to say six of the seven are from local public high schools!"

Finally, Bob showed a photo of him riding in the parade with his family on a vintage red fire engine: "I've had a thousand pinch-me moments through this two-year experience, but that was the greatest!"

And how did it all turn out? "Ratings this year for parade and game were stellar. People were highly complimentary. The whole purpose was to bring back a sense of normalcy, well-being, and celebration, and we did that. The crowds on street were smaller than usual but everyone was having an amazing time. On the football side, our Rose Bowl had 16.6 million viewers – equal to the BCS semi-final game, far eclipsing the other non-semi final games." Bob crowed, "We are the Granddaddy of them All -- the Rose Bowl is college football, and college football is the Rose Bowl!"

And with that, we were out of time!

\*\* Inspiration presented by **Past President Mary Lou Byrne**:



**From:** Judge Rupert Byrdsong  
**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 5:25 PM  
**To:** All Judicial Officers  
**Subject:** Happy 2022 - Hope

My fellow sisters and brothers of the robe:

The first Monday of the year. Welcome back! I am probably in that group of people who was very excited about entering into a new decade. I admit, I was extremely fired up about 2020 and the metaphors of perfect vision and clarity. There is something very hopeful about new beginnings by the organic nature of a fresh start. To our frustrated dismay, the covid pandemic has placed many of our goals on temporary hold, and in some instances, has created permanent disruption. Some of our colleagues have retired sooner than they had planned. I am unaware of anyone who has remained unscathed in some form or fashion these last two years. The current surge of the omicron variant does not provide any additional encouragement either.

Yet and however . . . the power of hope can sustain you in the midst of a storm. We can find encouragement when we do our part in inspiring people to be all they can be. I hope we all will take inventory of what is really important, and more importantly, make a positive impact in the community. Our time here on this planet is limited - make the most of it by not surrendering to our present circumstances. Some of you are privately hurting and wondering how to navigate tomorrow. I am praying for the healing of broken bodies, wounded spirits, hurting souls, waning finances, negative attitudes, unproductive agendas, and drama-filled homes. I am praying for prosperity, productivity, and peace in every aspect of your life. 2022 can be your breakthrough year! I am absolutely rooting for you! You are not alone! Be encouraged and know the following: YOU ARE SPECIAL! YOU ARE IMPORTANT! YOU ARE MY FRIEND!

Rupert



### **Tammy Silver at the Rose Parade:**

One of my duties for the Rose Parade was to escort the floats from the end of the parade to their final parking spot. I was very lucky that I got to escort the Rotary float! And I got to meet the President of Rotary International, Shekhar Mehta and his wife.

## **LUNCH TIME ROTARIANS!**

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

PLACE YOUR TAKE OUT ORDER by emailing Wendy at [office@pasadenarotary.com](mailto: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:**

- Chicken and Bacon Cobb Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing
- Braised Beef Osso Bucco, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley

- Teriyaki Portobello Mushroom Burger, Avocado, Provolone, Lettuce, with Sweet Potato Tots (vegetarian)

TAKE OUT  
Lunch Order Deadline  
Mon. at 5pm

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## MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR

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### ROSS JUTSUM'S FINAL DRIVEWAY CONCERT

Sunday at 3:00pm

Bring your folding chairs, food, drink & song request

210 S. Canon Ave., Sierra Madre - only accessible off Orange Grove

SPECIAL ROTARY PRESENTATION by President Cory

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### 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](mailto:grants@pasadenarotary.com) no later than Monday, 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/>

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### 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 The Country of Women by Susan Straight. All attendees will be on zoom. If you need further information about our February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6 pm, please contact Jan Sanders at [janinpasadena@gmail.com](mailto:janinpasadena@gmail.com) or Cathy Simms at [simmsie1@pacbell.net](mailto:simmsie1@pacbell.net)



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**Treasurer Fred Findley** announced an increase to the meal prices at the 12/22/21 meeting. On January 1, 2022, the University Club is charging Pasadena Rotary \$40 a meal. On February 1, 2022, we will be charging \$40 for single meals (guests, R85, MLCW, LOA) and the monthly charge for Active Members will be \$120.

## 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](mailto: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.



## UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PASADENA

**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](http://universityclubpasadena.com)*

## Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

Estela Richeda	January 9th
Brandon Ito	January 9th
Kelly White	January 10th

## ROTAVERSARY!

Tammy Silver	1/8/20	2 Years
Jennifer Berger	1/8/20	2 Years
Lisa Cavelier	1/9/19	3 Years

Sonia Lagomarsino	1/10/90	32 Years
Johanna Clar	1/1/64	58 Years

## RESIGNATIONS

Norma Mardelli  
Ken White

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JAN.19th - Greg Poree, Jazz Composer/Guitarist

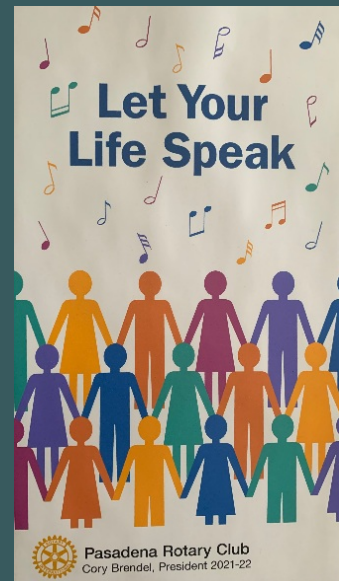
JAN.26th - Rotarian Chad Augustin, Fire Chief, City of Pasadena

FEB. 2nd - Rotarian Victor Gordo, Mayor, City of Pasadena

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