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This Week's Program
MAYOR VICTOR GORDO
"The Spirit to Succeed"
Introducer: Phil Hawkey



Victor Gordo was elected mayor of Pasadena in November, 2020 after serving on city council since 2001.

Mayor Gordo was born in Zacatecas, Mexico and grew up in Pasadena as the oldest of six children, where his mother worked as a seamstress and his father as a restaurant dishwasher and cook. Victor got his first job at age nine delivering the Pasadena Star News which he continued while attending Pasadena High School where he excelled in football, baseball and soccer. He was the first in his family to go to college, first at Pasadena City College and then Azusa Pacific University. He worked his way through college as a waiter and restaurant manager.

After college Victor became Program Director for Pasadena Day

One Community Partnership, and later became the field representative for District 5 Councilmember Bill Crowfoot. While working as a field representative, Victor spent 4 to 5 nights a week attending law school at the University of La Verne. He was elected to Pasadena City Council in March 2001 and passed the California Bar exam in July 2001.

During his time on city council, Victor has advocated for economic growth and stability in local business districts, opposed overdevelopment, championed a living wage, fought for improving educational outcomes for children, supported public schools and pushed for increasing government transparency and accountability. In 2007, Victor was selected as city council's representative on the Rose Bowl Operating Company. In 2009 the board of directors elected him President to oversee the renovation of the Rose Bowl Stadium. Victor served as president for 10 years, the longest tenure as president of RBOC.

Professionally, Victor serves as the General Counsel for the Laborer's International Union of North America (LIUNA) Local 777. He lives in District 5 with his wife and two children.

11:45 am: Greeters Scott Carlson - Jane Waas - Elisabeth Browne
Song Leader: Don Andruess - Inspiration: Will Hoyman

Scout Zone Reporter: **Mary Lou Byrne**

Tech Team: Frank Fish - Robert Lyons - Don Andrues

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

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

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



**Pasadena Rotary invites you to its Weekly Wednesday Meeting
January 20, 2020 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?
pwd=R3p1bEtTWHp4R0FjLy82VIFKR0x3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84583324183?pwd=R3p1bEtTWHp4R0FjLy82VIFKR0x3Zz09)

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



Manila Mangoes in President Ken's yard.

Hello Pasadena Rotary,

I received a very unique gift from my church this Christmas: a cherimoya tree! How many of you have even heard of a cherimoya tree? Personally, I've never even tasted the fruit!

The church knows I love planting trees and especially fruit trees. It's something I've been doing for more than 50 years. I have planted over a dozen trees at our home, which include a mix of traditional and exotic. Some of the exotic trees include manila mango, dragon eye and an Asian "white flower tree" that has a sweet fragrance like juicy fruit gum!

This New Year brings Pasadena Rotary new opportunities to plant a tree, sow some seeds and make a difference in our community and someone's life. It's rewarding to see and harvest the fruit of something you have planted.

I am always available to you for a socially distant cup of coffee!

In Your Service,

Ken

THE SCOOT ZONE
By **Justene Adamec**, Bureau Chief



President Ken Joe called the meeting to order at noon.

Eric Olsen thought about the process of restoring the Arroyo for future generations. It reminded him of the proverb - A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in. Then he sang You Gotta Have Heart and God Bless America, and led us in the pledge.

JP Harris gave the inspiration, reminding us of the 4 way test and sharing a quote from Benjamin Franklin - Glass, china and reputation are easily cracked, and never well mended.



Joel Sheldon thanked the club on behalf of Vromans, the Boys and Girls Club and the citizens of Pasadena for our contribution to Shop with a Cop. He shared a longer version of the story that **JP** shared with us a few weeks ago. He thanked not only **JP**, but also **President Ken, Colleen Carey, and Past President Diana Peterson-Moore.**

Past President Howard Raff announced that the current events have impacted some of our members such that they cannot pay their dues but have stayed involved. We have created the Pasadena Rotary Fellowship Fund to assist those members. If you contribute \$117 to the fund, it will cover 3 months of dues for another member. To donate, please contact **Wendy Anderson**. If you need assistance, contact **Howard, Past President Shel Capeloto, Past President Kathy Meagher, or President Ken**. All requests for assistance will be kept confidential.

Joshua Levine Grater expressed his appreciation for the support of Pasadena Rotarians following the death of his father, Harold Grater, who passed away from Covid on December 31 with a Polio Pig donation.

Wende Lee announced that this year's focus for Community Grants will be on non-profits in the arts and culture with specific needs as a result of Covid. The application and guidelines are on the website. Applications are due on

February 10 and must be accompanied by a letter of support from a Pasadena Rotarian.

Mic Hansen

introduced our speakers, Rick Gould & Bill Bogaard, who reported on the progress of the One Arroyo Foundation. In 2017, Pasadena convened a task force on the future of the Arroyo. That task force concluded with the formation of the One Arroyo Foundation. Both Rick and Bill spoke and then took about 20 minutes of questions, which President Ken moderated from the chat box. This is a summary of that discussion. For more information and to get newsletters and updates, visit the website www.onearroyo.org to sign up.



Mic Hansen



Bill Bogaard

The task force identified two trail demonstration projects, which would involve the design and upgrade of the Woodlands Loop and Streamside Walk. In June 2019, the City and the One Arroyo Foundation entered into a M.O.U. to establish a contractual relationship through which the demonstration projects would be funded and undertaken in the Arroyo. The Foundation, rather than the City, would take the lead.

While those trails are currently usable, there are sections which are challenging for able-bodied people, and the redesign will not only correct those challenges but provide increased access for the disabled. Eventually the goal is to have trails which connect the 3 sections of the Arroyo - Hahamonga, Central Arroyo and Lower Arroyo. There will be improved way-finding throughout the trail system.



Rick Gould

The Foundation has engaged a design firm, RJM Design Group of San Juan Capistrano, which has substantial experience with trail design and can also manage the public comment and input part of the process. Under the current circumstances, large public meetings aren't a possibility. The public comment website will not only allow input but also serve as a living history of the project.

The estimated cost of the demonstration projects is \$7 million dollars - \$5 million to spend on the design and construction and a \$2 million endowment for the maintenance of the trails. That money is being raised through a combination of public grants and contributions from individuals and foundations. The County of Los Angeles has already set aside \$500,000 from the Proposition A funds and the City will include some funding in its next budget.



ONE ARROYO

The design process will take approximately 6-9 months. The project will go through the same approval and permit process as any other development and the project may be ready for construction in a year from now. After that, construction itself is estimated to take less than a year. The trails could be ready by the end of 2022. Huzzah!

President Ken reminded us that next week, we will have the current mayor of Pasadena, Victor Gordo. Then he adjourned the meeting and invited everyone to stay for small breakout sessions, which are now happening after the meeting closes.

COMMITTEE EVENTS & CALENDAR

TYROS MEETING

Mon. - 1/18/21 at Noon. Craft talk with Michael Hope, Hoving Home. Co-chairs Mary Lou Byrne & Sheryl Guerrero - thesherylshow@gmail.com

BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEETING

Monday, 1/18/21 at 4:00 pm. Presenters: Co-chairs Cyril Vergis & Wendy Anderson
Discussion: Online Marketing. Info: Wendy - wowproductions2@gmail.com

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE

Co-chairs Sheryl Guerrero & Deborah Lewis are pleased to announce the 2021 Pasadena Rotary Club's Community Grants Application & Guidelines are now online at <https://pasadenarotary.com/community-grants/>.

This year the committee will consider applications from non-profit organizations (501)(c)(3) that serve residents in the Pasadena area in arts or culture. This focus will be on providing financial support to address organizational needs that have arisen as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Grants will range from \$2,000 to \$6,000. The full application packets must be submitted by Wednesday, February 10, 2021 by 5:00 pm.

Since 2004 the Rotary Club of Pasadena has issued more than 370 grants totaling \$703,659.00 to over 140 organizations.

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/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.cabreras.com
- **UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PASADENA**, Click on Calendar for their "to go 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 Brings the restaurant experience to your home. www.KETCHEF.com
- **MIJARES MEXICAN RESTAURANT** Celebrating 100 years in Pasadena, 145 Palmetto Drive, 626-792-2763 www.mijaresrestaurant.com
- **SANSAI**, 350 S. Lake Ave., The Shops on Lake Ave. 626-683-0900 <http://www.sansagrill.com/>

Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

Fred Findley	January 16th
Margaret Sedenquist	January 17th
Michelle Balian	January 18th
Sandy Goodenough	January 18th
Josh Betta	January 20th
Jennifer DeVoll	January 20th

Rotaversaries!

Mike Davis	January 18, 1995	26 years
Mike Farrand	January 15, 1997	24 years
Phil Miles	January 15, 1997	24 years

7-Day Notice

Charlotte "Char" Bland

Sponsor: **George Falardeau**

John Ehlers

Sponsor: **Howard Raff**

Resignation

Stephen Reed effective 12/31/20

A member for 51 years and multi-level Paul Harris Fellow, Stephen is retired and now residing in Northern Idaho. He sends his best wishes to fellow Rotarians.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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| January 27 | Dr. Michael Alexander, "Naming a Child" |
| February 3 | David Lockington, Pasadena Symphony & Pops |
| February 10 | Chief John Perez, Pasadena Police Department |
| February 17 | Pierre Mainguy, Community First Initiatives |

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