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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Nagin Cox

“Dare Mighty Things: Mars Rovers Paving the Way”

Introducer: George Falardeau



Nagin has been exploring since she decided as a teenager that she wanted to work at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. She was born in Bangalore, India, and grew up in Kansas City, Kansas, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Nagin has held leadership and system engineering positions on interplanetary robotic missions including the Galileo mission to Jupiter, the Mars Exploration Rovers, the Kepler exoplanet hunter, the Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover, and the Mars Oxygen ISRU Experiment (MOXIE) team. She is currently a Mission Lead on the Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover.

Nagin is honored to be the namesake for Asteroid 14061. She has also received the NASA Exceptional Service Medal and two NASA Exceptional Achievement Medals. She is a U.S. Department of State's STEM Speaker and has spoken to audiences around the world on the stories of the people behind the missions. Her lecture on Mars Time on the TED Talk

website has been viewed more than two million times (https://www.ted.com/talks/nagin_cox_what_time_is_it_on_mars).

Before her time at JPL, she served in the US Air Force including duty as a Space Operations Officer at NORAD/US Space Command. Nagin holds engineering degrees from Cornell University and the Air Force Institute of Technology as well as a psychology degree from Cornell.

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 24, 2024
UNIVERSITY CLUB - 12:00 pm

175 N. Oakland Ave, Pasadena 91101
RSVP Deadline: 4:00 pm MONDAY

OVERFLOW PARKING: Heritage House - Enter parking off Madison
Do not park in any reserved parking space

Reception: Jane Waas & Alan Schier

Lunchtime Pianist - Ann Louise Christensen

Song Leader: Eric Olson

Inspiration: Mike Bernard

Scout Zone Reporter: Dean Billman

Photographer: Tammy Silver

Technical: Frank Fish & Scott Carlson

Sergeant At Arms: Robert Lyons

Non-members are welcome - \$45.00 includes lunch

ZOOM is back and opens at 12:15 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86515101523?pwd=dHhNZnV5c2ZqbzNQbWthbDNhYTladz09>

Meeting ID: 865 1510 1523. - Passcode: 667356

Future Flash



By President Justene Adamec

Rotary International has 1.4 million members in over 46,000 clubs worldwide. For a real treat, visit a Rotary Club when you're traveling. This week, we hosted Kitima Sirichai from Thailand. She came over after the meeting to tell me how much she enjoyed it.

Did you know - that Pasadena Rotary has a Public Image committee? All media coverage, advertising and promotion should be coordinated through them.

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The Scoot Zone

By Past President Mary Lou Byrne, Bureau Chief

Photos by Mike Bernard and Tammy Silver



President Justene Adamec rang the bell right at 12:30 for our annual Community Grants program. **Past President Phil Miles**, accompanied by Ann Louise Christensen on piano, led us in Daydream Believer by The Monkees, and all the Baby Boomers in the room sang along lustily while the younger members and guests looked a bit confused.

Josh McCurry gave the inspiration, a quote from the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. consisting of a new take on the story of the Good Samaritan: "One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway."



We all remained standing while **John Gordon** announced the passing of former Pasadena Rotarian John Peck, who died on April 7 after battling Parkinson's disease for the past several years. He was a Pasadena Rotarian for 26 years before leaving the Club in 2022 due to his illness, and served as Chair of the Rotary Rose Float Committee for many years. He was an attorney in Pasadena specializing in probate, wills, and trusts. He leaves his wife Pat, his son Jon, his daughter Kathleen, and his grandchildren. Family-only services will be held this summer. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. We observed a moment of silence in John's honor.



In addition to the many guests attending in connection with Community Grants, **Past President Howard Raff, Past President Diana Peterson-More, Lisa Kroese, and Robert Lyons** all brought guests this week. In addition, we had a visiting Rotarian all the way from Thailand! Thank you to Pasadena.Now.com for sending Eddie Rivera to cover this meeting.

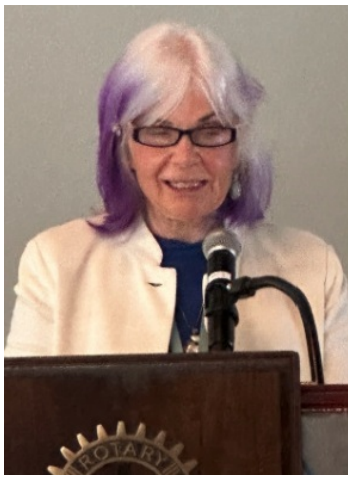
Announcements: **Past President Ken Joe** invited everyone to the Tyros Happy Hour at El Torito on May 20 from 4:30 to 6:30. Come on out and meet and mingle with our newest members!

David McAlexander and **Alex Oscco**, co-chairs of Done in a Day, announced a new and different service project: A donut decorating contest **TOMORROW**, April 20, at the Jefferson Branch of the Pasadena Library. Proceeds will benefit the library and the honor of our Club is at stake because we will be competing against other community organizations! (See details below)

In the interest of time, **Dean Billman** didn't make his announcement so we'll never know what it would have been. Something about Rotary's polio eradication efforts, no doubt, because **Dean** joined Rotary to honor his father, who was a polio survivor.

President Justene reminded everyone of our upcoming Paul Harris Community Awards, which will honor non-Rotarians who have made a difference in our community. For more information contact committee chair **Catherine Haskett Hany**: chhany@pacbell.net. Information can be found at <https://www.pasadenarotary.com/home/paul-harris-fellow-award/>

Community Grants Co-Chairs **Diana Peterson-More** and **Mic Hansen** introduced their committee members, who stood and were recognized: **Helen Baatz, Jeannine Bogaard, Phyllis Currie, Hassan Kheradmandan, Jan Sanders, and President Elect Stephen Smith.**



This year, we gave out \$61,000 of grants to fourteen worthy community organizations for programs/projects relating to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The awardees, the representatives who attended the meeting, and their Rotary sponsors, are as follows:

American Association of University Women (AAUW); Kay Beck and Patricia Rees. Sponsored by **Past President Kathy Meagher.**

Armory Center for the Arts; Jon

LaPointe. Sponsored by **Wendy Anderson.**

Boys & Girls Club of Pasadena; Lisa Cavelier. Sponsored by **Fred Findley.**

Don Benito School; Kalea Dunkleman. Sponsored by **Lisa Kroese.**

First Gen Scholarships; Susan Kane and Jamil Momand. Sponsored by **Past President Cathy Simms.**

Five Acres; Michelle Fenske. Sponsored by **Past President Cathy Simms.**

Huntington Medical Research Institute; Sadaf Vakili, Dr. Nicole Purcell, Paul Roach. Sponsored by **Bill Opel.**



Jackson Magnet School; John Newell. Sponsored by **Sandy Goodenough.**

Learning Works; Dionne Shelton and Sylvia Tolbert. Sponsored by **Marsha Rood.**

Mt. Wilson Institute; Katie Steinke and Jessica Soto. Sponsored by **Alan Schier.**

National Council of Negro Women; Marie Thermidor and Denese McPheeters. Sponsored by **John Burt.**

Neighbors Empowering Youth; Chris Suzbach and John Smith. Sponsored by **President Elect Elect Hillary Schenk.**

Pasadena/Ivy Foundation; Elise Preston Mallory. Sponsored by **Tammy Silver.**

Steamcoders; Raymond Ealy and Charmayne Mills Ealy. Sponsored by **Jim Osterling.**

After all the awards were presented, **President Justene** rang the bell and adjourned the

meeting and left everyone feeling very happy indeed!



L2R: PP Mary Lou Byrne, Michele Ferroni, President Justene, Catherine Hany, Alex Oscco



Reception Desk: Jane Waas & Alan Schier with Jeannine Bogaard & Marsha Rood

**CLICK HERE TO
RSVP TODAY**

Lunch is being catered by Tardino Brothers

Mediterranean Chicken (Carmelized with Balsamic vinegar, chopped tomatoes and onions), Couscous and Roasted Vegetables, Greek Salad and Dinner Rolls

VEGETARIAN: Couscous and Roasted Vegetables, Greek Salad and Dinner Rolls

DEADLINE TO RSVP: MONDAY 4:00 pm
office@pasadenarotary.com

ROTARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES SERVICE ABOVE SELF

APRIL

Team Rotary LAST CALL - Donut Decor Showdown - Sat. April 20th 2 to 4 pm at Jefferson Branch Library, 1500 E. Villa Street. Compete in a donut decorating contest against other community teams. Create freestanding structures using plain donuts, food decorations and basic supplies - materials provided. To join **Team Rotary** contact co-chairs David Alexander - david.mcalexander@onebox.com or Stephen Smith - ssmith.meridianappraising@gmail.com
Presented by the Pasadena Public Library and Pasadena Police Department

ALL AGES

DONUT DÉCOR SHOWDOWN
WITH POLICE CHIEF GENE HARRIS & LIBRARY
DIRECTOR TIM McDONALD

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 | 2 P.M. | JEFFERSON BRANCH



MAY

DONE IN A DAY - 5 Acres Annual Gala - California Dreaming
- May 18th at a private estate in Sierra Madre - **TWO SHIFTS:**
4:30pm-7:45pm: Registration, Opportunity Drawing, First Aid,
Silent Auction, Step & Repeat and **7:30pm-10:30pm:** Auction
Spotters at dinner, First Aid Station, Check out. Stephen Smith -
ssmith.meridianappraising@gmail.com - David McAlexander
- David_McAlexander@onebox.com



POLIO PIG & COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS AT WEDNESDAY MEETING

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS MUST BE PRE-APPROVED!

Wish to "Show & Tell" us what you are up to or make an announcement (30 seconds) about your family, business or a favorite nonprofit or a Committee announcement? Email Wendy at office@pasadenarotary.com by Tues at noon. Minimum donation for Polio Pig Announcement: \$20 or for \$30+ which is billed to your account. Additional \$20 If you wish to leave flyers (in a stack on the table not individual) or a hand-out at end of meeting.

7 DAY NOTICE

Antonio Russo - Sponsor: Howard Raff
Gui Bittencourt - Sponsor: Nevino Rocco
Anthony Rezik - Sponsor Howard Raff
George Ricciardello - Corporate Membership - Sponsor: Howard Raff

RESIGNATION

Anne Miskey
Jeff Palmer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Will Hoyman	April 20th
Sam Gopinathan	April 22th

HAPPY ROTAVERSARY

Char Bland	4/19/21	3 Years
Diana Peterson-More	4/22/98	26 Years
Jennifer DeVoll	4/23/03	21 Years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 1st - Ada Gates Patton - First Woman Farrier in the USA

May 8th - Dr. Robert Hori - Japanese Heritage Shoya House Project, Huntington Gardens

May 15th - Teachers of Excellence

May 22nd - Barry Gordon, Why I Love Musical Theatre. Parson's Nose Theater

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