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# Rotary

## Club of Pasadena, CA



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### *THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM*

## **Ada Gates Patton**

*First Woman Farrier in the United States*

Introducer: Marsha Rood



In 1978, Ada became the first woman farrier licensed to show thoroughbred racehorses in the United States and Canada. Her unique status gave her great opportunities including guest appearances on: Late Night with David Letterman, What's My Line, To Tell the Truth, and The Today Show.

Her dedication to the industry has led to many years of selfless service, including farrier liaison for the 1984 Olympic Games, official horseshoe inspector for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, member of the California Thoroughbred Foundation Board of Directors, and presenter of various seminars.

In 2008, Ada received the Edward Martin Humanitarian Award at the American Farrier's Association Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. She recently served on the farrier committee for the

World Esquestrian Games and was inducted into the American Farriers Hall of Fame. Ada is the farrier consultant for the Online University of horse trainer Monty Roberts.

Ada's talk traces the fun run through the life - the unexpected, unique choices she made that created a passion and career beyond her dreams.

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**WEDNESDAY – MAY 1, 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 aka Badge Master

Song Leader: Don Andrues

Inspiration: Deb Raupp

Scout Zone Reporter: Mary Lou Byrne

Photographer: Tammy Silver & Hans Rosenberger

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

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# Future Flash



By President Justene Adamec

It was such a rip-roaring meeting that I did not get a chance to tell one of my stories. Yesterday, I was dressed in jeans and an End Polio Now shirt. The jeans were for National Denim Day. Demin Day was developed by Peace over Violence, the Denim Day campaign is observed worldwide by millions of people. As **the longest-running sexual violence prevention and education campaign**, Denim Day asks people to wear jeans as a visible way to highlight misconceptions surrounding sexual violence.

I had worn the End Polio Now shirt to Descanso Gardens just prior to the meeting. (I was there to view a memorial bench in honor of a dear friend.) As I was walking, a man on a scooter said "I like that you are wearing that shirt. Are you a Rotarian?"

Jim Lewis and I struck up a conversation. He is Polio Plus Chair for District 5240, which covers the coastal cities of Santa Barbara and Oxnard, and stretches down to Moorpark. He's also a polio survivor. He wore braces on both lower legs and has constant pain from the disease.

You never know who you will meet when you wear your Rotary gear. We're going to get a group order together for t-shirts with Pasadena Rotary on them. If you want a different style of apparel (without our club name), you can go to Russell Hampton at [bestclubsupplies.com](http://bestclubsupplies.com). They are the official licensee or Rotary merchandise.

Justene Adamec

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# The Scoot Zone

By Staff Reporter Dean Billman

Photographers: Matt Bookman & Desiree Alvarado

“Mars is the only planet entirely populated by Robots” declared our speaker today, Ms. Nagin Cox, a lead Spacecraft Operations Engineer at JPL, speaking on the JPL Mars Rovers and beyond.

**President Justene** rang the big brass Rotary Bell at 12:30pm and wrangled the rowdy room to order, and introduced **Eric Olson** as song leader, who was inspired by our speaker today and led us to sing “Over the Rainbow” from the Wizard of Oz. The words, most of which we knew by heart, became a challenge as the verses proceeded, due to our President (who was in charge of the laptop with the words, projected onto the overhead screen), “became transfixed on watching the club members looking up and singing the verses, not realizing that she had to scroll down to give us the next verse” as we bobbed our heads up and down trying to figure out which verse we were in as the President jiggled the scroll up and down. We still are not sure what the order of the verses are, but we finished eventually.

**Mike Bernard** led an inspiration on the JPL Mars Rover while waving a French copy of Magellan’s voyages 500 years ago, and retelling his personal inspiration reading science fiction and fantasizing space travel and why we strive to reach into space, revealed that humans always search to learn and explore. It was a great introduction to our speaker’s topic.



Lots of Guests today:

- **Hillary Schenk** introduced her son, Jake Metcalf
- **Lisa Kroese** was delighted to introduce her husband, Stephen (a JPL software programmer); and Gerard Elia, her friend.
- **Tammy Silver** introduced Edwina Hume, an exchange student from Finland.
- **Bob Risley** was proud to introduce his wonderful wife, Rosemary.
- **Jasiri Jenkins-Glenn** welcomed two potential members, Jared Nigon and Amar Ononiwu
- **Howard Raff** also welcomed Gui Bittencourt and George Ricciardella, both applied for membership
- Parker Hayward, guest of **Alex Oscco** is a personal trainer and has submitted a membership application.

**President Justene** introduced a special guest District Governor 5280 Makiko Nakasone, member of the RC of Glendale who presented a special invitation. Rotary District 5280 proudly welcomes **Rotary International President Gordon McNally** to a special luncheon. She is inviting our club members to join them for an exclusive afternoon with the RI President at the iconic Beverly Hills Hotel on Monday, May 13th from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. The last time the RI President visited District 5280 was 13 years ago - don't miss this once in a decade event! Space is limited - to purchase <https://rotary5280.org/event/ri->



### **Announcements:**

**President Justene** said that with the loss of **Past President John Cushman**, she wondered who is the longest active serving Rotarian in our club... Justene had **John McDaniel** stand and be recognized for his 51 years in our club. John was humbled, and said his longevity was due to “keep showing up.”

**Catherine Haskett Hany** is seeking Pasadena community members who might be worthy of nomination as **Paul Harris Awardee** – someone who embodies our Four-Way Test in the community – and would appreciate our recognition. Go to <https://www.pasadenarotary.com/home/paul-harris-fellow-award/> for information and application forms. **Deadline to submit: Friday, May 3rd.** Catherine Hany - 626-818-9157 or [chhany@pacbell.net](mailto:chhany@pacbell.net).

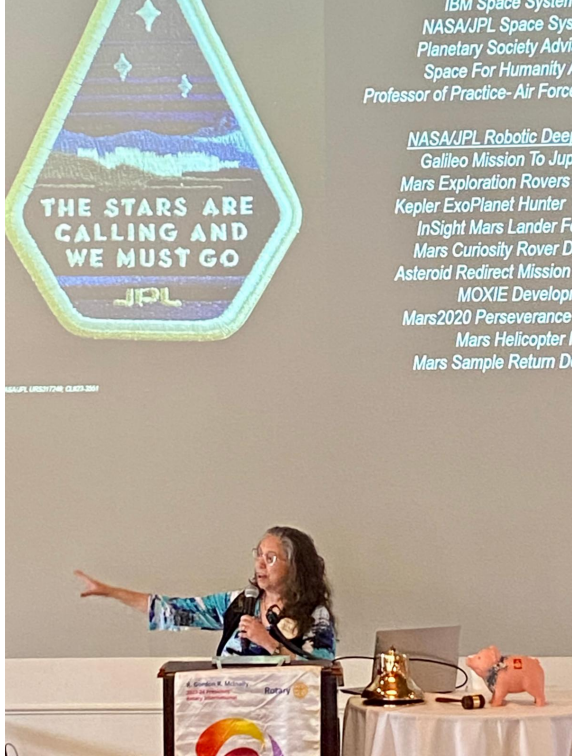
**PE Stephen Smith**, co-chair with **David McAlexander** on our Done in a Day committee, is looking for volunteers to help with the May 7<sup>th</sup> California “Help Celebrate Our Schools” event with set up and tear down. Great way to show our club spirit. See details below.

In honor of Administrative Professionals Day, we signed cards thanking our hard-working club administrator, **Wendy Anderson**. Maybe Wendy was waving from the Zoom camera.

**George Falardeau** started our program with his full introduction of Ms. Nagin Cox, an award-winning scientist of the NASA Exceptional Service Medal and the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal twice – she even has an asteroid named after her. Ever since she was a young girl in Kansa City, MO she wanted to be a space scientist, and after graduating Cornell and the US Air Force, she now leads several programs at JPL, a division of NASA, run by Pasadena’s JPL. She was enthusiastic of the future of space travel, especially the exciting successes of the Curiosity and Perseverance Mars Rovers.



She was a great lecturer, as she introduced the club to the basics of space exploration so we could understand the processes, and then led us with several examples so we could follow the way that JPL moves the frontier of space science, from the initial mission probes to eventually, human spaceflight and maybe even “Colonization” of a foreign planet. Phase One was a “fly by”, Phase Two was to orbit the planet or object, Phase Three was “In-situ”, or a sample from the surface, and then Phase 4 is human exploration. The window to fly to Mars is every two years, and the time to communicate with the rovers is about 20-30 minutes, so everything must be planned with time-management in mind. Finally, she gave us the detailed day-to-day science of using the rovers to answer questions that planetary scientists were proposing, so the rovers are live tools for the current exploration of Mars. She sees the future of space exploration as centered on robots because they can



explore more fields and more questions at a lower cost than manned space flight, and that is the specialty of Pasadena's JPL among all the space research centers. This was a wonderful review of both the Mars Rovers we hear about all the time, and a real education of the daily lives of the scientists at the lab. It looks like the future is bright at our JPL.



Jane Waas and Alan Schier greet Edwina Hume, Sandi Mejia and Sandy Goodenough

**DEADLINE TO RSVP: MONDAY 4:00 pm**  
[office@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:office@pasadenarotary.com)

**CLICK HERE TO  
 RSVP TODAY**

*Lunch is being catered by Tardino Brothers*

Cheese and Beef Enchiladas, Spanish Rice and Pinto Beans, Mixed Green Salad, Chips and Salsa

**Vegetarian:** Cheese Enchilada, Spanish Rice and Pinto Beans, Mixed Green Salad, Chips and Salsa

**ROTARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES  
 SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

## MAY

**DONE IN A DAY - Help Celebrate Our Schools** - Tuesday, May 7th. 5-7pm at Pasadena City Hall Courtyard, 100 Garfield Ave., Pasadena 91101. Assist Pasadena Educational Foundation and Pasadena United School District with this event that celebrates Pasadena public schools. Volunteers needed to set up, assist staff, students and families with the behind-the-scenes work. (Move tables, put up decor, direct traffic flow, set up and wrap up.) Pre-Event Google Meeting - May 6th at 4:30-5:00 pm - More info: <http://pasedfoundation.org/support/celebrating-our-schools/> - Stephen Smith [ssmith.meridianappraising@gmail.com](mailto:ssmith.meridianappraising@gmail.com) - David McAlexander - [david\\_mcalexander@onebox.com](mailto:david_mcalexander@onebox.com)

**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](mailto:ssmith.meridianappraising@gmail.com) - David McAlexander - [David\\_McAlexander@onebox.com](mailto:David_McAlexander@onebox.com)



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## 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](mailto: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.

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## 7 DAY NOTICE

Amanda Pumilia - Sponsor: Michele Ferroni  
Stewart Espinosa - Sponsor Howard Raff  
Hayward Parker - Sponsor: Alex Oscco

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Frank Nicholas	April 27th
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## HAPPY ROTAVERSARY

Helen Baatz	4/26/00	24 Years
John McDannel	4/29/73	51 Years

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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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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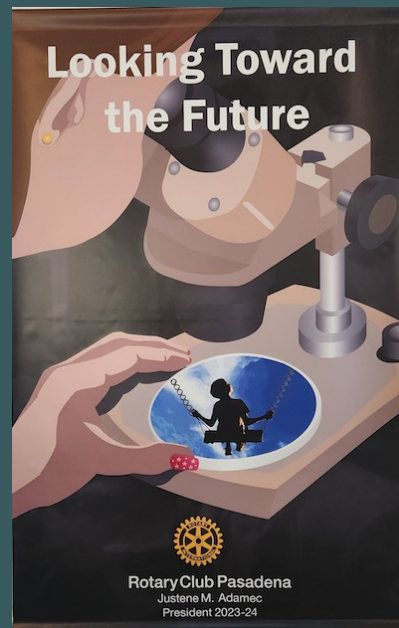
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