

# Rotary

## Club of Pasadena, CA



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### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

## ALEX AGHAJANIAN

*"The 135 Rose Parade:  
Celebrating a World of Music the universal language."*

*Introducer: Catherine Hany*

President of Pasadena Tournament of Roses® Association, Alex P. Aghajanian has been a volunteer Member of the Association since 1989. Aghajanian will serve as president for the 2024 Tournament of Roses, providing leadership for the 135th Rose Parade® and 110th Rose Bowl Game® on January 1, 2024.

Throughout his Tournament of Roses career, Aghajanian has



served on and chaired various committees including Budget and Finance, Communications and Credentials, Formation, Music, Parade Policy and Queen and Court. He was appointed a Committee Chair in 2006, a Tournament Board of Directors member in 2009 and elected to the Executive Committee in 2015.

Professionally, Aghajanian is an attorney with the Law Offices of Alex P. Aghajanian in Pasadena. In addition to his professional life Aghajanian is very involved in the community. In 2010, he and his wife, Paula, founded Dream With Me Foundation. The nonprofit organization provides students, and non-professional musicians of all ages, accessibility to vocal and instrumental performance, education, and training through scholarships and grants.

A lifelong resident of the Pasadena and Altadena areas, Aghajanian and his wife Paula have been married for 40 years, have three children and their dog Murphy. He enjoys spending

time with his family, old Ford trucks, gardening, photography, music, fishing and classic films.

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## **WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 3, 2024**

### **NEW MEETING VENUE - PASADENA ELKS LODGE**

### **Must RSVP to attend!**

Reception: Jane Waas & Alan Schier

Lunchtime Pianist: Ann Louise Christensen

Song Leader: PP Mary Lou Byrne *accompanied by Don Andruess on guitar*

Inspiration: Jasiri Jenkins-Glenn

Scout Zone Reporter: Dean Billman

Photographers: Wende Lee & Tammy Silver

Technical: Scott Carlson - Frank Fish

Sergeant At Arms: Robert Lyons

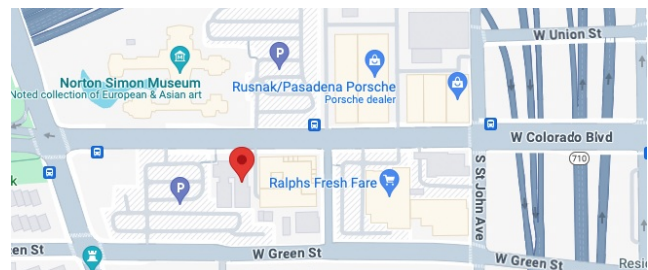
Non-members are welcome - \$45.00 includes lunch

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## **NEW ROTARY MEETING VENUE FOR JANUARY 2024**

### **PASADENA ELKS LODGE BALLROOM**

400 W. Colorado Blvd - with complimentary  
parking (enter off Green Street)





# Future Flash



By President Justene Adamec



This is the week when Pasadena shines. The Rotary International Rose Parade Float is number 40. There should be a Pasadena Rotary banner hanging on it.

I have become a Pasadena resident in more than just my heart. First daughter and I bought a koi pond on Raymond and the house came with it. We're moving in now. So I will be a Pasadena Rotarian for many years to come.

Happy New Year

Justene Adamec  
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*Judy Taylor & Ken Hill checking in.*

**CLICK HERE TO  
RSVP TODAY**

**PASADENA ELKS LODGE**  
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## **MENU**

A wonderful buffet

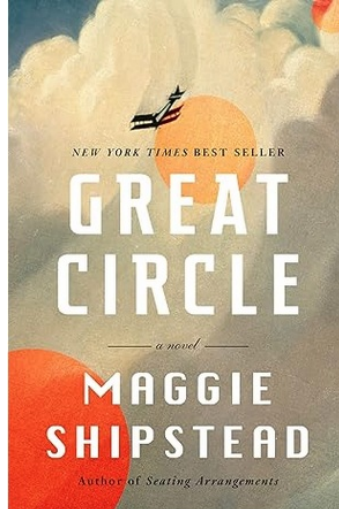
## MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR

### ROTARY READERS

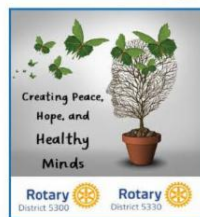
Rotary Readers will meet at 6 PM on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Phyllis Crandon will lead the discussion of the Great Circle by Maggie Shipstead.

Please RSVP to Jan Sanders at [janinpasadena@gmail.com](mailto:janinpasadena@gmail.com).  
If you have questions please email Cathy Simms at



Peacemaker of the Year Award  
Art for Peace Contest



## Garbis Der-Yeghian 34th Annual Peace Conference

THEME: Creating Peace, Hope, and Healthy Minds

**Saturday, January 27, 2024**

Registration Check-in/Continental Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

**Conference Begins Promptly at 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum



**Keynote Speaker:**

**Brian Rusch**

CEO—Out for Equality

Founding Member of RI DEI Task Force

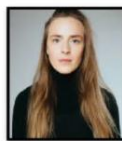
Vice Chair- RI Joint Advisory Council of DEI

Past President and Founder of Rotary eClub for Global Action



**Engaging Panel on Mental Health, covering:**

Destigmatizing Conversations, Raising Awareness, and Advancing Access



**Jenn Freeman**

Autistic American  
choreographer, dance  
performer, and educator



**Lora Illig**

Former Executive  
Director for NAMI  
Pomona Valley



**Chris Florendo**

Team Support Leader  
CalHOPE & NAMI Greater  
Los Angeles County



**Sally Sagario**

Operations Manager for  
NAMI Long Beach/  
Whittier

### Registration/Admission

(includes continental breakfast and tour of the museum)

**\$40.00: early registration by January 26, 2024**

**\$45.00: at the door if seats are available**

**Students/Interact Clubs/Rotaract Clubs free  
registration**

To **REGISTER** and for more information, visit the event website at:

<http://district5300.org/peace-conference/>



Scan for Event Page and  
Registration



Rotary District 5300  
District Governor  
**Michael Soden**



Rotary District 5330  
District Governor and  
Panelist Moderator  
**Jamie Zinn**



Conference Chair and  
Emcee  
Rotary District 5300  
**Mary Ann Lutz**

Multi-District Event

# **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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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Bobbi Abram	January 1
Sheri Bonner	January 2

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## **ROTAVERSARIES!**

Hank. Maarse	1/1/89	35 Years
Frank Nicholas	1/1/23	1 Yr - Honorary Member Previous Member - 21 years Past President 2014
Penn Patton	1/1/85	39 Years
Allen Webb	1/1/64	60 Years
Richard Cornfield	1/3/18	6 Years

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

Jan. 10th - Michael Soden - Rotary District 5300 Governor
Jan. 17th - Tom Coston - "Parade of the Future"
Jan. 24th - Tim McDonald - Pasadena Public Library
Jan. 31st - Rotary Players - Ground Hog Day
Feb 7th - Juan Bastos - Celebrity Portrait Painter
Feb 14th - Nat Read -Raconteur - How I Rode All 22,400 Amtrak Miles in Just 84 Years



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**Weekly Live Wednesday Meeting by RSVP  
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MEETS the 3rd Thursday of every month at 5pm - University Club of Pasadena**

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