

# Rotary

## Club of Pasadena, CA



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### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

## JOEL STERN

### *"The Beauty, Fun, and Magic of Origami"*



Joel Stern discovered origami as a child in Omaha, Nebraska, and he has been deeply involved with the art ever since—as a practitioner, creator, author, and teacher. He has published more than ten origami books and kits, and received the *Creative Child Magazine's* "Preferred Choice Award" for *My First Origami Kit*, *Origami City Kit*, and *Origami Zoo Kit*. His origami creations have appeared in movies, TV shows and commercials, and print ads, and have been exhibited in galleries in the U.S., Japan, Brazil, and Israel.

In addition to origami, Joel writes and designs pop-up books, with two titles recently published by Simon & Schuster — *In the Holly Jolly North Pole* and *In a Spooky Haunted House*.

Joel loves sharing origami with people of all ages. He has conducted countless workshops in galleries, libraries, bookstores, corporate settings, schools, and camps; and he engages participants by means of storytelling, demonstrations, puzzles, and games. Joel also hosts monthly online gatherings that are attended by origami enthusiasts from around the world.

Joel sees the benefit of origami, not only in the beauty of the finished product, but also in how it can improve spatial reasoning and fine hand coordination, and reward patience and perseverance. Origami also has great functional use in the fields of engineering, medicine, and aerospace.

Joel is a longtime and active member of OrigamiUSA, a national organization whose mission is to share the joy of paperfolding, preserve its history, nurture its growth, bring people together and encourage community among paperfolders.

*\*Hands on! You will delve into the magic with a hands-on activity crafting a simple origami box in the art of paper folding.*

**WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 28, 2024**  
**UNIVERSITY CLUB - 12:00 pm**  
**175 N. Oakland Ave, Pasadena 91101**  
**RSVP Deadline: 4:00 pm MONDAY 2/26/24**

Reception: Jane Waas & Jeannine Bogaard  
Lunchtime Pianist: Ann Louise Christensen  
Song Leader: Ann Louise Christensen  
Inspiration: David McAlexander  
Scoot Zone Reporter: Dean Billman  
Photographers: Tammy Silver & Mike Bernard  
Technical: Frank Fish & Scott Carlson  
Sergeant At Arms: Robert Lyons

Non-members are welcome - \$45.00 includes lunch

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# Future Flash

By President Justene Adamec



**SOLES4  
SOULS**

One of the interesting parts of the job of President is connecting with other clubs ... and stealing their ideas. That's how I found out about [Soles4souls](#). They take gently used shoes and provide them to people in other countries to resell. They have created 1000s of jobs in 53 countries.


There's also an environmental impact of used shoes. Discarded shoes end up in a landfill where they will last 1000s of years and give off toxic chemicals. Who knew? Well, I have known for a few years but, up until now, my solution was to pile them up in the closet.

Here's all you need to do: Bring your gently used shoes to a Rotary meeting. **President Elect Stephen Smith** will have a collection box and take them over to DSW at Paseo Colorado. DSW partners with Soles4souls and they'll take care of getting those shoes to the right place.

Remember a couple of years ago when we collected used glasses? The response was tremendous. I am certain that we will have the same success here.

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**The Scoot Zone**  
**By Staff Reporter Dean Billman**  
**Photographers: Tammy Silver  
& Jonathan Edwards**

Walking into the renovated-in-progress University Club today I approached **Jeannine Bogaard** and **Jane Waas** as they were checking members in and warned them that anything they said might be in Spokes, to which they replied, "Where is **Frank Fish**?" (Who was out in the parking lot looking at **Cyrus's** new electric car) – and I told them that was a great question since our club runs so smoothly when Frank is behind the scenes, and Jeannine and Jane seemed to be concerned that we would not be able to function without Frank. So, every week: Where is Frank Fish?

Today we also asked, where is famous abolitionist John Brown's son Owen Brown buried? Turns out, right above Altadena, California, in a newly landscaped gravesite that will soon be designated as a LA county landmark.

**President Justene** rang the brass Rotary Bell and called the meeting to order, as we enjoyed catering by Tardino's, featuring cheesy broad noodles and beef stroganoff, with huge triangle chocolate brownies on every table. Wonderful pianist Ann Louise Christensen accompanied **Eric Olson** on our rendition of John Brown's Body (sung to the tune of The Battle Hymn of the Republic), and Tyros member **Mike Bernard** inspired us with a quote from Debbie Gutfreund and "Six Lessons My Father Taught Me", basically "You are what you do, not what you say you'll do."



Announcements: **David McAlexander** expanded that thought of "doing", and admonished us to overcome Community Service Deficiency Syndrome (CSDS) and to join him for comradeship and member-sponsored coffee and doughnuts in several of our Done in a Day opportunities (see below for fun and actionable events that we all are encouraged to participate). **President Elect Stephen Smith** gave us various opportunities, **President Justene** promoted the Four Way Speech Contest, **Dede Venkat** announced RYLA and **Tammy Silver**, Read Across America. (See details below and pick one to join).

Guests today: Sitting at **PP Howard Raff's** table, **Becky Happach Detrick** of New Wave Home Care brought Realtor Sarah Halpin; and **Hans Rosenberger** introduced Dan Sharp, a retired civil engineer. And Sandy Goodenough brought her husband Richard Schulhof.

**President-Elect Stephen Smith** took a few minutes to describe his weekend attending Rotary President Elect Training (PETS) last weekend at LAX along with over 1,200 other presidents-elect from across the country, reviewing Rotary club by-laws; panels on improving membership and effective Board of Directors; and innovative fund-raising, like a Lobsterfest, a Chili fest, and Duck Races; and updates on RYLA and Polio-Plus efforts. He did note that while the club had membership declines in the past, currently we are positive and growing (much applause to **President Justene**). PE Stephen also noted that there has been NO NEW POLIO CASES since November 2023 – but the fight is not over to eradicate Polio until we have been Polio-case-free for three years. We are this... close.

**President Justene** was pleased to announce that PE Stephen takes over as club president in 9 days, four months – but she is not counting. (Note that she has been president or co-president for one-and-a-half years now). She also celebrated that we had 20 high schoolers signed up for RYLA, a high from previous years.





**SPECIAL ROTARY MOMENT:** Frank Fish whispered in **President Justene's** ear that **John Foulkes** will be turning 95 years old on his birthday Saturday and when announced, **Dean Billman** led the whole room to its feet singing Happy Birthday to John. *Tears were reported!*

John has been a member of Pasadena Rotary for 30 years and served as President in 2005.

Happy Birthday John!

**Jim Osterling** introduced our speaker, Ms. Michele Zack, a writer, historian, and leader of the movement to bring notice and formal acceptance to the final resting place and gravesite of Owen Brown, the only surviving son to participate in the abolitionist raid at Harper's Ferry with his famous father, John Brown. He escaped the dragnet after the raid because he was across the river waiting for the insurrection to ignite a slave rebellion which never came, and while his father and brothers were killed or captured, he escaped to Ohio and eventually to Pasadena. He had a bounty on his head most of his life yet was celebrated in his day while he lived and died on his Little Roundtop mountain (named by him as a memorial inspired by the battle at Gettysburg).



Michele commented that being a historian is not an easy life and is a lot of work researching and traveling to get the whole story – and our club was impressed and curious about both the life and memorial of Owen Brown, and the battle to keep his final resting place hallowed to him and his civil rights efforts from being turned into a housing development. Her background as a professional journalist and correspondent based in Thailand, and a historian on local SoCal history and events, bringing them to life to not only explain where we came from, but how their history shapes us now. Pasadena and Altadena are very rich in colorful and impactful history, not just locally but nationally over the past century, and Owen Brown was a nationally known and controversial anti-slavery and pro-temperance person in the 1800's through his life here. His

friends and brother who lived and survived him also shaped Pasadena today, from the family who started Altadena's Memorial Cemetery to the many hikers who journey up the foothills to reflect on his newly restored gravesite.

The other battle 100 years after his death in 1889 was with a determined real estate developer who insisted against local opposition to build a subdivision right below the site, and as the memorial property had been inaccessible but suddenly available through purchase to be developed, a community rebellion waged over the years finally resulted in a "land swap" to let both sides win and the site to be formally recognized by Los Angeles Supervisor Katherine Barger as a LA Landmark, to be folded into a Nature Conservancy land holding for all time.

The Rotary club's hiking group, led by **PP Cory Brendel**, has determined we need to climb the foothills again and pay our respects to Owen Brown, and celebrate what makes living here great – the presence of people of vision who forged our identity that we will carry on.



*L2R: President Elect Stephen Smith, Alex Oscco, Gwen Strong, President Justene, Michele Zack, Jim Osterling, Sandy Goodenough, Richard Schulhof*



*Check in with Jeannine Bogaard & Jane Waas*



**DEADLINE TO RSVP:**  
**BY MONDAY 4:00 pm 2/26/24**  
[office@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:office@pasadenarotary.com)



Lunch is being catered again by  
Tardino Brothers  
**Roasted Rosemary Chicken**  
Wild Rice Trilogy, Roasted Vegetables, Winter  
Green Pear Walnut Salad & Dinner Rolls  
Or **Vegetarian Choice**



## ADOPT A MEAL COMMITTEE

On February 16th, we partnered with Tardino Brothers for our Adopt A Meal Program, of which 25 Pasadena Rotarians serve on and fund this committee for the Union Station Homeless Services Family Services. As you know, Tardino Brothers has been catering our Rotary lunches this month.

Thanks to Corporate Alternates, Bernadette Espinosa, Allison Burgos and Tammy Duke of Earnest Fiduciary Trusts & Conservatorships for volunteering to pick up and deliver 37 meals. Photo of Bernadette at Tardino (left) and Tammy and Allison at Union Station.





*Tardinos provided a generous meal of:  
Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti Marinara, Veggies, Salad and Rolls.*

### **TARDINO BROTHERS**

140 N. Mentor Ave., Pasadena 91106 626-351-0900  
Closed Sunday and Monday

## **MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR**

### **ROTARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

#### **FEBRUARY**

**DONE IN A DAY** – Stephen Smith – [SSmith.meridianappraising@gmail.com](mailto:SSmith.meridianappraising@gmail.com)

Elizabeth House – light outdoor maintenance – **Sat. 2/24/24 – 8am-noon**

**FOUR WAY SPEECH CONTEST** – Bill Tilney – [bill@afpasadena.org](mailto:bill@afpasadena.org)

Need judges for preliminary round on **Wed 2/28/24 at 5pm**

**SolesforSouls** - See President Justene's column above

#### **MARCH**

**READ ACROSS AMERICA** – Tammy Silver – [tamarasilver@gmail.com](mailto:tamarasilver@gmail.com)

Volunteer to be a guest reader to students in TK-5<sup>th</sup> grade at Washington Elementary STEM Magnet, 1520 N. Raymond Ave, Pasadena. Bring your own book or choose from the selection available at the school. **Tues/Wed 3/6/24 and 3/6/24 – 8:30 am-1:30 pm** in 15-20 minutes reading block. Contact: Ms. Debbie directly to schedule – [afsharian.datevik@pusd.us](mailto:afsharian.datevik@pusd.us) - 626-396-5840 x75042

**DONE IN A DAY** – Stephen Smith - – [SSmith.meridianappraising@gmail.com](mailto:SSmith.meridianappraising@gmail.com).

**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation** – JDRF One Walk Fundraiser at the Rose Bowl – **Sun 3/17/24 – 6:30-8:30 am** Check In; **7:30 am - 12:00 pm** various assignments; **12-2:30 pm** watch kids in Bounce Zone

**ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)** – Desiree Alvarado – phone best: 213-400-1502 or [desiree@pasadenapromos.com](mailto:desiree@pasadenapromos.com). Be a facilitator for 11<sup>th</sup> graders for 1 or 2 days at Running Springs (near Big Bear) Dates: **3/22/24-3/24/24**

**FRIENDS IN DEED - Bad Weather Shelter** - Stephen Smith -

[Smith.meridianappraising@gmail.com](mailto:Smith.meridianappraising@gmail.com). Volunteers needed at Trinity Lutheran Church  
**Wed. 3/27/24. 6:30 am - 9:30am** - Bring salad, potato salad, fruit, chips, OJ, paper plates, paper cups, hot cocoa set up, cots & chairs

## APRIL

**FOOTHILLS & ARROYOS CONSERVATION PROJECT** – Cory Brendel  
[corybrendel@gmail.com](mailto:corybrendel@gmail.com) - 2 Service Projects – **Sat. 4/6/24** - Trail repair on Cottonwood Canyon, easy work and Trail repair on Rubio Canyon, more substantial moderate work. Reporter Dean thinks there is a waterfall there, so this would be interesting.

## MAY

**CORAZON 2024 SUPERBUILD** – Justene Adamec – [president@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:president@pasadenarotary.com)  
Build a house in one day for a family needing a home in Tecate Mexico. May 4th. Costs include \$30 roundtrip bus from Chula Vista to Tecate site and hotel costs. Contact Justene for details.

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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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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

John Foulkes	February 24th
Penn Patton	February 24th

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 6th - Lance Davis - Parson's Nose Theater -"So You Wanted To Be An Actor, Eh"
March 13th - Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo
March 20th - Dan Stover Instrumental Contest
March 27th - Four Way Speech Contest

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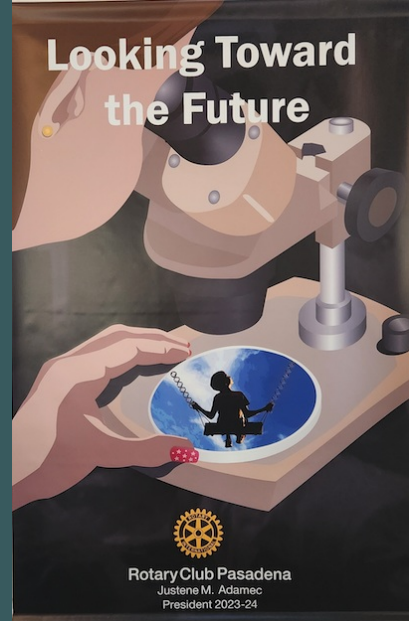
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