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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

LANCE DAVIS

"So You Wanted to Be an Actor, eh?"

INTRODUCER: PP Cory Brendel



LANCE DAVIS is the Artistic Director and Cofounder, with Mary Chalon, of the [Parson's Nose Theater Company](#). He graduated in Theater from the University of Notre Dame. He was a McKnight Fellow and received his MFA in Acting from the University of Minnesota. And he was a Member of the Tyrone Guthrie Theater Company in Minneapolis for five years under the direction of Michael Langham.

He has been in over 150 professional productions - On Broadway (Once in a Lifetime, On the Waterfront), Off Broadway (Mary Barnes, Class Enemy) and throughout the U.S. at award winning theaters including The Long Wharf in New Haven, Arena Stage and the Folger in Washington, D.C, the Seattle Rep in the state of Washington, Alliance

Theater in Atlanta, the Hartford Stage, the GeVa Theater in Rochester, Baltimore CenterStage, the Santa Fe Festival, the Pasadena Playhouse and the Geffen for such Tony award winning directors as Michael Langham, Dan Sullivan, Jose Quintero, Tomas McAnna, Arvin Brown, Tom Moore, Mark Lamos, and Ed Payson Call. Lance has guest starred on TV shows ranging from Twin Peaks to Roseanne, from Hogan Family to Tales from the Crypt. He played Louis XVI (in French, thank you!) in PBS' Adam Chronicles. He appeared in award winning films Anna, Heart, and Barton Fink.

Most importantly, he established, with wife, actress/director Mary Chalon, the Parson's

Nose Theater Company, which celebrates its 25th year of production in September 2024. His first job was hauling panels from one side of the Hussmann Refrigerator Factory to the other in Saint Louis, Missouri. He sometimes wonders if it was his true calling. Today he will share "So You Wanted to Be an Actor, eh?"

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6, 2024
UNIVERSITY CLUB - 12:00 pm
175 N. Oakland Ave, Pasadena 91101
RSVP Deadline: 4:00 pm MONDAY 3/4/24

Reception: Jane Waas & Alan Schier
Lunchtime Pianist: Ann Louise Christensen
Song Leader: Don Andruess
Inspiration: Wende Lee
Scoot Zone Reporter: Dean Billman
Photographers: Tammy Silver
Technical: Frank Fish & Scott Carlson
Sergeant At Arms: Robert Lyons

Non-members are welcome - \$45.00 includes lunch

Future Flash

By President Justene Adamec



I generally try not to repeat what is in the Scoot Zone but I am so excited. What a great meeting Joel Stern presented on origami. It was my favorite meeting in all my years of Rotary. By the oohs and aahs and squeals and gasps, everyone in that room enjoyed it.

I have a confession to make. I could not even do the simple origami project that we all did. That box you see in the picture below was Tammy's. Mine looked like... well, I don't know what but it certainly wasn't a box. First Daughter still has to fold my letters so they fit in an envelope.



I still had a lot of fun.

Joel sells origami kits, suitable for all ages, books, and even pop-up books. Visit his [website](#) for the complete list and to see some of his amazing work.

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The Scoot Zone

By Staff Reporter Dean Billman

Photographers: Tammy Silver
& Mike Bernard

The term for Origami is from two Japanese words for folding and paper, and the art form was demonstrated today by our speaker, Mr. Joel Stern, an author of several acclaimed books, games, and online videos on “the beauty, fun and magic of Origami.” On each table were sheets of basic white copier paper, and the whole club proceeded to follow directions from Joel to fold the paper in sections, and then more sections, and finally another fold, and we made a paper box! New Pasadena Rotary Board member Robert Lyons told our table that he learned origami as a child, and he delighted in seeing all of us do valley folds and angle folds. **PP Mel Cohen** asked what to do with the box, and Joel asked, “what do you do with any art?”

President Justene rang the Rotary Bell, calling the meeting to order and asking our wonderful pianist **Ann Louise Christensen** (who had been playing background music during lunch, as is our latest custom, highlighted by her rendition of All of Me) to lead us in our opening song, inspired by her trip to Japan, and our subject matter of origami, she accompanied us with “It’s Only a Paper Moon.” Our table commented that we have only heard Ann Louise play piano, and marveled – “what a wonderful singing voice!”

David McAlexander offered an inspiration from Robert William Service, another famous Scottish poet, overshadowed by the great Robert Burns. Service brought his Scottish poetic gifts to the great white north, Alaska, and his poems, while lyric, often reflected on the grim reality of freezing and struggling through natural adversity, “and life is what you make of it.”



President Elect Stephen Smith had all attendees that helped with our Elizabeth House project last Saturday stand, and half a dozen do-gooders stood to applause.

Desiree Alvarado freaked us out with an invitation to spend a weekend with 300 teenagers for the RYLA event for Rotary, and President Justene broke in to have **David McAlexander** stand and explain the positive experience he had several times as a volunteer for the RYLA weekend – and he observed that “You will make lifelong friends from the experience, if you are capable of making friends” which caused a wave of amusement that Rotarians are not awkward at making new friends, but maybe there are some curmudgeons. Our table thinks that David really meant he had a great time, and everyone enjoyed helping the teenagers change their lives.

Guests today:

- **President Justene** introduced her guest Zoot Velasco, Past President of Fullerton Rotary Club
- **PP Howard Raff** introduced Nel Varenas, from So Cal Digital Studio
- **Ellen Batzel Palm-Leis** welcomed Suzanne Hazel, a realtor with Sotheby's International Realty
- **Angie Pizano** also welcomed Susan Hadfeld, "who has been in the community for many years."

Announcements (see more details below!)

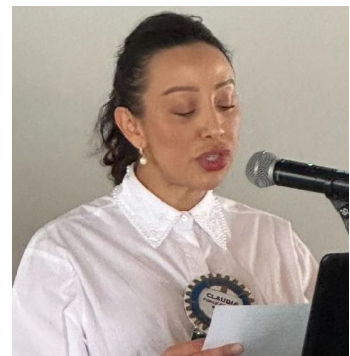
President Justene did her best to easily explain Pasadena Rotary's two-step board nominating process, which goes like this:

- The members present at the next meeting all write down three names of members who will form a committee. That committee will be called "The board nominating committee" and will be the three of the most popular votes cast. Step one completed.
- Then, "The board nominating committee" will work together to come up with several candidates for a three-year term on the Pasadena Rotary Board, and those candidates will be presented to the membership at a future meeting, for voting by the entire club present. The new board members will be announced at the end of that meeting.
- As a reward for your service as a board nominating member, you are also treated to a dinner on Justene's Presidential budget.

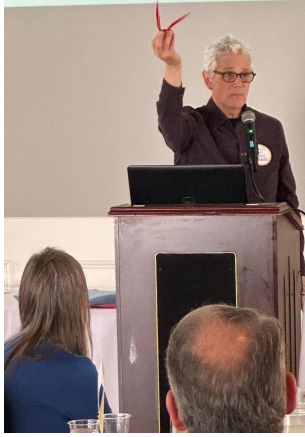


- **President Justene** announced our newest member of the Pasadena Rotary Board is **Robert Lyons** replacing **John Burt** who had to resign due to time constraints
- **Tammy Silver** asked us to volunteer for Read Across America, a simple hour of going to a local elementary school and reading a Dr. Seuss book to some 1st to 5th graders. Your scribe has done this a few times and it was fun for them, and amazing for me.
- **Jan Sanders** announced that the first Monday night of the month is Rotary Readers night, and they are going to discuss the same book chosen for Pasadena's One City, One Book selection, which is Properties of Thirst, set after World War II.

Claudia Ponce de Leon, an active current Tyros member, introduced our speaker today, Joel Stern. By way of introduction, she said that program co-chair **PP Mary Lou Byrne** wished to create an engaging and creative program with a vision toward the Art of Origami. **Wendy Anderson's** friend Meher McArthur, a distinguished Japanese art historian and curator with extensive experience in origami exhibitions recommended a truly exceptional individual, Joel Stern, an award winning popular and published author of origami books, games, and educational programs.



He opened with a series of artists' works projected on the screen of fantastic shapes, creases, and twists – lions, cranes, flowers, portraits of people – all created by a single piece of paper. They looked impossible from one sheet, but then he demonstrated with a story. Taking a single sheet of blue paper held up in his hands, he told us a story of two young people who fell in love (folding the sheet in half, to two sides together) who the elder women in the village embraced (folded the sheet again) and divided up in a dance (more folds) and then their love created (folds again) a story of love for life – a crane with moving wings! The crane represents love and hope, and as the story (and origami crane story) spread, it was adopted throughout Japan as a



symbol of hope and peace to this day.

He also explained that artists of the craft prefer to use only one piece of paper, no glue, and concentration in silence. He explained that “origami is transformational” by taking a flat sheet of paper and turning it into a three-dimensional piece, and that it is more than art – it is very useful in everyday life. He pointed out a copy of National Geographic with the cover story on space exploration, and how solar panels and other parts of space craft are folded into tiny spaces for liftoff and unfold like our crane into giant solar arrays. Drug delivery, architecture, robotics, even microscopic bacteria cleaning – origami!



We were all thrilled with our little boxes that we made today, and thanks to Mary Lou and Wendy, we learned something new that touches our lives every day. How much fun is that? Welcome to Rotary!





Thanks Jeannine Bogaard for holding down registration with Jane Waas while Alan Schier was on vacation.

Badge Master Alan will be back on 3-6-24

DEADLINE TO RSVP:
BY MONDAY 4:00 pm 3/4/24
office@pasadenarotary.com

**CLICK HERE TO
RSVP TODAY**

Lunch is being catered by Tardino Brothers
Chicken & Beef Fajitas - Garlic Rice & Black Beans, Caesar Salad, Guacamole, Condiments, Flour & Corn Tortilla, Chips & Salsa
Or **Vegetarian Choice**



SAVE THE DATE!!

March 8, 2024, Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Duarte Performing Arts Center
1401 Highland Avenue

FREE EVENT!

Duarte Rotary Club

***invites you to attend a Celebration of
International Women's Day....
Women in Rotary***



ROTARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

FEBRUARY

SOLES4SOULS - Gently used shoes are provided to people in other countries to resell. They have created 1000s of jobs in 53 countries. Bring your gently used shoes to a Rotary meeting. **PE Stephen Smith** will have a collection box and take them over to DSW at Paseo Colorado who partners with Soles4souls.

MARCH

READ ACROSS AMERICA – Tammy Silver – tamarasilver@gmail.com

Be a guest reader to students in TK-5th grade at Washington Elementary STEM Magnet, 1520 N. Raymond Ave.. Bring your own book or choose from the school selection!. **Tues/Wed 3/5/24 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 - 626-396-5840 x75042

DONE IN A DAY – Stephen Smith - -- 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 – 213-400-1502 or desiree@pasadenapromos.com. Interview students applying to attend. Be a facilitator for 11th 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. 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 - 2 Service Projects – **Sat. 4/6/24** - Trail repair on Cottonwood Canyon, easy work and Trail on Rubio Canyon, more substantial moderate work on damage from recent rains. Meet Rotarians from nearby clubs.

MAY

CORAZON 2024 SUPERBUILD – Justene Adamec – 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.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Nat Read	March 2nd
Young Lee Hertig	March 2nd
Robert Lyons	March 6th

HAPPY ROTAVERSARY

PP Rob Fisher	3/1/89	35.Years
PP Jim Graunke	3/1/85	39.Years
Ed.Hearst	3/1/76	48.Years
Robin Salzer	3/2/22	2 Years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 13th - Pasadena Mayor Victor Gordo - State of the City
March 20th - Dan Stover Instrumental Music Contest
March 27th - Four Way Speech Contest

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