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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

Co-Chairs: Bill Tilney & David McAlexander



Four-Way Test Speech Contest – Group Level Round

Together with our partner Clubs, **Altadena** and **San Marino, Pasadena Rotary** hosts the Group Level Round of the Four-Way Test Speech Contest 2024 on March 27, 2024

Preliminary rounds have already been held and you will be seeing the best and the

brightest. Each of this week's Speakers have completed in at least one, or as many as two, previous Club Level rounds.

Our three student speakers will present their original speeches embracing this year's Rotary International theme, "**Create Hope in the World through the Magic of Rotary**" and incorporating the 4-Way Test:

Of the things we think, say, or do:

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

One of these students will progress to the Regional Level Round in April and, with luck, compete at the District Level Round in May at the District Conference held at the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel & Conference Center in Pomona, CA with a chance to win up to \$5,000 in

college scholarships!

DISTINGUISHED JUDGES:

- Judge Abraham Meltzer, Los Angeles Superior Court, former Four Way Speech Contest winner (Rotary Club of Beaumont, California)
- Scott Phelps, PUSD Trustee from 2005-2022 and Pasadena Rotary Teacher of Excellence in 2001
- Jan Sanders, Director of Pasadena City Library (retired) and longtime Pasadena Rotarian

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 27, 2024
UNIVERSITY CLUB - 12:00 pm
175 N. Oakland Ave, Pasadena 91101
RSVP Deadline: 4:00 pm MONDAY 3/25/24

Reception: Jane Waas & Alan Schier
Lunchtime Pianist: Ann Louise Christensen
Song Leader: Mary Lou Byrne w/ Ann Louise
Inspiration: Jan Sanders
Scoot Zone Reporter: PP Mary Lou Byrne
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



While I wasn't present in person at this week's meeting, I was with you in spirit ..., and on Zoom. The Dan Stover competition always has a remarkable set of students. You may have noticed that I try to run the meeting like clockwork. I may not always succeed but I always try. This past meeting was one of the times I didn't succeed. Here's peek into how the sausage is made.

Whenever we had contests or awards in previous years, we usually started 15 minutes early. Dan Stover, the 4 Way Test Speech Contest, Teachers of Excellence and Community Grants all need about 45 minutes. In the past years, we announced that lunch was at 11:45, the bell was rung at 12:15, a half hour for the business meeting, and then 45 minutes for the program.

Starting early never sat right with me. Some people didn't read the announcements we made about the time change. Other people couldn't rearrange their schedule. So there was less time to socialize, network and enjoy the food. With the buffet line, 15 minutes to get your food was even more challenging. So I took 15 minutes from the business meeting. Bell rings at 12:30, the preliminaries get done in 15 minutes and we end up with the same 45 minutes as before.

Wendy printed the timeline. I went along my merry way. Neither of us told Stephen why we weren't starting early.

Someone mentioned to Stephen that the meeting starts early for Dan Stover. Stephen sprung

into action, unaware that we had taken that into account.

So bell rang at 12:15, the business took 15 minutes and Dan Stover got a whole hour ... which they didn't need.

Big sigh.

Note to self: explain better.

Justene Adamec

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The Scoot Zone

By Staff Reporter Dean Billman
Photos: Jonathan Edwards & Tammy Silver

We were treated today to three aspiring young musicians in our annual Dan Stover Rotary Music Contest, and our guest professional musician judges enjoyed helping us support the new generation of student performers. Co-chairs Fred Finley and Major Roy Wild, with help from “professional Consultant” Past President Ken Hill, PP Phil Miles, Alex Oscco, Matt Bookman and oboist-supreme Mike Bernard, put on a thoroughly enjoyable program, and our club was abuzz with anticipation – we were well rewarded.

President-Elect Stephen Smith, filling in for **President Justene Adamec**, rang the Rotary Bell to call the meeting early so we would have enough time for the music contest, and turned the podium over to the **Eric Olsen** and his Rotary All-Star Band, consisting of **Ann Louise Christensen** on the grand piano, backed up by PP **Cory Brendel**, PP **Phil Miles** and Board member **Don Andruess** leading us in our robust singing of “76 Trombones” from the Broadway Musical “The Music Man.”





Jim Osterling sent several texts to **PE Stephen**, asking for him to stall for time since he was running late: **Jim O**: "Stephen, I'm Inspiration today and I'm running late, make something up that makes me look good"; **Stephen**: "Jim, what inspires you? Topic?"; **Jim**: "Just say that I am inspired by musical greatness, and Einstein played tuba before he became a famous physicist, and maybe our students today will be famous physicists and save the world, too"; **Stephen**: "Jim, are you saying Einstein played tuba? Can we fact-check that?" **Jim**: "Look, just go with it. They aren't listening, they just want to sit down." **PE Stephen** then asked the room to sit down.

Guests:

- **Howard Raff** introduced Antonio Resik and Jon Haskett
- **Ellen Barzel Palm-Leis** greeted Ruth Ann Etz
- **Deb Raupp** introduced her friend Martha Shenkenberger

Important Announcement – Former Rotarian, and Pasadena Museum of California Art owner **Bob Oltman**, was eulogized by PP Phil Miles today. His Celebration of Life will be on March 30th at the Pasadena Heritage Blinn House on the Fuller campus across from the U-Club. Bob allowed us to use the museum several years for club fundraising events, the most memorable was during PP Frank Nicolas' big annual fundraiser and art show, featuring local restaurants with food-sampling stations. We even had a mystery wine bottle auction and raffle – a fun idea for a future fundraiser! PP Kathy Meagher who followed Frank said she benefited during her year because of his fund raising.

Announcements

- **Catherine Haskett-Hany** announced a new Paul Harris Fellow Award, honoring a member of the community outside of our Rotarian family, but who embodies the Rotary "Service Beyond Self" tradition. This honoree will receive the honor of titling their achievement with a donation of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.
- **PP Cory Brendel** challenged us to get more fresh air, healthy outdoor trail work and fellow comradery for the Arroyo and Foothills Conservancy. He said some high school Interacter club members were interested in joining us. Get out of the office and enjoy Spring! (see below)
- **PE Stephen Smith** announced the Friends Indeed "Bad Weather Shelter." However, **there is a caveat**. 1) It has to be raining, or 2) the temperature had to be below 40 degrees. As of this writing, there does not appear to be showers in the forecast, and the past 10 days the temperature has not fallen below 40 degrees. As such, if Stephen was a betting person, he would say it is probably **not** going to happen. He will be notified by Friends in Deed sometime early next week, at which point he will notify those that had signed up.

2024 Dan Stover Music Contest:

Judges: **Ms. Irina Voloshina**, professional violist with an extensive education and work history, a graduate of Odessa Music School in Odessa, Ukraine (Slava Ukraine!) and a long list of

movie, television, and stage performances, including the Pasadena Symphony and Pops. During the Pandemic she led over 65 free concerts from her driveway, and her Melodia Mariposa will be hosting four free concerts at Altadena's Farnsworth Park this spring and summer.

Ms. Tina Soule, the principal cellist with the San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival for more than 30 years, and another member of Melodia Mariposa and Mt. Lowe Chamber Players. She, too, is a repeat judge for our contest.

Ms. Victoria Sabonjohn is a professional oboist, playing actively in the Los Angeles area in several local orchestras and chamber groups, including LA Phil, Long Beach Symphony, and Santa Cecilia Orchestra, and several National Broadway Tours. She also is a busy teaching coach, conductor, and teacher, and a sought-after soloist in several choir and churches.

Let's meet the contestants:



Alfred McQuarters, a senior at South Pasadena High School, performed Elegie, Opus 24, on the cello. He would like to attend Bard College Conservatory of Music or Howard University, in music performance. With a piano accompaniment, Alfred impressed our table with his difficult runs in the middle of his piece.

- **Norah Kim**, a junior at Pasadena High School, performed on the grand piano "Arabesque" by Edward MacDowell (Etude Op. 39, No. 4). She is looking at UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, or UC San Diego, "but not piano", which caused a gasp from the room because she really seemed to enjoy her command of the keyboard, with many flourishes and dancing play.

- **Madeline Son** played Violin Concerto in E Minor, Op 64, "Allegro molto appassionato" with much zeal for a 10th grade music student at Pasadena Polytechnic School. She would like to study music and math at Yale, UCLA, or USC.

- Accompanied on piano, Madeline really impressed the judges, winning the competition, with Norah as runner-up and Alfred finishing up in third place. All three contestants received a check from co-chair **Fred Finley** and our Club for their efforts and entertainment. The room gave them a standing ovation, and Fred thanked all our contestants and judges for another successful competition.



L2R: Mike Bernard, Tina Soule, Fred Findley, Victoria Sabonjoan, Alfred McQuarters, Norah Kim, Matt Bookman, Alex Oscco, Madeline Son, Irina Voloshina PP Phil Miles



L2R: PP Phil Miles, President Elect Stephen Smith, Fred Findley, Mike Bernard, PP Ken Hill, Irina Voloshina, Tina Soule, Victoria Sabonjoan

**CLICK HERE TO
RSVP TODAY**

Lunch is being catered by Tardino Brothers



Spinach Sausage Cannelloni
Penne Pasta with Fresh Tomato Basil Garlic
Sauce, Sautéed Squash with Peppers and Onions
Fresh Fruit Salad, Caesar Salad
Rolls and Butter
Vegetarian is the Penne Pasta Dish

DEADLINE TO RSVP:
BY MONDAY 4:00 pm 3/25/24
office@pasadenarotary.com

ROTARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES SERVICE ABOVE SELF



APRIL

ROTARY MULTI-CLUB SERVICE PROJECT for The ARROYO & FOOTHILLS CONSERVATION PROJECT

Rotary Clubs of Sierra Madre, Altadena, South Pasadena, San Marino and led by Pasadena's 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 and work along side Rotarians from nearby clubs. **Sign-Up Deadline is March 29th. (Email Cory for copy of the flyer).**

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.

7-DAY NOTICE

Nel Varenas - Sponsor: Howard Raff

RESIGNATIONS

Josh Betta
Leah Snell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Lisa Kroese	March 26th
David Minasian	March 28th

HAPPY ROTAVERSARY

Janine Hamner Holman	3/23/22	2 Years
Catherine Haskett Hany	3/27/02	22 Years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 3rd - Vladyslav Golyk - Ukraine Report
April 10th - Glenn.Barnett - "Polio: Good Riddance"
April 17th - Community Grants -Co Chairs: Diana Peterson-More & Mic Hansen
April 24th - Nagin Cox, JPL - Dare Mighty Things: Mars Rovers Paving the Way

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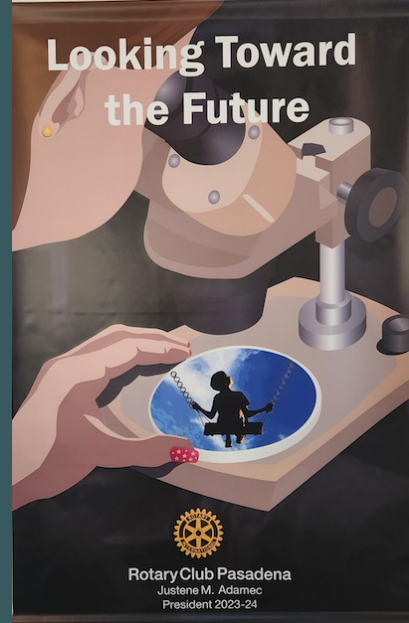
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