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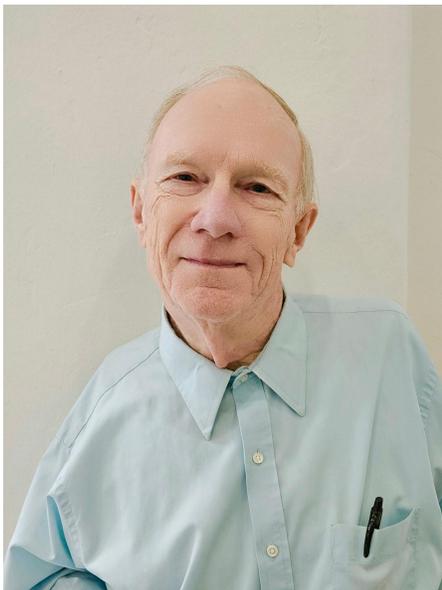
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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

GLENN BARNETT

"Polio: Good Riddance"

Introducer: Dean Billman



Glenn Barnett grew up and still lives in Alhambra. In 1952, there were 21,000 cases of Polio in the U.S. At seven years old, he was one of them. He was confined to an iron lung for four months at L.A. County General Hospital. This was followed by rehabilitation and four corrective surgeries in successive summers at Orthopedic Hospital.

In 1964, he was the first graduate of the Alhambra School District to enter Cal State Fullerton as a Freshman. He was accepted into the same fraternity that would later include Kevin Costner (they have never met).

His working life included two different fields, special education at the high school and college level, and aerospace. He worked for the old Hughes Helicopter company on the Apache Helicopter, at Rockwell on the

B-1B bomber and The Marquardt Company, on reaction control thrusters for space craft.

Through it all, his first love is history. In 2012, while in his 60's he earned his MA in History. He wrote his thesis on The Influence of Alexander the Great on Roman Relations With Persia and turned it into a book.

Today in retirement, he writes articles for World War II and ancient history magazines and writes a monthly column in the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce newspaper, Around

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 10, 2024
UNIVERSITY CLUB - 12:00 pm
175 N. Oakland Ave, Pasadena 91101
RSVP Deadline: 4:00 pm MONDAY 4/1/24

OVERFLOW PARKING: Heritage House - Enter parking off Madison
Do not park in any reserved parking space

COME MEET THE RYLA STUDENTS!

Reception: Jane Waas & Alan Schier
Song Leader: Ross Jutsum
Inspiration: Harrison Gulla
Scoot Zone Reporter: Dean Billman
Photographers: Tammy Silver & Wende Lee
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

Future Flash



By President Justene Adamec

Some of you participate in Rotary for some or all of the following: fellowship; service; the programs or even the food.

Those of you who are also interested in getting to know more about Rotary should consider the District Training Assenbly. It takes place on May 18 at the Sheraton Fairplex in Pomona.

There you will find all of the information you want. There are programs on fundraising, grants, youth programs, membership development and more. You can ask all the questions you want. You will also see the finals of the 4 Way Test Speech Competition. The day is free but lunch costs \$60. Carpools are available.

I am asking a favor. I have plans that day (and for once, it's not a run). I need someone or a couple of someones to attend the Global Grants section. We're considering a Global Grant for Speak Up for the Poor (the organization in Bangladesh providing girls with education to keep them out of child marriage). I've got the general idea from the Global Grants we have done but I've never launched one. We have partnered with clubs that had already come up with a project.

If you can attend the Global Grants session (it may be called International), let me know.

Also, an hour and a half after Assembly ends, the cocktail hour for the Foundation Gala starts. So you can make a quick change and hobnob with fellow Rotarians. Foundation Gala tickets are \$125. You will see the finals of the Dan Stover Music Competition. (In case it isn't

obvious you can also attend just the Gala.)

There are also discounted rooms available at the hotel.

Justene Adamec

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The Scoot Zone

By Past President Mary Lou Byrne, Bureau Chief

Photos by Claudia Ponce de Leon & Hans Rosenberger



President Justene Adamec rang the bell right at 12:30 but alas, the mic was not turned on. She thought she was going to have to yell, but of course Sergeant-at-Arms **Robert Lyons** produced a working mic in nothing flat, and all was well. “It’s not the big things you have to worry about as President,” said **Justene**. “It’s the little things. And the little things are the big things!”

With order restored, **Don Andruess**, accompanied by his own trusty guitar and band members Ann Louise Christensen and Gino Escarrega, led us in a rousing rendition of You’ve Got a Friend in Me, dedicated to man’s best canine friend. **Robert Lyons** again saved the day by running the flag to the center of the room just in time for the Pledge of Allegiance.

David McAlexander gave the inspiration: Teddy Roosevelt’s The Man in the Arena (with apologies for the gendered language, which at the time was understood to be all-inclusive): “It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong mana stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”



Past President Howard Raff and Alex Oscoco brought guests this week. We also had one

“civilian” walk-in guest and were delighted to see District Governor Elect Mike Driebe visiting from San Marino Rotary.

Past President Mel Cohen took the mic and delivered the sad news that Rotarian Dick Ward, who had been battling Parkinson’s Disease in recent years, passed away on March 20 at age 87. He was a member of Pasadena Rotary since 1982. He was a partner and practiced patent law with Christie, Parker & Hale for 46 years before he retired. He leaves his wife Ann and five children and many grandchildren. Services will be held TOMORROW, April 6, at Holy Family Church in South Pasadena at 10:30 a.m. Full obituary here:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/latimes/name/richard-ward-obituary?id=54758483> We all observed a moment of silence in Dick’s honor.



On a happier note, we welcomed a new member. **Past President Howard Raff** introduced **Nel Varenas**, who is a former member and board member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. Nel was born in the Philippines but came to the U.S. at the age of one. She grew up in the Sacramento area and moved to the Los Angeles area in 1994 after receiving her BS, MS, and MBA and UC Davis. She has worked as a financial analyst/manager for companies including Northrup Grumman and CB Richard Ellis, and is currently the CEO and Founder of SoCal Digital Studio, a marketing agency. “I’m pleased to be a new member of this wonderful club,” said Nel, “and I want to meet and get to know every single one of you!”

Announcements:

President Elect Stephen Smith announced a Done in a Day project on Saturday, May 18. We’ll be helping with the Five Acres Gala and there are two shifts available. Details below.

Ellen Simon contributed \$100 to the Polio Pig in honor of HEAR Center, of which she is the Executive Director. They are celebrating their 70th anniversary this year and fun fact: **Ellen** is only the third Executive Director! She started as an audiologist and never left. HEAR Center provides free hearing screenings to children and babies. **Ellen** read a letter from one of those babies, who was provided with hearing aids and speech therapy as a child. She is 24 years old now, a doctoral candidate in occupational therapy, and she plans to come back to HEAR Center to do occupational therapy as part of her “capstone project” for her doctorate. “And that,” said **Ellen**, “is why I don’t retire!” You can help support HEAR Center here: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=87HEV254ZCSWC



Nevino Rocco introduced our speaker. Vladyslav Golyk was born and raised in Kharkiv, Ukraine before moving to the US in 2010 to pursue a PhD in Physics at MIT. He currently lives in Los Angeles where he is a partner with McKinsey & Co. His immediate family was living in Ukraine when the war broke out, but fortunately after a scary experience stuck in a basement under Russian artillery and rockets, they were able to evacuate to nearby Poland.

Vlad began by telling us, “as part of my day job I speak to a lot of Fortune 500 companies and I’m never nervous, but today I’m nervous because this is deeply personal.” He explained that millions of Ukrainians have fled their homes due to the war, and a small percentage of those people left their pets behind. This created a crisis of homeless animals, and Vlad has been involved in supporting a grassroots group of volunteers who have stepped up to take care of them.

He shared a short video of volunteers delivering food for animals in makeshift shelters, and also helping evacuate them from battle zones. He told us about one woman, Nastia, who walked into Kiev with a large group of dogs and her story went viral. After hearing that story, Vlad got to know many people who were also rescuing

abandoned pets.



He shared the stories of three of those people with us:

1. Olga, who lives in Southern Ukraine. When the war broke out her animal shelter was shelled. More recently, her husband ran over a mine in the shelter's car. He survived, although he was injured, but the car and many supplies were destroyed. Olga's dream is to turn the shelter into a rehab center for soldiers and she already has one injured soldier living and working there and helping with the animals.

2. Yulia lives in Eastern Ukraine, and originally lived in occupied territory. She was rescuing animals in her town but eventually had to leave. She took six dogs and several cats across the front lines, bribing guards all the way. It was a perilous journey, but she made it.

3. Myroslava is from the Kherson region in Southern Ukraine. She currently lives under Russian occupation. Her city was flooded when the Russians blew up the Kakhovka dam, which had been the largest dam in Europe. Many animals drowned but she managed to save a few and continues to do her best to save the animals.

Vlad concluded by saying "if I don't share these stories, nobody will." In the following Q and A, many Rotarians asked how we could help, and he replied that we can email him at vlad.golyk@gmail.com to get involved with his work. He emphasized that all the Ukrainians he is supporting are very scrupulous about providing receipts for all the aid received. In closing, he said, "I want to look back in a year and say, 'I did everything I could.'"



L2R: PP Cory Brendel, Tammy Duke, Vladyslav Golyk, Nevino Rocco, President Justene, Gui Bittencourt, Colleen Carey and PP Rob Fisher

**CLICK HERE TO
RSVP TODAY**

Lunch is being catered by Tardino Brothers



Citrus Honey Glazed Baby Back Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Baked Three Cheese Macaroni, Caramelized White Corn, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Corn Bread

VEGETARIAN: Baked Three Cheese Macaroni, Caramelized White Corn, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Corn Bread

DEADLINE TO RSVP:
BY MONDAY 4:00 pm 4/8/24
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ROTARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES SERVICE ABOVE SELF

MAY

51st Annual Pasadena Mayor's INTERFAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST - Hosted by Friends In Deed - Thurs. 5/2/24 - 7:30 - 9:00am, Pasadena Convention Center - Join the Rotary Table - \$45. Chair: George Falardeau. **RSVP** to attend office@pasadenarotary.com.

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.

DONE IN A DAY - 5 Acres Annual Gala - California Dreaming - May 18th at a private estate in Sierra Madre - Two Shifts: 4pm-6pm and 6pm-10pm - More information coming soon - Stephen Smith - ssmith.meridianappraising@gmail.com

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!!

Catherine Hany	April 9th
Phyllis Currie	April 10th
Mike Davis	April 10th

HAPPY ROTAVERSARY

Eszylfie Taylor	3/30/16	8 + 2 Years = 10
Mel Cohen	4/1/87	37 + 12 Years = 49
Frank Fish	4/1/96	28 Years
Bill Opel	4/9/75	49 Years
Joshua Levine Grater	4/10/19	5 Years
Portia Wood	4/10/19	5 Years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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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