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## Club of Pasadena, CA

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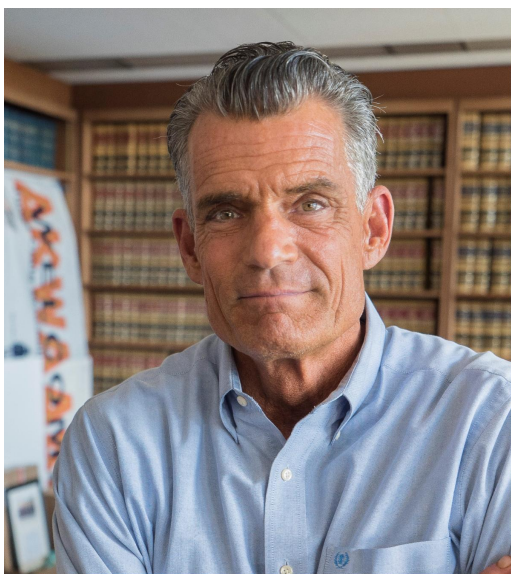
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### **This Week's Program**

## **JUDGE CRAIG MITCHELL** ***SKID ROW RUNNING CLUB***

**Introducer: President Mary Lou Byrne**



Craig Mitchell attended UCLA. After college he taught high school in South-Central Los Angeles for 17 years. While teaching he attended Southwestern Law School at night. Following law school he was a deputy district attorney in Los Angeles for 11 years. As a prosecutor, he handled primarily murder and sexual assault cases. In 2005 he was appointed to the Superior Court by Governor Schwarzenegger. He currently presides over a felony trial court in downtown Los Angeles. He is married and has three children – one a teacher, another a marriage and family therapist and another a lawyer.

In 2012 he founded the Skid Row Running Club to bring the benefits of running to those on Skid Row who were participating in programs to overcome addiction and homelessness. Members of the SRRC run three times a week, complete on average three marathons a year, as well as other running events. Every year, members who are faithful to the program, compete in an international marathon. The SRRC has traveled to Ghana, Rome, Berlin, Israel, Vietnam, Ecuador and most recently to Egypt where 50 runners from Skid Row participated in the Egyptian Marathon in Luxor. In the last 10 years, hundreds of runners have maintained their sobriety, obtained stable housing and full-time employment with the assistance of the SRRC. While running is central to the program, it is the sense of community, mutual accountability, even a sense of family – that is the vital component that the SRRC provides to its members.

This remarkable organization is the subject of a full-length documentary, SKID ROW MARATHON. The documentary has won awards in over 20 film festivals worldwide.

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## August 31st Meeting

12:00 pm - RECEPTION & LUNCH BYRSVP ONLY  
12:30-1:30 pm - MEETING: President Mary Lou Byrne  
Song Leader: Eric Olson  
Inspiration: Ken Joe

Scout Zone Reporter: PE Justene Adamec  
Photographers: Desiree Alvarado & Barbara Bishop  
Sergeant At Arms: Robert Lyons  
Tech: Frank Fish & Scott Carlson

To attend LIVE - RSVP Below  
or by ZOOM:

One-way "Zoomcast" for August

Wednesday, August 31, 2022 -- Zoom opens at 12:15 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81957991086?pwd=SINHQWhGTnVjY1I5dVBmU1IwaG1IUT09>

Meeting ID: 819 5799 1086 - Passcode: 783239

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## IMAGINATION STATION

*By President Mary Lou Byrne*



Wow, Pasadena Rotary!

It was so much fun to hear from our own **George Falardeau** this week about his life in show biz. I don't know about you, but he had me in stitches with his funny stories! And it was also a ton of fun to learn more about Rotary Service Stars **Michele "Legal Eagle" Ferroni** and **Alan "Telescope Fixer" Schier!**

Speaking of fun, I had a great time at last week's Shop With a Cop event. It's always so heartwarming to see the kids tearing through target with their new police-officer friends. Our partners at Target really provided great support – they dedicated two check-out lanes to our group, they provided duplicate receipts for every purchase (one for the kid to take, and one for our Club to get reimbursement from the District Grants program), and they even gave every kid a goodie bag including their very own Target name badge! (I have to admit I was a little bit envious of that – I mean, who wouldn't want their very own Target name badge?) Thanks to **Hillary Schenk** and **J.P. Harris** for heading up this project on the Rotary side, our own **Lisa Cavalier** for running point on the Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena side, to the PPD and all the officers who participated, and to all the Pasadena Rotarians who came out to help.

Did you notice how awesome everybody looked in the Shop With a Cop photos? Were you a bit envious of the members rocking their Pasadena Rotary t-shirts? Envy no more, because now is your chance to have one of your very own! We'll be ordering Pasadena Rotary "Rotarian at Work" tees within the next month or so, so get your order in! They will be charged to



your Rotary account and will cost \$18 plus shipping and tax, so probably about \$20-21 total. You can sign up at the next three Wednesday meetings, or email [office@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:office@pasadenarotary.com) with the size you want and whether you want the men's or women's style. (Measurements are with shirts laid flat) See Size charts.

**WOMEN**

	CHEST WIDTH	LENGTH
Small	18	25
Medium	20	26
Large	22	27
X Large	24	28
2X Large	26	29

If you can't wait that long and you're the right size, remember Past President Kathy Meagher has a brand-new men's size XL, long sleeve, Pasadena Rotarian at Work tee that she will sell you for \$18. She also has two men's short sleeve Pasadena Rotarian at Work tees, size large, gently used, that she will give (that's GIVE – for FREE!) to the first takers! Contact Kathy at [kathy@kmeagher.com](mailto:kathy@kmeagher.com) if you're interested.

**MEN**

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Large	22	30
X Large	24	31
2X Large	26	32
3X Large	28	33
4X Large	30	34

Keep those emails and texts and fun photos for the slide show coming, Pasadena Rotary! And don't forget to sign up for the Presidents' Cocktail Party on Sunday, September 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. I'm always here at [president@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:president@pasadenarotary.com), or 310-710-7701. Just imagine what we can do together as we build our community through service, resplendent in our matching t-shirts!!

Yours in matchy-matchy shirts,  
*Mary Lou*

## THE SCOOT ZONE

By President Elect Justene Adamec  
Photographers: Hillary Schenk & Barbara Bishop

**President Mary Lou Byrne** called the meeting to order and wished us Happy Ukrainian Independence Day. The front half of the room applauded. Then she turned on her mike and wished us Happy Ukrainian Independence Day. The entire room applauded.

**Don Andruess**, accompanied by **Cory Brendel** and **Rabbi Joshua Levine Grater**, led us in singing *Act Naturally*, better known as "They're Gonna put me in the Movies." Joshua has apparently joined **Major Roy Wild's** Tambourine Committee.

**Desiree Alvarado** gave the inspiration on using social media for good, including using it to grow Rotary membership.



**Past President Howard Raff** introduced the 3 new members from the John Mark Real Estate and John Mark Construction Co Inc. They are all part of the corporate membership. **Jack Kozakar, Nancy Kozakar, and Lisa Kroese.**

Pro tip: To read the backgrounds of these new members or any of our members, go to [dacdb.com](http://dacdb.com), select MyClub and then select Club Members. To sign in to dacdb, your username is your email. Your initial password may be your last name. If not, click on Forgot password to reset it.

**Lisa** brought her husband as her guest and, for that, she got an Imagine Rotary coin, with the 4 way test on the back. **President Mary Lou** congratulated **Lisa** on getting her Rotary coin her first day as a member.



*PP Howard Raff presents new members - President Mary Lou, Lisa Kroese, Nancy Kozakar & Jack Kozakar of John Mark Companies with George Falardeau and Robin Salzer*

Next up – the awarding of the very large and very heavy and very impressive Rotary Service Star pin. You too can earn a pin by completing 5 hours of service, including Rotary service.

**Club Secretary Michele Ferroni** earned her Star by doing pro bono work to help a woman with an injured dog recoup medical expenses for the dog. Being the diligent lawyer that she is, **Michele** brought exhibits. Exhibit A was a picture of the dog. Exhibit B was the certified mail envelope she sent the defendent, which was returned. Then, she stalked the defendent online and Exhibit C was the e-mail she sent defendent and Exhibit D was a copy of the check he forked over.

**Alan Schier** earned his very large and very heavy and very impressive Rotary Service Star pin by main repairs to the drives that run the giant telescope on Mount Wilson. The telescope was built in 1918.

**Hillary Schenk** reported on last week's Shop with a Cop. She thanked all of the Rotarians who attended. It may have seemed like we were standing there with nothing to do but it was a huge show of support for both the Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena, the Pasadena Police Department and the Target employees who, among other things, handed out gift bags to all of the kids. **Past President Kathy Meagher**, who *started* the Shop with a Cop program, was also in attendance.

For organizing Shop with a Cop, which took well over 5 hours, **Hillary** earned a Service Star. Did I mention it is very large and very heavy and very impressive?





*President Mary Lou with Michele Ferroni, Hillary Schenk and Alan Schier*

**Robert Earnest** made two Polio Pig announcements. First, he is moving his daughter from Santa Fe, New Mexico to Cuyahoga, Ohio so she can start her Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology. Her tuition has been waived but it's not true for most students. That segued into his next announcement. The University Club is having a Friendraiser on September 11 to benefit the University Club of Pasadena. **Past President John Cushman** and his wife, Ginny Cushman, will be the Inaugural Honorees.

The Presidents' Cocktail Party will return on September 25. There will be tacos, margaritas, and a six piece mariachi band.

**President Mary Lou** donated \$100 to the Polio Pig in honor of Pasadena Rotarian and Club Administrator **Wendy Anderson**. **Wendy** and her husband, Bob, lost their 18-year-old beloved dog, Kori, this week.



**Robin Salzer** introduced today's speaker and his best friend **George Falardeau**, who spoke about his Life in Show Business.

**George** first talked about his current role as Executive Director of Pasadena Media. Next month, he will convert his membership to a Pasadena Media Corporate Membership. He introduced his staff, Chief Operating Officer Chris Miller and Director of Production Bobbie Ferguson.

Before he joined Pasadena Media, **George** spent 22 years as Senior Vice President of Real Estate and Operations for ArtCenter College of Design. *Before that*, he worked for NBC, retiring as Vice President of West Coast Operations.

This is one of these speakers where, if you weren't there, you missed a lot. This column could recap the speech word for word and you would still miss something because there was a lot of great video footage.

First up was a video of **George** dancing on American Bandstand in a borrowed jacket that was too big for him. **George** was showing off such classic moves as the Swim. He also started attending live tapings of the Bozo show at KTLA studios. There he was enraptured by all of the stage craft - the lighting; the technical stuff; the set pieces.

After that he became a cameraman. One of his gigs was to join Bob Hope for his Christmas Special Live from Beirut in 1984. **George** got paid \$1000 a day which was a lot of money then, especially for someone so young. Of course, he risked life and limb being in the war zone. He told a marvelous story about Bob Hope: They were on this luxury 747. All of the plane was decked out as first class. There was a lot of food. **George** was sitting two seats away from Bob Hope. The captain came over and informed everybody that they would be stopping in Newark and the plane needed to refuel. Everybody would spend the night in the barracks, get showers and more food, and head out in the morning. Bob Hope said "no no that's not good enough. We need to continue on tonight. Get me Casper on the phone." *Casper* referred to Casper Weinberger, Secretary of Defense. They got Casper on the phone and **George** overheard Bob conversation. "Casper, I gotta get to Beirut. The troops are expecting me. I can't wait." Sure enough, when they landed in Newark they got out of the plane onto the tarmac. Then, a C139 large cargo plane rolled in, dwarfing the 747. **George** and everybody else got on that plane and flew to Beirut, where they lived on an aircraft carrier and taped the show.

In another video, **George** showed a clip of Johnny Carson's arrival at NBC studios for the taping of his last show. Johnny drove his own car, refusing to be driven. He also didn't want any security. So **George**, now Director of Operations, had 10 plainclothes officers following Johnny, unbeknownst to Johnny of course.

**George** had a lot more stories but as 1:30 approached he stopped and there was no time for questions. **President Mary Lou** presented him with his speaker's gift.

Then **President Mary Lou** closed the meeting with: Imagine what YOU can do this week, to build community through service!

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**To attend the 8-31-22 meeting**

**RSVP!**

**by MONDAY 8-29-22 at 5:00 pm**

**Join Us Wednesday!**

**Check In with Jane Waas,  
Frank Fish & Barbara Bishop**

### **THIS WEEK'S MENU**

*Rotarian Meal choices - Please select from the following Lunch options. No substitutes. If you have allergies or food restrictions contact Wendy and we can work with it so you have a meal and can attend the meetings.*

- Beer Battered Fish and Chips, Cole Slaw, House Tartar Sauce
- Caesar Salad with Chicken
- Penne Pasta Primavera (v)

*Photo: Jane checking in soon to be inducted new member Lisa Kroese*



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**CLICK HERE TO  
RSVP TODAY**

You may also RSVP by emailing Wendy at [office@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:office@pasadenarotary.com) or 626-683-8243 and remember to give your menu selection

You will always receive a **CONFIRMATION** of your reservation.



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# MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR

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## TYROS LUNCH MEETING

**Monday August 29, 2022 at 12:00pm**

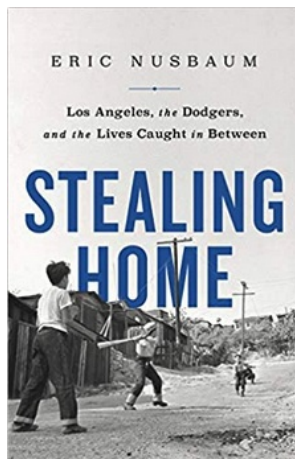
California Pizza Kitchen

99 N. Los Robles Ave. X Union

Please reach out to Ellen Simon or Judy Taylor to RSVP & place your lunch order.

Ellensimon@hearcenter.org - Judy@judytaylorid.com

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## ROTARY READERS

**Monday, 9/12/22 - 6:00pm**

The next meeting is Monday, Sept. 12th at 6 pm.

For location and zoom info please contact Jan Sanders at

[janinpasadena@gmail.com](mailto:janinpasadena@gmail.com) or Cathy Simms at

[simmise1@pacbell.net](mailto:simmise1@pacbell.net).

Cathy Simms will review the book Stealing Home by Eric Nusbaum.

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## BUSINESS ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, 9/14/22 at 4:00pm, University Club**

**NETWORKING - PEER CONSULTATION - SERVICE**

***Special Meeting Date Change - Everyone invited to attend.***

INVITE a friend or colleague to learn about Rotary in a networking environment

Short meeting in the Sun Room, followed by drinks & complimentary appetizers in the Lounge.

**RSVP to Co-chairs:**

Cyril Vergis-cyril@arosacare.com - Wendy Anderson-wowproductions2@gmail.com

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

President Mary Lou "fuzzy funning" with  
Jan Moscaret

(Yes "fuzzy" but too cute not to post!)

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# PASADENA ROTARY T-SHIRTS!

Past President Kathy Meagher has some T-Shirts available:

**CONTACT: [kathy@kmeagher.com](mailto:kathy@kmeagher.com)**

One new men's, long sleeve, Extra Large, "Pasadena Rotarian at Work" - Cost: \$18.

Two men's short sleeve, "Pasadena Rotarian at Work" large, lightly used, free.

One men's large, "Rotarian at Work", (doesn't say Pasadena) lightly used, free.

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# ROTARY PRESIDENTS' PARTY

SUN SEPT 25  
6 PM TO 8 PM

Home of Mary Lou Byrne and Gary Kearney  
539 Catalpa Road, Arcadia

**MARY LOU  
BYRNE**



**JUSTENE  
ADAMEC**



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TACO LADIES, MARGARITAS AND BEER! **\$50**

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## ADOPT-A-MEAL COMMITTEE

Our restaurant partner this month:

### FAMOUS SHISH KABOB

Sandwiches & Kabobs featured at this informal eatery serving a variety of Persian cuisine. Co-owners: brothers Matt & Mike.

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2616 E. Colorado Blvd.,  
Pasadena 91107  
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& San Gabriel Blvd.

HOURS:  
Sunday through Saturday:  
11:00am to 8:30pm

<https://famousshishkabob.net>

**THANKS to Committee Member PAUL MARTIN for the pick up and delivery to the Union Station Homeless Service Family Services**

## POLIO PIG & COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS AT WEDNESDAY MEETING

Wish to "Show & Tell" us what you are up to or make an announcement 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: \$20.00 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 To These Rotarians!

Justene Adamec	August 26
Scott Vandrick	August 28



## Happy Rotaversary!

Jan Moscaret	8/29/18	4 years
Christle Balvin	9/1/87	35 years
Eric Olson	9/1/95	27 years
Tony Phillips	9/1/84	38 years
Jane Waas	9/1/87	35 years
Dick Ward	9/1/82	40 years

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 7th - Cynthia Kurtz, Interim Pasadena City Manager

September 14h - Phil Hetteema, The Hetteema Group - "Everyday Creativity"

September 21st - Nani Sinha - "Living with Alzheimers"

October 5th - John Mulcahy, "What's New In the Sky", Carnegie Observatories

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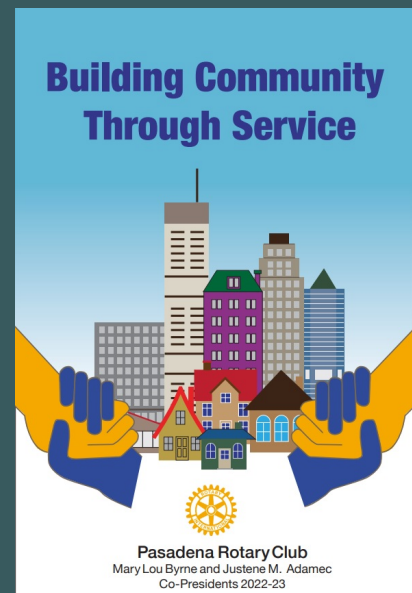
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*Note: The September meeting of the Pasadena Rotary Board of Directors has been moved from the second to the fourth Thursday of the month, and will take place on September 22, 2022, at 5 p.m. at the University Club.*

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