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Club of Pasadena, CA



SPOKES NEWSLETTER

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This Week's Program

JOHNNY BUSS

New Owner of the Ice House Comedy Club

"My Pasadena Experience"

Introducer: Phil Hawkey



Johnny Buss, the eldest son of Dr. Jerry Buss of the Los Angeles Lakers, has been in sports marketing and promotions since he was 17 years of age. He has been highly successful founding & running multiple sports franchises including the Los Angeles Sparks, & Lazars.

Johnny and his father together showed the desire to own and operate a variety night club with emphasis on comedy. In 2019, Johnny jumped at the opportunity to purchase the Ice House from previous owner Bob Fisher.

After owning the club for 5 months, the pandemic hit and the Ice House was closed but began an extensive renovation that is sure to please comic performers and fans alike.

Johnny expressed his excitement stating: "We are going to continue the legendary status of the Ice House in Pasadena which was established in 1960, with hope to see another successful 60 years ahead."

January 18th Meeting

12:00 pm - RECEPTION & LUNCH BY RSVP ONLY

12:30-1:30 pm - FIRST MEETING: Past President Cathy Simms

Song Leader: Phil Miles

Inspiration: Marsha Rood

Scout Zone Reporter: Dean Billman

Photographer: Jonathan Edwards & Tammy Silver

Sergeant At Arms: Robert Lyons

Tech: Scott Carlson & Frank Fish

To attend LIVE - RSVP Below
Non-members are welcome - \$40.00 includes lunch

Or by the One-way "Zoomcast"

Zoom opens at 12:15 pm - Speaker at 1:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86515101523?pwd=dHhNZnV5c2ZqbzNQbWthbDNhYTladz09>

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IMAGINATION

By President Justene Adamec

Yesterday's meeting was one for the ages. I was awed by the number of Past Presidents who spoke and shared so many memories. I know it was my idea but it grew into something far better than I even imagined.

I have great interest in the history of the club (and Rotary in general) but there were so many tales I had never heard before. **Mel Cohen** was attacked by a mountain lion. When **John Cushman** joined 57 years ago, some of the early members were still there. I don't know if you could tell from the audience but **Scott Vandrick** teared up when he talked about how being President changed him.

The money we've raised! The service we've done! The fun we've had!

The ball will keep rolling as the Past Presidents step back to the podium and each take on an entire meeting. Past President **Cathy Simms** is up next week. *(Photo by Paul Martin)*



But wait, there's more! It's often said that the first half of the year is influenced by the President

and the second half by the Club. We'll have the 4 Way Test Speech Contest, the Dan Stover Music Competition, Community Grant Awards, and the Teachers of Excellence. Outside of the meetings, we'll have RYLA, a new International Project, more Done in A Day projects, and much more. Before you know it, demotion will be upon us.

If you have any questions or concerns or criticism or even the occasional compliment, you can reach me at president@pasadenarotary.com or jadamec@pumilia.com.

The Scoot Zone

By Past President Mary Lou Byrne, Bureau Chief

Photos by Hans Rosenberger and Tammy Silver



Brand new **President Justene Adamec** called the meeting to order 15 minutes early because we had a jam-packed schedule for this week's meeting! **Don Andruess**, with his trusty guitar, led us in singing 76 Trombones, with **Jonathan Edwards** on tambourine. Jonathan gave the inspiration, on the topic of the "enthusiasm gap" – who has excitement, enthusiasm, and who is having the most fun? That is one of the reasons for Rotary's success, especially Pasadena, he said. He then treated us to some quotations about enthusiasm: "Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hopes shine to the stars. Enthusiasm is the sparkle in your eyes, the swing in your gait. The grip of your hand, the irresistible surge of will and energy to execute your ideas." – Henry Ford. "There is a real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment." – Norman Vincent Peale. And finally, these cautionary words from Vince Lombardi: "If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm!"



President Justene had some announcements: There is a club mixer on January 19 at Marina Restaurant. On February 2, at the San Gabriel Valley MegaMix Expo, four Rotary Clubs including us will have a table, and the first 25 people to reserve tickets will get in free. We need volunteers to man the table and spread the Rotary word! Finally, Community Grants Committee is accepting applications for this year's grants, which will go for programs serving older adults. Note that this year's grants will be for programs and will not include capital expenditures or funds for operations. The deadline is February 13 at 5 p.m. and the application is here:

<https://pasadenarotary.com/community-grants/>

Details about all these programs are below. **President Justene** quipped, "You all need to read Spokes because I talk too fast!"

Bob Risley made a Polio Pig announcement in honor of extraordinary service by two wonderful guys: **Gary Kearney** and **Russ Guiney**. Why? "This past Monday night they stood outside **Russ's** house in torrential rain and guided us into book club and they got soaking wet in the process!" (Ed. note: Gary had so much fun he's considering a new post-retirement career in valet parking!)



President Justene introduced her several guests, there for her big day: Richard Pumilia, her husband and law partner and our new First Gentleman, lovely First Daughter Amanda Pumilia (who was stationed at the head table running the a/v for the program), her legal assistant Grant Holt, and her other law partner Paul Rosenberger. **Pushpa Nagaraj** introduced her daughter Dede Venkat, who has applied for membership in our Club. **Mark Nicoletti**, a member who is on LOA, made a special appearance to cheer on **President Justene** at her first meeting, as did **Sara Smith Orr**, a special honorary member from New Mexico who was one of the first women admitted to our Club 46 years ago! **Past President Kathy Meagher** (another member of the first class of Pasadena Rotary women) brought her lovely husband (and former Pasadena Rotarian) Jim Meagher. **Past**

President Howard Raff had two guests: Sally Spangler, who is a retired guidance counselor from La Canada, and Rob Hendry, a USMC veteran and Fuller Seminary student who was visiting us for the second week in a row.

Next, **President Justene** called **Past President Mary Lou Byrne** to the podium. (“**Mary Lou**, would you like to come to the podium?” “I would ALWAYS like to come to the podium!”) **Justene** explained, “I was going to give **Mary Lou** a Service Star, but she gave herself one last week, so I am going to give her this orchid plant instead, to thank her for her service over the past six months!” **Mary Lou** was thrilled, and the crowd gave her a nice round of applause. (Ed note: It may not have been as shiny, but the orchid plant was as beautiful, and even larger and heavier than a Rotary Service Star!)



President Justene then set the stage for our program, explaining that in 2022, shortly after we celebrated our Centennial Year, we lost our President Elect due to unforeseen difficulties. “There was only one way to fix this,” she said. “We had to re-wind all the way back to our 90th anniversary in 2011!” And with that, the presidential photos on the screen did just that, scrolling backwards from **Justene**, all the way back to 2011 with everyone in between. Each of these presidents will be leading meetings over the next six months, along with some other presidents from even earlier in our Club’s history! And, said **Justene**, let’s hear from them now!

We started out with six Past Presidents on video:



Past President Frank Nicholas (2014-2015) greeted us on video from his retirement home in Portland, Oregon, and shared his most memorable experience: “When I took over, to my surprise, our budget was in the red and that was really a surprise and a bit of a struggle. So the Board put on a Jazz, Wine, and Art Night to make up the deficit, and the most memorable part was in the middle of the evening when Larry Minassian came up and looked around and said, ‘I’ve been a member for many years and this is the best experience I’ve ever had!’”

Next up, **Past President Bob Monk**, “millennial president 1999-2000 from the Great State of Wisconsin.” After thanking **President Justene** and **Past President Mary Lou** for the invitation and for their service, he shared, “We had a wonderful time! My theme was Fun with a Purpose, and membership chair Bob Rosenberg, program chair Michael Hatch were outstanding, and social chair Dr. Irene Sang put on so many good parties! I passed out American flags that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol -- some of you still may have them.” But his fondest memory? “I remember when the Vice Admiral of the Pacific Submarine Fleet came to a meeting, and he was sitting at my table and offered to pour me a cup of coffee. I laughed and he said, “What’s so funny?” I told him when I was a kid I asked my father how I would know I was successful in life, and my dad (a Navy man) said it was when the admiral poured my coffee. The Admiral said, “Well Bob it looks like you’ve made it!”





Past President Joe Lonergan (1990-1991), our oldest living Past President looked quite dapper in his blue track suit, and was interviewed by **Jane Waas**. Fun fact: he was Jane's sponsor when she joined our Club. It was a bit hard to hear the audio, but Joe's spirit came through loud and clear anyway. His proudest accomplishment, of course, was being one of the founders of Teachers of Excellence! One other bit we picked up: He has four children and "zero grandchildren!" "I don't know what's wrong with them," he said ruefully, presumably referring to his children!

Past President Shel Capeloto was up next, saying, "I miss you all and am happy to have the opportunity to say hi. I was president in 2016-2017. The best achievement of my year was our Global Grant which is still ongoing – Caring Little Hearts in partnership with the Rotary Club in India [providing lifesaving surgeries to children in India]." Shel confessed, "also I could never get everybody's name right, and my meetings always ran late. The moment I remember the best was the Christmas party which was a great event and when it was time to introduce the President Elect Elect and it was going to be **Mary Lou Byrne** and I was sitting with Mary Bowser and I was so excited that I announced the President Elect Elect was Mary Lou Bowser! It was pretty funny and now I am 50 seconds over and I wish President 'Geraldine' all the best!" [Ed note: Shel, you are still hilarious and there are still no hard feelings. Signed, Mary Lou Bowser.]



Past President Dave Mans was next and said "welcome from the Smoky Mountain paradise of Asheville, North Carolina. I've joined Rotary of Asheville and we are having our first Teachers of Excellence on January 23 – thanks to **Lisa Cavalier** for all her help. I was President in 2004-2005 – that was the Rotary International Centennial year. We had a lot of fun with that. The RI treasurer came on the actual centennial date. But the highlight was the gala we had to celebrate Ri centennial at Valley Hunt Club, where we raised over \$125,000. I hope you're all doing well, and I miss you."

Past President Cory Brendel (2021-2022) was our final video speaker, all the way from... northwest Pasadena: I was 2021-2022: "One of my favorite memories was what I'd do as a member of the music committee – I'd put together an ensemble, arrange the piece, rehearse it, and we'd perform it. When Bob Monk spoke about his time in Vietnam, we put together an instrumental version of the theme from Ken Burns's Civil War documentary and that was very special. When I was President Elect, Justene asked if she could be my secretary and it became very clear that she could, should, and would be president. She was my close confidant as our board faced some tough decisions. So congratulations, Justene!"



With the videos finished, **Sergeant at Arms Robert Lyons** took the Zoom video and the hand mic around the room to the live-and-in-person Past Presidents for their contributions:



First up, **Past President Scott Vandrick**, dressed in his dapper Centennial costume from 1922, sprinted up to the front of the room and treated us to a soft-shoe song-and-dance version of Tea For Two. "I had the honor of being your Centennial President 2019-2020 with a magical time machine that was lovingly designed and operated by our own **Robert Lyons!** Every month we visited a different decade in the world and in Rotary International and our Club. Even though I was the president who ushered in the pandemic, we didn't stop the time machine and we didn't stop celebrating our Centennial. I was overwhelmed by the planning and execution of our centennial ball in the fall of 2019 which was ably co-chaired by **Victoria Alsabery** and **Colleen Carey**, and which raised more than \$150,000. We

were featured in many media outlets and our visibility as a club rose. We made a very meaningful \$75,000 gift to Union Station Homeless Services to renovate the kitchen at their

Adult Center. And not only that, but I changed personally. I met amazing people, and I got really involved in our club and its members and the district. It was a once in a lifetime experience and I wouldn't change it for any time machine in the world!"



Past President Kathy Meagher (2015-2016):

"My proudest time was Bikes for Christmas. The first year was 55 volunteers including the chief of police and fire chief. We built 120 bikes and had three generations of Rotarians helping! We've had to suspend it in the pandemic but hopefully we will be able to resume again."

Past President John Cushman (1995-1996): It was not a particularly quiet year we did a lot of good stuff. We did a Done in a Day up in Eaton Canyon and one of our members owned Burrito Express so everybody got to have a burrito, so it was very popular. I have fond remembrances of our Club – I've been a member for 57 years and so I remember the 50th anniversary, and I remember the then-president at the 50th anniversary, asking who remembered those who were the at the beginning! I've been a very lucky man – I've seen the march of Rotary changing from one kind of organization to what it is today. And we know for sure that one of the only things that's constant is change. One thing doesn't change, and that's service above self. That keeps this organization going and it keeps this old guy going, too!"



Past President John Foulkes (2005-2006): "I ended each meeting with a thought for the week, so I'll share a couple with you today: 'I may have pain from time to time, but I don't want to be one.' And 'today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday!' When **Justene** called that applied to me – good luck, **Justene!**"

Past President Tony Phillips (1994-1995): **Joe Lonergan** is the oldest [ed. note – most distant in time] living Past President and I'm the next oldest. That's a sobering thought! My theme was 'Have fun at Pasadena Rotary.' I had a very easy year and the lady who made it easy was Mary Ferguson, the then administrator of our Club." (At that point, **President Justene** interjected that Mary Ferguson was one of the first women admitted to our Club after the 1987 Supreme Court decision, and recognized the other women in the room who joined at the same time.) "She made the whole year as easy as possible. The interesting thing that I found was that I was the only CPA that ever held that office – that says a lot about our personalities! I had a lot of fun and I enjoyed it immensely."



Past President Ken Joe (2019-2020): you can call me The Zoom President because my first meeting and the next 11 months were in this room that was empty of people except me, **Frank Fish**, **Robert Lyons**, and **Don Andruess** – you all were home watching in your PJs! It would have been easy to just say 'it's a COVID year' and just sit back, but our Club is about service above self and even during the Zoom year we were the happening club. We did all our normal projects and also did service projects every single month including special grants, Done in a Day, giving from the home, blood drive, and tree planting. Compared to other years, we were right on par or maybe even a little bit above."

Past President Diana Peterson-More: "I was president ten years ago in 2012-2013. **Mike Farrand** chased me down to run for president and I said I'd do it when I retired -- but I'm still not retired so I'm glad I did it then! We introduced committee co-chairs in my year. We started Rotaract at PCC, started giving from the closet with suitcases for homeless students at PCC. We had a Gala to Make a Difference (my theme was Make a Difference

One Act of Kindness at a Time) and raised \$150,000 for service projects including a water well in Cambodia. My most memorable moment was when two past presidents approached me and said they can't believe I was president because I'm a Democrat. I told them 'not only that, I'm also a Bruin, which is worse!'"



Past President Cathy Simms (2009-2010) shared her thoughts from the lectern: "**Tony Phillips** told me I was one of the shortest presidents so I'm coming up to the podium! My most memorable experience was a gala -- **Dave Mans** was in charge. It was called a Gala Like No Other because we raised all the money before we celebrated at the Rose Bowl on the grass. It was so memorable!" And indeed it was, judging from the photos **Cathy** had brought that were projected on the screen! "Also," said **Cathy**, "**Desiree Alvarado** made our club flags, which we still use today, during my year!"

Past President Jim Graunke began by observing, "When I was president in 2001-2002, there was an unwritten rule that you never give a mic to a past president. So, **Justene**, you are a fearless woman!" After that laughter died down, he shared his most special memory: "One special memory, credit to **Christle Balvin** my predecessor – she started an international project to donate money to an orphanage in Mexico. It was a long haul to get there. We started in her year, finished in mine, and raised \$25,000. The orphanage in Roatan was run by Sister Rosa, a Catholic nun, and I got to go for the dedication of the building that was built with our \$25,000. It was built to accommodate commercial sewing machines so the older girls could learn to sew and earn money for the orphanage. It was not only the highlight of my year, but one of the highlights of my life to remember what I saw that day, seeing how well those little kids were cared for."



Past President Rob Fisher (2002-2003): "As a younger man I was president of Pasadena Jaycees. At one of my earliest meetings as president, I said 'Welcome to Pasadena Jaycees.' **Tony Phillips** got up and handed me a piece of paper that said, "You are president of Pasadena Rotary." Unfortunately, it happened a few more times, so at my demotion the sign said, 'Welcome to Pasadena Jaycees Demotion!' Two more things things: Bud Walker came and wanted to host some Russian businesspeople from the fashion industry. We did that and it was pretty exciting and wild – I don't think that's going to be repeated. Second, we are

the largest club in District 5300 and I really liked my District Governor and he asked me to put on the District Conference that year. **Christle Balvin** chaired and we hosted and showed off Pasadena and it was quite exciting."

Past President Mike Farrand (2010-2011) strode up to the front of the room and grabbed the second mic off the stand and gripped it firmly in his hand, explaining "My year the first thing I did was always grab the mic in my hand – my power move!" He continued, "**John Tegtmeyer** did a great job as Scoot Zone reporter, documenting all the activities in my year. I should have given him more accolades at the time. The decision to become president was tough – the founder of my company wasn't sure the time away would be worth it. I told him we'd get all kinds of business. My year culminated with my demotion – it was fabulous and included **Hans Rosenberger** as me in the military (I don't think I was ever in the military), culminating with me as "the best actuary in the city of Pasadena". My boss was a bit perturbed that in a year at the lectern I hadn't shared that I wasn't an actuary, I was an appraiser!"



Past President Mel Cohen (2013-2014) began his remarks with "Let me



tell you about the..." member during his presidency groan! Fortunately he pivoted to a funny story that was actually funny: "**Rob** brought up **Tony Phillips**, which reminded me that some years ago a mountain lion killed my dog and attacked me. I was so scared I yelled out 'Tiger Tiger!' Shortly afterwards, **Tony Phillips** helpfully sent me an email with photos, saying 'this is a tiger, this is a mountain lion.' I remember too much about my year except the club was very happy when it was over. I'd always tell a blonde joke. Once I gave a blonde member a rose and she gave it back after the blonde joke! It was great to serve the club. **Justene**, good luck to you."

Past President Phil Miles (2017-2018): "I joined the club same day as **Mike Farrand** but was president 20 years later! I thought 'do I want to do this?' but there was nobody else to do it so I did it. My first song was The Beatles' Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, which talks about 'it was 20 years ago today, Sergeant Pepper taught the band to play.' I had some good things but the first month I fell off my bike and broke my wrist. My theme was 'think globally act locally with music and humor,' but they couldn't always hear me because I hadn't quite mastered the mic and they had fun with that at my Demotion. I had a good time. Highlights I worked on the global grant with **Shel**, and we had Al Osborne head of UCLA business school speak. Good luck, **Justene**. Oh, and not everyone knows this, but with **Diana Peterson-More** we hired **Wendy Anderson** in my year!"



Past President Ken Hill: "I was 2011-2012. For decades we had met at the Hilton but they kept moving us into a smaller room. I had several really nice programs – president of USC's first public presentation was to Pasadena Rotary and at that meeting he announced gift of \$200 million to the School of Letters Arts and Sciences, which was a huge announcement, but the Hilton bumped that meeting to a small room. We also had Marvin Hamlisch when he was director of Pasadena POPS. And when he was presenting, he had his back to the four way test and recited it and explained why going to Pasadena POPS met every prong of the four way test! He had a program called rent a composer – he'd have you give him a sentence and he'd compose a song around it, on the spot. After that great meeting was also bumped to a small room by the Hilton, we decided to move to the U Club and the rest is history. Once we moved, we also had Tommy Lasorda as a speaker and that was a great meeting."

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Past President Howard Raff (2008-2009): "I was a charter member of Covina Sunrise at age 32 in the 1980s. The process of picking a president was 'have a mtg and say "who wants to be president?" and people raised their hands.' I was president of that club at age 36 in 1986-87. Later I moved to Pasadena and was working across from the Hilton and joined Pasadena Rotary. I saw 150 people and thought 'I could never be president of this club!' At some point **Rob Fisher** asked me to be Chair of the Membership Committee and that was the first time I failed to say no at a key moment. Then I was asked to be on the Nominating Committee, then on the Board, then without trying or thinking I was on the Board. I thought 'maybe someday I'll be president.' And then I was solicited by then president Sonia Lagomarsino and at another key moment failed to say no, and greatness was thrust upon me. Some of you may recall that was in the U.S. Financial crisis, and we had some issues of membership. My year had two memorable components: Who was the shortest distance to convention? Me – I won an all-expense paid trip to the Rotary International Convention in Downtown Los Angeles! 2. I was worried I wouldn't be able to fill ten minutes every Wednesday with witty banter, so I outsourced it to **Nat Read**, who was a raconteur and comedian."



Past President Mary Lou Byrne (2018-2019, 2022): **Mary Lou** began by explaining that she joined Rotary fresh after her divorce, "to meet boys." She spotted handsome attorney **Gary Kearney** at a Rotary meeting, and because "the other Rotary ladies didn't realize the prize they had right under their noses," she snapped him up and they were married three years later! She became president the first time because then-President **Shel Capeloto** had



no candidates and was looking at the Board with “puppy dog eyes,” and Mary Lou volunteered to get him to stop. In 2018-2019 her theme was “Do Gooders and Fun Havers,” and we did at least one service project and one social event each month. Highlights included the gala Rotary STARS science awards dinner and the weekly “Sunday Supper at the Chateau” that she and **Gary** hosted every week for 6-8 Rotarians and guests. She shared that the best part of being president is “being the shepherd of our little Rotary flock,” saying, “there is no better feeling than sitting up on the dais and looking out at the crowd, and considering each and every person a friend. Thank you for your friendship and support!”

With that, it was back to **President Justene**. She confessed that when she got married she had just 29 people at one event and just 12 people at a later church wedding. “So I,” she said, “unlike **Wendy Anderson** who has put together a Cherry Blossom Festival for 50,000 people, am unaccustomed to organizing events. Thanks to **Wendy, Mary Lou,** and my daughter Amanda for helping put this program together.” And in the spirit of new presidents handing the stage over to old presidents, she closed with a video clip of Barak Obama handing the stage over to Bill Clinton before ringing the bell to adjourn **RIGHT ON TIME!!**



L: Grant Holt, Richard Pumilia, Paul Rosenberger, Hillary Schenk, PP Mary Lou Byrne, Mark Nicoletti, President Justene, Amanda Pumilia



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**To attend the 1-18-23 meeting
RSVP by 5:00 pm MONDAY**

MENU:

**** Pan Seared White Fish** with Olive and Tomato Puttanesca Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Vegetables Medley

**** Chicken Florentine Roulade** with Red Pepper Coulis, Rice Pilaf, Vegetables Medley

Join Us Wednesday!

**Check In with Jane Waas, Frank Fish,
Scott Carlson or Barbara Bishop**

**** Cobb Salad with Choice of Blue Cheese or
Vinaigrette Dressing (vegetarian option
available)**

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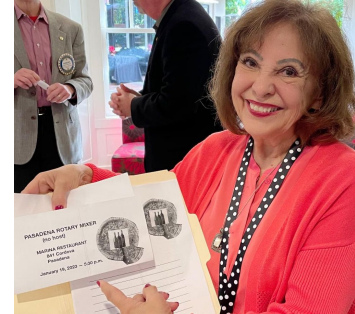
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2023!

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HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



BUSINESS ALLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Monday – January 23, 2023 at 4:00 PM
via Zoom**

RSVP:

**Wendy - wowproductions2@gmail.com
Cyril - cyril.vergis@gmail.com**

Everyone is Welcome - just RSVP

Discussion: Planning the March Networking Event



**In the Rotary Hot Seat
John Burt**

MEGA BUSINESS EXPO: HELP SHOWCASE ROTARY

San Gabriel Hilton in the City of San Gabriel on Thursday Feb. 2nd.

Gilda Moshir, Assistant Governor, Area 1

4 clubs: Altadena, Pasadena, San Marino and South Pasadena are participating in the 2nd Annual SGV MEGAMIX BUSINESS EXPO - great opportunity for us to showcase ROTARY.

There are 3 workshops from 3 - 5 pm open to all participants by experts in the industry:

1) Program and Grant Opportunities - Program and Grants Opportunities - Sheryl Turner, CEO of Friends of the Miracle Mile

2) Choosing a Business Entity - is an LLC right for me? - Matthew Murillo, Griffin a Professional Law Group

3) Grant Writing - How to Secure Grants for Your Cause, Michelle Freridge, Attorney at law
The expo floor opens up at 5 - 8:30 pm. Last year's event drew close to 1000 attendees with over 120 exhibitors. This year they are estimating close to 1200 attendees.

RSVP to Gilda at gmoshir@gmail.com or **818-807-6060** by Wednesday January 18th whether you can help us at the table. The 1st 25 people who rsvp to Gilda get free admission (\$35 value). **They need 5 volunteers from each club to help with the table.** To increase Rotary's visibility, regardless of whether you are at the table, please wear your Rotary shirt or something else to identify you as a Rotarian.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

**ROTARY CLUB OF PASADENA FOUNDATION WILL AWARD
COMMUNITY GRANTS FOR PROGRAMS THAT SERVE OLDER ADULTS**

Co-chairs: Akila Gibbs & Cathy Simms

PLEASE HELP OUTREACH AND SPREAD THE NEWS!

The Rotary Club of Pasadena Foundation is accepting applications for 2023 grants from nonprofit organizations that serve Pasadena-area residents.

Each grant, which will range from \$2,000 to \$6,000, will be awarded for programs and services that enrich the lives of older adults, such as those that address food insecurity, encourage exercise, offer food planning and preparation, educate about health practices and provide direct services such as flu shots, oral examinations, physical examinations, blood pressure checks and hearing tests.

For a printable 2023 grant application, official guidelines and other information about the application process, visit <https://pasadenarotary.com/community-grants/>
The application deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13. Late submissions will not be considered.

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 by **Tues at noon**. Minimum donation for Polio Pig Announcement: \$30.00 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.

7 Day Notice

Ty'riek "Ty" Layne - Sponsor: Cyril Vergis

Dede Venkat - Sponsor: Pushpa Nagaraj

Susanne "Susie" Cohen - Sponsor Mel Cohen, Mary Lou Byrne, Colleen Carey

Sally Spangler - Sponsor: Howard Raff

Past President Frank Nicholas, Honorary Member - Sponsor: Mary Lou Byrne

Resignation

Happy Birthday!

Fred Findley	Jan. 16th
Sandy Goodenough	Jan. 18th

Happy Rotaversary!

Mike Farrand	1/15/97	26 Years
Phil Miles	1/15/97	26 Years
Mike Davis	1/18/95	28 Years
Jan Sanders	1/18/06	17 Years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 25th - Dennis Carr, Chief Curator of American Art, Huntington Library
February 1st - Jackie Broxton, Executive Director, Bidy Mason Foundation
February 8th - Miguel Marquez, City Manager, City of Pasadena
February 15th - Dr. Ron White, Presidential Historian

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Building Community Through Service



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ROTARY CLUB OF PASADENA 2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meets: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00pm-University Club

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