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This Week's Program

PRESIDENT JUSTENE ADAMEC

PAST PRESIDENT EXTRAVAGANZA!

Come for lunch with your fellow Rotarians when we launch a 6-month journey celebrating those who have led and served as your President over the past 30 years.

Hear from over 20 of those men and women at this week's Opening Ceremony.



Photo: **FRONT L:** Scott Vandrick (2019), Mary Lou Byrne (2018 & 2022), John Foulkes (2005), Christle Balvin (2000), Ken Joe (2020) **BACK L:** Mel Cohen (2013), John Cushman (1995), Rob Fisher (2002), Mike Farrand (2010), Diana

January 11th Meeting

12:00 pm - RECEPTION & LUNCH BY RSVP ONLY

12:30-1:30 pm - FIRST MEETING: President Justene Adamec

Song Leader: Cory Brendel

Inspiration: Jonathan Edwards

Scoot Zone Reporter: Mary Lou Byrne

Photographer: 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

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IMAGINATION

By President Justene Adamec

Well, hello Pasadena Rotary. I'm settling into my virtual President's Office and slapping on a virtual fresh coat of paint. I can't thank Mary Lou Byrne enough for taking over the first half of this year after Angela Hawekotte had to resign due to personal and professional misfortune. Not only could I get my law practice under control, but her guidance as I prepared to step in early has been invaluable. Plus, she did a darn fine job.

I was elected President for the 2023-2024 Rotary year. The year runs from July 1 – June 30, from the President's Cocktail Party to Demotion. The President picks a theme, and the programs and service projects align (sometimes loosely) to that theme. The President chooses their Secretary and Treasurer, as well as the Committee Chairs. The President also gets some other leadership tasks which all seem to be things that no one else wants to do. I will bring my personal stamp on the 2023-2024 year. I'll even start off with the traditional President's first meeting on July 5, 2023.

We've never had a President for 18 months. Smaller clubs have Presidents serve several terms, but we have had such a wealth of talent that we haven't needed to do that. The closest we have come is 1942 when, 7 months into his term, President Howell Smith was called to service in World War II, and 1948, when President Ed Cornelison had to resign partway through his term due to illness. In both cases, someone stepped in to finish the term but did not become President the next year.

I didn't want to just start my year early. The next 6 months present a unique opportunity to try something new. I call it Past President Extravaganza. I was going to call it Past President

Palooza but palooza means an exaggerated event. Extravaganza means a spectacular event. This will certainly be spectacular.

Most of the meetings in the second half of this year will be led by a different Past President. For those of you who have been in Rotary for a long time (20% of you have been members for more than 25 years), this will bring back a lot of memories. For those of you who have joined recently (25% of you have been members for 5 years or less), this will be a chance to see the wealth of talent we have had lead this club. Each President has a very different style.

The opening ceremonies are at the next meeting on January 11th. Over 20 Past Presidents intend to be there and participate.

Now about those leadership tasks which all seem to be things that no one else wants to do. They're mine. So 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.



"Turning the Corner" is Tournament of Roses President and CEO Amy Wainscott's Theme for this year's 2023 Rose Parade in Pasadena, and since it was just two days ago, Amy was relaxed after finally getting 8 hours of sleep (which she hasn't had in weeks). Many of our members are "White Suiters" (Tournament of Roses volunteers who wear the White Suits) and since the long week of duty and being up all night for the parade and Rose Bowl game on Monday was just 48 hours ago, they all looked tired and exhausted. Let's hear it for **Catherine Haskett-Hany, Ken Hill, Mel Cohen, Dean Billman, David McAlexander, Fred Soldwedel, Mary Wilson, John Cushman** and first-year White Suiter **Lisa Kroese**.

President Mary Lou Byrne called the meeting to order at 12:30pm with the clang of the Rotary Bell, with **Eric Olson** introducing his song by a young Russian immigrant in 1918 who was so proud to live in America – but decided to shelve it until 1938, when the storm clouds of War in Europe prompted him to offer it to Kate Smith, who made "God Bless America" famous as her rousing theme song.



Barbara Bishop offered her inspiration, reflecting on the Rotary Four-Way Test as something future generations can strive towards, and thanking our outgoing **President Mary Lou** for her leadership, originality, and humor. Not to be outdone, President Mary Lou then presented Barbara with a VLVSVHRSS ("Very Large, Very Shiny, Very Heavy Rotary Service Star") for her community service both within the club and on our committees.

While giving out awards all year was one of her hallmarks, President Mary Lou wanted to award a special person for her commitment to Service Beyond Self and Community Service Hours, like PCC Community College



Foundation Board and its Scholarship Committee, and Done in a Day Rotary service – and she was the winner! **President Mary Lou** pinned her Rotary Service Star on herself and wore it proudly to an ovation of applause.

President Mary Lou then announced she hoped to lead by example and asked whether there was anybody else in the room who was willing to overcome their shyness and step up to receive a Service Star. And, lo and behold, **Lisa Kroese** did just that and was awarded a Service Star for her PTA service at Don Benito school, and as a Troop 5531 Girl Scouts Leader. She noted that she is also new White Suiter for the Tournament of Roses. Congratulations Lisa!

Cathy Simms announced the Community Grants program for admissions from the club members, looking for non-profits that focus on enriching the lives of Seniors and older adults, with health and wellness programs. **Jan Sanders** announced the Book Club next Monday at **Pat Wright's** home on Orange Grove, where they will be discussing *The Plot*, which could be the story arc, or a place at a cemetery, and the book might be about both? She claims it is well-written, so come at 6 pm to join the fun.



IPP Cory Brendel brought Liza Billington, his wonderful wife, and **Howard Raff** brought a prospective new member, Jonathan Stockton, a Rotarian from Hawaii who would like to join our club; he also brought Rob Henry from Fuller Theological School, and Sharon Sherman and Sally Spangler.

After the guests were announced, **President Mary Lou** gave a special shoutout to members **Jan Copely**, who was joining us after a long absence, and **Char Bland**, who joined us even though she is “officially” on leave of absence.



With a nod towards our special Rose Parade guest speaker today, **President Mary Lou** connected us to the video screen overhead to show KTLA Channel 5 Special Report on the Rotary International Float winning the Princess Trophy for floats under 35 feet long, and it was a beauty. A white horse leaping through the flowers, highlighting “Serving with Imagination and Hope.” (See it here: <https://youtu.be/D0KIMitzYFU>).

President Mary Lou, in the spirit of fully eradicating Polio in the world, gave a \$100 donation to the Polio

Pig in honor of **Wendy Anderson**, who gave tirelessly this entire year in service to the club and helped Mary Lou “make it look easy” during her six months as president.

Helen Baatz introduced our speaker today, **Tournament of Roses President Amy Wainscott**, who came to California just after college from Eagle River, Wisconsin, like all college grads, and soon found herself working for a construction company and volunteering in the Tournament almost 30 years ago. Her boss was working on the Rose Bowl renovation and encouraged her to join, and after a long career in construction and real estate, six children “and two brilliant grandkids” has achieved the ultimate Pasadena honor – to represent

all the 935 volunteers with the Tournament of Roses organization as their President and CEO.



She was very gracious, as most Presidents have a few days to rest up, present us with statistics and maybe a sizzle reel of highlights of the Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl game, but poor Amy just had her first full night of sleep in months, and had that look all white suiters have when they finally finished all their duties, fixed all the hiccups and tow-truck-pulling floats cross the five-and-a-half mile journey past hundreds of thousands of cheering spectators, in front of millions of people worldwide. It is the look of satisfaction of a job well done, all the planning paid off, and it is another successful Rose Parade and Game in the books.

Her theme was “Turning the Corner”, which she was surprised hadn’t been claimed as a theme before, because each and every white suiter who goes up on Orange Grove Boulevard (where the Parade lines up) and then turns right on Colorado

Boulevard to begin the parade looks at all the people and excitement and the adrenaline kicks in “and you realize this is actually happening.” The euphoria is instant and must be experienced to believe.

However, after President Amy announced her theme, many people have come up to her and explained how these past few years were so trying, with personal adversity and tough challenges, that they see 2023 as a fresh start, and their personal experience of ‘Turning the Corner.’ It became a bigger and bigger theme to so many people, and she was heartened to hear how everyone embraced the theme personally.

Fred Soldwedel asked, “how much time was spent with the three static floats and did that slow down the parade? Doesn’t the Rose Bowl game make enough money to pay for the parade to not need sponsorship floats like Louisiana and Illinois?” Amy graciously responded that last year’s presentation from another USA state made it into the parade, every state sees this fantastic worldwide audience as an opportunity to present their state, and why not? Some people are purists (meaning a traditional float, band, and horse unit), and while the timing was down a little, they recognize the need to stay relevant. **Phyllis Mueller** asked if attendance up or down from last year. Amy said that attendance was great – grandstands were filled and she was surprised by the crowds 5-6 deep along the route and it was close to the 2020 attendance. **Phil Hawkey** asked what the changes coming for the Rose Bowl, and Amy said it is still in flux, but that the game date may change, “but, we started it – it’s Pasadena’s game - there may be some changes after the current contracts end in 2026 with the Pac-12, the Big Ten and the advertising networks. The Game does generate a lot of revenue for the parade.

Catherine Haskett-Hany asked “what was amazing about this year’s Queen and Court? Amy reflected that “they were down to Earth” and the process is amazing in how it creates young women into leaders. She remembered each young woman’s first name and recounted how one young lady was hearing-impaired and lost the use of her hearing-aid but proceeded with her interview in front of “very scary judges” and wowed the committee to become a member of the Royal Court.

President Mary Lou wrapped up the presentation by asking Amy, “What was your best moment?” and Amy said, “Literally, turning the corner.”

President Mary Lou then closed her term of her last meeting by recognizing **John**

Cushman on his 57th Rotaversary, this very week, and he got a standing ovation.

Justene Adamec, the incoming Second-Half Presidential Year President, took the microphone and announced she has wonderful things planned, starting with next week's "Past-President Extravaganza". Mary Lou then pinned President Justine with her president's pin and Imagine Rotary magnetic pin.

But of course (now **Past**) **President Mary Lou** had to have the last word before we adjourned: "Okay, Pasadena Rotary, for the next six months... just imagine what you can do to build community through service!"



Bob Risley, PP Cory Brendel, Liza Billington, Cathy Simms, Jim Graunke, Amy Wainscott, Helen Baatz



Join Us Wednesday!
Check In with Jane Waas, Frank Fish, Scott Carlson or Barbara Bishop

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To attend the 1-11-23 meeting
RSVP by MONDAY 1-9-23 by
5:00 pm

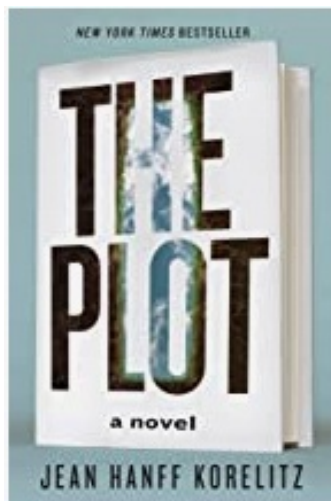
MENU:

Chicken Parmesan with Melted Provolone and Mozzarella, Marinara Sauce, and Pasta

Caesar Salad with Grilled Shrimp,
Parmesan Cheese and Croutons

Eggplant Parmesan with Melted Provolone and Mozzarella, Marinara Sauce and Pasta
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MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR



ROTARY READERS

January 9th at 6:00 pm

Home of Pat Wright

The Plot by Jean Hanff Korelitz, discussion
led by Cathy Simms.

Zoom is available for those who cannot
come in person.

RSVP: Jan Sanders at janinpasadena@gmail.com or
Cathy Simms at simmsie1@pacbell.net

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 www.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.

Happy Birthday!

Stephen McCurry	Jan. 7th
Estela Richeda	Jan. 9th

Happy Rotaversary!

Tammy Silver	1/8/20	3 Years
Lisa Cavelier	1/9/19	4 Years
Sonia Lagomarsino	1/10/90	33 Years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 18th - Johnny Buss, Owner, Pasadena Ice House
January 25th - Dennis Carr, Chief Curator of American Art, Huntington Library
February 1st - Jackie Broxton, Executive Director, Biddy Mason Foundation
February 8th - Miguel Marquez, City Manager, City of Pasadena
February 15th - Dr. Ron White, Presidential Historian

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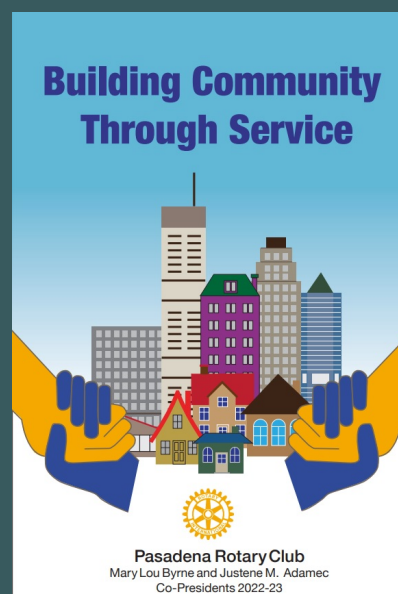
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