

SPOKES NEWSLETTER

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM PRESIDENT HILLARY SCHENK 2025-2026

It was a dark and stormy December eve...

Well, maybe we won't go back that far! Hillary was born in DeKalb, Illinois — a small town just outside of Chicago. The youngest of four, she has three older brothers who are 14, 15, and 17 years her senior. She made her entrance into the world right in the middle of her dad's final



thesis for his Music Theory degree.

Just a few short months later, the family moved to Oklahoma, then to Texas, where Hillary spent most of her childhood. She was a "high energy" child who rarely stayed still — spending her days outdoors playing in the woods, tagging along to rehearsals where her dad was a music director, soaking in the atmosphere of smoky jazz clubs where he played bass, and training in the gym as a competitive gymnast — a passion she pursued for over a decade. Sleep was never part of Hillary's plan.

Eventually, Hillary returned to Chicago to attend DePaul University, where she earned a BFA in General Theater Studies. Remarkably, during her freshman year, she began

working as the Administrative Director for Lookingglass Theatre Company — balancing full-time studies with the responsibilities of running an up-and-coming theater company. After nearly ten years in the frozen North, Hillary and her partner (and now co-parent), Jeff, moved to Thousand Oaks, California, where she became the CEO/Executive Director of a local Nonprofit Theater Company in 2001.

Not long after, they welcomed their son, Jacob Metcalf.

A few years later, Hillary met her now-husband, Marty Schenk, and his incredible daughter, Krysten. Both having half- and step-siblings themselves, Hillary and Marty made a conscious decision early on in their blended family that family is family — and all of their children are their children, no matter how they got there.

Today, Jacob has just finished his freshman year at Purdue University (fun fact: his dad Jeff went to Indiana University!) where he's studying Engineering — Boiler Up! Krysten earned her B.S. in Psychology from CSU Northridge and now lives in Tampa Bay, Florida. Hillary and Marty miss her dearly and are eagerly looking forward to her next visit. As Jacob so perfectly put it during a commencement speech, his full name is: Jacob Paul Metcalf - Van Hoy - Karlin - Schenk.

Because family is what you make it — and to Hillary, Rotary is family too. Hillary can't wait to continue her Rotary journey alongside all of you.

WEDNESDAY – JULY 9TH, 2025 UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PASADENA

LUNCH BUFFET: 12:00 PM - MEETING: 12:30 PM 175 N. Oakland Ave, Pasadena 91101

RSVP A MUST - Deadline: 5:00 pm MONDAY

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

> Meeting Host: President Hillary Schenk Reception: Alan Schier & Mike Bernard Song Leader: Mary Lou Byrne Lunchtime Pianist: Ann Louise Christensen Inspiration: Justene Adamec Scoot Zone Reporter: Mary Lou Byrne Photographer: PE Tammy Silver & Amanda Pumilia Technical: Frank Fish & Scott Carlson Sergeant At Arms: Robert Lyons

Non-members are welcome - \$45.00 includes lunch

ZOOM opens at 12:00 pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86515101523?pwd=dHhNZnV5c2ZqbzNQbWthbDNhYTIadz09 Meeting ID: 865 1510 1523. - Passcode: 667356 ATTENDING THE MEETING -MEALS & SEATING ARE PROVIDED BASED ON RSVP'S WE RECEIVE

Please **RSVP** if you are attending! office@pasadenarotary.com BUFFET opens at 12:00 pm MEETING starts at 12:30 pm

CLICK HERE TO RSVP TODAY

ROTARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

They will join President Hillary and the Board on July 16th Alan Schier - Deb Raupp - Robert Lyons - Mike Bernard



ALAN SCHIER:

Profession: Engineering Business Owner (retired)

What did you want to grow up to be when you were 6 years old inventor Why did you join Rotary: Ready opportunities for service and for social contact/fellowship

What Committees have you chaired/co-chaired: Chair of George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest, Weekly reception, Badge Master

What committees do you or have you served on: George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest, Incoming director

What are your hobbies: Photography. Building things/home improvement Besides family and work, what is your passion I love contributing to and seeing new things work for the first time. I am an engineer at heart.

What are you most proud of

My two kids (boy/girl twins, 21 years old) who are very capable and excellent people.
 Having made it to retirement after 30+ years of self-employment/small-business ownership.

Favorite Book/Television Show/Movie: Book (tie): The Righteous Mind (why people have moral beliefs the way they do) by Jonathan Haidt and A World Lit Only by Fire (story of Magellan's voyage) by William Manchester

DEB RAUPP:

I've been a Rotarian since 2000 with Sarah Smith Orr as my sponsor. I joined Rotary to give back and provide service within the community. I moved "back east", found a Rotary Club and became an active member. I chaired: Relationship Building (among members), Scholarship/ Mentoring (mentored a scholar for 4 yrs and then additional scholars).

I rejoined Pasadena Rotary three years ago and have enjoyed serving on these committees:Teachers of Excellence, Global Grant scholarships, Eaton Fire Recovery, Rotary Readers, Speed Rotary.

My career specialty is Leadership Development. I taught leadership at UCLA, and later joined the corporate world, serving as a Global VP at Jacobs, as we grew to 65,000 people. My role included integrating acquisitions and aligning offices across the globe around a common set of values and practices. I love my work! It's not a "job". There are tremendous rewards in working with leaders, aligning organizations and people.

A favorite project was designing, building and leading a comprehensive Leadership Academy in Morocco. I lived in Casablanca for two years as I put a career's worth of experience to use in developing and leading the Academy. I formed meaningful relationships with people in Morocco and remain friends to this day. The Academy, and its curriculum, is still in practice, and is led and "owned" by local leaders.

When I'm not "working", I enjoy hiking, yoga, reading, having meals at amazing local restaurants and spending time with my "tribe".

ROB THE SNOB:

Profession – Designer/Builder/M.C. Auctioneer Fundraiser
What did you want to grow up to be when you were 6 years old MacGyver
Why did you join Rotary – My mentor said, "you should join Rotary"... so I did. I had never been to a meeting before I was inducted. The 4 Way test and motto "Service Above Self" is why I stayed, wanting to fellowship with like-minded idealistic people doing good.
What Committees have you chaired/co-chaired - Remembrance/Human Trafficking

Awareness/Read Across America/Eaton Fire Relief – 10 years as Srgt At Arms **What committees do you or have you served on**– besides the above- International Projects

What are your hobbies – After Swimming and Motorcycling (which are more than hobbies!), Sailing, Flying, Drawing, Violin, Knife design and making, Tomahawk throwing, juggling

Besides family and work, what is your passion – God's plan for mankind. **What are you most proud of**– Designing and building my Dad's casket when he died suddenly.

Favorite Book- How To Be A Gentleman/**Television Show**- Have Gun Will Travel/Movie – Last of the Mohicans

MIKE BERNARD:

Profession: Certified Financial Planner®, Partner with Bernard & Johnson Family Wealth Management

What did you want to grow up to be when you were 6 years old:Scientist

Why did you join Rotary: I was looking for a new venue to express my volunteerism and philanthropy. And then, I met Michele Ferroni. What can I say.

What Committees have you chaired/co-chaired: Dan Stover Instrumental Music Competition, Teacher of Excellence. I will be the District Stover Chair in 2025-2026, plus a few other District Committee roles.

What committees do you or have you served on: Tyros

What are your hobbies: Cooking, Sport Fishing, Blacksmithing, among others **Besides family and work, what is your passion:** I am a classically trained musician--I play the oboe.

What are you most proud of: Aside from the way my two sons turned out, I am most proud that I have been able to provide a comfortable and secure retirement for my wife. **Favorite Book/Television Show/Movie:** Book: Atlas Shrugged /Television Show: Star Trek Series--all of them/Movies: Star Wars (all of them), Lord of the Rings (all of them), The Mission, White Christmas and Christmas Story



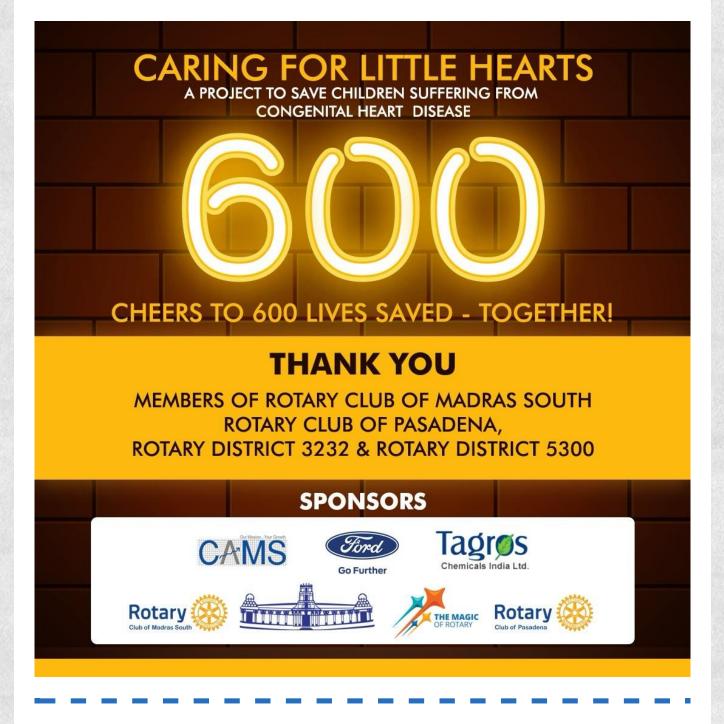
CARING FOR LITTLE HEARTS - Rotary Global Grant Project

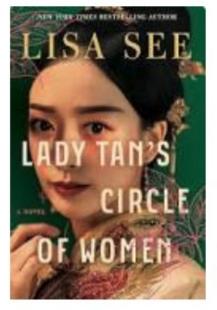
Past President Shel Capeloto brings us exciting news from New York. After his beloved wife Rotarian Elaine passed away in 2024, Shel moved to New Jersey to be close to his family.

Before the move, he attended a Rotary meeting and reminded members of Pasadena Rotary's first Global Grants project *Caring for Little Hearts*. This project began during his presidency in 2016-2017, where he served as Chair in a partnership with

our sister club, Rotary Club of Madras South with Rtn. Sridharan. Past President Cathy Simms served as Co-chair. When Shel visited in September, we had paid for 500 lifesaving pediatric heart surgeries in rural India and were starting our third tranche of surgeries.

UPDATE - June 16, 2025 From Shel: "Today my daughter and I took Rtn Sridharan and his wife Raj to lunch in New York City. We accepted the banner he gave to us from our sister club, Rotary Club of Madras South on behalf of Pasadena Rotary. In return, I gave them a coveted Rotary coin. I am overjoyed by the 600th heart surgery being completed under the third and final global grant."





ROTARY READERS

Our next meeting, July 7th, at 6 pm, will be at the home of Bob and Rosemary Risley. Jan Copley will lead us in the review of Phyllis Crandon's recommended book Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See.

PLEASE RSVP to bob@risleylaw.com and Rosemary at rosemaryrisley@gmail.com.

This is the time of year that we submit recommendations for books **You Have Read** to read next Rotary year starting September. All members of the Rotary Readers received a form to submit by no later than June 25th to Jan at janinpasadena@gmail.com and Cathy at simmsie1@pacbell.net. At the July 7 meeting we will be discussing the recommendations made and an email vote

will follow the July 7th meeting.

YOU'RE INVITED TO **President**

Hillary's

Cockțail Party

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

3:00 - 6:00 PM

1859 N. RAYMOND AVE PASADENA, CA 91103 (JUSTENE AND AMANDA'S HOUSE)

COST: \$50, INCLUDING FOOD AND DRINK

RSVP TO AMANDA PUMILIA apumilia@yahoo.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Jane Waas

HAPPY ROTAVERSARY!!

Scott Carlson	7/9/14	11 Years
Robert Risley	7/9/97	28 Years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 16, 2025 - PP Ken Joe - Life of a Youth Sports Commissioner

July 23, 2025 - Brandon Lamar, President Pasadena NAACP - Making a Difference Yesterday and Today

July 30, 2025 - Paul Harris Fellow Community Awards

August 6, 2025 - Sara Safari - Climb Your Everest

August 13, 2025 - Robert Shoji - When Little Tokyo was Bronzeville

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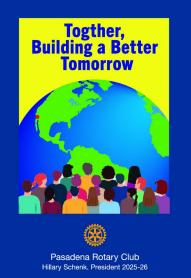
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