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This Week's Program

Guest Speaker: Dr. Joshua B. Fisher

Topic: "Climate"

Introducer: **Diana Peterson-More**



Dr. Joshua B. Fisher is a Scientist at the Joint Institute for Regional Earth System Science and Engineering at UCLA, and at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Caltech. His work focuses on terrestrial ecosystems, water, carbon, and nutrient cycling using a combination of supercomputer models, satellite and airborne remote sensing, and field campaigns throughout the Amazon to the Arctic. Dr. Fisher is originally from Los Angeles, received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from UC Berkeley, and did his postdoctoral work from the University of Oxford, where he also taught

for a few years before coming back to LA.

Climate change is a hot topic, but what is climate, and how does something long-term impact us in the short-term? This presentation goes through some of the basic science of climate.

Accompanist: **Ross Jutsum**

Song Leader: **Phil Miles**

Sergeant at Arms: **Anthony Shapiro**

Inspiration Station

by **President Mary Lou Byrne**



Pasadena Rotary, I was busting my buttons with pride this week when I got to show you all off to my colleagues from the Pasadena Courthouse! Judge Mavis had a grand old time as the speaker (wasn't he great?) and Judges Clover and Miller-Sloan and [Commissioners Monette and Serio](#) really enjoyed the whole scene!

We are well into the new calendar year and things are ramping up. I know it's a lot, but remember: Nobody is expected to do everything. I just want to have something for everybody to do! So take your pick among the following:

Our gala [RH STARS](#) Awards Banquet is Thursday, January 31 at the University Club. It's going to be amazing so sign up at the check-in table at next Wednesday's meeting or online [here](#). Come on out and meet some world-class scientists who are working to benefit humanity!

- We are 40% funded for Caring Little Hearts II but we still have a ways to go to reach our \$17,500 goal. You can help with this in two ways: First, go to www.caringlittlehearts.com and make a donation to save the life of a child. Second, share the web site with your friends and family on social media! Together we can meet our goal of funding another 200 lifesaving pediatric heart surgeries!
- District 5300 is looking for silent auction items for the [Rotary Foundation Gala](#), which takes place March 16 in lovely Las Vegas. Contact [President Elect Scott Vandrick](#) or fill out the forms [here](#) if you have something to contribute.
- And speaking of the Rotary Foundation Gala, get your tickets [here](#)! Gary Kearney and I will be there with bells on and we'd love to have you join us! Donate an item for the silent auction [here](#).
- Don't forget the Tyros Mixer on Thursday, January 24 at 5:30 at the University Club. This is a low-key, no-host happy hour that is a perfect opportunity to both get better acquainted with your fellow Rotarians and introduce your friends to Rotary in a relaxed setting!
- Applications for Community Grants are available on our Club web site, right [here](#). This year our awards will be limited to qualifying non-profit organizations which engage in preventative, management/education or direct services in health in order to make Pasadena a healthier community. The deadline is Monday, February 11 at 5 p.m. so make sure your favorite qualifying 501(c)(3) gets the word! Contact Committee Co-Chairs [Deb Lewis](#) or [Akila Gibbs](#) for more information.
- Weekend Backpacks are going strong! We pack them up every other Wednesday after our regular lunch meeting, right down the street at the Salvation Army Tabernacle on Walnut St. It takes less than an hour and it's a great feeling to provide weekend meals for kids who get breakfast and lunch at school during the week but are food-insecure on the weekends. Contact [Past President Shel Capeloto](#) to get in on the do-gooding. Look under UPCOMING EVENTS later in this newsletter for dates.
- Yes, Sunday Suppers at Chateau Kearney are a thing. Sign up at the check-in table at a Wednesday meeting and then come see how much fun-having **Chef Gary** and Sous Chef Yours Truly can cook up.
- And as always, your job as Rotarians this year is to Be the Inspiration. This week, take some time to think about what that means and put it into action in a concrete way, however

small. I'll be asking for volunteers at next week's meeting to share their experiences in Being the Inspiratoin, so if you're still reading, be ready to participate!

I'm always just a text, call, or email away at 310-710-7701 or president@pasadenarotary.com. Keep in touch, Pasadena Rotary. I want to know what's on your mind!

Yours in something for everyone,

Mary Lou

Scout Zone

By **Justene Adamec**, Bureau Chief

Before the meeting began, a slideshow (courtesy of **Paul Martin**) introduced this year's winners and nominees for the [RH STAR awards](#). The gala will be on January 31, 2019. You can still get tickets [here](#).

The theme for the week was "thinking." **Eric Olsen**, **Marilyn Buchanan** and **Ross Jutsum** performed The Little Engine that Could. "I think I can. I think I can." We were the Greek chorus and called out the Choo Choo sounds with great gusto.

Then **Jess First** read the poem [Thinking](#) for our inspiration.

Fun fact: I listened to *Think* by Adam Lambert while working on this column.

Howard Raff shared the sad news that former Pasadena Rotarian **Penny Spark** has passed away after battling cancer. We held a moment of silence. A memorial service will be held Sunday, January 20, at 3 p.m. at Congregation Or Ami, 26115 Mureau Road Suite B, Calabasas, CA 91302.

One of our guests was [Shawn Brumfield](#), the Director of the Rosebud Charter School, who in turn brought her own guest. For that, she received a Be the Inspiration coin.

President Mary Lou Byrne announced that new member **Elaine Silberman** had surgery this morning.

Due to technical difficulties, we could only watch part of a Pasadena Now video on Bikes for Christmas. The part we saw featured **Colleen Carey**, **President Mary Lou**, and **Paul Martin**. Everyone who participated in Bikes for Christmas stood to be recognized. **President Mary Lou** thanked co-chairs Paul and Colleen, **Terry Masango** and the Salvation Army and **Kathy Meagher**, who founded the program. You can see the whole video in all its glory [here](#).

Colleen took the microphone to thank **Jeff Palmer** and Altadena Rotarian Rene Amy, who stepped up to do quality control when the bike shop employees didn't show up. Colleen said it was the true spirit of volunteering: seeing a need and volunteering on the spot. Both men, along with Colleen's daughter, got Be the Inspiration coins.

Mary Lou gets emails of encouragement all the time. One person who emails regularly with praise and constructive comments like "talk more slowly" is Inspirational Rotarian of the Week **Tamia Hope**.

FunHaver of the Week was the publisher of Spokes and Rotary Board member **Sheryl**

Guerrero. Sheryl, who already has three kids and a bunny, got a puppy over the holidays.

DoGooder of the Week is your intrepid reporter (me) who has been coveting that Be the Inspiration coin and finally got one. It was the gig as co-advisor for our Interact Club at Polytechnic School that pushed me over the top!

Cathy Simms announced that [Caring Little Hearts](#) is 38% towards goal. There's a fancy fundraising thermometer in the lobby. Let's push it higher, shall we?

Deb Lewis, co-chair of the Community Grants Committee, announced that the grant applications are up. The focus this year is physical and mental health. Applications are due Feb 11.

Scott Vandrick announced that the Rotary International Foundation is seeking silent auction items for their gala on March 16 in Las Vegas. The Pasadena Symphony has already donated a table for a Pops performance with catering provided by Claude Beltran.

Dean Billman donated \$20 to the Polio Pig in honor of Penny Spark, who brought him into the club.

Gary Kearney reminded President Mary Lou to announce Sunday Supper at Chateau Kearney. There are still openings so sign up!

Judge Darrell Mavis, **President Mary Lou's** boss, is Supervising Judge of the Northeast and North Central Judicial Districts of the Los Angeles Superior Court which include the Pasadena, Burbank, Glendale and Alhambra courthouses. In high school, he participated in a Rotary Four Way Speech Contest. He noted that it wasn't really possible to be **Mary Lou's** boss. There are 500 judicial officers on LA Superior Court and Pasadena is the most popular location to be a bench officer.

The topic was Thinking about Thinking. How do judges make decisions? How do people make decisions? He started us off with a quiz. If you were there, these are the questions to ask your friends and relatives. If you weren't, play along now. Answers will be at the end of the column.

A bat and a ball \$1.10. The bat cost a \$1 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?

If it takes 5 machines 5 minutes to make 5 widgets, how long will it take 100 machines to make 100 widgets?

In a lake, a patch of lily pads takes a day to double in size. If it takes 48 days to cover the lake, how long will it take to cover half the lake?

If you missed one or more, you're not unusual. The same test was given to different groups of people. (You can see [a picture of the chart](#) on the Pasadena Rotary Facebook page). MIT students got an average of 2.18 correct. Florida State judges got an average of 1.23 correct. Interestingly enough, how many you get correct isn't correlated with intelligence.

The test illustrates the Intuitive Mind v. Deductive Mind. The intuitive mind is spontaneous, effortless and fast, gut feelings. It is often correct but often not. A more deliberative process might override that original answer. On the other hand, the logical, deductive mind might want to just rubber stamp the intuitive answer.

When is the Intuitive mind wrong? How would you correct that?

The intuitive mind doesn't see things that it isn't looking for. We watched a video to demonstrate this. To play along at home, the video is [here](#).

The intuitive mind reacts to how a question is asked. Organ donations are higher in countries where you have to opt out than in countries where you have to opt in. Intuitive mind likes the

easier answer --where you don't have to do anything.

Intuitive mind latches on to recent information, even if it irrelevant. That's called anchoring. The intuitive mind also reacts to priming - when the questioner sets up an expectation.

The remedy is awareness. Are you reacting to the right information?

Anthony Shapiro as Sergeant at Arms took the mike out into the audience. **Jim Osterling, Marsha Rood, Marshall Fuss** and **Don Andrues** asked questions.

President Mary Lou sent us off with Go Out There and Be the Inspiration.

Answers:

The fun thing about this quiz is that each question has an intuitive answer, which is wrong (ten cents, 100 minutes, 24 days). Here are the correct answers:

Five cents. The bat cost \$1.05 which is a dollar more. If you answered 10 cents, you are not alone. Many people got that answer.

5 minutes. Each machine takes the same amount of time to make a widget.

47 days. Between day 47 and day 48, it doubled from half the lake to the entire lake.

Upcoming Events



Humanitarian STAR Awards will honor outstanding scientific and technological accomplishments in four categories: Health and Medical, Environmental Improvement, Knowledge Sharing and Disaster Relief and Recovery. Join us for an exciting evening!

TICKETS go to <https://www.rhstar.org/>

RHSTAR AWARDS - 1/31/19

The Pasadena & Sierra Madre Rotary Clubs present the Third Annual Rotary Humanitarian STAR Awards to be held on January 31, 2019 at the University Club of Pasadena.

Shining light upon those achievements contributing to the wellbeing of people and planet, the 2018 Rotary

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"Caring Little Hearts"

Over the last two years, Rotary Club of Pasadena has joined hands with the Rotary Club of Madras South, in Chennai, India for a project whereby we funded more than 200 heart surgeries to needy children with congenital heart disease.

We Rotarians embrace this opportunity to do good deeds half way around the world. If you visit www.caringlittlehearts.com, you can explore a video that tells a compelling story of the challenge to give infants and children in India a chance to live healthy lives. If you cannot give, please share the website with others on your social media page.

By working together to respond to real community needs, clubs and districts strengthen their global partnerships. The most compelling aspect of participating in the global grants process is the opportunity to make a difference in the world. This year's Global Grant fundraising is only \$17,500 or less than \$88 per surgery.

DONATE TODAY: <https://www.gofundme.com/caring-little-hearts>

WEEKEND BACK PACK

Pasadena Rotary once again teams up with The Salvation Army, the Pasadena Unified School District and others to provide healthy food and goodwill to those children in our community in need of help.

We are looking for three to four individuals with a commitment of about an hour of your time on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The packing will take place at 2:00 p.m. at The Salvation Army Tabernacle, 1000 E. Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91106. Their phone number is 626-773-4404.

You can book as many dates as you like. You will receive a confirmation email with your assignments.

Here are the dates where help is needed at 2:00 pm

January 9th
January 23rd
February 13th
February 27th
March 13th
March 27th
April 10th
April 24th
May 8th
May 22nd

Respond to Shel Capeloto at jcapeloto@capelotolaw.com as soon as possible if you can commit to one or more of the above times and a confirmation will be sent to you

Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

Jennifer DeVoll	January 20
David McAlexander	January 23
Edsel D'Souza	January 24
Gail Scanlan	January 25
Bob Risley & Roy Rico	January 26

Happy Anniversary To These Rotarians!

Potential Member Guests

David Shorter, Shorter Solutions Incorporated

Upcoming Programs

January 30	Danny Feldman	Pasadena Playhouse Update
February 6	Dr. Julia Bradsher	Huntington Medical Research Institute
February 13	David Lockington	Pasadena Symphony
February 20	Scott Jenkins	Chair of the Rose Bowl Management Committee

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See you on Wednesday!