



# PASADENA ROTARY CLUB

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## This Week's Program



Guest Speaker: Chris Holden,  
Assemblymember

Topic: Outlook for 2019

Introducer: **Diana Peterson-More**

Assemblymember Chris Holden brings to the legislature a lifetime of experience in public service and business garnered during his many years on the Pasadena City Council and the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority.

He was first elected in 2012 to represent the 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District from Pasadena in the West to Upland in the East and

includes the communities of Altadena, Claremont, La Verne, Monrovia, Rancho Cucamonga, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena.

Assemblymember Holden currently chairs the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy, and the Select Committee on Regional Transportation Solutions.

Throughout his time in the legislature, he has worked to grow our economy, protect our environment, and strengthen our infrastructure and support working families.

This year, Assemblymember Holden established a \$50 million dollar increase in the State budget for Developmental Disability Services to serve individuals and families living with disabilities including autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and intellectual disabilities.

Join Assemblymember Chris Holden for a discussion around his legislative achievements, and the most significant legislation signed into the law this year.

Song Leader: **Shel Capeloto**  
Sergeant at Arms: **Robert Lyons**

# Inspiration Station

by President Mary Lou Byrne



What a wonderful time we all had at our Holiday Party this week! Social Committee co-chairs **Victoria Alsaberry** (my party-skirt twin), **Armida Baylon**, and **Gary Kearney** really outdid themselves with the able support of **Cyrus Afshin** and his team at the University Club! A very big thank you to them and to **Jane Waas** and **Wendy Anderson** (my party blouse twin) for helping at the check-in table!

We were particularly pleased to have District Governor John Chase and his wife Elizabeth in attendance. They really demonstrated that Rotary fun-haver and do-gooder spirit by donating to our toy drive and personally greeting all the guests as they arrived. John and Elizabeth, you were the inspiration for me that night as you showed us all how it's done!





And in the words of our clever District Governor, "Pasadena Rotary is in good hands - jazz hands!" with the selection of **Ken Joe** as our President Elect Elect for the 2020-2021 Rotary year. It was fun reading his bio at the party, starting at the bottom to prolong the suspense, and seeing people start to applaud and cheer as they figured out who it was! Take a look and see how long it would take you to recognize **Ken's** accomplishments if you started at the bottom.

- "I was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Bay Area. Our family has resided in Arcadia for the past 30 years. Marina and I married for 30 plus years and 3 sons: Daniel, age 28 (married to Patricia), Michael, age 25 and Stephen, age 19.
- "Joined Rotary in October 2015:
  - "Sponsored by Howard Raff
  - "Chaired Toys Committee and RYLA
  - "Served on Board of Directors, Tyros, Social Media and Taste of Rotary Committees
- "Master's Degree in Education from San Jose State University.

- "Residential Realtor for the past 5 years - United Real Estate of Los Angeles
- "Management Development Consultant for 20+ years.
  - "Client list includes: Kaiser Permanente, Alpha Therapeutic, East Bay Regional Park District, Fujitsu, Crystal Stairs and GTE Government Systems.
  - "Experience includes executive coaching, teambuilding, facilitation and certified in Myers-Briggs and Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.
- "Past Regional Commissioner (president) for American Youth Soccer Organization Region 2 (2 year term, 2012-2014).
  - "Served 2000 families and players
  - "General Board of 40 members and Executive Board of 10 members.
  - "I'm still active as a referee and coach and assist as needed as a mentor.
- "Past Board Member for Arcadia Chamber of Commerce and New Life Community Church
- "Ordained minister with the Assemblies of God.
  - "Ministered to youth and young adults
- "Serve on the leadership committee for First Evangelical Church of Arcadia.
- "Hobbies: lifelong passion for fishing and gardening."

Good hands, indeed! I feel like one of my most important tasks as your president was to make sure the succession is assured, and I have to say the Club has hit a home run with the choice of **Ken Joe!** Thanks, **Ken**, for stepping up and Being the Inspiration!

Pasadena Rotary, you rocked the run-having and I know you will rock the do-gooding as we move into our December Shop with a Cop and Bikes for Christmas events. And there's still time to bring your Toy Drive toys to the next two Wednesday meetings! Finally, I want to see your Christmas trees and other holiday snapshots, so please email or text them to 310-710-7701 or [president@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:president@pasadenarotary.com) so I can put you up on our big screens!

Yours in good jazz hands,

**Mary Lou**

## Scoot Zone

Justene Adamec, Bureau Chief

Our bureau chief is taking a well-deserved break from this week's issue

## Upcoming Events

Monday, December 10, Tyros Luncheon, noon, The Athenaeum



There will be a box in the lobby. Bring unwrapped toys for infants up to 15 years old. Gift cards are accepted. Price range is \$25-50. Bring the toys to the meetings on the 12th and 19th.



January 31, 2019, Rotary Humanitarian STAR Awards, go to [rhstar.org/eventdetails](http://rhstar.org/eventdetails) to purchase tickets, \$125/person.

## Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

Christine Franke & Florence Helmberger

December 9

Jonathan Edwards & Michele Ferroni

December 12

Howard Raff & Steven Sorell

December 15

## Happy Anniversary To These Rotarians!

	Years in Rotary	Date Inducted
Deb Lewis	4	12/10/14
Richard Gray	17	12/12/01
Marilyn & Gene Buchanan	18	12/13/00
Raul Mercado	7	12/14/11
Steve Sorell	13	12/14/05

## Upcoming Programs

December 19	Holiday Program	A Rotary Carol: Celebrating the Gift of Rotary
December 26	DARK - NO MEETING	
January 2	DARK - NO MEETING	
January 9	Gerald Freeny, President	Tournament of Roses

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***See you on Wednesday!***