



# PASADENA ROTARY CLUB

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### This Week's Program

Guest Speaker: David Lockington, Music Director,  
Pasadena Symphony and POPS

Topic: Pasadena Symphony

Introducer: **Scott Vandrick**



Since 2013, David Lockington has served as the Music Director for the Pasadena Symphony and POPS. After a season of guest conducting with the orchestra, he was appointed to his current position. Diane Rankin, the then-President of the Pasadena Symphony Association, spoke of Lockington's "musicianship, technique, knowledge, leadership, and inspiration," which made him the most

outstanding choice for the role.

Over the past thirty-five years, David Lockington has developed an impressive conducting career in the United States. A native of Great Britain, he served as the Music Director of the Grand Rapids Symphony from January 1999 to May 2015, and is currently the orchestra's Conductor Laureate. He has held the position of Music Director with the Modesto Symphony since May 2007 and in March 2013, Mr. Lockington was appointed to the same position with the Pasadena Symphony. He also has a close relationship with the Orquesta Sinfonica del

Principado de Asturias in Spain where he is currently the orchestra's Principal Guest Conductor, and Northwest Sinfonietta in Tacoma, Washington, where he is an Artistic Partner.

In addition to his current posts, since his arrival to the United States in 1978 Mr. Lockington has also held additional positions with American orchestras, including serving as Assistant Conductor of the Denver Symphony Orchestra and Opera Colorado and Assistant and Associate Conductor of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. In May 1993 he accepted the position of Music Director of the Ohio Chamber Orchestra, assumed the title of Music Director of the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra in September 1995 and was Music Director of the Long Island Philharmonic for the 96/97 through 99/2000 seasons.

Mr. Lockington's guest conducting engagements include appearances with the Saint Louis, Houston, Detroit, Seattle, Toronto, Vancouver, Oregon and Phoenix symphonies; the Rochester and Louisiana Philharmonics; and the Orchestra of St. Luke's at Carnegie Hall. Internationally, he has conducted the Northern Sinfonia in Great Britain, the Israel Chamber Orchestra, the China Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra in Beijing and Taiwan and led the English Chamber Orchestra on a tour in Asia.

Recent and upcoming guest conducting engagements include appearances with the New Jersey, Indianapolis, Vancouver, Utah, Pacific, Colorado, Nashville, San Diego, Syracuse, Edmonton, Alabama, Columbus and Kansas City symphonies, the Florida and Louisville Orchestras, the National Arts Centre Orchestra in Ottawa and the Buffalo and Calgary Philharmonics. Mr. Lockington's summer festival activities include appearances at the Grand Teton, Colorado Music, Interlochen, Chautauqua and Eastern Music festivals.

David Lockington began his career as a cellist and was the Principal with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain for two years. After completing his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Cambridge, Mr. Lockington came to the United States on a scholarship to Yale University where he received his Master's degree in cello performance and studied conducting with Otto Werner Mueller. He was a member of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra and served as assistant principal cellist for three years with the Denver Symphony Orchestra before turning to conducting.

Accompanist: **Ross Jutsum**

Song Leader: **Kym Pietsch**

Inspiration: **Norma Mardelli**

Sergeant at Arms: **Robert Lyons**

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## Inspiration Station

by **President Mary Lou Byrne**

It's always so exciting to welcome new members to our club! We are happy to have you with us, **Juliana Goswick** and **Sean Leahy**! And it's also exciting to celebrate major Rotaversaries! Congratulations to **Ross Jutsum** for 39 spectacular years this week, and to **Dennis Juett** for his silver Rotaversary, celebrating 25 years this month!

As you heard at this week's meeting, the Rotary Humanitarian STAR Awards were a huge



success! Thanks to Pasadena committee chair **Eric Duyshart**, committee members **Jim Osterling** and **Paul Martin**, our right-hand woman at the City of Pasadena, **Michelle Balian**, Club Administrator **Wendy Anderson** for getting us over the finish line with RSVPs and seating arrangements, and **President Elect Scott Vandrick** for manning the check-in desk! And big thanks to everyone who attended. I hope you all had as good a time as I did!

We are approaching the time of year when we have great things coming thick and fast: Community Grants (look for something extra special in that regard this year!), Four-Way Speech Contest, Teachers of Excellence, Courageous Citizens, Dan Stover Music Contest, District Conference, the Foundation Gala, and I don't know what-all! Not to mention some really special "regular" programs coming up, courtesy of our fabulous Speakers Committee headed by **Mic Hansen** and **Diana Peterson-More**. They have the rest of the year pretty much completely booked and are about to take a well-deserved rest!

Meanwhile, if you haven't signed up for Sunday Supper at the Chateau, make sure to do so at a meeting soon. **Chef Gary** and **sous-chef Mary Lou** are anxious to spend some quality time with each and every one of you, and after 19 dinners we think we're getting the hang of this "entertaining" thing!

Don't be strangers, Pasadena Rotary! Keep those messages and photos coming! I'm only an email or text or phone call away at 310-710-7701 and [president@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:president@pasadenarotary.com) and I love to hear what's on your mind!

Yours in great things coming thick and fast,

**Mary Lou**

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## Scout Zone

By **Hillary Schenk**, filling in for Bureau Chief **Justene Adamec**

**Elisabeth Browne**, along with **Ross Jutsum**, led us in song, but first she gave us a lesson on Harriet Tubman and messages hidden within her songs that gave directions so slaves may escape to freedom in the north. We sang *Swing Low Sweet Chariot* and *God Bless America*.

**Gail Scanlan** gave our inspiration sharing her experience on community college campuses and all they do for diversity with a dedication to our speaker.

**Anthony Shapiro** introduced new member **Sean Leahy** who works in Higher Education. He and his family relocated to Pasadena three years ago where he works as the Development Director at the Fuller Seminary. He is a surfer and brews his own craft beer.

**Howard Raff** introduced new member **Juliana Goswick** who works with Muse-ique. She has a background in hospital administrations, catering and non-profit administration. She has two children, Jacob and Julia.

**Mary Lou** gave **Howard** and **Anthony** prizes for bringing in new members.

**Mary Lou** recapped her message about crying salty tears for missing the RH STAR Awards - she gave **Ken Hill** a coin to make him feel better because he actually did cry over dinner with **Mary Lou** and **Gary Kearney** when he found out how great it had been. She recognized those who attended and **Ross Jutsum** for his musical expertise on his 39th Rotaversary - he's the inspiration of the week and received a Be the Inspiration luggage tag.

Announcements

**Deb Lewis** - Community grants due 2/11

**Cathy Simms** - Caring Little Hearts is at 50% of goal and announced that donations are still be accepted at [caringlittlehearts.com](http://caringlittlehearts.com).

**Cathy Simms** - Rotary International Projects Meeting has been cancelled - don't come tomorrow night

**Gary Kearney** Social event Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1881 on Washington 8PM -12PM Jazz and Libations

**Mary Lou** added \$20 into the polio pig for **Akila Gibb** because she has been appointed to the board of Arroyo Hospital. **Dean Billman** donated in honor of his father, a polio survivor.

**Mary Lou** welcomed our guests of which there were many - each more prestigious than the next.

**Past President Diana Peterson-More** introduced our speaker, Dr. Christopher West, Professor of History at PCC. Dr. West was a wonderful mentor and motivator for many of our members' children. He's an inspirational teacher and inspiration to our community.

Dr. West - The Negro Motorist Green Book

When he teaches he talks about the frame of the lenses through which we look at history.

He spoke about the Green Book.

The way that we identify "negro" hasn't changed much since the beginning of Jim Crow America. The Green Book is the story of a postal carrier who created a network/yelp for black travelers and it is written by Victor Hugo Green. It's a story of entrepreneurship. Dr. West is working with Rick Burns on the documentary that's coming next year - "Driving While Black".

The Schaumberg has digitized the Green Book information. His take on the document is not one of horror but that of its history and the way it was. It's a story about resilience and opportunity and the narrative of that.

The PCC community has produced many prominent African Americans and their story of resilience. The underlining lesson of the Green Book is resilience and change. What moves us forward is telling the story and will help make change.

# Upcoming Events



## "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](http://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>

Monday, February 11, Tyros Luncheon, noon, Athenaeum.

## Cocktails and Jazz

at the 1881 Club in Pasadena

Friday, 2/22/19

Live Jazz starts from 8:30 p.m. to midnight

\*The club serves drinks only / you can order take out or bring your own.

Address: 1881 E Washington Blvd., Pasadena, CA (parking is next door in the supermarket parking lot)

Please RSVP by 2/18/19 to Victoria at (310) 694-4130 or email at [valsabery@farmersagent.com](mailto:valsabery@farmersagent.com) to reserve your spot

# Galaxy Game Night

Date: Saturday, March 2, 2019

Time: 5 p.m. kickoff / gates open at 3:30 p.m.

Location: Dignity Health Sports Park (Carson, CA).

Stay tuned for more details to reserve your spot by next week

## Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

Helen Baatz & Elda Mehrabyan	February 10
Jan Copley & Don Fedde	February 12
John Peck	February 13
Lisa Cavalier	February 15

## Happy Anniversary To These Rotarians!

Jan Copley	2/13/13	6 years
Ariel Drachenberg	2/10/10	9 years
Phyllis Mueller	2/10/16	3 years

## Potential Member Guests

Carter Kinsella, Financial Adviser, New York Life, guest of **Howard Raff**

## Upcoming Programs

February 20	<b>Scott Jenkins</b>	Chair of the Rose Bowl Management Committee
February 27	Val Zavala	The Future of Public Media
March 6	Dr. Julia Bradsher	CEO, Huntington Medical

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***See you on Wednesday!***