



# PASADENA ROTARY CLUB ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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### This Week's Program



#### Dan Stover Instrumental Music Competition

Introducer: Co-Chairs, **Terry Masango & Ken Hill**

Every year, talented high school musicians compete in the Dan Stover Memorial Instrumental Music Competition, sponsored by the Pasadena Rotary Club. The competition is open to all high school students.

A judging panel consisting of three judges; **Ross Jutsum**, **David Minasian**, and **Sara O'Brien**, will select the winner whose name will be submitted to the District. Following the Pasadena Rotary Club competition, the winner will go on to compete at the Region and the District level. Cash prizes are awarded at both the Club and District level.

Accompanist: **Ross Jutsum**  
Song Leader: **Shel Capeloto**  
Inspiration: **Deb Lewis**  
Sergeant at Arms: **Anthony Shapiro**

### Inspiration Station

by **President Mary Lou Byrne**

If you have been to a [Project Corazon SuperBuild](#), you know what a rewarding experience it is



to build a house in a day for a needy family in Tecate, Mexico! This year's project is coming up on May 18. Here are some important things to know about the project:

- Sign up at [www.corazon.org](http://www.corazon.org), under either of the District 5300 projects listed.
- **YOU MUST HAVE A PASSPORT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT.** No passport, no crossing the border.
- No individual cars will be permitted. Volunteers will take buses from Chula Vista. The cost for the bus is \$30 and there will be plenty of space on the bus for coolers, food, supplies, and so on. This is a requirement of our partner, Project Corazon, and is mandatory.
- Hotel rooms have been set aside in Chula Vista at La Quinta Inns, 150 Bonita Road. Call 619-691-1211, ask for the Group Desk and tell them you are with Rotary International District 5300. They have reserved 20 king rooms at \$94.50 per night

and 30 double rooms for \$103.50 per night, for May 17 and 18. These rates are good while they last and until April 30 at the latest, so book your room early if you are planning to do.

- Bring your tools, your know-how, and your handy friends and family! And by all means wear your Rotarian At Work t-shirt! And if you don't have building skills, bring some rollers and brushes and be prepared to paint up a storm!
- Again, **YOU MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT TO PARTICIPATE.**

If you have any further questions, please contact my charming husband, [Gary Kearney](#), who is this year's Project Corazon chair!

If you can't make it to Mexico, then by all means plan on coming out for our next Done in a Day project on April 27. We will be painting the garage at the [Ronald McDonald House](#) in Pasadena. Clever **Cory Brendel**, our Done in a Day Co-Chair, has arranged things so that all we have to do is paint - the prep work will already be done. Now that is a do-gooding offer you can't refuse!

In fun-having news, I hope everybody will come out for our all-club mixer/happy hour next Thursday, March 28, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the University Club. It's a low-key, no-host opportunity to hang out with your fellow Rotarians while enjoying \$3 beers, \$4 wine, and great prices on cocktails and appetizers. Bring your friends and let them experience that special Pasadena Rotary magic!

Pasadena Rotary, have I told you lately that you all rock my world? Being your President is the best job I've ever had and you all are the reason! Keep on being awesome, and keep in touch with your photos, suggestions, and critiques. You know where to find me: 310-710-7701 and [president@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:president@pasadenarotary.com)

Yours in painting on both sides of the border,

*Mary Lou*

# Scout Zone

By **Justene Adamec**, Bureau Chief

**Ross Jutsum** is back! He accompanied **Cory Brendel** and **Elisabeth Browne** on [Let's Call the Whole Thing Off](#)

**Sheryl Guerrero** gave a well-crafted and well-delivered inspiration on how not everyone has the same truth. One piece of advice she had was to "be a storyteller that can be believed and a listener who does not anticipate."

Among our guests was **Joshua Levine Grater**, Executive Director of Friends in Deed, who is about to become a member! Later, **Joshua** made the announcement that the [Mayor's Prayer Breakfast](#) will take place on May 9 at 7:30 am. The Keynote speaker is Dr. Thomas F. Rosenbaum, President of Caltech and Professor of Physics and he will be speaking on "Faith and Science". For the announcement, he gave \$20 to the Polio Pig.

**President Mary Lou Byrne** attended the Rotary Foundation District 5300 gala in Las Vegas, along with **First Gentleman Gary Kearney** and **President Elect Scott Vandrick**, and Community Grants Co-Chair **Deborah Lewis**. At the silent auction, **President Mary Lou** purchased a book entitled *Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International*. She presented it to **President-Elect Scott** who will take office for Pasadena Rotary's Centennial Year.

One of the Amazon reviews of *Century of Service* said: Book was very boring, and unfortunately contained no plot. Book would be best if it had more fight scenes, or action.

Be forewarned, Scott. No fight scenes.

**First Gentleman Gary Kearney** announced the next Corazon project would be on May 18. Drive down on Friday the 17th to a couple of hotels in Chula Vista where there is a block of rooms for \$103 each. Cross the border in a bus with other Corazon volunteers. You get to the site at 9 am and then build an entire house by 4 pm. Really.

Corazon not only provides a home but teaches people to live in a community because many of the residents are migrants from Central America. In Mexico, school is free but you need to buy a uniform so Corazon also provides a uniform for the children.

**Cory Brendel** announced that the Done in a Day committee will be painting the garage at the Ronald McDonald House on April 27 at 9 am. We are only painting. Another community group will have the prep work done.

**Past President Diana Peterson-More** gave \$5 to the polio pig, \$1 for each Rotarian that purchased her book since her last donation.

**Jess First** gave a polio pig donation of \$20 to invite us to [The Legacy Luncheon](#) at the La Canada Country Club on April 18, supporting the YWCA of Glendale which provides services for domestic violence victims in Glendale and Pasadena. Contact Jess if you'd like to go. She may be able to host you.

**Jeff Palmer** gave a polio pig donation to announce the birth of his 3<sup>rd</sup> grandchild and to tell us that he recently failed a nuclear stress test, but they did an angiogram and put in a stent. He's great now!

**Akila Gibbs** introduced our speakers George Lewis and Judy Muller, both journalists. George has reported on stories such as the Vietnam War, the Iran hostage crisis (where he spent 66 days until they expelled foreign journalists), Tiananmen Square and the revolution in Romania. Judy covered stories such as Rodney King, LA earthquakes, OJ Simpson and environmental stories of the West.

George and Judy are Mac users who had trouble managing their power point on a PC. Fortunately, they didn't give up because there was great stuff in that power point. They included a video of Rudy Giuliani on Meet the Press uttering the infamous line "truth is not truth" and Kellyanne Conway coining the term "alternative facts." Then there was this take on why making everything "[breaking news](#)" does more harm than good.

Fake news is disinformation created to deceive you not news you disagree with. Factual errors don't mean fake news. The Chicago Tribune printed the headline Dewey Defeats Truman. The paper supported Dewey but the mistake was unintentional. The Tribune corrected the headline and took accountability.

Trust in the news is down 50% and only 14% of Republicans trust the news.

Fake news isn't new. In ancient Greece, there were rumormongers and corn merchants spread made up stories of shipwrecks to drive up prices. What is new is the ability to photoshop pictures and insert voices into videos of real people to make it seem like they've said something they hadn't.

What's also new is social media and the proliferation of fake news sites. There are two motivations: money or "click bait" - where everyone who reads the story sees the advertisements - and propaganda. Do you know that your brain gives you a burst of dopamine every time you hear something that confirms your bias and beliefs?

The basic approach to news is the SMELL test. Source, Motivation, Evidence, Logic and what's Left out. There's a saying in journalism - if your mother says she loves you, check it out.

Judy also showed off a hat that George gave her that says "Make Orwell Fiction Again."

**Debi Loveland** asked a question. **President Mary Lou** told us to Go Out There and Be the Inspiration.

Next week is the Dan Stover musical competition. Don't forget Happy Hour at the University Club on March 28!

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## 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>



Join us for Happy Hour at the University Club  
Thursday, 3/28/19 at 5:00 p.m.  
\*No Host Bar & Appetizers\*

RSVP by March 26 on [dacb.com](http://dacb.com) or email **Victoria Alsabery** at [valsabery@yahoo.com](mailto:valsabery@yahoo.com)

## Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

Meagan Swan	March 27
David Minasian	March 28
Peter Boyle	March 30

## Happy Anniversary To These Rotarians!

Catherine Hany	3/27/02	17 years
Eszylfie Taylor	3/30/16	3 years

## Potential Member Guests

Lydia Mojica, Regional Sales Manager, Buca di Beppo, Guest of **Wendy Anderson**

# Upcoming Programs

April 3	Steve Mulheim, CEO of OPMD	Summer Fun
April 10	Jessica Hardin	Pasadena Film Festival
April 17	Anything Can Happen Day	
April 24	Community Grants	

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***See you on Wednesday!***