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This Week's Program

SPEAKER: Don Hahn

Story by Disney"

Producer of the world-wide phenomenon The Lion King and the classic Beauty and the Beast, the first animated film to be nominated for a Best Picture Oscar®

Introducer: Phil Hawkey



DON HAHN is the producer of the world-wide phenomenon *The Lion King* and the classic *Beauty and the Beast*, the first animated film to be nominated for a Best Picture Oscar®. His other films include *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Maleficent* starring Angelina Jolie, Tim Burton's *Frankenweenie* and the toon noir hit *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*. Don is a founding producer of the Disney nature films including *Earth*, *Oceans*, and *Chimpanzee*. He is also an Emmy nominated producer/director of documentaries

such as *Waking Sleeping Beauty* now streaming on Disney+, and *Freedom Writers* on PBS. His latest film *Howard* about lyricist Howard Ashman will premiere on Disney+ this Summer.

As an author, Don's books on animation, art and creativity include the bestseller "*Brain Storm*," the acclaimed art educational series "*Drawn To Life*" and his most recent book on mid-century art "*Yesterday's Tomorrow*." Don also serves on the Advisory Board for the Walt Disney Family Museum, and is a former trustee of PBS SoCal.

Song Leader: **Phil Miles** Accompaniment: **Ross Jutsum**

Inspiration: **Kristina Spencer**

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Robert Lyons**

Meeting Greeters: **Pat Wright & Stephen McCurry**

Meeting Photographer: **Victoria Alsabery**



by President Scott Vandrick



It is always a special meeting when one of our own Pasadena Rotarians share their expertise with the Club. I

appreciated Jan Sanders and her historic tales of hard-won rights (the 19th Amendment!) and hearing about her experience as one of our community's television celebrities! And I want to offer this open invitation to all Club members: if you feel you or one of your fellow members has something to share with Pasadena Rotary, please

connect with the Program Co-Chairs, Leah Snell or George Falardeau, and let's see if we can schedule it.

I mentioned at the top of the meeting on Wednesday about the Pasadena Rotary Club's response, and our individual reactions, in relation to the Coronavirus and its possible impact on our community, our businesses and our City. I urge us all to get and stay informed, and measure our response with knowledge, logic and compassion. We are the leaders who set the tone in the City of Pasadena – let's lead with confidence.

[CLICK HERE TO GET ACCURATE, UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE CORONAVIRUS FROM LA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT](#)

I remind you all again about the opportunity to **WIN VALUABLE CENTENNIAL PRIZES** at the top of each Wednesday meeting. Each of you has the chance to win a one-of-a-kind Centennial kitchen apron, latte mug, water glass, reusable shopping bag, coffee mug or puzzle each and every week as I pull two names from the *Bowl of Friendship*. How do I win, you ask? If your name is called, you either:

1) Show that you're wearing your Centennial Pin with pride (see **Wendy Anderson** at the registration table if you need another pin); OR

2) Answer a very simple question about my *Connection Corner* (this encourages you to read this column which I work hard on every week... come on double-digit readership!)

Starting this week, I introduced a **WILDCARD ROUND** of the Centennial Giveaway (which I'll get right next week, promise) where I'll ask a question, and the first person who raised

their hand and the Sergeant-at-Arms calls on AND who answer correctly will receive some swag. Even if you aren't wearing your pin or know the answer to the trivia question, you'll still get the valuable prize and be asked to make a meaningful gift to the Polio Pig to support polio eradication.

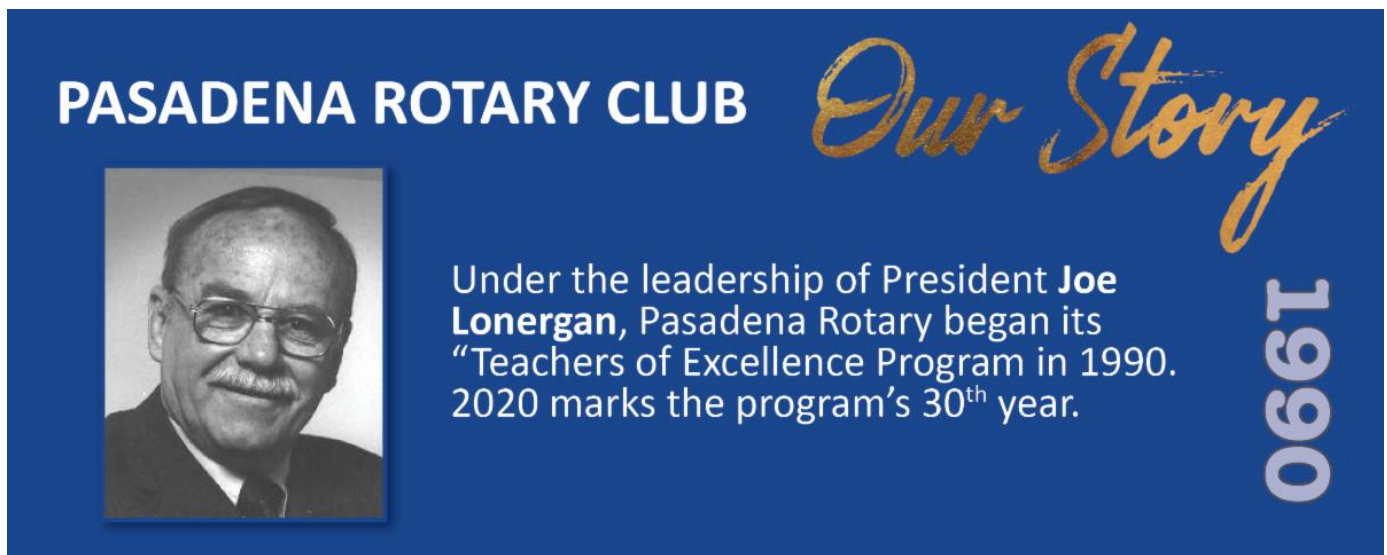
Oh, before I go, I want to remind you again about our upcoming Pasadena Rotary Club Centennial Birthday coming up on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. You won't want to miss a luncheon filled with surprises and prizes! Yes, there will be champagne and cake, of course!

Yours in service,



President Scott, 2019–2020

*PS: Below is a published correction to the February 21, 2020 "Our Story" in the Connection Corner. My apologies to Pasadena Rotarian, **Joe Lonergan**, for the incorrect information.*



PASADENA ROTARY CLUB *Our Story* **1990**

Under the leadership of President **Joe Lonergan**, Pasadena Rotary began its "Teachers of Excellence Program" in 1990. 2020 marks the program's 30th year.



An important musical when it arrived on Broadway in 1998, **Ragtime** explores subjects such as xenophobia, civil and women's rights and violent racism. As the curtain went down on opening night, however, the critics and the patrons were not impressed. As the years traveled on, this musical, taken from the book by E. L. Doctorow, grew in stature. It tackles serious subjects with a sweeping score (Ahrens and Flaherty's best, in my opinion), deeply drawn characters and sprawling settings. Now, forever captured on video, you can experience the incredible talents of (now) Broadway legends **Audra MacDonald**, **Marin Mazzie** and **Brian Stokes Mitchell**. Recently, our friends at the Pasadena Playhouse mounted a stunningly revival of this show that holds up 22 years later with surprising resonance.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE EXCITING PROLOGUE OF THE BROADWAY CAST OF RAGTIME.](#)

Scott Zone

by Scott Carlson, Staff Reporter

Photographer: Nate Bradley



Pasadena Rotary Club Greeters, Cyril Vergis and Scott Carlson.

President Scott called the meeting to order promptly at 12:30 p.m. Past President Mary Lou Byrne accompanied as usual by the multi-talented Ross Jutsum, led us in an enthusiastic group effort of My Heart Will Go On, followed by This Land is Your Land and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Debbie Unruh provided an inspirational quote from Marianne Williamson's 1992 work "A Return to Love", which tied in with President Scott's theme of our power to connect the world.

Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Lyons then introduced our numerous guests, including speaker Jan's daughter, Sara Sanders, taking a brief leave from her duties raising Jan's granddaughter Maisie. We were happy to see another of Jan's guest, Sally Jameson, a

former Pasadena Rotarian.

After urging us to lead our businesses cautiously and to not overreact to the Coronavirus threat, **President Scott** called for allowed announcements and Polio Pig announcements.

Past President Mary Lou made a \$100 Polio Pig announcement in honor of **Ross Jutsum's** 40th Rotaversary.

Catherine Haskett Hany announced that **Louise Prescott**, the author of this year's One City One Story selection, will attend a discussion of the book on March 5, 2020 at the Pasadena Central Library. The event starts at 7 p.m.

Cathy Simms advised us that the Rotary Readers will be discussing that book at their next meeting, starting at 6:15 p.m. on March 2, 2020 at the home **Roger and Minna Adams**. All are welcome to attend. Reading the book is not a prerequisite. Contact **Cathy** for more details.

Robert Lyons announced that next week is the Read Across America event and that if you signed up you will receive your assignment by email. If you don't, contact **Robert**.

Del Lile announced that anyone who is interested in an all-expense paid weekend in Running Springs should contact him about being a facilitator at the upcoming RYLA event over the weekend of March 20th.

Stephen Smith reminded us that there will be a free pickle ball class this Sunday from 3–5 p.m. at Fox Hollow in La Canada. His poor pun about "relishing" the event will not be repeated here.



The Speaker's Table – George Falardeau, Cathy Simms, Mary Wilson, Diana Peterson–More, Margaret Sedenquist, President Scott, Diana Sedenquist, Jan Sanders, Helen Baatz, & Sara Sanders

Armida Baylon announced an upcoming Dodger game event. More details will be provided starting next week.

Eszylfie Taylor let us know that his Future Stars charity event will be held on March 19, 2019 at the Pasadena Westin hotel, starting at 6:30 p.m. Please contact him for more information.

New member **Tammy Silver**, under the strict oversight of **President Scott**, announced that (i) she is running for the District 4 seat on the PCC Board of Trustees, (ii) she is not running against **Jim Osterling**, and (iii) her website address is tammysilver4pcc.com.

Frank Fish donated 4 tickets to the upcoming Santa Barbara International Orchid Festival which were auctioned off by Robert Lyons. **Mary Wilson** was the winning bidder at a price of \$30, but she went and donated \$50. Thank you, **Mary**.

And last, but certainly not least, **Dean Billman** made a \$94 contribution to the Polio Pig in honor of his father's 94th birthday. **Dean's** dad is a polio survivor and is the reason that **Dean** joined Rotary.

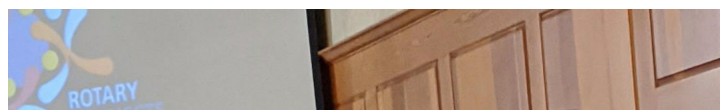
Thank you **Catherine, Eszylfie, Scott, Tammy & Eric** for your Polio Pig donations.

President Scott then asked if we were all wearing our Centennial Pins as he drew names from his Bowl of Friendship. First name out of the Bowl was **Scott Carder**, who to his misfortune was not wearing his Centennial Pin. **Scott** also could not answer **President Scott's** question about his Spokes column. **Scott** was asked to make a meaningful donation to the Polio Pig, but he did receive some Rotary swag in the form of a latte cup for his efforts. Next name drawn was **Eric Klinkner**, with the same results, except that his Rotary swag was 2 water glasses. **President Scott** then asked a wild card question of **Past President Mary Lou** with a fancy new, Rotary emblazoned, kitchen apron at stake. **Past President Mary Lou**, of course, had the right answer.

Next, **President Scott** invited new member **Kristina Spencer** to participate in this week's Take Five with The President segment. **Kristina** from Pasadena is a mom (daughter attends Providence College) and is married to Dr. Jeff Spencer, an avid cyclist. **Kristina** provided the following answers to **President Scott's** questions:

1. She loves Mexican food, Swiss cheese and disco dancing.
2. The top 3 things on her bucket list are to travel to Israel, to create safe place for orphaned children in Columbia, and to enter and win a Low-rider car competition.

3. Her superpower is the ability to find



5. Her superpower is the ability to find things (like Pasadena Rotary).

4. She does believe in miracles.

President Scott then asked our own, strikingly purple-haired, **Diana Peterson-More** to introduce our speaker, **Jan Sanders**. Diana let us know that **Jan** (i) is an avid world traveler, (ii) is the loving mother of Sarah and grandmother of Maisie (who lives next door), (iii) led our Rotary Readers for 10 years, and (iv) brought our Pasadena Library into the 21st Century, greatly expanding its role in our community and the services it provides.



New member Kristina Spencer and President Scott – Take 5 with the President.



Speaker and Pasadena Rotarian Jan Sanders.

Jan then took the mike. She let us know that she has been a Rotarian in 3 states, Oklahoma (can still hear that twang in her voice), Washington and California. She provided some background information on our fair city, and then discussed "100 years of women's suffrage."

Before the 19th amendment was finally passed, each state

could decide if women could vote. Wyoming has allowed the female vote since 1869. The 19th amendment was finally passed by Congress in 1919 and ratified in 1920. We were a little slow on the uptake though, since 12 other countries preceded us in allowing women's suffrage!

Jan, mostly on her own, has led an effort to make 2020 "The Year of Women's Suffrage in Pasadena." She was instrumental in raising over \$380,000.00 to build the float celebrating women's suffrage for the 2020 Rose Parade (and it won the Theme Award to boot!).

As part of her efforts, **Jan** is involved, along with **George Falardeau**, in producing a monthly

public access program focusing on organizations that have helped foster women's rights or interests over the years. The program is titled "Bustles to Boardrooms." Jan wanted to call it "Bloomers to Boardrooms," but that was deemed too "edgy" by George F. So far, Jan has worked on programs focusing on Planned Parenthood and the League of Women Voters.

President Scott proceeded to timely adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. saying "you each have the power in you – go connect the world."



President Scott, Speaker Jan Sanders and Introducer Diana Peterson–More.

Upcoming Events

PICKLEBALL FOR
BEGINNERS



BEGINNERS

Sunday - 3/1/20

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Hoggs Hollow Pre-school
4490 Cornishon Ave., La Canada

COURT IS RESERVED
WITH AN INSTRUCTOR
EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED

Social Committee
Co-chair Stephen Smith

SIGN UP at Wed Mtg.



Rotary Social Event

**DODGERS VS.
GIANTS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28
6:00pm**

Email: Office@PasadenaRotary.com
if interested in tickets





DISTRICT 5300 ASSEMBLY & CONFERENCE
MAY 1 & MAY 2, 2020
WESTIN, PASADENA

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION GALA DINNER
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020
WESTIN, PASADENA

PASADENA ROTARY CLUB WILL BE MAKING A **BIG ANNOUNCEMENT** THAT EVENING – YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT! MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO JOIN US!

7 Day Notice

Josh Betta

Sponsor: Robert Lyons

PASADENA CITY COLLEGE

Corporate Membership

Erika Endrijonas, Alex Boekelheide,

Sponsor: Jim Osterling & George Falardeau

Bobbi Abram, Salvarice Cummo

UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES
Anne Miskey, Dana Bean, Calvin Chan

Convert from Anne Miskey to Corporate
Membership

Resignation

Mike Kinman, All Saints Church

Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

Debbie Unruh

March 2

Vahe Simonian

March 2

Laura Huang

March 5

Rotaversary

Mary Bowser	2/29/12	8 years
Dave Cardenas	2/29/12	8 years
Rob Fisher	3/1/89	31 years
Jim Graunke	3/1/85	35 years
John Peck	3/1/95	25 years
Doug Webb	3/1/88	32 years

Upcoming Programs

- March 11 Four Way Speech Contest
- March 18 Happy 100th Birthday Pasadena Rotary

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See you on Wednesday!