



PASADENA ROTARY CLUB ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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This Week's Program

FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

Introducers:

Justene Adamec and Mark Nicoletti, Four-Way Test Speech
Committee Co-Chair

The Rotary Four Way Test

1. Is It Truth?
2. Is It Fair To All Concerned?
3. Will It Build Goodwill And Better Friendships?
4. Will It Be Beneficial To All Concerned?

SPEECH CONTEST!



TIME MACHINE ARRIVAL: 12:20pm

Four-Way Test Speech Contest –
Group Level Round

Together with partner Clubs, Altadena, Pasadena Afterhours and San Marino, Pasadena Rotary hosts the Group Level Round of the Four-Way Test Speech

Contest 2020. Late in February, a number of students from area high schools competed to

represent one of these Clubs as their contestant in this important round of the competition. On March 11, four students will present speeches embracing this year's Rotary International theme, "Rotary Connects the World", and incorporating the 4-Way Test of what we think, say or do. Of those students, one will progress to the Regional Level Round on April 10, 2020, and with luck, compete at the District Level Round on May 2, 2020 with a chance to win a \$5,000 college scholarship.

Join us to experience enlightening insight into the minds of the next generation, and be a part of encouraging the leaders of tomorrow.

Song Leader: **Eric Olsen** Accompaniment: **Ross Jutsum**

Inspiration: **Mary Wilson**

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

Meeting Greeters: **Robert Earnest & Nathan Long**

Meeting Photographer: **Nate Bradley**



by President Scott Vandrick



TIME MACHINE 2000s
EARLY ARRIVAL: 12:20pm

It was thanks to **Phil Hawkey** and his persuasion skills that Pasadena Rotary Club welcomed Disney producer, author, painter and thought leader **Don Hahn** to our Club on Wednesday. Don's light-

hearted but deeply insightful take on storytelling and its impact on our community was a

hearted but deeply insightful take on storytelling and its impact on our community was a refreshing (and needed) reminder of the human desire to belong, to share and to create meaning in our world. One of Don's presentation slides had the Pasadena Rotary Club chuckling out loud, and I wanted to share it here. Don was talking about how every story, at its core, could be reduced to what a character wants and how they get it. He reviewed the plots of *The Lion King*, *Lilo & Stitch* and others, and then he got to *The Wizard of Oz*. He put up this slide of a past television listing of the legendary movie on TMC. Hilarious!



Well, Pasadena Rotary, it's been fun to swim through the emotional fume of the 1990s, but like all good things, our salute to the decade that brought us "grunge" is at its end. Next week, when the Time Machine lands, and steel doors will iris open and we will be on the edge of the 2000s. The decade that challenged and inspired us; tested the strength of our society and kept our eyes both on the past's distant shore and the future's dawning horizon. I wax poetic because the decade deserves poetry as we sought to heal from unthinkable acts.

Next Wednesday, March 11, is also our annual Four-Way Test Speech Contest – Group Level Round where our Club encourages the leaders of tomorrow to reach higher. Co-Chairs, **Justene Adamec** and **Mark Nicoletti**, will lead the meeting of 4 outstanding students, their parents and teachers, and 3 sensational guest judges. Because this meeting is tight, **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 12:20PM, ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE LIMITED AND TIME MACHINE ACTIVITIES WILL BE MOVED AROUND** in order that the competition can take the center stage.

You won't want to miss our jump into the 2000s – *"...all the single ladies, all the singles ladies, all the single ladies, all the singles ladies... put your hands up!"*


Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial 'S'.

PS: I remember when Don Hahn, such a master storyteller was talking about... **Did I just hear a cellphone ring?!?** Didn't the man with the boxy 1990s cellphone on the video before the presentation remind you to turn your phone off or put it on silence? What happened, Pasadena Rotary?!? Out respect for our speakers, those who donate their time and their knowledge to Pasadena Rotary Club to share insight and expertise, I strongly remind you to silence your phones. Let's not have that happen again – by the way, I saw you HOUSE RIGHT, TWO TABLES BACK... don't make me go all Patti Lupone on you... [GOOGLE IT]...

PASADENA ROTARY CLUB

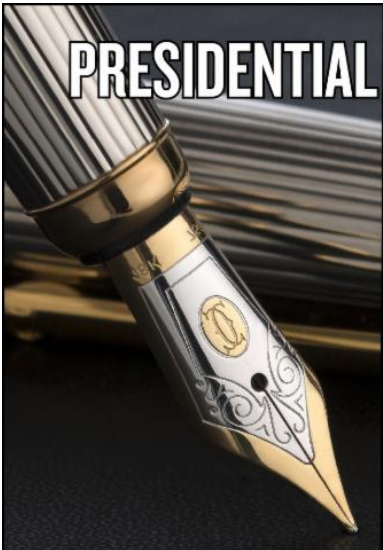
Our Story



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In 1997, Sammi McCubbins served as the first female Club President, followed the next year by President Sonia Lagomarsino. A point of fact: 2 consecutive female Presidents after 77 men in a row.

1997



PRESIDENTIAL POETRY PICK

WHAT'S REMEMBERED

They remember now what all the singing was about
the clink of thin crystal, the flicker of small candles
held high in the air and stacked on that cake
and the simple, angelic way the lit wicks etched
the faces of those they loved.

Scoot Zone

by Justene Adamec, Bureau Chief
Photographer: Victoria Alsabery

President Scott Vandrick called the meeting to order and Past

President Phil Miles and





The "welcome wagon" – Pasadena Rotary Reception Committee members Frank Fish, Jane Waas and Eric Klinkner.

Immediate Past President **Mary Lou Byrne** led us in singing *Beauty and the Beast*. Our guest speaker, Don Hahn, produced *Beauty and the Beast*. Kristina Spencer gave the inspiration, sharing a quote from Walt Disney that began with "Your talent makes you who you are. You should be proud of it."

Announcements:

For a Polio Pig donation, Phyllis Crandon announced that the San Marino League will present [Art Matters 2020](#) on Saturday March 28 and Sunday March 29 at The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens. Art Matters is an art and jewelry exhibition and a sale.

Robert Lyons announced that Read Across America was underway!

Armida Baylon announced that Pasadena Rotary will attend the Dodger game on March 28, 2020. Contact Armida for details or email Office@PasadenaRotary.com.

Kristina Spencer donated to the Polio Pig to demonstrate how to wash your hands to prevent the coronavirus and other diseases.

Immediate Past President **Mary Lou** donated to the Polio Pig to announce that Former First Gentleman **Gary Kearney** shaved off his whiskers.

Ross Jutsum announced that he would be performing at Thursday night's, March 5, 2020, happy hour or Wine'd Down event at the University Club and made a donation to the Polio Pig.

In honor of the Century of Service, **President Scott** gave out Centennial swags to those who wore their Centennial pin and/or answered a question from the Connection Corner (see above!). **Phyllis Mueller, Hank Maarse, and Cathy Simms** all won prizes.

Past President Frank Nicholas was today's guest on **Take 5 with the President**.

Most treasured material possession – He brought with him a puppet created by

First Husband Tony Foster





Oldtimer Frank Nicholas joined President Scott for Take 5 with the President.

of his demotion. It is a man resembling Frank in puppet form on a bicycle. In addition, he has drawing of his wife, Laura, taken from the photo he carries in his wallet.

Enjoy the outdoors? – Yes!
His favorite activity is long distance cycling, often with other Rotary members.

New Year's resolutions –
Every year, he resolves to

really learn Spanish and really learn to play the piano. This year, he resolved to do the intermittent diet and have a dry January. He made it two weeks on both.

Would he keep his cellphone or car?

– Cellphone. It opens the world and he assumes that other forms of transportation will suffice.

If he had the body of a human, which animal head would he choose? – A cheetah because he hopes that a cheetah head would inspire his human body to run faster.



At the Speaker's Table: Margaret Sedenquist, Josh Betts, Kristina Spencer, President Scott & Mic Hansen. Back: Phil Hawkey, Don Hahn & Bill Bogaard.

Phil Hawkey introduced our speaker, Don Hahn. Don is the producer of the iconic Walt Disney films *Lion King* and *Beauty and the Beast*. Don is also on the board of the One Arroyo Foundation.

Don spoke on storytelling. From the time we were born, we learn largely by listening to stories. We also frame our own lives by telling stories, often punctuated with events like weddings and christenings.

We all have a need for belonging, whether it is belonging to a family or a tribe such as sports fans. He showed us pictures that illustrated how similar we are. There were collages of men in business suits, girls with torn jeans, guys in polo shirts and others.

Many stories, especially Disney movies, are based on Aristotle's three act play. First act – put your character up a tree. Second Act – throw rocks at him. Third act – bring him back with an act of personal heroism against his worst fear.

He gave several examples including "The Wizard of Oz": Dorothy journeys out in the world to face her worst fear, finds new knowledge and returns a changed person. The lesson is: "You always had the power. You just had to learn it for yourself."

Michael Eisner summed up stories as what do you want and how do you get it. "The Sword and the Stone" can be summed up as pull the sword and become king. In "101 Dalmatians", the entire movie is Save the Puppies.

Characters fall into archetypes. Yoda is the sage. Mickey Mouse is Everyman. Each interaction is the meeting of two personalities and each comes away transformed.

We all have a shadow self and the story shows the real self.

Stories involve world-building.

Stories have a viewpoint. He showed a number of pictures of the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima from different viewpoints. Only one became the iconic image.



Speaker Don Hahn.

The creative process can be summed up like this:

- Create lots of stuff
- Organize
- Edit
- Present it to others for feedback
- Weep openly
- Listen and adjust
- Rinse and repeat

Once you run out of time, energy or money, all that's left is the story.

After a few questions, and presentation of a gift to Don, **President Scott** proceeded to timely adjournment of the meeting, saying "you each have the power in you – go connect the world."





Upcoming Events



Rotary Social Event



DODGERS VS. GIANTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
6:00pm

Email: Office@PasadenaRotary.com
if interested in tickets



District 5300



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!

Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

Robert Lyons	March 6
John Cushman	March 10
John McDannel	March 10
Ilona Linden	March 11

Rotaversary

Gary Kearney	3/8/06	14 years
Cory Brendel	3/9/05	15 years
Hillary Schenk	3/9/16	4 years
Frank Waterman	3/10/10	10 years
Justene Adamec	3/11/15	5 years
Cyrus Afshin	3/11/09	11 years
Don Andrues	3/11/15	5 years
David Covell, Jr.	3/11/15	5 years

Upcoming Programs

- March 18 "Happy 100th Birthday" Pasadena Rotary! Join the Celebration!
- March 25 Susanne B. Cohen - Preventing Elder Abuse: It Takes A Village

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See you on Wednesday!