



PASADENA ROTARY CLUB ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

SPOKES NEWSLETTER

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This Week's Program



SPEAKER: Mary Lou Byrne

Court Commissioner, LA Superior Court

TOPIC:

**"How the Superior Court is Responding to the
Coronavirus Emergency."**

Speaker Introducer: Gary Kearney

Song Leader: Phil Miles

Inspiration: Bill Opel



You're invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Pasadena Rotary Club – Weekly Meeting – Wednesday, May 13 at noon
Time: May 13, 2020 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84193915400?
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Meeting ID: 841 9391 5400

Password: 444395

NEW UPDATE

NOTE:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND COUNTY MANDATES AND FOLLOWING PHASED IN REOPENING OF GATHERED GROUPS, AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF THE PASADENA ROTARY CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

**THE REMAINDER OF IN-PERSON MEETINGS
FOR THE ROTARY YEAR THROUGH**

JUNE 30, 2020

ARE CANCELLED.

CURRENTLY OUR NEXT, OFFICIAL IN-PERSON MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1, 2020 – THE START OF PRESIDENT ELECT KEN JOE'S ROTARY YEAR.

THIS MAY CHANGE, AND AS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S PLANS TO REOPEN BUSINESSES AND GROUP MEETINGS UNFOLD, WE WILL KEEP EVERYONE UPDATED ON THE STATUS OF PASADENA ROTARY CLUB'S IN-PERSON MEETINGS.

SEE ABOVE FOR VIRTUAL MEETING INVITATION – SEE YOU THERE!



by President Scott Vandrick

The calendar pages fly off the wall as I sit at my dining room table, attending Zoom call after

Zoom call. I think back on all the good that



Zoom call. I think back on all the good that Pasadena Rotary Club has accomplished – in and out of our current situation. I'm incredibly proud to represent you during this time, and I appreciate each and everyone of you standing beside your Club as we navigate our way through these waters. And even though we've officially closed our in-person meetings for this Rotary Year (see announcement under "New Updates" above), we still have some great adventures to go on together before we're through. Thanks for traveling with me!

Next Wednesday, May 13, 2020 is a Time Machine Day, and (for the first time in Pasadena Rotary history!) we'll be broadcasting LIVE FROM THE UNIVERSITY CLUB beginning at noon that day. Thanks to **Cyrus Afshin** and all the staff of the University Club for identifying a production crew to help make this idea a reality. It will be nice to be in our space again, and talking to you right after I emerge from the time machine. Don't miss it! My sincere thanks to **Robert Lyons** for his willingness to bring the Pasadena Rotary time machine to the University Club so this event can happen.

Another hearty congratulations to new Board members **Desiree Alvarado**, **Mary Chalon** and **Mic Hansen**. Your service to the Pasadena Rotary Club and to your community is much appreciated.

Remember that your Pasadena Rotary "Zoom Team," made up of **Frank Fish**, **Scott Carlson**, **Kat Rogers** and **Wendy Anderson**, is here to help solve any tech issues related to our virtual meetings. Please contact **Wendy Anderson** at Office@PasadenaRotary.com and she'll trouble-shoot with you. Also, yes, we'll be "enabling the chat with everyone" function so that members, should they care to, can chat during the meeting.

A reminder: **HOW DO YOU MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?** Email Wendy at Office@PasadenaRotary.com before Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5pm and let her know you'd like to make a quick 1 minute announcement. We'll gather a list together and I'll call on you during the meeting.

Stay connected, Pasadena Rotary. It all starts with you.

Yours in service,

President Scott. 2019–2020

Scout Zone

By Past President Mary Lou Byrne, Bureau Chief Emeritus



Spring has sprung says Centennial President Scott.

Our Zoom Meeting Production Team member **Frank Fish** ably guided everybody in turning on their cameras for our virtual meeting and **Centennial President Scott** rang the bell promptly at 12 noon and 30 seconds. He noted that it is our eighth week online and it's always the highlight of his week to see us. He also thanked the Production Team of Frank, Scott Carlson and Kat Rogers for helping with the technical issues.

Eric Olson noted he's been on the music committee for a long time and has seen our nation go through a lot of serious issues. He recalled that after 9/11, the most popular song was not the National

Anthem, about a battle, but God Bless America, which he led us in singing in his usual fine voice. He then led us in the pledge of allegiance. **Richard Cornfield**, under the nom de Zoom "lionheart," provided [a most appropriate Inspiration](#) from musical artist [Fearless Soul](#).

Department of Announcements Department:

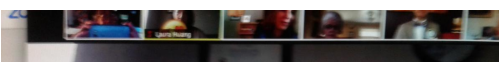
President Scott announced the Safer at Home order has been extended to May 15, so our next meeting will be a Zoom meeting. Watch this space for further announcements regarding our Rotary meetings but look for virtual meetings until at least the end of May.

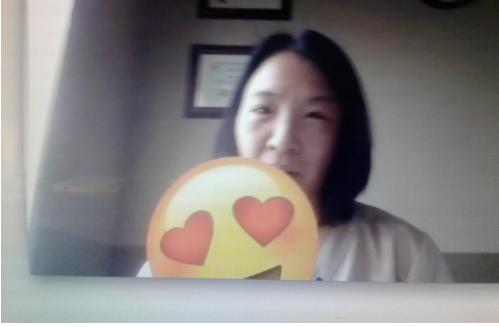
Tammy Silver donated to the Polio Pig and announced that she was successful in her candidacy for Trustee of Pasadena City College. Our club now has two members: **Tammy** and **Jim Osterling**, who was also reelected.

Jan Sanders announced that Rotary Readers next meets on June 1 to discuss Michelle Obama's book, *Becoming*. If you are planning to participate you may also want to check out the Netflix documentary of the same name. We will also be selecting books for next year so bring your nominees but don't forget, you must have read the entire book before you can nominate it.

Wendy Anderson made a Polio Pig announcement in

honor of **Laura Huang**, who donated 1100 masks to





Member Laura Huang – thanks for donating masks!

our District Governor Lu Arredondo. 500 masks were donated to West Covina Medical Center and 300 donated to families in need through Mesquite Rotary Club. She has more, so if you need any masks please contact **Laura**.

Aaron Shepherd Blomberg and Noah Renwick Blomberg, born halfway around the world in the Middle East. They weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz and 6 lbs. 14 oz. and they and Ross's daughter Lisa and hubby Jonathan are doing well!

Debbie Unruh made a \$50 Polio Pig contribution and announced that Elizabeth House successfully raised \$152,000 of its \$165,000 goal despite having to move its gala online! Thanks to everyone for their support.

Past President Mary Lou Byrne made a Polio Pig donation in honor of Chet and Phyllis Specht, to thank them for all their support in her year as President.

Ross Jutsum made the exciting Polio Pig announcement that Grandchildren Nos. 6 and 7 arrived safely on May 4 They are healthy baby boys,



Ross Jutsum's newest grandchildren who are twins, Aaron & Noah.



Chet & Phyllis Specht.

And on that note, **President Scott** announced that **Chet Specht** has been elected as an honorary member of our Club. His sponsor, **Cathy Simms**, said he was a member since 1992, when he became the first hair stylist member of our club. **Chet** and his wife **Phyllis** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year and love to travel. **Chet** was Rotarian of the Year during **Dave Mans's** year as President, when he served on the Gala Committee. **Chet** has a great interest in art and enjoys every

medium. He has served on our Club's Board and only resigned from the Club because he

felt he could no longer participate to the level he would like. We are delighted to have him as our newest honorary member.

Chet thanked **Cathy** for her introduction and the great honor. He said in thinking about this honor he kept coming back to the Four Way Test: in this new age pandemic experience these guidelines are very meaningful and important to all of us. "Thank you very much, you've made an old man happy!" **Chet** said, "thanks to **Mel Cohen** and **Dennis Juett** for all the many rides home from Rotary these past years!"

Next up, we took care of our Club business. **President Scott** turned the floor over to **Past President Kathy Meagher**, who announced that we had 86 "yes" votes for the slate of Board nominees, **Desiree Alvarado**, **Mary Chalon**, and **Mic Hansen**, who have been elected. Congratulations to our new Board members:



2020/2021 New Board Members: Desiree Alvarado, Mary Chalon & Mic Hansen

- **Desiree** is the Local Business Owner of Pasadena Promos and Licensee/owner of Bonnie's Guest House. She served as Co-chair for the RYLA Committee and as a member of the following committees: Bikes for Christmas, Grants, Centennial Ball, Giving From the Closet, Done in a Day, Teachers of Excellence and Happy Feet. Her Rotarian sponsor was Howard Raff. **Desiree** says that after many years of serving on committees she feels this is the next step to make a difference in our community and thanks **Ken Joe** for the opportunity to participate on the board.
- **Mary** is Co-Founder, Associate Director, Actress, & Director at Parson's Nose Theater Her Rotarian sponsor was **George Falardeau**. She is the Chair of Polio Pig and was Co-chair of the Done In A Day Committee working on 5 Acres Children's Picnic, Pasadena Senior Center, and organize Rotary's storage in the UClub basement. She also performed in **Past President Mary Lou's** Holiday Show when she had been a member of our club for only a few weeks! **Mary** is humbled and honored to be considered for membership on the Board, and values the opportunity. She appreciates this opportunity to more fully understand the inner workings of our

organization and participate in the many ways that Pasadena Rotary serves the needs of the wider community. **Mary** grew up in England where her grandfather, Percy Coombs, and uncle Dennis were faithful Rotarians.

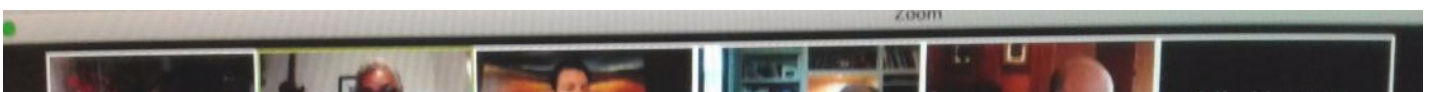
- **Mic Hansen** is currently retired. She was formerly a medical educator at the USC School of Medicine, and Vice President of an investor-owned healthcare company. **Mic** has served on Program Committee since she joined in 2006 and served as co-chair of the Program Committee last year. She served as the Board Secretary during **Past President Kathy Meagher's** term. Her Rotarian sponsors were **Diana Peterson-More** and **Marsha Rood**. **Mic** says she was drafted to serve as a Director on the Board and is looking forward to the opportunity.

President Scott thanked **Kathy** and everyone who served on the nominating committee, as well as everyone who voted.

Jim Osterling introduced our speaker, Paul Little. Paul is a former member of our Club and a longtime Pasadena resident who has served three terms on the City Council representing District Two.

Paul noted that we are living the Chinese proverb, "may you live in interesting times." He said "It's like we are living in an 8.0 earthquake that skipped the banks, the grocery stores, and City Hall but pretty much leveled everything else. 85% of the Chamber of Commerce is small locally owned businesses and they are really hurting."

This is happening across America: The U.S. Main St. Association works on revitalizing downtowns across the country and according to a study they conducted, there are 35,000,000 small businesses in the U.S. and 85% of them are temporarily closed and 25% are at risk of failure. Almost 6% say they won't survive another month. A separate survey by another organization said most small businesses will fail for lack of just \$10,000 to \$15,000.





Paul Little, President & CEO, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce

Paul said the Chamber staff is calling all its members "and it's not pretty." People are scared and despairing and wondering whether they will be able to continue. We've been paying a lot of attention to restaurants, he noted, but they are like the canary in the coal mine. The model they've had to adopt, of takeout and delivery, is going to have to be adopted by more traditional retailers as well, going forward. Fitness studios, yoga studios, etc., may be closed through the summer and it's very difficult to think about re-opening when they will owe many months of rent and utilities. Without a short-term infusion of cash, some of these businesses will not survive. The government aid programs, even though they are huge dollar amounts, only go so far.

There are things that can be done locally, said Paul. "This morning I talked to Jennifer DeVoll about a private fund here to help businesses that won't be getting the PPP loans but are the heart and soul of our community. I've been asking the City to take some of its reserve fund to help the locally owned businesses who won't be getting the federal aid. They've been reluctant, but we will keep at it." He said the City of El Monte is doing it – they have given \$10,000 grants to 50 of their local businesses. Creativity can help alleviate the problem and preserve some of the businesses we really want to have stay. What can we do? Get takeout lunches and dinners. The least we can do is support the businesses we love and want to keep. Paul said, "Vroman's had a t-shirt sale and I ordered those. You can buy gift cards. It's not just economically devastating, it's emotionally devastating. Small businesspeople are the ones who strike out and invest a lot more than

just money."

What else is the Chamber doing? "We are subsidizing takeout food for COVID-19 workers at Huntington from six local restaurants. It helps health workers and also the restaurants. The high point of my day is when I get the photos of people picking up the food and they say it's the highlight of *their* day." (See attached photo.) Paul says "Please donate to help us provide meals for those dealing directly with COVID-19 patients or supporting those who are ensure all our health and safety. The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Food for First Responders pays for take-out meals for COVID-9 Unit workers at Huntington Hospital at select locally owned restaurants. In addition we deliver meals to staff at Exer Urgent Care who are doing Coronavirus and antibody testing as well as taking all non-life-threatening cases to alleviate the strain on Huntington's ER and its staff. Donate now at www.pasadenayouthworks.org/donate-first-responders. 100% of donations are used to provide Food for First Responders. The Pasadena Chamber Foundation has provided meals to hundreds of critical care workers saving the lives of COVID-129 patients at Huntington Hospital. You can also send a check to: Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Foundation, 44 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91106-1745



Volunteers deliver food to frontline workers.

Will there be a Tournament of Roses? Paul said he talked to ToFR Executive Director David Eades recently, and it is somewhat unlikely there will be a Rose Bowl game because there may not be a college football season at all. There may not be a parade, either, for only the second time ever (the first time was in WWII). There's no way to know what consumers will want to do even if opportunities are available.

If the hotels can't open or open only on a limited basis, a lot of our neighbors will really be impacted. The Chamber is not closing its doors on my watch after 132 years, but we're going to have to make some serious decisions. We're not dropping anybody because they can't pay and we're supporting the people who have supported us. Our mission is always support the members and right now it's support the economy. I can fill out a PPP application in my sleep.

In summary, Paul said, it's a mess, but we can all do a little to help on a day to day basis.

Scott Carlson read the questions submitted from chat:

Q: how many chamber businesses have expressed a desire to open up now?

A: We are not hearing people wanting to do business as usual now. People want to make money somehow but they understand it will be limited. I get a lot of calls from hairdressers/beauty salons, who are in Group Four which is opening up last. They are sitting on absolutely no revenue. They want to make money but don't want their customers bringing illness to them or getting sick and blaming them for it. There are liability issues that need to be sorted out legislatively.

Q: What restaurants closing permanently?

A: Roy's and one other whose name escapes me. It's a very rough time. At best, restaurants are seeing only 15–20% of regular income. Instead of 50–60 people per shift, they have maybe 1–2 cooks, a manager, no servers with income still quite low.

Q: Is the chamber working with any commercial landlords re rent reductions/abatements/etc?

A: My advice to everyone is (a) call your bank, (b) call your landlord. There will be a "trickle up" impact from tenants to landlords to banks and that needs to be recognized. A lot of landlords and leasing agents are talking.

Q: How helpful are the banks?

A: Right now they're overwhelmed by PPP loans. There are eviction moratoria for commercial as well as residential and it will shake out through the rest of the year. Depends partly on whether you are working with a small local bank or a giant bank. If people aren't willing to make accommodations, it will just be that much worse for everyone.

Q: Is Chamber hosting any virtual meetings for members?

A: Thursday afternoon we're doing a virtual mixer. We are trying to figure out how to do virtual networking events. If you're on my email list you get two emails from me per week including links to a lot of good webinars. Once I master the technology a little better we will be more aggressive.

President Scott thanked Paul for his presentation. He said the Pasadena Symphony is pivoting to virtual events and offered to help Paul with the technology, which Paul accepted with pleasure.

Next week is Time Machine Day celebrating the present and a report on how the

pandemic is affecting the local courts. If you have photos or video that celebrates this (2019–2020) Rotary year, please send to president@pasadenarotary.com by Friday at

5pm.

As always, President Scott closed the meeting by saying, "I look forward to seeing you, and I remind you that even if you're at your dining room table, you still have the power to connect the world. Go do that."



ROTARY DONE-IN-A-DAY IS NOT DONE!

A MESSAGE FOR CO-CHAIRS, PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT CORY BRENDDEL AND MARY CHALON:

I have a confession – in my initial shock/confusion/daze over the new CV19 era, I concluded that Done-In-A-Day was finished for the foreseeable future. I mean, our projects were always about serving the community side-by-side in close contact, whether we were painting, cooking food, serving food, monitoring children's picnics, helping out at the Pasadena Senior Center, etc. etc.

Times have changed, and your DIAD co-chairs Cory Brendel and Mary Chalton have realized that DIAD can change also. We don't have to sit and nostalgically recall the good old days. I believe that many Rotarians are serving all over Pasadena during this unprecedented time in many ways. Maybe we can't stand side by side as we would like, but that should not and WILL NOT stop Pasadena Rotarians!

ANNOUNCING the new **Weekly It Only Takes One Rotarian DIAD Report**. Please submit to Cory and Mary a brief mention and photo for Spokes of what you are individually doing. We all want to know, and want to be proud of each other. The Rotarians (safely) getting out there where it's scary deserve mention. Every single one of us has some gift to give,

whether it's shopping for those who can't, making masks for others, reading to a blind person, walking somebody's dog, or picking up a telephone to call somebody who lives alone. **Your individual reports will inspire others and lead to more service.**



On Friday, May 1st, President elect-elect Cory Brendel took his ukulele on the road. He loaded his Pasadena Pops wagon with amplifier and ukulele, and did a Sidewalk Corona Concert outside a senior residence facility in Pasadena, Pilgrim Tower North. It is a high-rise building on Villa. The residents, who no longer have any live entertainment or group activities can't even eat together these days. Their food gets delivered to their rooms, like some sort of solitary confinement. But they were able to come out on their balconies to hear hits from the 20's, 30's, and 40's! See the photo. **Your turn, my friends! What have you been up to? DIAD FROM HOME.** Stay tuned as we ponder some way to coordinate some sort of group service that can be coordinated and done in our homes. The results of our labors would be safely collected and delivered where needed. Sort of a curbside delivery service.

Send your ideas to Cory Brendel, corybrendel@sbcglobal.net, and Mary Chalon, mary@parsonsnose.com

MEMBER RESOURCES:

Rotary International and PolioPlus Responding to the Covid-19 Challenge

A program begun by Rotary is employing thousands of health workers to address the Covid-19 pandemic. The program is the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) which includes Rotary's PolioPlus program. From the earliest days of polio eradication in the Philippines, the generosity and advocacy of Rotarians and our partners has nearly stopped polio, stopped Ebola from becoming an epidemic in Nigeria and now responds to COVID-19. [READ MORE HERE...](#)



The leadership of **Rotary International District 5300** is offering a webpage of COVID-19 resources for members, their families and their business during this difficult time. Click on the logo or [HERE for more information.](#)

The University Club of Pasadena is now offering curbside pickup for lunch and dinner to go Monday–Friday! Simply call (626) 793–5157 to place your order between 10am–3pm and schedule your curbside pickup between 11:30am–6pm. When you arrive to pickup your order, call the Club and a member of their staff will take your order to your car with gloved hands. During these unprecedented times, the University Club hopes their service can help make your days easier. Pasadena Rotarians can have meals charged to their Rotary accounts!



UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PASADENA

MAY TO GO MENU

Lunch & Dinner Monday - Friday | (626) 793-5157
Place Orders 10am - 3pm | Pickup or Delivery

**ASK ABOUT OUR WEEKLY SPECIALS,
FAMILY STYLE & CHILDREN'S MEALS,
PLUS COCKTAILS, WINE, & BEER* TO GO**

*Purchase of Food Required
with Alcoholic Beverages To Go

SOUP

Chef's Daily Soup of the Day \$3

SALADS

*Add Salmon, Chicken, or Steak
to Any Salad for an Additional \$6

Spring Mix Salad

Sliced Strawberries, Fresh Mozzarella,
Grape Tomatoes, Sweet & Sticky Pecans,
Balsamic Vinaigrette \$8

Classic Cobb Salad

Bacon, Diced Chicken, Tomatoes, Eggs, Avocado,
Blue Cheese Crumbles, Italian Dressing \$11

NEW Tostada Salad

Black Beans, Roasted Corn, Pico de Gallo, Queso
Fresco, Sour Cream, Cilantro Lime Dressing,
Choice of Grilled Herb Shrimp \$17,
Chicken \$15, or Beef \$15

NEW Dungeness Crab & Shrimp Louie Salad

Thousand Island Dressing, Cocktail Sauce \$20

Pan Seared Salmon Salad

Spinach, Baby Kale, Avocado, Blueberries,
Walnuts, Citrus Herb Vinaigrette \$12

Beets Salad

Golden Beets, Crumbled Blue Cheese,
Sliced Apples, Walnuts, Poppy Seed Dressing \$10

COMPLIMENTARY DESSERT

Homemade Chocolate Chip Cookie

SANDWICHES

*Come with Sweet Potato Fries or Garlic Herb Fries

NEW Seared Ahi Tuna Burger

Caramelized Onions, Asian Slaw,
Chipotle Aioli, Brioche Bun \$17

NEW Signature Club Burger

Provolone, Green Leaf, Tomatoes, Caramelized
Onions, Mushrooms, Garlic Aioli, Brioche Bun \$15

NEW Classic Philly Cheese Steak

Thinly Sliced Ribeye, Provolone, Bell Peppers,
Onions, Sauteed Mushrooms, Baguette \$16

NEW Chef's Signature Club Sandwich

Grilled Chicken, Lettuce, Tomato, Onions,
Mushrooms, Avocado, Bacon, Cheddar, Ciabatta \$16

ENTRÉES

Chicken Florentine Pasta

Spinach, Mushrooms, Garlic Herb Cream Sauce \$12

Lemon Garlic Parmesan Shrimp Pasta

Spinach, Cherry Tomatoes, Parmesan Cheese,
White Wine Butter Sauce \$12

NEW Chicken Picatta

Capellini Pasta, Asparagus,
Lemon Herb Caper Sauce \$17

NEW Pan Seared Wild King Salmon

Herb Saffron Rice, Grilled Asparagus,
White Wine Mustard Sauce \$18

NEW Pistachio Crusted Halibut

Summer Succotash, Roasted Eggplant,
Pickled Red Grapes, Lemon Dill Reduction \$23

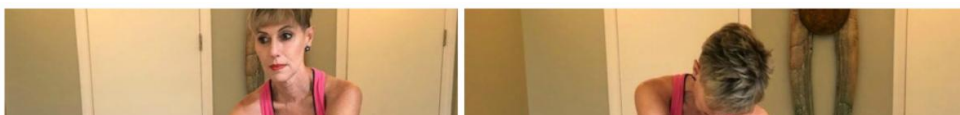
NEW Center Cut Prime Filet

Cauliflower Mac & Cheese, Lemon Zest Heirloom
Carrots, Shallot Port Wine Reduction \$26



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YOGA BY KEN



Chair Yoga Poses &
Exercise by Past



President **Ken Hill**
featuring positions by
Rotary Board Director
Michele Ferroni.

Exercise 3:

Holding the back of the chair, place your right foot on the chair seat and step your left foot out to the left as far as you can moving your hips as little as possible as Michele demonstrates.

Next hop up and lift your left foot over to the right as so expertly shown. Then hop back to the left and repeat 3 to 5 times, each time trying to increase the width of your hop just a little.

Switch sides, placing your left foot on the chair and hop your right foot from side to side 3 to 5 times. Good for stretching the hips and strengthening the lower back muscles.

Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

Bill Opel	May 9
Dick Ward	May 10
George Falardeau	May 12
David Weidert	May 13
Ben Mishico	May 14

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John Perez	May 8, 2019	1 year
Edsel D'Souza	May 9, 2018	2 years
Debbie Loveland	May 11, 2005	15 years
Colleen Carey	May 13, 2009	11 years
Paul Martin	May 13, 2015	5 years

Upcoming Program

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See you on Wednesday!