
Rotary

Club of Pasadena, CA



SPOKES NEWSLETTER

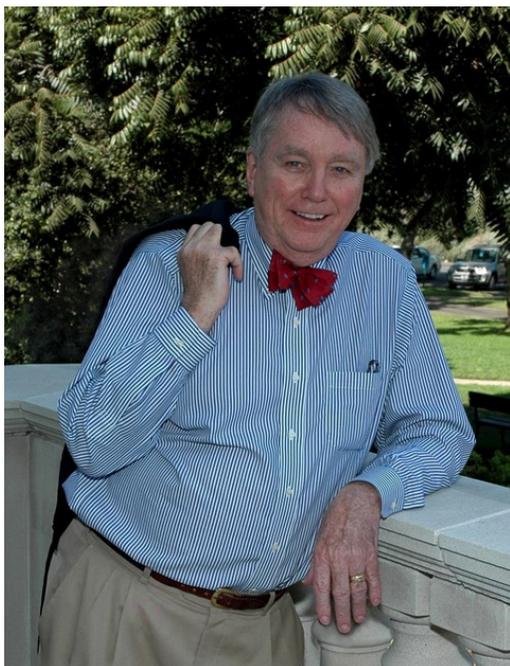
DISTRICT 5300 * Rotary Club 794 * August 5, 2022 * #22-182
Stay up-to-date at www.pasadenarotary.com

This Week's Program

ROY RITCHIE

Sun, Sand and Surf - the Beach Comes to L.A.

Introducer: Jim Graunke



Robert Ritchie, who goes by Roy, was born in Scotland, moved with his family to Toronto, Canada, and then to California. He received an undergraduate degree at Occidental College, then a PhD in History from UCLA. His specialties are early American History and early modern history of England. In 1969, Roy joined the faculty at UCSD where he became a full Professor, then Associate Chancellor in 1986. Roy left UCSD in 1992 to become Director of Research at the Huntington Library. He retired as Director in 2011 and assumed his current position as Senior Research Associate.

Roy has received numerous awards and fellowships, including from the Regents of the University of California, the Danforth Foundation, American Council of Learned Societies, and the National Endowment For Humanities. Roy has served on many Boards and Committees for colleges, historical institutes, and associations.

He has authored many publications including *The Duke's Province: A Study of Politics and Science in New York 1664-1691*, *Captain Kidd and the Pirates* and *The Lure of the Beach: A Global History*. His current project is a History of Needwood Forest in Staffordshire, England.

August 10th Meeting

12:00 pm - RECEPTION & LUNCH BYRSVP ONLY

12:30-1:30 pm - MEETING

Song Leader: Eric Olson

Inspiration: J.P. Harris

Scout Zone Reporter: PE Justene Adamec

Photographers: Wende Lee & Tammy Silver

To attend LIVE - RSVP Below

or by ZOOM:

One-way "Zoomcast" for August

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 -- Zoom opens at 12:15 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81957991086?pwd=SiNHQWhGTnVjY1I5dVBmU1IwaG1lUT09>

Meeting ID: 819 5799 1086 - Passcode: 783239

IF LINK doesn't work, cut and paste link in your browser

IMAGINATION STATION

By President Mary Lou Byrne



Greetings, Pasadena Rotary!

If you were Zooming in to Wednesday's meeting, I understand you experienced sound quality that was much improved over previous weeks, thanks to a brilliantly simple idea by tech genius **Frank Fish**. Thank you, **Frank!** And hopefully next week I will be able to position my phone properly, so people's heads don't get cut off on the video. Little by little we are taming this tech beast!!

Congratulations to this week's Rotary Service Stars, **Jeannine Bogaard**, **Past President Cathy Simms**, and **Wende Lee**. It's been fun and exciting to see the variety of ways our fellow Rotarians are serving the community. And don't forget – your Rotary work counts as community service, too (looking at you, blood donors and committee

chairs!), so don't be shy about claiming your Service Star pin!!

Speaking of committee chairs, I am still looking for someone to co-chair the Adopt-a-Meal Committee with **Sandi Mejia-Ramirez**. **Sandi** arranges for local restaurants to prepare the meals for the families at Union Station Homeless Services, which are picked up and delivered by committee members. The co-chair will be responsible for keeping track of which member is in charge of which month and sending the appropriate reminders. This is a pretty easy job (I can say that with confidence because I've done it!) and I'd really appreciate somebody taking it on to ease the load on **Sandi's** shoulders. Let me know if you're interested.

And speaking of service, at next Wednesday's meeting our District Governor, Roger Gutierrez, will be visiting and he will give a special Rotary Champion award to one of our members for service above and beyond the call of duty. I think you will all be thrilled with the choice of honoree, so don't miss it, lest you cry salty tears of regret!

Pasadena Rotary, you impress me every day with your commitment to building community through service. My virtual door is always open so please reach out to me any time at maloby@outlook.com or 310-710-7701 (voice or text) with your ideas, suggestions, and, of course, fun photos for our lunchtime slide shows. Just imagine what we can do together as we continue to put service above self!

Yours in Rotary service,
Mary Lou

THE SCOOT ZONE

By President Elect Justene Adamec
Photographers: Hans Rosenberger & Tammy Silver

The room was abuzz because there was a familiar face seated at the piano. **President Mary Lou Byrne** called the meeting to order and confirmed what we all could see - **Ross Jutsum** was back in the house! Ross gave a hearty "Hello, Pasadena Rotary!" He started off with the tune of *Imagine* and the words "imagine Pasadena Rotary" but he stopped and said he couldn't think of any more lyrics. So, instead, we sang a medley of patriotic songs.



Dean Billman gave the inspiration. He asked us if we knew that in 1974, women could not have a credit card. Most of us knew. Ruth Bader Ginsburg, before she became Justice Ginsburg, was instrumental in getting the Equal Credit Opportunity Act passed, as well as other women's rights achievements. An interviewer asked her "when do you think there will be enough women on the court?" justice Ginsburg replied "when there are nine." In response to criticism, she said there have been nine men and no one ever mentioned that was a problem.

President Mary Lou announced that Pasadena Rotarian **John Grech** passed away. **John Tegtmeyer** brought us the news and will speak a few words in his honor next week.

Pasadena Rotarian **John Burrows** also passed away. **Past President John Cushman** spoke a few words in honor of his friend. John Burroughs attended University of Iowa and was a great supporter of the school including setting up a family scholarship fund. Between Rotary clubs, Council Bluffs, LA5, and Pasadena, he was a Rotarian for 40 years. His father was also a Rotarian for 40 years.



John had three sons. Scott died of cancer. His son Doug was killed by a hit and run driver. **John** never stopped fighting to bring Doug's killer to justice. He used his relationships with law enforcement developed in the LA5 club, so he could continue the investigation. Eventually the culprit was apprehended, tried and sentenced to jail. He wrote a book about it - *Justice for Doug*. (Part of the Kindle Unlimited program!) **John's** surviving son, Matt was in attendance.

After that much bad news, we were eager to turn to better things. **Ross Jutsum** was given an honorary membership in Pasadena Rotary. **President Mary Lou** told us that **Ross** had led the music for the meeting more than 1500 times. He also wrote a Rotary theme song and performed it before 10,000 Rotarians from all over the world at the Rotary International Convention in Philadelphia.

Ross took the stand and told us a story about how he sat on a plane next to the recently departed Vin Scully. Everybody was asking about the Dodgers. **Ross** said to him "I'm Australian. I don't know anything about baseball. I only know cricket." Vin said "no problem" and they spent the next five hours discussing all of Vin's favorite places in Australia. **Ross** took us through a



Then it was time for the Rotary Service Star awards!

Wende Lee earned her star by volunteering for the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses float building committee. She spent 5 days gathering bougainvillea from yards all over Pasadena, South Pasadena and the surrounding towns. Finally she had enough for the edge of 1 boat.

Jeannine Bogaard earned hers by volunteering every other Saturday at the Friends in Deed Food Pantry.

Past President Cathy Simms earned hers by being a court appointed special advocate for two foster brothers in the court system.

President Mary Lou said next week she wanted to have her first male recipient of the Rotary Service Star.

Past President Cathy Simms retook the podium to update us on the progress of Caring Little Hearts our third global grant in partnership with the Rotary Club of South Madras in India, was fully funded and since the beginning of the Caring little Hearts Program, we have provided heart surgeries for 400 children. Recently the Rotary Club of South Madras brought together 40 families whose children have benefited from the operation to come back for reunion. **Cathy** shared a slideshow of the pictures they sent. (See write up and photos below)

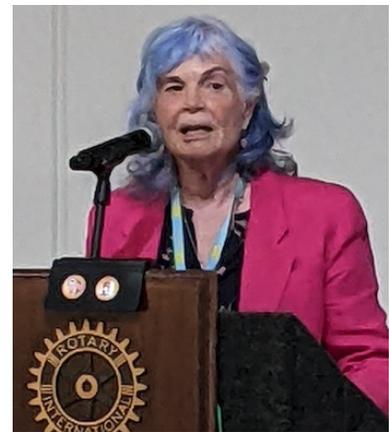
Introduction of guests included Lisa Kroese who has completed her application for corporate membership; Christine Reeder, who lead the one city one story program in Pasadena was guest of **Catherine Hany**. **Joel Sheldon** was in attendance with his lovely wife Jill, and our speaker's husband Randy Wilson.

Past President Diana Peterson-More introduced our speaker, Judy Wilson. Judy has been involved with the festival of women authors since its inception in 2009. It began as a fundraiser for the Pasadena Senior Center and was originally held at the Senior Center for many years.

Judy is on the committee of readers and each member reads three or four books a week and writes a report about each book and then they come together and share ideas and pick the authors who will appear at the festival.

There are four main authors in the ballroom and then there are three debut authors that are in smaller settings while the main ballroom was being set-up for lunch.

There are many things that go into picking a recipient but one of the criteria is that they have to be a great speaker. It's not enough to be a great writer sometimes you have to be a great speaker too, they make it very clear that it's not just a reading of the book but a presentation.



Many of the writers are on speakers bureaus and get 30 to \$40,000 per appearance. The festival only offers transportation and accommodations plus a \$1000 honorarium. However they have developed a reputation and are often able to get authors to come without significant remuneration.

Selecting winning writers is a lot like painting a Golden Gate Bridge. You get to the other end and start all over again. Their search for new writers begins the week after the festival each year. Judy shared some of her success stories in August of 2019 they signed up Sigrid Nunez, author of The



Friend: A Novel. In November of that year she was awarded the National Book Award for fiction.

Pasadena Senior Center only held 350 people and in 2016 they were sold out and there were 250 people on the waiting list. They had to find a new home. They formed their own 501C3 corporation and move to the Pasadena Hilton where they continued to support Pasadena Senior Center but also included other local nonprofits. In 2019 they once again outgrew their home and had to move to the Pasadena Convention Center. They had a very successful festival this year after two years off for COVID.

President Mary Lou presented Judy with the speaker's gift, appropriate for a writer. It was a pen and blazoned with the Pasadena Rotary motto service above self.



Randy Wilson, Diana Peterson-More, Joel Sheldon, Jill Sheldon, President Mary Lou Byrne, Judy Wilson

**To attend the 8-10-22 meeting
RSVP!
by MONDAY 8-8-22 at 5:00 pm**

Join Us Wednesday!

**Check In with Jane Waas &
Barbara Bishop**

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Rotarian Meal choices - Please select from the following Lunch options. No substitutes. If you have allergies or food restrictions please contact Wendy and we can work with it so you have a meal and can attend the meetings.

- Beef and Cheese Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Pico de Gallo, Guacamole, and Sour Cream
- Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken, House Croutons, Parmesan Cheese
- Roasted Yams, Corn, and Black Bean Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Pico de Gallo, Guacamole, and Sour Cream (v)



Photo:L2R- Fred Findley, Barbara, Ross Jutsum & Jane

**CLICK HERE TO
RSVP TODAY**

You may also RSVP by emailing Wendy at office@pasadenarotary.com or 626-683-8243 and remember to give your menu selection

You will always receive a **CONFIRMATION** of your reservation.

**** Note:** If you can't make the meeting -make sure you contact Wendy to cancel your meal.

MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR

Thanks!
DONE-IN-A-DAY (DIAD) BLOOD DRIVE
DIAD Co-chairs: John Burt & Stephen Smith



Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the fabulous Rotarians that turned out for the Done-in-a-Day Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 2nd. According to Jackie Baca-Geary from Huntington Health, they appreciate all the Rotarians, family members and friends that participated and donated blood. A special thanks to Tammy Silver for her bravery to give blood and have her picture taken while doing it.

The DIAD Committee is excited to get the year started off well with a meaningful project that supports the Pasadena Rotary theme for 2022-2023, Building Community Through Service. Time spent for donating your precious blood will count toward your Service Pledge leading to the coveted Service Star from President Mary-Lou. We will be announcing our next project soon, so stay tuned!

Photo: Past President Ken Joe & Tammy Silver

"CARING LITTLE HEARTS" UPDATE

GLOBAL GRANT PROJECTS

Co-chairs: *Shel Capeloto & Cathy Simms*



With your help, the “Caring Little Hearts” global grant projects have resulted in the completion of over 400 heart surgeries in six years. How do you value the success of our efforts to give children in need a chance at a healthy life? I submit to you that we now have the benefit of perspective as the years have passed.

What if you could take “Caring Little Heart” surgery recipients and their families and bring them all together for a reunion of sorts (or perhaps better thought of as a celebration for a second chance at life)? That is exactly what our companion club, Rotary Club of Madras South, recently did for some 40 kids and their families in India. Food, drinks, treats and shared stories made the day quite special. They say that a picture is worth a thousand words. Please look at the photos below. I’d say that Pasadena Rotary’s global grant experience has made so many people – half a world away – so happy.

Our thanks and best wishes to Rotarians Saravanan, Sri, Bina Boaz and Suresh from Rotary Club of Madras South for putting together the celebration. Thank you Rotary Club of Madras South for being our partner.





PHOTOS OF THE WEEK!!!

Calvin Chan - Back from Wisconsin, this stand-up comic was ready to ride onto the Ha Ha Comedy Stage and tips his hat!

Frank Fish - Rotary Zoom Sound SuperHero!



POLIO PIG & COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS AT WEDNESDAY MEETING

Wish to "Show & Tell" us what you are up to or make an announcement about your family, business or a favorite nonprofit or a Committee announcement? Email Wendy at office@pasadenarotary.com by **Tues at noon**. Minimum donation for Polio Pig Announcement: \$20.00 which is billed to your account.

Happy Birthday To These Rotarians!

Kevin Moore

August 5

David Covell	August 7
Frank Fish	August 8
J. P. Harris	August 11
Sarah Smith Orr	August 11

Happy Rotaversary

Shirley Burton	8/5/15	7 Years
Vahe Simonian	8/10/08	14 Years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 17th - Nat Read -The Secret Story of Pasadena Social Clubs
August 24th - George Falardeau - My Life in Show Biz
August 31st - Judge Craig Mitchell - Skid Row Running Club

SPOKES is the weekly newsletter published by the Rotary Club of Pasadena

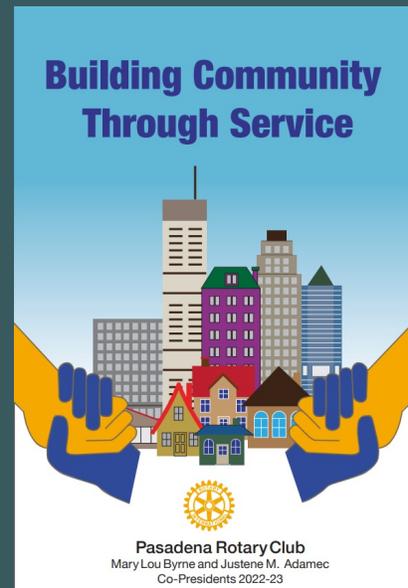
**Weekly Live Wednesday Meeting by RSVP
The University Club Pasadena
175 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101**

Scout Zone Reporters: Justene Adamec & Dean Billman

Proofers: Mary Wilson, Kathy Meagher, Justene Adamec & Mary Lou Byrne

Photographers: Jonathan Edwards, Wende Lee, Hans Rosenberger, Hillary Schenk & Tammy Silver

**Editor: Wendy Anderson
Bureau Chief: Justene Adamec
Bureau Chief Emeritus: Mary Lou Byrne**



ROTARY CLUB OF PASADENA 2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meets: 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00pm-UniversityClub

**PRESIDENT: Mary Lou Byrne
PRESIDENT-ELECT: Justene Adamec
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Cory Brendel
SECRETARY: Michele Ferroni
TREASURER: Tony Phillips**

CLUB DIRECTORS: Desire Alvarado, John Burt, Lisa Cavelier, Mary Chalon, Sandy Goodenough, Mic Hansen, J.P. Harris, Wende Lee, Hillary Schenk, Tammy Silver, Mark Waterson.

Rotary Club of Pasadena

MAILING ADDRESS: 556 South Fair Oaks Ave., Suite 101, #379

Pasadena, CA 91105

Wendy Anderson, Administrator - 626-683-8243

office@pasadenarotary.com

www.pasadenarotary.com

Pasadena Rotary Club | 556 South Fair Oaks Ave., Suite 101, #379, Pasadena, CA 91105

[Unsubscribe office@pasadenarotary.com](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by office@pasadenarotary.com in collaboration
with



Try email marketing for free today!