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This Week's Program

POP CULTURE BONANZA

Pasadena Rotary Club Game Show

Host: PP Scott Vandrick



POP CULTURE BONANZA! – A PASADENA ROTARY CLUB GAME SHOW

Join us for an entertaining, fast-paced afternoon of trivia questions about music, movies, television, and theater in popular culture. Pasadena Rotary Club's Past President Scott Vandrick hosts an entertaining program featuring video clips, audio snippets and other surprises as we narrow down competing tables to the finalists who will play for exciting prizes and the bragging-rights to be named **"POP CULTURE MASTER"** in Pasadena.

Questions might include:

1. Name the actress who warned the party to "fasten your seatbelts, it's going to be a bumpy night!"
2. Who is the musical composer who penned "In olden days a glimpse of socking was looked on as something shocking...?"
3. The Beach Boys wished that "they all could be [BLANK] girls..."
4. Isn't it rich? At the end of "A Little Night Music," Desiree Armfelt in a philosophical mood wishes that someone would send in the [BLANK]."

If you answered just one of these questions, you'll have a blast at **Pop Culture Bonanza – a Pasadena Rotary Club Game Show**. Join us!

Answers:

February 22nd Meeting

12:00 pm - RECEPTION & LUNCH BY RSVP ONLY

12:30-1:30 pm - Immediate Past President Scott Vandrick Presiding

Song Leader: Don Andruess

Inspiration: Robin Salzer

Scoot Zone Reporter: Dean Billman

Photographer: Hillary Schenk & Tammy Silver

Sergeant At Arms: Robert Lyons

Tech: Frank Fish & Scott Carlson

To attend LIVE - RSVP Below

Non-members are welcome - \$40.00 includes lunch

Or by the One-way "Zoomcast"

Zoom opens at 12:15 pm - Speaker at 1:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86515101523?pwd=dHhNZnV5c2ZqbzNQbWthbDNhYTladz09>

Meeting ID: 865 1510 1523

Passcode: 667356

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IMAGINATION

By President Justene Adamec

It always seemed to me that it wasn't easy to find information about the club. It was listen at the meetings, scroll through old Spokes, or ask Wendy. In fact, when I was a new Rotarian in 2015, I asked where I could find information and the seasoned Rotarian said, "call the office." Not much has changed. We have a website. There is a lot of information but much of it is out of date. Worse – it's hard to tell what is out of date.

One of the goals I had for my Presidency next year was to get more accurate information out to the members. Since I have started early. I may as well start that early. First up: Putting the minutes of the Board meetings online. We're creating a place where members can review the minutes. By the time you read this, I expect that most of 2021, all of 2022 and the first part of 2023 will be there. We won't put the current minutes up until the Board approves them in the following month so, if you want those, it's still ask Wendy or ask me.

Sign into DACDB, go to MyClub, then Club Files, go to the secure area and click on Board minutes.

My first task is to make the information available. Making it easy to get to is going to take a while.

Next: making sure the calendar on DACDB is up to date with all events and making sure the website is accurate.

If you're wondering why it will take so long – the DACDB training is all by video. I've asked Future District Governor Michael Soden to *please* find me something to read.



Join Howard's table - he has people interested in our club - Sit with them and Spark the Fire!!

Membership recruitment tip of the week – you don't have to invite everyone you meet. Meet prospective members when they visit. To my surprise, and to Howard Raff's, some of you think that Howard's table is fully reserved and invitation only. Not only can you sit there but you are encouraged to do so. Some weeks, he has 3 or 4 people visiting and he can't talk to all of them at lunch. You don't even have to pitch Rotary. All you have to do is talk to them. There's nothing that will convince someone *not* to join more than sitting alone and staring around the room.



Helen Baas introduced our speaker today, Dr. Ron White, a historian, lecturer, and author of a 675-page biography of President Abraham Lincoln, who found himself in Hamburg, Germany in 2008 at the invitation of the State Department to speak to high school teachers about America, and specifically about President Lincoln. It was a low point for American relations due to the Iraq War, and Dr. White was at the American Embassy to try to re-invigorate the American ideals, and the German high school teachers wanted to know all about President Lincoln – both Washington and Jefferson were “well-born people” and Lincoln, in the eyes of the European educators, was “a man of lowly birth who earned the right to be President of the new country, America.”



Immediate Past President Cory Brendel rang the Rotary Bell on time and proclaimed the meeting to be open, as **President Justene Adamec** - serving an 18-month term – is giving past presidents a rotation at the podium. PP Cory offered his “first tip to future Presidents – End the meeting on time, at exactly 1:30 pm.” He seems to have learned the hard way and started the meeting promptly with a musical love ballad by the late, great Burt Bacharach (Lyrics by Hal David), “I Pray a Little Prayer for You”, with **Don Andruess** on bass guitar and **Jonathan Edwards** on a percussion



tube-thing. Cory led us all on the trumpet part, which meant we tried to sound like a kazoo with our mouths, to hilarious results (imagine being in a car with your friends trying to sound like the trumpets parts). He then gave a shout out to **Past President Ken Joe** when PP Cory tried to violate Rotary copyrights by superimposing a ukulele under the Rotary gear wheel in the logo for his Presidential Pin (offered by **Desiree Alvarado's** company), which was vetoed by Rotary Corporate. In retrospect, he wishes he followed PP Ken's advice to "Just Do It Anyway." He is glad that advice was not printed in the Scoot Zone in 2021 – but now it is. Woops.

Jan Sanders shared some inspirations with us from Abraham Lincoln, a couple she liked was on TRUTHS: **"No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar."** He had many thoughts on LEADERSHIP - Jan shared: **"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."**

Announcements:

PP Cory announced a "Save the Date" for the Annual District Conference in Las Vegas on May 5-7. This is our District 5300, which stretches from Pasadena all the way out to Las Vegas, and here is your chance to tell your office and clients that "you are serving the greater good by attending the Rotary Conference" while sneaking away for a weekend in Vegas. You need a break, and the Conference highlights the good community deeds our club has done in the past Rotary year.



- **PP Cory** also announced that since **President Justene** was doing a double-duty- year, **Stephen Smith** has been promoted from President-Elect-Elect to the high honor of President-Elect. The room applauded politely.
- **PP Scott Vandrick** appeared at the podium to predict the future (since his year celebrated the 100 years of Pasadena Rotary past while he was president (2019- 2020) – "The First Ever Pop Trivia Bonanza" with fellowship that includes fun at every table, every member, and a challenge to be the Master Player for bragging rights. There will be valuable swag, from the past and the future, with PP Scott being the emcee. Jan Sanders won the first prize (bragging rights) by correctly guessing that Phantom of the Opera was fictionally situated in – Paris!
- **John Burt** made two announcements. The RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership academy – chaired by **Desiree Alvarado**) will host 200 high school 10th and 11th Grade students in the mountains of Idyllwild on March 24-26th, and our club is sponsoring ten (10) local students – we are seeking "facilitators" and if you feel the calling, we could use you. **David McAlexander** and **PP Mary Lou Byrne** are among the club members who enthusiastically feel it's a worthwhile weekend experience for the students, and the facilitators.
- **John Burt** (with co-chair **PE Stephen Smith**) also announced our next DIAD (Done in a Day – usually done in a morning, then a team task-fulfilled lunch) at the Union Station Homeless Center. See below for more details. Eligible for Rotary Silver Service Star award – get yours now! **Tammy Silver** asked if she needs to have carpentry skills to volunteer, and John confirmed that she is welcome to help even if she never hoisted a hammer. Tammy smiled.
- Read Across America (Co-chaired by **Tammy Silver** and **Dede Venkat**) is Thursday, March 2nd at Washington Elementary School (1520 N. Raymond Avenue). **Eric Olson** and **Dean Billman** have experienced the joy of reading Dr. Seuss to a captive audience of first graders, and even though the kids have memorized Green Eggs and Ham, they seemed entranced when we read it to them again. You walk out of the school with hope for our future generations, and appreciation for all the hard work of Pasadena teachers.
- **PP Ken Joe** is bringing back his very popular "Dim Sum lunch" (Dim Sum means "piece of heart") on Saturday – see him for details, meets at 10:30 am to get the best seats. Highly

recommended – and Ken knows all the good choices.

- **Mary Chalon** (co-founder of Parsons Nose on Holly Street near City Hall and Union www.parsonsnose.org) is performing Moliere's L'Avare (The Miser) on Feb 18th, 19th, 25th & 26th and recommends it as a Ladies Night. She put \$30 into the Polio Pig (the fund that goes to Rotary International for Worldwide effort to eradicate polio).
- **Hassan Kheradmandan** (hassank@sbcglobal.net) and Wendy Anderson (office@pasadenarotary.com) have ten tickets available (\$100 or name your donation) for the 33rd Annual Peace Conference held at the Nixon Presidential Library on March 18th and breakfast is included. The library and museum are open for attendees after the conference that afternoon. A very worthwhile experience that delves into the deeper issues that Rotarians care about in a divided world – see what Rotary can and does do to bring peace and prosperity to the world.

Guests:

- **John Burt's** guest Lynne Sullivan back for a 2nd visit
- **Howard Raff** brought Omar Ching, of New York Life
- **Howard Raff** also brought Jonathan Stockton, studying at Fuller Theological School towards his doctorate in Practical Theology.
- **Michelle Ferroni** had Wilbert Smith at her table for a 2nd visit
- **John Cushman** brought his wonderful wife Ginny Cushman
- Liza Billington, **IPP Cory Brendel's** wife, graced his table
- **Jeff Palmer** brought his wonderful wife Joan Palmer
- **President Justene** brought one of her employees Grant Holt
- And our speaker Ron White brought Sam Zadori

Then PP Cory saw that his effective time management of announcements and guest introductions gave him five minutes to go free-lance, so he decided to unleash the members to introduce themselves around the table and find the member whose birthday is closest to today – that member has to tell that table a personal fact about themselves that no one would know – and chaos ensued. Trying to reign in the room took a mighty swing of the club mallet onto the Rotary Bell – we do like having fun!



Helen Baatz introduced our speaker, Dr. Ron White, who had authored and offered his latest book, "Lincoln In Private –" What His Most Personal Reflections Tell Us About Our Greatest President" and it was fascinating. Dr. White offered that Lincoln is the most quoted president, and one of the first to come from such humble beginnings to rise to President, and during a time that the country was tearing itself apart over slavery. He lost his first term as a congressman over his concern that the US started the war with Mexico and went back to being a country lawyer in the rural Illinois for the next five years. It was his intolerance of slavery that led to his famous debate with Douglas in 1958, between two Illinois Senate candidates, and even though Lincoln lost the Senatorial race, the publication of the debates by a Columbus, Ohio publisher led to Lincoln becoming probably the first social media star – since the debates elevated Lincoln's stature enough for him to be elected to President in 1860.

Also, of new interest, was the time an unformal educated Lincoln learned the law and the skills of representing plaintiffs in the courtroom, and how he wrote notes to himself as a loose-note pile of notes, 112 of them known to exist, and shaped his style and language to be the Lincoln quotes we know today. His rise from the prairies of Illinois to the White House was not direct, and totally without precedent, and the book explores Lincoln's inner thoughts as he navigated one of the most turbulent times that shaped the America we know and revere today.

Dr. White shared four of these fascinating notes with us on Slavery, Niagara, Meditation on the Divine Will and Notes for a Law Lecture.

Following an active Q&A session, members enjoyed a book signing.



L: President Justene, Grant Holt, Helen Baatz, Sam Zadori, Ron White, John Cushman, Ginny Cushman, Liza Billington



Join Us Wednesday!
Check In with Jane Waas, Frank Fish
or Barbara Bishop

RSVP:

office@pasadenarotary.com - 626-683-8243

CLICK HERE TO
RSVP TODAY

To attend the 2-22-23 meeting
RSVP by 5:00 pm MONDAY

MENU:

- Beer Battered Fish and Chips with Cole Slaw and Tartar Sauce
- Southwestern Chicken Salad with Tortilla Strips and BBQ Ranch Dressing
- Chickpea Curry with Basmati Rice (v)

MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR

Done in a Day
March 4th 2023
9am-2pm

Please join us for our next **Done-in-a-Day** project with **Union Station Home Services** on **Saturday, 4 March 2023, 9am-2pm.**

We will be building some much-needed shelves in two storage sheds at their main facility in Pasadena. We need Rotarians that have some carpentry skills. If

you know how to operate a saw, drill, hammer or measuring tape, this is the project for you.

Please contact **Co-chairs John Burt** jburt@intelligentleadershipec.com or **PE Stephen Smith** medianappraising@yahoo.com if you're interested in participating.

LOOKING FOR READERS - READ ACROSS AMERICA



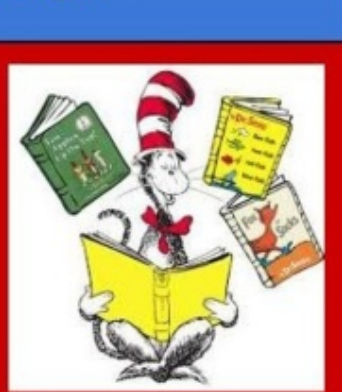

Thursday, March 2, 2023

Anytime between 8:30am-1:30pm

Washington Elementary School, 1520 N Raymond Ave, Pasadena

Grades TK (used to be called pre-K) to 5th

Contact **CO-CHAIRS: Tammy Silver** (tamarasilver@gmail.com) and **Dede Venkat** (dede.venkat@compass.com)

	
<p>Washington Elementary STEM Magnet Invites you into TK - 5th Grade Classrooms As a Virtual or In-Person Reader</p>	
	<p>Thursday March 2nd</p> <p>Anytime between 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 15 - 20 min Reading Block</p>

MARCH TYROS MEETING

All Tyros members and Tyros committee members

Join us at the Tyros March Meeting!
Monday March 6, 2023 @ 12:00 pm
@ California Pizza Kitchen

RSVP to Ellen Simon or Judy Taylor
ellensimon@hearcenter.org - judy@judytaylorid.com

ROTARY 33rd ANNUAL PEACE CONFERENCE
Richard Nixon Library - March 18, 2023

TICKETS: Donation of \$100

Contact Hussan Kheradmandan - hassank@sbcglobal.net or Wendy Anderson
- office@pasadenarotary.com to secure your ticket.

Garbis Der-Yeghian



33rd Annual Peace Conference

Virtual Session 1 (free)

Wednesday March 1, 2023 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Angela Zhong

"Doing Good, Better"

Harvard University Class of '24

UNA-USA Food Systems Case Challenge Champion



Virtual Session 2 (free)

Thursday, March 9 2023 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Al Jubitz

"Rotary Peace: What's Next"

President/Founder of the Jubitz Family Foundation

Founding Chair of Rotarian Action Group for Peace



Live Session—Saturday, March 18, 2023 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum

18001 Yorba Linda Blvd, Yorba Linda, CA

Keynote Speaker:

John Hewko

"Peace and the Ukraine War"

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District Governor
Roger Gutierrez



Rotary District 5330
District Governor
Don Casper



Conference Chair
Rotary District 5300
DGND Michael Driebe



Emcee
Rotary District 5330
PDG Rudy Westervelt

Registration/Admission for Live Session

(includes continental breakfast and tour of the museum)

\$35.00: pre-registration by March 10, 2023

\$45.00: at the door if seats are available

\$10.00: students with ID

To **REGISTER** and for more information, visit the event website at:

<http://district5300.org/peace-conference/>



Exciting New Format

Multi-District Event

RYLA RYLA RYLA!

Seeking Facilitators to help shape the leaders of tomorrow

Help provide an extraordinary experience for 200+ High School 10th and 11th graders from diverse backgrounds at the **Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA), March 24th - 26th 2023 at Cedar Crest Camp in Running Springs, CA.** This is the first RYLA held since the pandemic and we want to make this one special. You're invited to be a

"facilitator" and help shape the leaders of tomorrow.

Rotary Club of Pasadena is sponsoring 10 talented young people from local High Schools for this event organized by District 5300. Participants will go through an intense 3 day seminar to develop leadership skills, increase their self-confidence, gain exposure to a variety of issues, improve career skills and knowledge and enjoy fellowship of other participants, facilitators and guests.

There are many positions to fill, so please share this with anyone who might be interested in the program that creates a lot of Rotary Moments. If interested please fill out the application at <https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/Ryla/?ID=111> as soon as possible to process your background check and YPT (Youth Protection Training)

Contact: **Desiree Alvarado, Committee Chair** desiree@pasadenapromos.com



DISTRICT 5300'S NEW ROTAPLAST MISSION - 2023



Saving Smiles...Changing Lives

**Medellin, Columbia
April 15 – April 28, 2023**

CONTRIBUTIONS

Help us fund this mission with club and individual contributions. Any amount is appreciated. Your donation will change children's lives.

Donations should be made out to:
"Rotary District 5300"
Indicate "Cleft Lip Project" on the memo line.

Send donations to:
**Rotary International District 5300
10624 S. Eastern Ave. Ste. A-16
Henderson, NV 89052**

QUESTIONS

Questions or to schedule a club program, contact:

Drexel L. Smith
District 5300 Cleft Lip Committee
951.202.2012
dls@drexelcg.com

VOLUNTEERS

We have seven (7) non-medical volunteer positions for this mission open to Rotarians and Rotaractors. The cost: Roundtrip airfare with the group from San Francisco, VISA, insurance, and a background check.

Applicants need to:

- Complete the attached Interest Form
- Submit a short personal statement addressing: "Why you might be interested in joining a Rotaplast team and what skills you would bring to the team."
- Review the Rotaplast website: www.rotaplast.org about various positions.

Email the interest form and personal statement to:

dls@drexelcg.com
BY
February 6th, 2023

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 or for \$30+ you receive a special sticker, which is billed to your account. Additional \$20 If you wish to leave flyers (in a stack on the table not individual) or a hand-out at end of meeting.

Happy Birthday!

Armida Baylon

Feb. 17th

Happy Rotaversay!

Ariel Drachenberg	2/10/20	13 Years
Phyllis Mueller	2/10/16	7 Years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 1st - Karen Hofman, President, Art Center College of Design

March 8th - Al Osborne - Profesor & Faculty Director Emeritus, Price School of Entrepreneurship & Innovation, UCLA :

March 15th - Dr. Dean Thompson Mentoring and Being Mentored: What I learned and taught at Sing Sing Prison

March 22nd - 4-Way Test Speech Contest

March 29th - Dan Stover Music Contest

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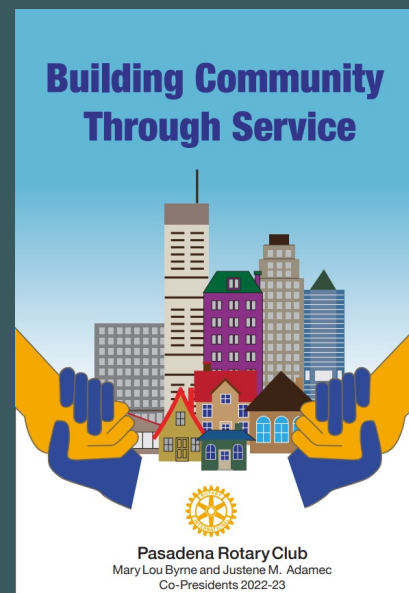
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The University Club Pasadena
175 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101**

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**ROTARY CLUB OF PASADENA 2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETS the 2nd Thursday of every month at the University Club Pasadena at 5pm**

***MARCH BOARD MEETING DATE RESCHEDULED:
Will meet the 3rd Thursday of the month 3/16/23 at 5:00pm-University Club***

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