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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Mark A. Schuster, MD, PhD

***"Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine
Update: Year 3"***

Speaker will speak at 12:30 pm - Meeting at 1:00 pm

Introducer: Helen Baatz



Mark A. Schuster, MD, PhD, became the Founding Dean and CEO of the new Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine in October 2017. Prior to that, he had served as the William Berenberg Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and Chief of General Pediatrics and Vice Chair for Health Policy in the Department of Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital since 2007.

Dr. Schuster is internationally recognized as a leader in research on child, adolescent, and family health. With funding from NIH, CDC, and AHRQ, he has studied topics such as quality of care, health disparities, family leave, HIV prevention, obesity prevention, and adolescent sexual health. Before moving to Boston, he served as Professor of Pediatrics and of Health Services at UCLA Schools of

Medicine and Public Health and Director of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at RAND, the Santa Monica think tank.

Dr. Schuster has co-authored over 250 articles and 2 books, *Everything You Never Wanted Your Kids to Know about Sex (But were Afraid They'd Ask)* and *Child Rearing in America: Challenges Facing Parents of Young Children*. The published version of his speech, "On Being Gay in Medicine," has circulated widely and is used as a teaching tool at schools across the country. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, where he has served as Chair of the Section on Public Health, Biostatistics, and Epidemiology. He has also served as President of the Academic Pediatric Association and is a recipient of the Richardson Award for lifetime achievement from the Society for Pediatric Research, the Barger Excellence in Mentoring Award from Harvard Medical School, and the Joseph St. Geme, Jr. Award for leadership in pediatrics from the Federation of Pediatric Organizations. Dr. Schuster has been named among Modern

Healthcare's 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare and Modern Healthcare's 50 Most Influential Clinical Executives. He received his BA summa cum laude from Yale, his MD from Harvard Medical School, his MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and his PhD from the Pardee RAND Graduate School. He completed his pediatric residency at Boston Children's Hospital and his fellowship at the UCLA Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program.

May 17th Meeting

12:00 pm - RECEPTION & LUNCH BYRSVP ONLY

12:30-1:30 pm - SPEAKER AT 12:30 pm - Past President Jim Graunke Presiding

Lunchtime Pianist: Ann Louise Christensen

Song Leader: Don Andruess

Inspiration: Pushpa Nagaraj

Scout Zone Reporter: Dean Billman

Photographer: 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 - Meeting begins at 12:30 pm

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

Meeting ID: 865 1510 1523

Passcode: 667356

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IMAGINATION

By President Justene Adamec

This past weekend was District Conference, the "end" of year extravaganza. Usually, it's in early June. However Rotary International requires Districts to hold their conferences at least 3 weeks away from the Rotary International Conference. (May 27-31 in Melbourne Australia). Six of us went. Reprising our roles from the District Assembly only 2 weeks ago, Fred Findley, District Treasurer, Past President and District Finance Chair Phil Miles, Hillary Schenk and yours truly. We were joined by Past President Mary Lou Byrne and Gary Kearney. PP Phil presented the finances at the business meeting. PP Mary Lou and Hillary sat on the panel of experts, moderated by me, for the Leadership breakout session.



Then, PP Mary Lou, in her judge's robe, issued the oath of office to the incoming Governor line. District Governor Michael Soden, District Governor Elect Michael Driebe and District Governor Nominee Gilda Moshir. They'll all take office July 1.

Next year's conference will be on a cruise ship. Conference activities will be Friday night and Saturday. On Sunday, while the ship docks in Ensenada, we will travel by buses into the city for a Rotary service project.

Past President Phil Miles Picks Up A Club Reward

A number of District Clubs turned 100 this year. We were the first club to turn 100 way back in 2020. Of course – 2020. More important things were going on. So we got our award this year. To our surprise.

PP Phil stepped up to accept the award on behalf of the Club. Conference Chair Luanne Arredondo commented that his speech was short but humorous. Thanks, Phil.



The Scoot Zone

By Past President Mary Lou Byrne, Bureau Chief

Photos by Wende Lee and Tammy Silver



We had a big crowd this week for one of our signature programs: Teachers of Excellence! **President Justene Adamec** rang the bell right on time and **Past President Phil Miles**, accompanied by **Don Andruess** on guitar, **Major Roy Wild** on percussion and Ann Louise Christensen on piano, led us in singing Sam Cooke's What a Wonderful World as a tribute to the teachers who were being honored.

Past President Mel Cohen gave the inspiration, asking the Almighty to bless and support our teachers.



There was just one announcement: **Jan Sanders** reminded everyone that Rotary Readers on Monday, June 5, and she has managed to find 15 copies of the book, *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann. Please contact **Jan** if you need a copy.

We welcomed a new member this week! **Wende Lee** introduced **Sam Zadori**, a 35-year mortgage and real estate broker. He is the proud father of a 19-year-old daughter who is a student at Art Center College of Design, and enjoys tennis, reading, and traveling. **Sam** said "I am looking forward to doing service and working for the greater good" in our community.



With that, **Lisa Cavelier**, co-chair of Teachers of Excellence, invited our winning teachers up to the dais, to great applause. She acknowledged the passing two weeks ago of Past President Joe Lonergan, longtime Pasadena Rotarian and founder of Teachers of Excellence. Co-chair **Sandy Goodenough** thanked the Teachers of Excellence committee members, including Pasadena Rotarians **Hassan Kheramandan**, **Wende Lee**, and **Phyllis Mueller** and all five of last year's winners. Sandy also introduced our distinguished guests including two Pasadena Unified School District board members, representatives of all our state and local elected officials, PUSD Superintendent (and Pasadena Rotarian) **Brian McDonald**, and Pasadena City College President (and Pasadena Rotarian) **Ericka Endrijones**.



Left to Right: Marian Yamada, Michael McNeeley, Isabel Reynoso, Ashley Webb, Donna Tucker

Marian Yamada teaches kindergarten at Hamilton Elementary School and loves to incorporate music into her lessons: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mO_75nXrvJ8&ab_channel=KLRNPasadena

Michael McNeely is an English teacher at Rose City High School. He says "I chose to teach at a continuation high school because I was a product of a continuation high school:" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cL3XW5pzsM&ab_channel=KLRNPasadena

Donna Tucker teaches English at John Muir High School Early College Magnet. She says, "The reason I come to school every day is the kids... knowing you are making an impact on them:" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VQg55ST1KE&ab_channel=KLRNPasadena

Ashley Webb is an eight-year kindergarten teacher at Altadena Arts Magnet. She likes to integrate the arts into her lessons, and includes hands-on and whole-body activities: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dg-KqMq52ul&ab_channel=KLRNPasadena

Isabel Reynoso teaches Biology at Blair High School, her alma mater. She says "I am grateful to PUSD and many of its programs that positively impacted my education and continue to do so for many of the kids I serve:" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OK_881mGzVQ&ab_channel=KLRNPasadena

After the videos and presentations, **Lisa Cavellier** announced that in addition to the cash awards, each teacher would also receive certificates from State Senator Anthony Portantino, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Mayor Victor Gordo, and State Representative Chris Holden. **President Justene** gave one more gigantic "thank you" to all our teachers and the meeting adjourned with a standing ovation for the winners.



Left: Wende Lee, Lisa Cavelier, Principal Erika Cooper, Marion Yamada, Principal Brian Stanley, Michael McNeely, Isabel Reynoso, President Justene, Principal Amy McGinnis, Ashley Webb, Principal Benita Scheckel, Donna Tucker, Principal Lawton Gray, Sandy Goodenough, Hassan Kheradmandan



RECEPTION

Jane Waas & Alan Schier greet Rotarian Carmen Choy Surdam & President Justene



MENU:

- **Pan seared salmon w/ tropical salsa**
- **Cobb salad**
- **Pasta Primavera w/ Almond pesto (Vegetarian)**

IMPORTANT: Please RSVP!

RSVP by 5:00 pm MONDAY

MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR

DONE IN A DAY (DIAD): Co-chairs John Burt and Stephen Smith organized a DIAD Project at the Union Station Homeless Services (USHS). Pasadena Rotary purchased the materials and built shelves in the shed behind the USHS building. They store things (water thermos coolers, buckets, misc goods in the shed. Before the shelves, everything was just thrown in the shed on the floor. The shelves gave them more (organized) space to store things.

PHOTOS: Top Left: Alan Schier, Stephen Smith & John Burt - Top Right: Aaron Hill, Stephen Smith, Cory Brendel, J.P. Harris, John Burt. Bottom Left: John Burt & Stephen Smith with finished shelves.



You Are Invited

TYROS CELEBRATION NETWORKING MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 1st
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN (CPK)
Appetizers - Cash Bar - Networking - Fun

The R2R Committee (Rotarian 2 Rotarian)
will join the celebration!!

Tyros Co-Chairs: Ellen Simon & Judy Taylor

R2R Co-Chairs: Cyril Vergis & Wendy Anderson
(formerly the Business Alliance Committee/R2R)

SAVE THE DATE

Details to follow

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 28, 2023

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023

COCKTAIL HOUR BEGINS AT 6 PM



Appreciation Extravaganza!

The Rotary Club of Pasadena invites you to save the date for an evening of gratitude and fun at the Altadena Country Club, honoring our co-Presidents Mary Lou Byrne and Justene Adamec for their joint Presidential coverage during Rotary year 2022-2023.

The cost will be \$110 per person.
RSVP NO LATER THAN June 7th
to Armida Baylon at
armidabaylon@gmail.com



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!

George Falardeau	May 12th
David Weidert	May 13th
Liz Algermissen	May 14th
Stephen Smith	May 15th
Dave Mans	May 15th
Colleen Carey	May 16th
Christian Port	May 16th

Happy Rotaversay!

Jeannine Bogaard	5/12/22	1 Year
Colleen Carey	5/13/09	14 Years
Paul Martin	5/13/15	8 Years
Cyril Vergis	5/15/19	4 Years
Wende Lee	5/15/19	4 Years
Cathy Simms	5/16/01	22 Years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 24th - Dr. Caroline Heldman, Professor, Critical Theory and Social Justice, Occidental College, "Impact of Women in Politics"

May 31st - Jens Weiden, CEO Rose Bowl

June 7th - Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley, President, Fuller Theological Seminary

June 14th - Cynthia Kurtz - Chasing the Eclipse

June 21st - TBA

June 28th - DARK - No Lunch Meeting

June 28th - 6:00 pm - Appreciation Extravaganza!

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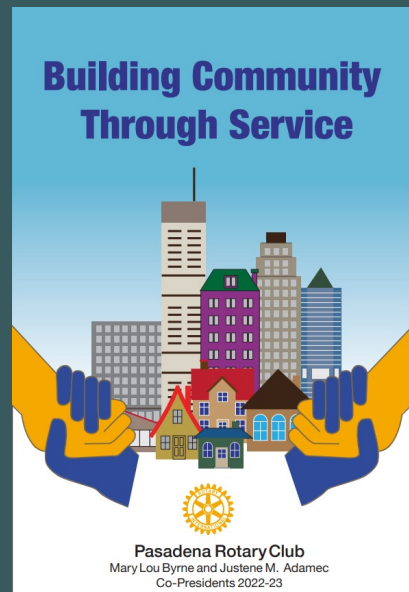
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