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This Week's Program

CARLOS BAFFIGO

Acting Deputy Director, Pasadena Public Library
Update on Pasadena Central Library



Carlos Baffigo is Acting Deputy Director of the Pasadena Public Library, where he oversees all building operations for all Pasadena Public Library facilities, Library security and technology initiatives. He has been with the City of Pasadena since 2017.

His 30-year facility management experience includes major relocations, remodels, historic building renovations, build-outs, retrofits, building safety management, technology implementations, EOC management, disaster mitigation, and security response. However, he got his start in libraries as a Page and performing "PJ Storytime" at the Glendora Public Library in Glendora, CA.

Previously, Carlos worked in the residential construction industry and enjoys renovating houses as a hobby and for investment. In his off time, you can find Carlos hiking, running, playing soccer, camping, off-roading, gardening, traveling, and spending precious time with his family (including dogs Logan and Bandit).

November 16th Meeting

12:00 pm - RECEPTION & LUNCH BYRSVP ONLY
12:30-1:30 pm - MEETING: President Mary Lou Byrne
Song Leader: Don Andruess
Inspiration: Dean Billman

Scoot Zone Reporter: Dean Billman
Photographer: Wende Lee & Tammy Silver
Sergeant At Arms: Robert Lyons
Tech: 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/83134340493?pwd=OFIqb25BZ0hhQlJJJaEdMQzJLQmJYUT09>

Meeting ID: 831 3434 0493

Passcode: 846541

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IMAGINATION STATION

By President Mary Lou Byrne



Many thanks to those hardy souls who came out last Saturday morning to participate in our Done in a Day project at Ronald McDonald House! **Stephen Smith** organized it all and worked alongside **J.P. Harris** on re-roofing some cute little structure in the play area; **Past President Phil Miles** stained the pieces for a new garden bed; first-time Done-in-a-Dayers **Pushpa Nagaraj**, **Catherine Rajan**, and **Fiona Rajan** painted a long fence; yours truly trimmed back an overgrown grapevine so they could get to said fence, and then I joined **President Elect Justene Adamec** staining the wood in a storage shed; and **Past President Cory Brendel** got to use his carpentry skills in a variety of ways. BUT... even with all that work, we didn't quite get finished! So please come out

TOMORROW, Saturday November 12, with your Rotary t-shirt, your painting and carpentry tools, and a good attitude, to help us get this project across the finish line!

On another note, thanks to **Jeff Palmer** for doing such a great job honoring our Pasadena Rotary veterans at this week's meeting! I have a confession to make, though: our friend Jim Meagher has resigned from the Club due to poor health, but I just couldn't resist leaving him in the slide show because his photo was so darned cute! Also, I neglected to remove the photo of our late friend and former Rotarian Roger Adams, who passed away recently. I am so sorry for the errors.

In other news, keep bringing those unneeded eyeglasses to our November Wednesday meetings, don't forget our social on November 17, mark your calendars for the Holiday Party on the evening of Wednesday, December 7 (no lunch meeting that day), and keep accumulating those service hours so you can get your large and shiny Service Stars!!

And as if that weren't enough, please send your comments, questions, ideas, and slide show photos to me at president@pasadenarotary.com or 310-710-7701. Thanks so much to those who sent photos of the military veterans in your families – keep 'em coming throughout the month! And while you're at it, keep on imagining new ways for all of us to build community through service!!

Yours in building community one (Done in a) Day at a time,

Mary Lou



THE SCOOT ZONE

By Club Reporter PE Justene Adamec
Photographers: Hans Rosenberger & Tammy Silver



President Mary Lou Byrne called our Veteran's Day meeting to order. **Past President Phil Miles** asked us to remember those who didn't survive to become veterans. Along with **Gail Scanlan**, he led us in *Where Have All the Flowers Gone?*

Hillary Schenk gave us the Veteran's Day inspiration. She asked us to take the time to thank a Veteran. She included a quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson: *Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them.*

President Mary Lou awarded the Service Star to **Jack Koziskar** for developing a complementary 30 hour safety course to small construction companies who can't afford to pay for it.





Karen Swisher and Marilyn Diaz of the Sierra Madre Rotary announced that their Spice Rub is on sale now. Proceeds go to the club for its work. They handed out samples and several people in the audience called out how good it was. [Buy it here](#).

President Elect Justene Adamec announced that we are doing a Toy Drive this year for Five Acres. Bring an unwrapped toy to the Holiday Party on December 7th. She also gave an introduction to our upcoming Adopt-a-Family Program at the Salvation Army.

Erika Endrijonas, President of Pasadena City College, donated to the Polio Pig to thank everyone for helped the PCC Bond pass in the last election. It won with a higher percentage than any other educational bond.

Ellen Simon announced that our Social Event is a Happy Hour at Marina Restaurant on Thursday, November 17. Details elsewhere in this Spokes.

Stephen Smith announced that we did great work at the Ronald McDonald House last weekend. We didn't finish though so we need EVEN MORE people joining us this weekend. November 12, 9 am -12 pm.

Jane Waas gave \$100 to the Polio Pig to announce that her 15-year-old grandson was named the second best lacrosse player in the state. His team won the finals this year.

Jan Moscarel couldn't be there on Wednesday but President Mary Lou announced that Jan donates \$40 to the Polio Pig and sends her love.

Jeff Palmer narrated a slide show of club veterans. Here is the list:

John Cushman
John McDannel
Bob Risley
Howard Smith
Mel Cohen
John Foulkes
Jim Meagher
Bob Monk
Jeff Palmer
Gary Kearney
George Falardeau
Gene Buchanan
John Cooper
Russ Guiney
Jack Kozakar
Joe Lonergan
David McAlexander
Nat Read
Fred Soldwedel
Dave Cardenas
John Barrett
Don Andruess



Military service spanned decades. **Joe Lonergan** served in World War 2. Jack **Kozakar** and **David McAlexander** served in Desert Storm.

All branches were represented, with **George Falardeau** being our only Coast Guard Veteran.

There were close calls. **Bob Risley** flew in B-47s as bombardier/navigator responsible for placing nuclear weapons on targets in USSR, thankful he never had to drop the weapon.

Gene Buchanan was deployed to Cuba in 1962 and went through the Panama Canal but

mission was aborted when Russians removed missiles from Cuba. Then there were those that missions that did happen. **Joe Lonergan** broke his neck early in the war and went on to earn 7 battle stars. **Nat Read** was involved in the "Tonkin Gulf Incident" that triggered the full involvement of the US in Vietnam. **David McAlexander** was part of a team that helped shoot down over 30 Iraqi MiG fighter jets during Operation Desert Storm.

We're grateful they all came home.



David McAlexander, Mel Cohen, Gary Kearney, Jeff Palmer, PCC Veterans' Club President (and USMC vet) Quinn Trujeque, John Cushman, President Mary Lou and John Foulkes.



Colleen Carey introduced our speaker Carol Calandra, Director, PCC Veteran Services, *A Day In the Life of a PCC Veteran*.

Carol told us that when you've met one veteran, you've only met one veteran. Each is a unique individual. The PCC Veteran's Center meets their individual needs. In addition to services like admissions assistance and job placement, they think out of the box, offering yoga and breathing classes and unique experiences like a weekend camping trip to a horse sanctuary. At the horse sanctuary, a wild veteran entered a corral and engaged one on one with a wild horse. The horses are 3000 lb biofeedback machines.

Carol also shared with us a video of the program and participants at PCC, which you can view [here](#).

Then President Mary Lou sent us on our way to imagine what we can do to build community through service.



Colleen Carey, Quinn Trujeque, President Mary Lou, Carol Calandra, Jeff Palmer, Joan Palmer, George Falardeau, Gary Kearney

To attend the 11-16-22 meeting

**RSVP by MONDAY 11-14-22
by 5:00 pm**

Join Us Wednesday!
**Check In with Jane Waas, Barbara Bishop
& Scott Carlson**

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

THIS WEEK'S MENU

- Crispy Salmon Cakes, House Tartar Sauce, Mixed Green Salad with Balsamic Dressing
- Chicken Pot Pie with Shredded Chicken, Carrots, Onions, Celery, and Peas in Pan Gravy, Mixed Green Salad with Balsamic Dressing
- Vegetarian Pot Pie with Roasted Squash, Lentils, and Kale. Mixed Green Salad with Balsamic Dressing (v)

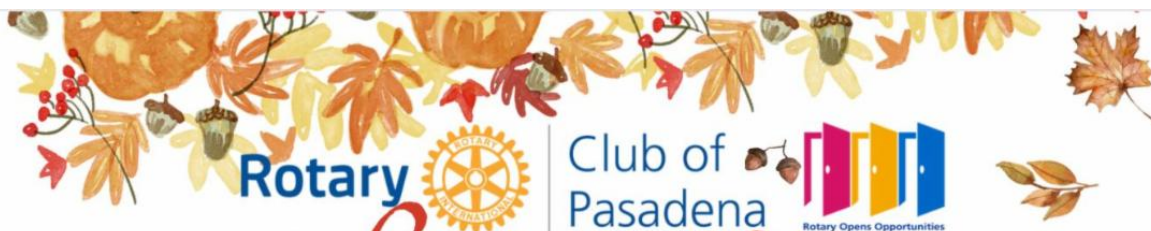


**CLICK HERE TO
RSVP TODAY**

If you can't remember if you rsvp - it is okay to rsvp again. You will always receive a **CONFIRMATION** of your rsvp on Tuesday morning!

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

MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR



November Happy Hour!

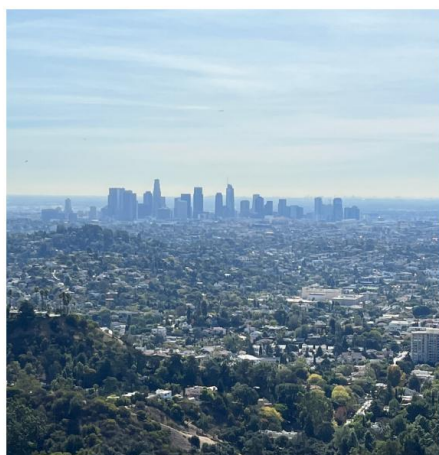


**No Host
Happy Hour
5:30 - 7:00pm**

THURSDAY

**17
NOV**

**Marina
841 Cordova St
1/2 Block west of Lake**



**ROTARY
ROAMERS
GRIFFITH PARK
RIVERSIDE TRAIL
(Hike A)
WITH OPTIONAL
LOOP TO
GRIFFITH
OBSERVATORY
(Hike B)**

DATE: Saturday, Nov.

19th.

TIME: 9 AM FOR 9:10 departure (if late, catch up, the map will be quite clear)

PARK: North end of Commonwealth Avenue. You access this from Los Feliz Blvd. You will drive as far as you can to the North end of Commonwealth where there is an entrance to Griffith Park, then parallel park on Commonwealth.

MEET: At the entrance to the park, you can't miss us.

LENGTH: The Riverside Trail loop is 1.75 miles. The optional Observatory Loop is an additional 1 mile.

DESCRIPTION: This is described as "moderate" level of difficulty, because there is about 100 yards of incline before you reach the long flat portion of Riverside Trail. This hike is NOT totally flat. The optional Observatory loop has a longer uphill walk on a paved road than the Riverside Trail loop. For those of you who did our Griffith Park hike previously, this is shorter and easier.

WHAT IS SPECIAL: Views of downtown, the Greek Theater, and the Observatory are well worth it. See photos below,, which were taken on Riverside trail this month. RSVP to Cory, and he will send you a map of the hike. corybrendel@gmail.com.

BRING: Sun hat and water. This hike is full sun exposure. You might enjoy a small pair of

binoculars.

See you there, you will love this hike! Cory



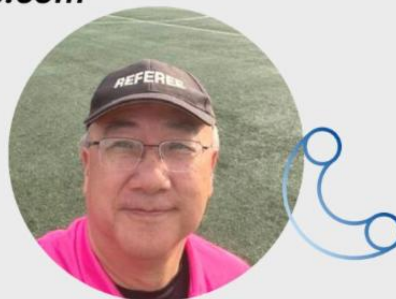
Everyone Welcomed!

BUSINESS ALLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday – November 21, 2011 at 4:00 PM

Live at the University Club Sunroom or via Zoom
Rsvp: Wendy at wowproductions2@gmail.com
Cyril at cyril@arosacare.com



In the Rotary "HOT SEAT"
PAST PRESIDENT KEN JOE



NOVEMBER GIVING FROM THE CLOSET: RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

**DONATE
GLASSES
HERE**



— **Bring your unwanted
eyeglasses to every
Rotary lunch meeting
in November**

**The Pasadena Lions
Club will clean, sort,
and distribute them to
the needy in our
community**

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: \$30.00 which is billed to your account. Additional \$30 If you wish to leave flyers (in a stack on the table not individual) or a hand-out at end of meeting.

Happy Birthday!

Dean Billman	November 13th
Deborah Lewis	November 14th
Cyril Vergis	November 16th

Happy Rotaversary!

Phil Hawkey	11/12/14	8 Years
Major Roy Wild	11/15/21	1 Year
Michele Ferroni	11/16/16	6 Years
Hassan Kheradmandan	11/16/05	17 Years
Dave Mans	11/16/21	1 Year +
Chad Augustin	11/17/21	1 Year
Dean Billman	11/17/04	18 Years
Kelly White	11/17/10	12 Years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 23rd - DARK - Happy Thanksgiving!
November 30th - Jamal Hill - Swim Up Hill
December 7th - DARK - No Lunch Meeting

December 7th - **HOLIDAY PARTY** - University Club: Cocktails: 5:30 pm - Dinner: 6:30pm

December 14th - Dr. Margie Feree Jones, CWE - Bordeaux Wine

December 21st - Holiday Program

December 28th - **DARK - Happy New Year!**

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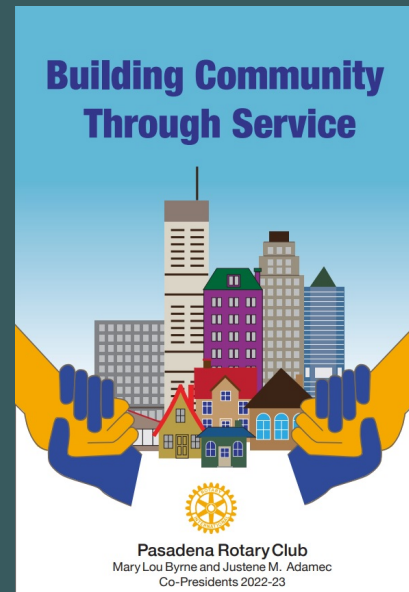
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