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This Week's Program
We are DARK - No Meeting



IMAGINATION STATION

By President Mary Lou Byrne



I'll miss you this Wednesday, Pasadena Rotary, as I scurry around getting ready to host Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday! It'll be a little different for me this year with no family at the table other than my sweet husband Gary Kearney -- my last remaining parent passed away in June and my only child moved out of state in August. But we will have a crowd of friends joining us, including some lovely Pasadena Rotarians, so my cup of thankfulness continues to overflow! As a wise person once said, the only constant in life is change!

Speaking of changes, **if you need to update your personal information before we publish the new Pasadena Rotary directory**, please hop on www.DACdb.com

and do so ASAP! If you missed the tutorial at this week's meeting, you can find step-by-step instructions by clicking here: <https://pasadenarotary.com/documents/?folder=Club%20Procedures>, then clicking on "How to Access DACdb.docx" to download the instructional document. Easy peasy! I promise you that once you get the hang of using DACdb you will wonder how you ever got along without it!

As we head into Thanksgiving, I want you to know that our Club, and especially YOU, its wonderful members, are at the very top of my thankfulness list this year. Getting a second chance to serve as your President has been a dream come true and it's been so much fun to find myself right back in the thick of things! Extra special thanks to my wonderful Board of Directors and especially my partner in crime service, President Elect Justene Adamec.

This week, please take a minute to send your favorite Thanksgiving photos (past or present) to me at president@pasadenarotary.com or 310-710-7701, and I'll include them in our lunchtime slide show. Please enjoy the upcoming holiday, and while you're at it, please take a few minutes to imagine how you can put that thankfulness into action and build community through service!!

Yours with a heart full of thanksgiving,
Mary Lou

THE SCOOT ZONE

By Dean Billman, Do-Gooding, Fun-Having Reporter
Photographers: Hillary Schenk & Tammy Silver

The Pasadena Central Library, a place of "Learning, Community and Culture" said our speaker today, Carlos Baffigo, the Acting Deputy Director of the Pasadena Public Library. Designed by world-famous Myron Hunt, who designed the Rose Bowl Stadium, Pasadena City Hall, our Pasadena Civic Center, The Huntington Library and even the Mt. Wilson Observatory, the Central Library is currently closed for reinforcement, remodeling, and reimagining. Our own **Jan Sanders**, former Head of the Pasadena Library System, is on a special city committee with other experts in the Library Community to try to decide "what will the Central Library offer in the new day and age?"

Our meeting started with a Rotary Bell clang by **President Mary Lou Byrne**, who introduced **Don Andruess** as our music muse, who chose today's song



“Wonderful World” by Sam Cooke because it had the word “book” in it. He did announce that Vroman’s was now selling “How to Beat Inflation” but that the price had gone from \$20 to \$30 recently. It is hard to groan and sing at the same time, but we did. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Your loyal reporter (**Me**) gave the inspiration by first mentioning that when the Pledge was introduced in the 1920’s, the hand salute over the heart was further instructed in military tradition to be over any military medals, so that all citizens were equal. Then, because of our speaker, I repeated the African Proverb, “When an old person dies, a library burns down.”

President Mary Lou then stepped upon the “Podium step-up stair of leadership” (that little step that some people need to peer over the tall podium) to wave a bag of glasses from home and encourage everyone with old unneeded eyeglasses to donate them to our Pasadena Lion’s Club partnership for one more week – they clean them up, measure the lenses, and donate them to those in need who match the prescriptions – “how cool is that?”



Next, on behalf of our hard-working administrator **Wendy Anderson**, she announced **Wendy’s** Polio Pig donation of \$100 in honor of their 41st wedding anniversary she and her husband plain forgot. That is love!

Announcements and more announcements:

- **Armida Baylon** is bringing back our Rotary Happy Hour at Marina (the old Sharky’s Grille at Cordova and Lake Avenue) on Thursday – TYROS members greatly encouraged to join and let us know you!
- Our Holiday Project with the Salvation Army to celebrate and provide gifts for five needy families is set for December 15th - See below for more details
- Our Holiday Party is December 7th, and **President Mary Lou** will announce if she remains Rotary President for Life (as she has threatened) or if we are to crown a new President Elect Elect – come to the Holiday party to find out!
- TYROS members (first year Rotary club members) and committee are invited to RSVP to **Ellen Simon** for Monday, November 28th at CPK (California Pizza Kitchen). We need a steady attendance of over 18 people each month to qualify to return to Cal Tech’s Athenaeum, so keep inviting guests to beef up our new members!
- **IPP Cory Brendel** called all Rotary Roamers to Griffith Park on this Saturday to hike to Dante’s Peak – a rugged but beautiful hike overlooking Griffith Observatory at the end. Will be fun and worth it!
- Done in a Day Co-Chair **Stephen Smith** and his helpers were given Shiny, Heavy, Colorful Rotary Service Stars for their outstanding service at the Ronald McDonald house over two days to paint fences, re-build a child fort, and replace lights – Do-Gooding to the Extreme. Thanks and congratulations to **President Elect Justene Adamec**, **Past President Phil Miles**, **Pushpa Nagaraj**, and new members **Catherine** and **Fiona Rajan**. **J.P. Harris** and **IPP Cory Brendel** also helped but they already have their Service Stars so they were awarded Imagine Rotary challenge coins, as were **Stephen’s** wife Adriana and her friend Trina, who also joined in service.



DACdb.com – The Rotary Website to upgrade your personal data, check to make sure your work phone number and website is still current and update your photo from ten years ago. Note: Marshall Fuss likes to give referrals to members, as we all do, and he believes in accuracy and the Four Way Test, SO UPDATE.

Guests:

- **Catherine Haskett Hany** Introduced Sasha Grimes, who works at the library
- Reading about it on PasadenaNow.com brought Marlene and Bob Decker
- **Pushpa Nagaraj** introduced her daughter Dede Venkat. (see photo)
- **Howard Raff** introduced two guests, Danielle Reddy, who has applied for membership, and Carol Ebbinghouse (who read it in PasadenaNow.com), a retired Librarian at the 2nd District California Court of Appeals.
- **Jeff Palmer** introduced his wife, Joan Palmer



Then **President Mary Lou** introduced **Jan Sanders**, retired Head Pasadena Librarian and founder of our Rotary Book Club. **Jan** thanked **President Mary Lou** and then said that as an active member in the club, everyone keeps asking her, “**Jan**, what’s going on with the library?” and she always says “Like I would know – I do not - but she asks Carlos, who does.” She then went on to say that Carlos got his new dream job in 2019, and immediately had to deal with the Pandemic and closing the library, opening a hybrid library, and then closing the library when a seismic review revealed that the masonry was unsupported, which in Southern California could be disaster in an earthquake.



Carlos gave us a Pasadena history of the three libraries that the city has had, and it was interesting that they were mostly funded by private library associations and foundations by the early citizens of Pasadena, the earliest being the Pasadena Library and Village Improvement Foundation. The remnants of the second library can be seen in Memorial Park, across from Everson Royce wine bar. The 1933 Long Beach earthquake destroyed it, and only the front door is left.

The current grand Central Library has been updated and expanded several times, but the original design and specs by the architect Myron Hunt have lasted almost a century, so it was ahead of its time. There

even is an auditorium named for Chief Justice Donald Wright, which was upgraded and finished just before the Pandemic closed the whole library. There are over 300,000 books and items in the library, and it is beloved for its welcoming spaces and depth of research material – over

1,000 people a day visited it when opened, and it is the heart of ten libraries within the city limits. The concern about its structural integrity and the way people research data put the current closed library in a special place within the city – how to update to modern times, uses, and needs is what the committees are charged with while it goes through the design study.

Meanwhile, what happened to all the objects in the library? Where do people go to access the properties and books? It turns out that the City closed Jefferson Elementary School and it is perfect to re-use it as a base library, storage facility, and other uses for the property – a police station and PAL base, a fire station training facility, and even a Parks Department pickleball court. That school and also the old Rose Palace float building facility on Raymond Avenue are two storage facilities for many of the objects.

Our passage of Measure L, to support our libraries, show that the people of Pasadena still use community funds to support our libraries, and we will continue to support “Learning, Community, and Culture” in Pasadena.

President Mary Lou presented Carlos with his speaker’s gift, then reminded us there is no meeting next week because of Thanksgiving (“but send me your Thanksgiving photos for the slide show!”). She then exhorted us to “just imagine what YOU can do this week to build community through service” and rang the bell to adjourn the meeting.



Jan Sanders, Marlene & Bob Decker, Speaker Carlos Baffigo, Mic Hanson, President Mary Lou, Catherine Haskett Hany, Sasha Grimes

MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR

**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!

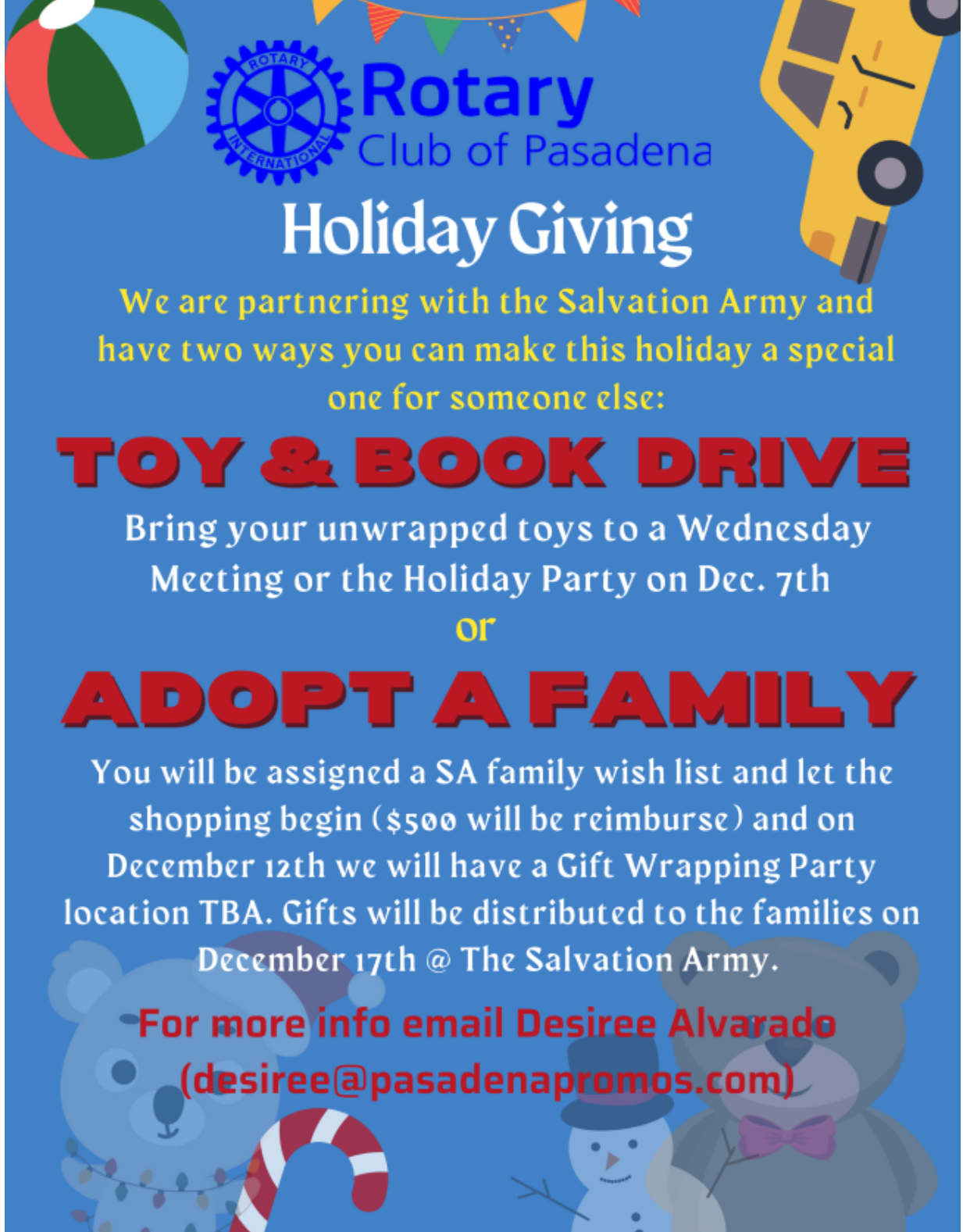
BUSINESS ALLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday – November 21, 2011 at 4:00 PM

We will meet via Zoom
Rsvp: Wendy at wowproductions2@gmail.com
Cyril at cyril@arosacare.com



In the Rotary "HOT SEAT"
PAST PRESIDENT KEN JOE



A festive blue background with holiday-themed illustrations. At the top left is a beach ball, next to the Rotary International logo. At the top right is a yellow toy car. At the bottom are two teddy bears, a snowman, and a candy cane. The text is centered and reads:

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Holiday Giving

We are partnering with the Salvation Army and have two ways you can make this holiday a special one for someone else:

TOY & BOOK DRIVE

Bring your unwrapped toys to a Wednesday Meeting or the Holiday Party on Dec. 7th

or

ADOPT A FAMILY

You will be assigned a SA family wish list and let the shopping begin (\$500 will be reimburse) and on December 12th we will have a Gift Wrapping Party location TBA. Gifts will be distributed to the families on December 17th @ The Salvation Army.

For more info email Desiree Alvarado
(desiree@pasadenapromos.com)

TYROS LUNCH MEETING

Monday November 28, 2022 at 12:00pm

California Pizza Kitchen
99 N. Los Robles Ave. X Union

Please reach out to Ellen Simon or Judy Taylor to RSVP & place your lunch order. Ellensimon@hearcenter.org - Judy@judytaylorid.com

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.

7 DAY NOTICE

Danielle Reddy - Sponsor: Howard Raff

RESIGNATIONS

Joel Sheldon
Rufus Rhoades

Happy Birthday!

Brian McDonald	November 21st
Mark Waterson	November 22nd

Happy Rotaversary!

Phyllis Currie	11/21/07	15 Years
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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 featuring the "Mighty Rotary Players"
December 28th - DARK - Happy New Year!

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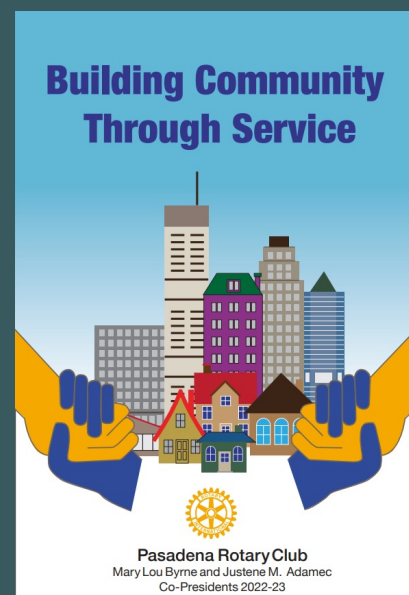
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