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This Week's Program

VETERANS PROGRAM

Recognition of Pasadena Rotary military veterans featuring Jeff Palmer

CAROL CALANDRA

DIRECTOR, PCC VETERAN SERVICES

"A Day In the Life of a PCC Veteran"

Introducer: Colleen Carey



Carol is Director of Veteran Services at Pasadena City College (PCC), providing a holistic wrap-around approach to veteran's educational success. She holds a Master's Degree in Counseling with an Option in Rehabilitation Services from, California State University, L.A. Carol is the Co-Chair for the Region 7 Veterans Directors Consortium. She has served as the President of Veterans Club at PCC and California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA) helping to establish Veteran Resource Centers on both campuses.

She serves on numerous community advisory boards including PCC Council. She is a regular speaker for regional, state and national conference on the transition of veterans from military to civilian life, including the California Veterans Summit and the California Association for Post-Secondary Educational and Disability. She has a strong advocate for fighting veteran homelessness, veteran's suicide, and the founder of the Female Veterans "Band of Sister's". Carol helped create and teaches the Veterans Transition and Veteran Culture course in the Charter

Carol is published in the *Medical, Psychosocial, and Vocational Aspects of Disability Textbook specializing in Addiction and Related Disorders*. She has been recognized for her work with student veterans by Assembly Member Holden, District 41 in 2017 as a Woman of Distinction, in 2016 by PCC with the Risser Award for Outstanding Support to Education and in 2015 by Congresswoman Judy Chu for the 27th Congressional Woman of Distinction Award.

November 9th Meeting

12:00 pm - RECEPTION & LUNCH BYRSVP ONLY

12:30-1:30 pm - MEETING: President Mary Lou Byrne

Song Leader: Phil Miles & Gail Scanlan

Inspiration: Lisa Kroese

Scoot Zone Reporter: PE Justene Adamec

Photographer: Jonathan Edwards & Tammy Silver

Sergeant At Arms: Robert Lyons

Tech: Scott Carlson & Frank Fish

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



Pasadena, Rotary, you always make me so happy! Our first November meeting was a lot of fun and I sure did love hearing you all belt out our National Anthem so beautifully – kudos to Music Committee member Eric Olson for finding just the right starting note!

I was also thrilled by the response to our eyeglasses recycling project, for which we are partnering with the Pasadena Lions Club! We collected a bunch of glasses this week and will be collecting every Wednesday in November, so take this opportunity to clear your unused prescription eyeglasses out of your junk drawers!

Now that I have complimented you all, here is my weekly list of demands... er, requests:

1. Don't forget to come out for Done in a Day at Ronald McDonald House, TOMORROW! Details below. Wear your Pasadena Rotary t-shirt and earn hours towards your Service Star!

2. I am still looking for President Elect candidates! The description of the procedure is on our web site, here: <https://pasadenarotary.com/documents/> (the dates are from last year but the substance is the same – call or email me and I'll send you the updated version). We will be choosing the lucky person at our Board meeting next Thursday, November 10, so if you have served on the Board currently or in the past and would like to have the time of your life while developing your leadership skills, step right up!!

3. Military veterans, I need your service branch, dates of service, and a photo of you in uniform ASAP for inclusion in next week's Veteran's Day program! I have info from many of you but you holdouts need to fill me in!

4. Speaking of military, PLEASE SEND ME PHOTOS OF YOUR LOVED ONES WHO ARE SERVICE MEMBERS OR VETERANS past or present, still with us or passed on, and I will put them in next week's lunchtime slide show. Don't let my Marine Corps-vet son be all alone up there on the U Club screen!

As always, please send your comments, questions, ideas, and slide show photos to me at president@pasadenarotary.com or 310-710-7701. Extra credit to IPP Cory Brendel this week for being the one and only person to send me a Halloween photo!! And as always, let's all keep imagining new ways for Pasadena Rotary to build community through service!!
Yours in building community through service, military and otherwise,

Mary Lou

THE SCOOT ZONE

By Club Reporter Dean Billman

Photographers: Hans Rosenberger & Tammy Silver

Our Pasadena Rotary Club's guest speaker today was Brian Wallace, President of the Playhouse Village Association, and he presented "Playhouse Village Park: Building Community in the Heart of Pasadena." To build a livable community in the heart of Pasadena around a new park - right in the middle of all the new multi-story apartments and condominiums, between two busy intersections, where people can bring their kids and pets to play and relax. Soon, there will be live events and maybe a concession stand, so the residents can enjoy their own neighborhood.



President Mary Lou Byrne clanged the Rotary Bell to start our meeting today, and exclaimed, "Hello on a gloomy November day, but inside we are bright!" She introduced **Eric Olson** who confidently told us we could sing this week's song without any lyrics on the screen, and then explained the history of the Star-Spangled Banner, and how common it was to fit poems to current popular songs at the time – and then **President Mary Lou** called for the singing and **Eric** obliged with a beautiful baritone starting note a capella, and we followed by doing the best version ever!

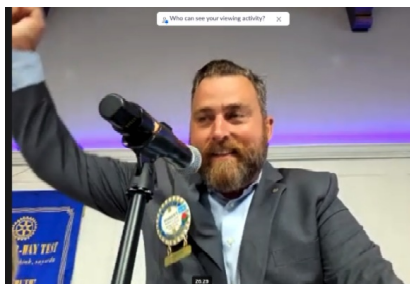
Major Roy Wild followed on the theme of Community by quoting Loretta Scott King and others, with Humanity is our ultimate Community. And, we all have a role to play.

President Mary Lou jumped to action, announcing our collective Pasadena Rotary "Pintober" (where Polio Eradication fines were levied for not wearing a Rotary Pin to the meeting during October) raised huge rewards, and the past Monday's TYROS lunch meeting put us over the top, to a total of \$5,000. (ed note: alas there was an accounting error and the actual total was \$4,645 - anybody want to make up the \$355 difference?). Everyone enthusiastically applauded! We then watched a 2017 Rotary International Centennial video sizzle reel about the good works that Rotary clubs all over the world are doing, everywhere. The Polio Eradication countdown of declining worldwide polio cases ended around 73 cases, and **President Mary Lou** pointed out that since 2017, we are now down to single-digit cases in

only two (2) countries - Pakistan and Afghanistan. She wiped a compassionate tear from her eye. ("You know how I get," she sniffled.)

The Saturday **Stephen Smith** reminded us to join the Done in a Day committee (DIAD) at the Ronald McDonald House with a paint brush and a happy attitude – the fun starts at 9 am.

Pasadena Rotary needs YOU! – **President Mary Lou** warned us in 2019 that if no one stepped forward to be our next president, then she would continue un-opposed for life – and then we had several great presidents, but here she was again on the dais warning us that she was up for lifetime overlord position unless someone comes forward... and to entice us, the Club-paid Rotary International Convention trip for the 2024-2025 year will be held in Singapore (next RI convention in June 2023 will be in Melbourne, Australia).



When **Robert Lyons** received his Big Heavy Extra Shiny Rotary Star for putting in all those hours being an all-around great Sergeant of Arms this year, he accepted his award with "**President Mary Lou for Life!**" **Robert**, interested in being President?

Armida Baylon of our Social Committee is organizing Happy Hour on November 17th and has several new committee members to help her: **Carmen Choy-Surdam** and Tyros members **Nancy & Jack Kozakar** of John Mark Real Estate. (And, of course, her new co-chair **Debi Kroman!**)

Colleen Carey announced the Book Club's upcoming meeting at **IPP Cory Brendel's** home at 6 pm, discussing *The Night Watchman* (Pulitzer Prize Winner) and if you haven't read the book, you are welcome to discuss the themes.

On behalf of **Bob Monk**, **President Mary Lou** presented a **Bob's** Polio Pig donation of \$80 for his achievement of 80 years of service-filled life, with flying and enjoying Wisconsin with family. **Bob** is also the craftsman who puts together the Tarnished Brass plaque that all retiring Pasadena Rotary Presidents receive – another reason to try out for the President slot!

Wendy Anderson donated to the Polio Pig as she announced the Aquarium of the Pacific's 21st Autumn Festival in Long Beach, on November 11 and 12. Sounds like fun, and a great reason to drive on down to the beach!

President Mary Lou called **Desiree Alvarado** forward and announced that it was **Desiree's** actual birthday! "I tried to guess her age," said **President Mary Lou** "and I figured it was about 30, so I'm donating \$30 to the polio pig in her honor and letting her have the sticker!"

Guests: **Howard Raff** brought a whole table of six new guests who are potential members: Shannon Castro, Sophia Cruz, Claude Delgado, James Doyle, Carlos Palazzi and Danielle Reddy.

Dean Billman brought his friend Jackie Johnson, who retired from teaching, working for the LA Superior Court, and earlier as a flight attendant for Western Airlines (fun fact, during lunch she and **Jan Moscarel** traded stories, as **Jan** was a flight attendant with American Airlines and that is how she met her future husband, our late Past President Gene).

Colleen Carey introduced our speaker, Brian Wallace, and spoke of his educational background and experience on developing purposeful living communities, incorporating what we have learned about how livable

neighborhoods create better experiences for all the people living in multi-level buildings that lack places for people to gather and meet and greet.

He introduced himself by going over the Four-Way Test on livable planned communities, especially here in Pasadena:

- Is it the Truth? – Yes, because the city leaders know him and will call him out
- Is it Fair to all Concerned? – Yes, everyone will win with a common park
- Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships? – Yes, parks are healthier
- Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned? – Yes, everyone will be welcomed



The Playhouse Village Association was formed in 1996 and encompasses 34 blocks, from the freeway (Lake Avenue Gold Line Station) south to Green, from Catalina to Los Robles. They compete with well-funded retail spaces in Old Town Pasadena and Lake Avenue, that are both rejuvenated. They realized that they needed to make the mixed-use area, with the Pasadena Playhouse as their social anchor on El Molino Avenue, to also reflect the many residential condos and apartments, restaurants and offices that co-exist together.

What was missing was a common space of green, someplace that people could get off the concrete sidewalks and corners, walk their dogs and sit and read or relax. Finding a space was hard since real estate prices in Pasadena are very expensive with lots of competitive uses – where to find a convenient space in our rapidly dense city? Well, a parking lot that had been planned as a park in the 1990's became the new plot of land, and it was developed to be both a park with playground and pet runs, as well as some parking for local business. Even a fountain made it to the plan, and the shaped structure became – and this is only-in-Pasadena – The Van Halen Stage. It opened

on September 19th, 2022 and funded with PVA annual budget dues to allow for critical park maintenance, daily helpful Ambassador attendance, and everyday use by local residents.

President Mary Lou ended the meeting by remarking that on her lunch period at the Courthouse recently she walked by the park “and saw people there really enjoying it.” And then, after the ceremonial giving of the Pasadena Rotary Polished Pen to Brian, she told him that if he had been in the Four Way Speech Contest, he would have had a high score since he evoked the Rotary Four-Way Test in his remarks. She therefore presented him with the coveted Imagine Rotary challenge coin (with the 4 Way Test on the back), and assured him that we would welcome him as a member in our club.

She clanged the ending Rotary Bell and extorted to everyone to “imagine what YOU can do this week to build community through service”



Colleen Carey, Brian Wallace, President Mary Lou, Diana Peterson-More, Phil Hawkey, IPP Cory Brendel, Joshua Levine Grater, Wende Lee



To attend the 11-9-22 meeting

**RSVP by MONDAY 11-7-22
by 5:00 pm**

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

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

**Beef Bourguignon, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley
Cobb Salad with Choice of Italian or Blue Cheese Dressing
Eggplant and Zucchini Coconut Curry, Brown Rice and Quinoa (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



DONE IN A DAY (DIAD)

**Co-Chairs: Stephen Smith &
John Burt**

Wish to Help - RSVP below
Supplies will be provided

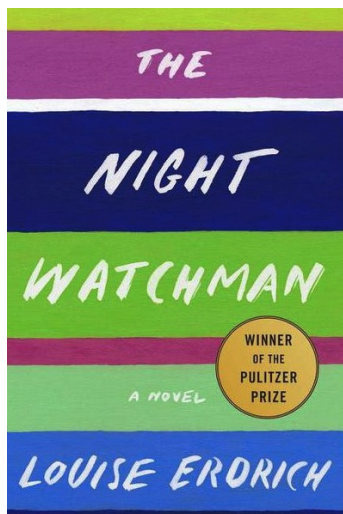
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

763 S. Pasadena Ave.

SATURDAY – 11/5/22 - 9am-12pm

Painting and repairing a fence (about 40 linear feet), painting the interior of 2 small sheds, and painting a child's cabin (about 20 square feet) and replacing the roof.

RSVP to Stephen - meridianappraising@yahoo.com



ROTARY READERS Monday, 11/7/22 - 6:00pm

The next meeting is Monday, Nov. 7th at 6 pm.
For location and zoom info please contact Jan Sanders at
janinpasadena@gmail.com

The book is The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich.

Meeting will be held at IPP Cory & Liza Brendel's home
Discussion lead by Diana Peterson-More

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!

Bob Monk	November 4th
Nevino Rocco	November 5th
Phyllis Crandon	November 7th
Ed Hearst	November 7th

Happy Rotaversary!

Mary Chalon	11/7/18	4 Years
Alex Boekelheide	11/8/20	2 Years
Salvatrice Cummo	11/8/20	2 Years
Sandi Mejia-Ramirez	11/8/20	2 Years
Christian Port	11/8/20	2 Years
David Weidert	11/9/16	6 Years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 16th - Carlos Baffigo, Acting Deputy Director, City of Pasadena Public Library -Central Library Update

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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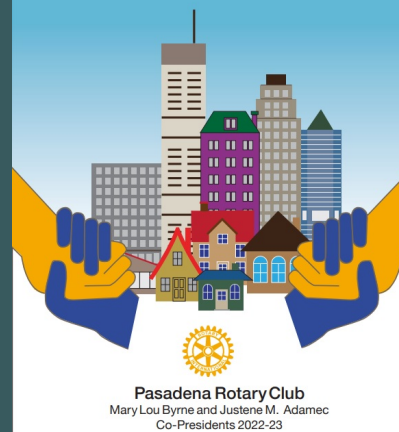
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