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This Week's Program

Kate & Adam Vourvoulis

"The History of Wine and Winemaking in Pasadena"

Introducer: Tammy Silver



Did you know Pasadena used to have a wine industry? In the late 1800's grapes were grown here, and wine was made here. You can find evidence of that today in some of the street names around Pasadena, such as Vinedo Avenue, to name one. Over the many years, zoning wasn't changed, and winemaking was still allowed in certain sections of Pasadena.

That drew winemakers Adam and Kate Vourvoulis to Pasadena. Adam, a native of Los Angeles, had been a sommelier for 15 years. Over time he developed an appreciation and love for natural wine. He met winemaker Kate in 2014 and the idea of making their own wines locally blossomed.

In 2016, Adam and Kate opened Vin de California Winery and Good Luck Wine Shop in a small space on Foothill Boulevard that was within that old winemaking zoning. Their dream to revive the city's buried wine industry through a return to the production of natural wine had begun.

Adam says a question he is often asked is, "What is natural wine?" Natural wine is just wine. Nothing more, nothing less. What it means to Adam and

Kate is: organic farming and/or no synthetic pesticides, hand harvested grapes, native fermentation, no temperature control, no additions (outside of occasional minimal amounts of

sulphur), no fining or filtering, and wineries owned and operated by real people. And the results? Delicious!

October 19th Meeting

12:00 pm - RECEPTION & LUNCH BYRSVP ONLY

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

Song Leader: Phil Miles

Inspiration: Stephen McCurry

Scoot Zone Reporter: Dean Billman

Photographer: Jonathan Edwards & Barbara Bishop

Sergeant At Arms: J.P. Harris

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, I am beyond delighted by how you are all rising to the occasion during Polio Prevention Pintober! You all are busting out those Rotary pins, paying your missing-pin fines with a smile, getting excited about our upcoming Run/Walk around the Rose Bowl on World Polio Day, October 24. (Special thanks to Past President Cory Brendel for nailing down the meeting place and organizing the pledges.)

On the off-chance you need just a bit more inspiration to get into the polio prevention mindset, here's a wonderful new short video from our Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones:

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And if you still want more inspiration, check out Jennifer's 2017 TEDx talk about polio eradication: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28RMR8MnwDQ&ab_channel=TEDxTalks

Pasadena Rotary, Polio Prevention Pintober is just one way we are building community through service. We also have an exciting new Done in a Day project coming up, at Ronald McDonald House right here in our own Pasadena back yard. After that, we'll be doing secret-for-now joint project with another local service club, which I'll be announcing on Wednesday, October 26. And

then we'll have our holiday service projects to carry us through to the end of the year. Hooray!

Meanwhile, please send your comments, questions, ideas, and slide show photos to me at president@pasadenarotary.com or 310-710-7701. And keep imagining new ways for Pasadena Rotary to build community through service!!

Yours in Polio eradication,
Mary Lou

THE SCOOT ZONE

By Senior Club Reporter Dean Billman
Photographers: PP Ken Joe & Tammy Silver

Our speaker today was Jeff Kightlinger, the Interim GM of Pasadena Water & Power, discussing “Drought, Climate Change and Water Supply for Pasadena & California” and we were all certain that like this year’s stock market, that there was no good news coming. Jeff surprised us by explaining that our Southern California water district officials have been preparing for the current drought for years, and while dire, we together will evolve into whatever we need to do to keep water flowing to our homes.

President Mary Lou Byrne clanged the Rotary Bell to order, and introduced **Eric Olsen** for our opening song, My Country ‘Tis of Thee, based on the English National Anthem honoring the King, but re-purposed with new lyrics to show the world that America had arrived. Eric fearlessly started us singing a Capella on the spot and we sang like Revolutionaries of old. We proudly said the Pledge of Allegiance, and then Eric took advantage of the mic to proclaim it was he and Mrs. Olsen’s 47th wedding anniversary, which got him fined the maximum Polio Pig sticker price of \$30, and he gladly paid with a mischievous grin on his face.



Robin Salzer was also inspired by our speaker to muse on how water is wasted by those who are careless, and as a Rotarian, we owe it to everyone to treat water as the precious resource that it is – and finish that glass of water on your table.

President Mary Lou guided us in microphone manners and how we must “eat the mic” (which she repeated several times) so that the people on Zoom and the back of the room can hear you.

It is also Polio Pig October, meaning that if you are not wearing your Rotary Pin, you will get fined a variable amount depending on the mood of the President. She started at \$20

for **Paul Martin** on Zoom from South Korea, **George Falardeau**, **Don Andruess** (his table turned him in!), **Marilyn Buchanan** and **PP Scott Vandrick**; and then she started upping to \$30 for **Phyllis Currie** and several others; \$20 to **Robin Salzer** for his snazzy red shoes, and suddenly **Mic Hansen** just offered \$20 to Eliminate Polio while wearing a pin – good for you Mic! It was a frenzy of Polio Eradication Donations, and the President was on the prowl for other pin-less dogooders.

IPP **Cory Brendel** rallied the club to join him for a walk-run-jog around the Rose Bowl on October 24th at 6:30am in recognition of Rotary’s World Polio Day – pledge what you can, all donations go to eradicate polio Worldwide (see announcement below). **President Mary Lou** then mentioned that after Pintober comes Nomination November, where the Rotary Board nominates a new President Elect-Elect for the 2024-2025 year. Lots of love and support come

your way, and it looks good on your resume – throw your name in now!

Kathy Meagher donated \$100 to the polio pig in honor of **John Burrough's** many years of Rotary service, and in memory of him and his funeral this coming Frid at the University Club. They are both proud Iowans.

Debi Kroman received a Service Star Award for serving on the Adopt-a-Meal Committee and highlighting Lifeline for Pets, a non-profit that takes in stray felines for adoption or care, and how her passion for cats has helped her relate to their great work with some cats that are difficult to adopt.



Dr. Bill Opel gave a \$100 polio pig donation for his personal appreciation for “the journalistic integrity of Rotary International” as they reported in the October 2022 Rotary Magazine their challenge of polio-vaccine-induced polio cases around the world. While rare, RI acknowledged the transmission of polio with its own vaccine and their deep commitment to introduce a new vaccine that does not spread polio – their work points to promising progress. **Bill** was strongly urging all members to read the article here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/new-weapon-against-polio> or listen here:

https://open.spotify.com/show/6GG3ahBugk3iHumD0lQkJn?go=1&sp_cid=f969d902f2f96a7508ecfa9f05e4aee0&utm_source=embed_player_p&utm_medium=desktop&nd=1

Steven Smith and **John Burt** are co-chairs of Done in a Day (DIAD) and are signing up volunteers for a half-day of painting and fence repair at the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House on November 5th. Bagels and coffee provided – join the do-gooders in action!

Guests today: Jeff Kightlinger brought Stacie Takeguchi, Assistant General Manager of Pasadena Water and Power, and Head of Water (her actual title); **Phil Hawkey** brought Cynthia Kurtz (retired interim City Manager); **John Foulkes** brought his daughter Debbie; and **Tammy Silver** brought friends Patty Tavera and Dino Barajas. **Phil Hawkey** won the Rotary Challenge Coin because he is the sponsor of guests Catharine & Fiona Rajan, of The Construction Services Group who have applied for a corporate membership.

New Rotary Coin Winner **Phil Hawkey** introduced our speaker today, Jeff Kightlinger, Interim GM of Pasadena Water and Power (PWP), and previously the CEO with Southern California Metropolitan Water District (MWD), which is the country's largest water district. Our PWP is an independent municipal water and power agency, but works closely with the MWD, and so Jeff started by recalling the history of California water and our relationship with population growth, climate change and political decisions that shaped our state and Southern California. He noted that the last three years look to be the driest in California, and the last 22 years show a disturbing trend of being the driest in the last 200 years since records were kept – and using tree rings for research, we may be in the driest period ever observed.



Jeff, in his position at the MWD, pointed out that utilities must be optimistic because you look out over the next 50-75 years and anticipate growth and challenges and build for those needs. What is hard is the challenges require new resources and technologies. And, as **Phil** pointed out in his introduction, under



Jeff's leadership, MWD anticipated the drought and brought on water storage capacity that helps in our current crisis.

The three sources of our water are local rain, the Colorado River and the 1960's State water project that parallels I-5 south to us. He noted that every thirty years we outgrow our water supply and have to create a new source, from 1900's LA Aqueduct from Owens River, to the 1930's Hoover Dam on the Colorado, and the state water project. And the era of big aqueducts are probably over, and besides getting water from the Rockies or the Great Lakes (almost impossible but still on the books) we need to go from building to managing the current water. Since 1990, we have added 30% more people to So Cal but now use 30% less water. One of the problems is California is getting warmer and the snowpack is melting and draining faster, so there is a real need to increase the ability to capture runoff – instead of over a few months, maybe in a few days – before it rushes off to sea.

Tammy Silver and **Mel Cohen** said we all know the deals “First in Time, First in Right” that created the bottlenecks to negotiating the water from old 1900's pacts, but how do we go from growing 90% of the world's almonds and 70% of the world's pistachios to give more water to the growing suburbs in Arizona and Nevada that didn't even exist before the advent of air conditioning in 1960? The answer is that we build water reservoirs like Diamond Lake in Hemet that hold a whole years' worth of water for the inevitable “one year in four” drought, and the MWD is thinking ahead for the next 50 years. **Howard Raff** asked about desalination of seawater, and Jeff said it is proven but expensive, and probably useful for cities far from the mountains, like Santa Barbara and San Diego. **Jim Osterling** asked about the Burbank reclamation plant, and Jeff did say the same technology would be useful for rejuvenating our aquifer in Pasadena. **David McAlexander** is worried about earthquakes disrupting all our supplies and Jeff acknowledged that all our sources were East of the San Andreas Fault, but they stage quick reaction equipment all along the aqueducts to hopefully repair any damages. And **Fred Soldwedel** asked a real interesting question: “What are you most proud about in your career?” and Jeff said he was most proud about hiring younger and more diverse people to take the place of old guys like himself, to give the new people more time to be the optimistic water planners that he and his team were years ago, to slake our thirst in the next 50 years.



Jeff Kightlinger, Staci Takeguchi, Phil Hawkey, Phyllis Currie, Cynthia Kurtz, President Mary Lou

**To attend the 10-19-22
meeting**

RSVP by MONDAY 10-17-22



at 5:00 pm

**Join Us Wednesday!
Check In with Jane Waas
& Mary Chalon**

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

- Stuffed Chicken Florentine with Spinach, Mushrooms, and Ricotta, Roasted Red Pepper Coulis, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables Medley
- Caesar Salad with Grilled Jumbo Shrimp
- Portobello Mushroom Stack with Medley of Fall Vegetables (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.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK!

Robin Salzer flaunted his very
Cool Red Shoes
at the meeting but who joined in?

Who is in the Black Shoes trying to hang
with the Cool Red Shoes

?

MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR

BUSINESS ALLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY - OCTOBER 17th at 4:00 pm

Live at the University Club Sun Room & also on Zoom

Over the past year we have had some excellent Peer Consultation - getting to know each other better and our businesses. We thought it would be interesting to get updates from everyone on where they were when they presented and where they are now including their decision making process and seek new 'think tank' ideas from the Committee.

We welcome new committee members - if you are interested JOIN US!

RSVP to attend live or via zoom contact:

Co-chairs: Cyril Vergis - Business owner cyril@arosacare.com

Wendy Anderson - wowproductions2@gmail.com

Pasadena Rotary Run/Walk to End Polio

Monday, October 24, 2022

Meet at the Rose Bowl 6:30 a.m. sharp

One lap around, run or walk with your Pasadena Rotary Friends

Pay a penny per step (per your Fitbit or whatever) to the Polio Pig

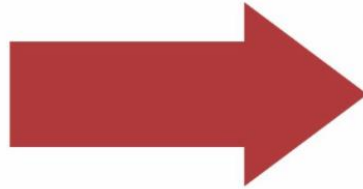
Done and Done! Meeting place and other details to follow.

WORLD
POLIO
DAY
MEETING LOCATION

**LEAVES
PROMPTLY
AT:**

**FIRST WAVE: 6:30
SECOND WAVE: 6:40**

MEET AT THE SIGN



**BROOKSIDE
CLUBHOUSE**



**walk, run, ride a bike, skateboard
any other vehicle to show your support**

PARKING TIPS: Free street parking, Brookside Restaurant Parking, Golfers Parking area, or lastly, Lot D. ALL PUBLIC SPACES. Plan ahead so you won't be late!

if not walking but wish to make a pledge contact CoryBrendel@gmail.com



**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

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

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

The Construction Services Group

Catharine Rajan, President & Fiona Rajan, Sr. Project Manager

Sponsor: Phil Hawkey

Happy Birthday!

Elaine Silberman	October 15th
Debbie Loveland	October 18th
Sean Cain	October 18th
John Barrett	October 20th

Happy Rotaversary!

Jonathan Edwards	10/14/15	7 years
Ken Joe	10/14/15	7 years
Howard Smith	10/16/19	3 years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 26th - Laura Farber and Kevin Ash - The Future of the PAC 10

November 2nd - Brian Wallace, President Playhouse Village Assoc.- Playhouse Village Park

November 9th - Veteran's Day Program - Intro of Veterans by Jeff Palmer & Program by Carol Callandra, Women Veterans

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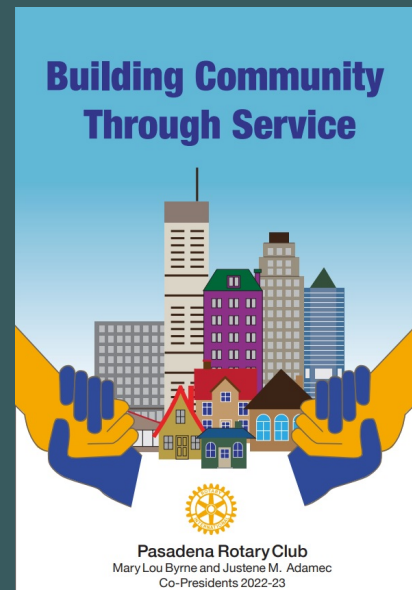
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