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This Week's Program

JOHN MULCHAEY

Carnegie Observatories

"New Eyes on the Universe: The James Webb Space Telescope"

Introducer: Leah Snell



Dr. John Mulchaey is Director of the Carnegie Observatories in Pasadena, a world-famous center for research on the evolution of the universe. He was a Carnegie Postdoctoral Fellow before joining the scientific staff in 1999, and was named Director in 2015. Today he leads the Pasadena campus as well as the Carnegie's large-telescopes site in Northern Chile.

In addition, Dr. Mulchaey is Science Deputy of the Observatories' parent organization, the Carnegie Institution for Science, where he oversees the Institution's 5 departments in the physical sciences and life sciences.

Dr. Mulchaey's research focuses on many key areas in astronomy, including dark matter and black holes; he is also a consultant to NASA and the National Science Foundation. In addition, he has created educational programs that reach audiences throughout Southern California and beyond. These include the highly popular

Carnegie Astronomy Lecture Series each spring, and special programs for gifted high school and undergraduate science students, among many others. Dr. Mulchaey has also made Carnegie Observatories the world's leading destination for top young postdoctoral fellows launching their careers in astronomy. In 2020 he received the RHSTAR Humanitarian Award for his service to scientific education.

October 5th Meeting

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

Scout Zone Reporter: Dean Billman
Photographer: Hans Roseberger & Tammy Silver
Sergeant At Arms: Robert Lyons
Tech: Scott Carlson

To attend LIVE - RSVP Below

By ZOOM on the One-way "Zoomcast"

Wednesday, -- Zoom opens at 12:15 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81957991086?pwd=SINHQWhGTnVjY1I5dVBmU1IwaG1IUT09>

Meeting ID: 819 5799 1086 - Passcode: 783239

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IMAGINATION STATION

By President Mary Lou Byrne



Pasadena Rotary! It's October 1 and you know what that means: We are closing in on World Polio Day, Monday October 24. And we have BIG PLANS for polio eradication awareness in October. To wit:

1. I am declaring this month Pintober for Polio: Everybody is ordered to wear a Rotary pin to our Wednesday meetings. I don't care which one – it can be the classic Rotary wheel, this year's Imagine Rotary theme pin (remember I gave them out at my first meeting in July), the fabulous Pasadena Rotary Centennial pin, the ever-classic End Polio Now pin, or any other Rotary pin you might have rattling around in your purse, pocket, or junk drawer. Don't have one? Not to worry – we'll be giving them out at check-in every Wednesday in Pintober! But beware, beware... if you are caught without a pin you will be fined \$20 for polio eradication!!
2. We're upping the stakes for Polio Pig announcements – if you donate a minimum of \$30, you get a lovely End Polio Now sticker to put on your Rotary badge. We started off in grand style at this week's meeting – special thanks to **Dean Billman** for kicking things off with his donation in honor of his polio-survivor dad, and to **Jim Osterling** for his contribution in honor of the late Pasadena Councilmember John Kennedy, which got us to \$1,000 for the day! Woo hoo!! It was Polio Pig Pandemonium!! Let's keep it up all month, shall we?
3. Finally, at 6:30 a.m. on World Polio Day, October 24, I'm going to do a lap around the Rose Bowl in my Rotary t-shirt to raise awareness about Rotary's anti-polio campaign, and I'm going to donate a penny per step (per my fitbit) to the Polio Pig. I hope you will all join me. Walk, run, ride your bike or scooter. And monetize it however you like – count your steps, get pledges from your friends, contribute a lump sum, donate \$6.30 (or \$630) for 6:30 in the morning – it's up to you! Details to follow, but mark your calendar and plan to be there to make a difference in the fight against polio.

Pasadena Rotary, just when I think I couldn't be more proud of you, you up the ante and amaze and

delight me like you did this week. Let's keep building community through service and make Polio Awareness Pintober a big success! And while we're doing that, send your photos, comments, and suggestions to president@pasadenarotary.com or 310-710-7701. And just imagine what we can do, together, to win this fight against polio once and for all!

Yours in Polio Pintober,

Mary Lou

THE SCOOT ZONE

By President Elect Justene Adamec
Photographers: Hillary Schenk & Tammy Silver



President Mary Lou Byrne opened the meeting. **Past President Phil Miles** started us off with *Fools Rush In* by Elvis Presley.

Jeannine Bogaard gave a wonderful inspiration from *The Book of Joy*. She ended with this quote:

As the Dalai Lama put it, "In fact, taking care of others, helping others, ultimately is the way to discover your own joy and to have a happy life."

October is World Polio Month. **President Mary Lou** shared a video of Rotary International President Jennifer Jones pledging \$150 million to the fight against polio.

Here's what Pasadena Rotary is doing for the fight against polio:

October will be Pintober. You have to wear your Rotary pin – ANY Rotary Pin – to every meeting. If you are seen without a pin, you will be fined \$20 to go to the Polio Pig. Pins will be available at the check in desk in case you have searched your house and car and still can't find that pin you put in a safe place.

On World Polio Day, October 24, Pasadena Rotary members will walk around the Rose Bowl at the crack of dawn (6:30 am for those of you who live by watches). No pre-registration. Just show up. You can walk, cycle, skateboard ... just don't drive. Once you have completed whatever distance you want on whatever conveyance you want, you will donate what you like. **President Mary Lou** will donate a penny for each step on her Fitbit.

The activity being started right then and there were the stickers. **President Elect Justene Adamec** came up with this plan. As her daughter the kindergarten teacher says, "everyone loves a sticker" and was that ever true.

If you donate a minimum of \$30 to the Polio Pig (the \$20 charge for a Polio Pig announcement is included), you get an End Polio Now sticker placed on your badge to show that you are a warrior in the fight against polio.

President Mary Lou donated \$30 to thank everyone who put together and attended the awesome President's cocktail party. **George Falardeau** donated \$100 to the Polio Pig. Then **Dean Billman** donated \$30 in honor of his father Neil Billman who was a polio survivor. **Frank Fish** matched Dean's donation because Dean regularly donates in honor of his father. **President Elect Justene** donated \$30 to announce that her daughter has been nominated for an Emmy. (6th nomination and she's won twice.) **Robin Salzar** matched **George's** \$100 donation (because George told him to.) **Tammy Silver** donated \$30 (matching **Dean's** donation) to announce that her son had just defended his Ph.D. **Past President Phil** donated \$50 to announce that his daughter, who is pregnant, just finished her Master's last week. **President Mary Lou** tried to cut the whole thing off but this was a tide. Assistant City Manager of Pasadena David Reyes who was a guest (!) donated \$100. Then another guest (!) Dennard Jackson donated \$100. **Past President Diana Peterson-More** donated \$50 during her introduction of the speaker. When he FINALLY got to speak, **Jim Osterling** honored his friend, Councilman John Kennedy, who recently passed away. John was an advocate for affordable housing and social justice. John proposed a goal of 1000 affordable housing units in 1000 days. To honor the Councilman, **Jim** said "let's make it a \$1000 day!" Reporter's note: If I've done the math right, **Jim** donated a whopping \$350. Everyone loves a sticker indeed.



President's Cocktail Party!

Imagine Rotary coins for those who set up and helped at the President's Cocktail Party - **First Gentleman Gary Kearney** put 17,000 steps on his Fitbit setting up the party. **Mary Chalon** and **Armida Baylon**, co-chairs of the social committee, made all the arrangements and publicized it and got the RSVPs. TYROS members **Jack and Nancy Kozikar** tended bar ALL NIGHT LONG.

SCROLL DOWN to see Photos of the

This week's Service Star went to **Russ Guiney** who has mentored a first generation citizen from Honduras in his effort to get a college education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Jan Sanders announced that this month's Rotary Readers will be on October 3, at 6 pm at Chateau Kearney. The book is *The Henna Artist*. You do not need to have read the book but you do need to bring something to eat or drink (to share).

Ellen Simon announced that the TYROS lunch will be on October 3 at noon at CPK's. Committee chairs are encouraged to contact **Ellen Simon** or **Judy Taylor** to come to the lunch and explain their committees to them.

Past President Diana Peterson-More introduced our speaker **Jim Osterling** by reading an email that purported to be from Jim. (Spoiler alert – it was a bit of payback for something Jim did while **PP Diana** was President.)

"DPM:

Jimbo here. Please, please, please do NOT, I repeat DO NOT read this email at today's Rotary meeting. I know that payback can be tough, and – okay, I do admit it - I did go overboard teasing you through made-up emails when you were president, so I'm falling on my sword to ask you to be soft on me. Like most men, I really have very thin skin.

So, old buddy old pal – and I say that even though you are a



Bruin – and, BTW, I know I owe you a drink from the last time the Bruins beat my Trojans. Unfortunately, it never occurred to me that UCLA would win, and my wife Scarlett – who holds the purse strings – makes it nearly impossible for me to buy that drink that I owe you. And, you're not kidding me – that blue hair is for the Bruins. If I had any hair, I guess it would be maroon? Hey, maybe Scarlett will let me spray paint my cue ball? I'll have to ask for her permission.

Frankly, I'm shocked that you – with, no offense – no experience with affordable housing would be asked to introduce me, especially when Rotary has **Phil Hawkey, Phyllis Mueller, Marsha Rood** and **Mic Hansen** who know all about it. So, why you?

Well, in researching your background (yes, I remember how to research from my days as an undergrad), I found out that you actually do know something about "housing affordability" in Pasadena. BTW, cute isn't it? Only Pasadena would change affordable housing to housing affordability. I won't say how, since you already know.

So, in closing, please be nice and gentle with me. Although I can dish it out, I really can't take it. Shhhhhhhhhhh – if you share that, my reputation will be tarnished forever.

Your favorite Trojan (and no, it's not an oxymoron = surprised I know such big words)?
Jimbo



Now, after all the frivolity, you would think that Affordable Housing would be a rather dry subject. It wasn't. **Jim** had us all fully engaged. However – it was a data heavy speech which doesn't translate well to the written page. So I'll give you the highlights but I bet you **Jim** would be happy to discuss it further with you.

OR... he is giving the same speech in San Marino soon. You can probably finagle an invitation.

There is a housing shortage in California. Well, in the entire US, but it is disproportionately in California. With 12% of the population, California accounts for 23% of the shortage. We are short 4.6 million housing units.

The State of California began to regulate (which upended the longstanding practice of leaving land use to the localities) and they have piled on laws and regulations ever since. Jim gave us a long list of the laws and what they require.

On affordable housing in Pasadena, for the 8 year period of 2021 -2029, we need to add 6000 housing units, which has to be 20% of the total units. How many units did we produce in the prior 8 years? Well, we were only required to build 771. We fell short of that goal – adding only 248.

Jim is proud to announce the completion and opening of his project at 280 N. Oakland. 180 Studio Apartments, all affordable housing designed to be rented by entry level workers. We got a tour, seating areas with big screen TVs, a fitness center, a rooftop lounge. The units are all micro-units – a kitchenette, a bed that folds into the wall, while a desk folds out and then – each unit has a private balcony.

The project was completed without loans or subsidies from the City of Pasadena. Why was that important to **Jim** (and why should it be important to you)? Because the Salvation Army's affordable housing project is all allocated to supportive housing for people currently homeless. That project should have the lions share of financial assistance.

There was no time for questions (**Jim** stayed after) and **President Mary Lou** barely had time to say "imagine what you can do to build community through service."



Marsha Rood, Phyllis Mueller, Diana Peterson-More, David Reyes, Don Andues, Mic Hansen, Scarlett Osterling, Jim Osterling



To attend the 10-5-22 meeting
RSVP by MONDAY 10-3-22
at 5:00 pm

Join Us Wednesday!
Check In with Jane Waas & 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

- Grilled Scottish salmon fillet with tropical fruit salsa, wild rice pilaf, vegetables medley
- Southwestern Chopped Salad: Grilled marinated chicken breast, chopped romaine, spring mix, black beans, fire roasted corn, cherry tomatoes, red onions, avocado, cotija cheese, tortilla strips, cilantro lime dressing
- Cavatappi Primavera: Cavatappi pasta, sweet peas, red peppers, onions, asparagus, basil, parmesan cheese

**CLICK HERE TO
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You will always receive a **CONFIRMATION** of your reservation.

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

MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR

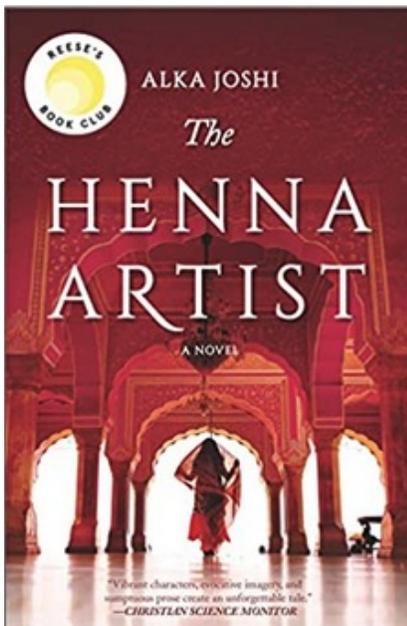
TYROS LUNCH MEETING

Monday October 3rd 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



ROTARY READERS

Monday, October 3rd - 6:00pm

The Henna Artist by **Alka Joshi**, discussion led by **Judy Taylor** at **Mary Lou and Gary's home**.

Mary Lou and Gary will manage zoom for those who cannot come in person.

Contact Jan Sanders at janinpasadena@gmail.com or Cathy Simms at simmie1@pacbell.net for further details.

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.

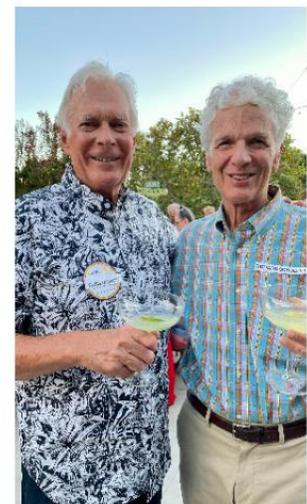
WORLD
POLIO
DAY





THE PRESIDENTS' RECEPTION

A gathering of 50 Rotarians and guests enjoyed an evening of fellowship with Tacos, Margaritas and Mariachi held at the home of President Mary Lou and First Gentleman Gary Kearney.



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: \$20.00 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 Rotaversary!

Debi Kroman	9/30/09	13 years
Joe Lonergan	10/1/60	62 years
Cynthia Gitt	10/6/09	13 years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 12th - Jeff Kightlinger - Interim GM of Pasadena Water & Power *"Drought, Climate Change and Water Supply for Pasadena and California"*

October 19th - Kate and Adam Vourvoulis, Natural Wines

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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