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# Rotary

## Club of Pasadena, CA



## SPOKES NEWSLETTER

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### ***JAIMEE RAQUEL PARTIDA*** ***SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER*** ***How I Have Over a Million Followers***

***Introducer: VENICE DUNN***



Jaimee Raquel Partida is a certified health and wellness coach and the woman behind the social pages, *jaifit8*. Her content focuses on adding modern, healthy twists to traditional Mexican recipes.

Before becoming a full-time content creator, Jaimee Raquel worked as a public-school educator, starting as a middle school Humanities teacher, and then becoming an instructional leader in the Los Angeles area. She is a proud first-generation Mexican American with degrees in political science and sociology from UCLA and a Master's in Education from the University of the Pacific.

Jaimee is currently in the process of writing her debut cookbook set to release in January 2025. She can be found on Instagram (over 665,000 followers) and Tiktok (over 585,000 followers) with the handle, *jaifit8*. In her free time, she enjoys running and spending time with her two fur babies, Samba and Tango.

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**WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 21, 2024**  
**UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PASADENA - 12:00 pm**  
**175 N. Oakland Ave, Pasadena 91101**  
**RSVP Deadline: 4:00 pm MONDAY**

**OVERFLOW PARKING:** Pasadena Heritage Blinn House  
Enter parking off Madison Ave. - Do not park in any reserved parking space

**Reception:** Jane Waas & Alan Schier  
**Lunchtime Pianist:** Ann Louise Christensen  
**Song Leader:** Phil Miles - Accompanied by Ann Louise  
**Inspiration:** Antonio Rezik  
**Scout Zone Reporter:** Mary Lou Byrne  
**Photographer:** Tammy Silver  
**Technical:** Frank Fish & Scott Carlson  
**Sergeant At Arms:** Robert Lyons

Non-members are welcome - \$45.00 includes lunch

**ZOOM is back and opens at 12:15 pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86515101523?pwd=dHhNZnV5c2ZqbzNQbWthbDNhYTladz09>

Meeting ID: 865 1510 1523. - Passcode: 667356

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## Simply Stephen Smith's Spokes Speaks

Happy Friday morning to all. Before I begin writing about the 5th of 7 Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus, Supporting Education, I wanted to briefly mention about the 4th Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus, Saving Mothers and Children, which I touched on last week. I forgot to mention about our clubs Rotary RI Grant for heart surgeries for children in India. Our club, along with Madras South Rotary in Chennai have done 500 heart surgeries with 3 Global Grants. That is an incredible achievement and I am sure that we, as a club, are proud of what we have been able to do to help those less fortunate than us.

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17% of the world's adult population. Rotary International's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. The Rotary Foundation supports education through scholarships, donations, and service projects around the world.

In Afghanistan, Rotary members opened a girl's school to break the cycle of poverty and social imbalance. Rotary members in the United States partnered with Proliteracy Detroit to recruit and train tutors after a study showed more than half of the local adult population was functionally illiterate.

The SOUNDS program in South Africa, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. teaches educators how to improve literacy by teaching children to recognize letters by sounds instead of names. In Kenya, Rotary clubs are working with the Global Partnership for Education and local and national governments to advance life-long learning opportunities for poor and marginalized children.

As members of Rotary, we are people of action and our actions have the power to speak loud and clear. Our vision and commitment to finding solutions keeps us connected to those who need it most, changing lives and creating opportunities about groundbreaking work in education and literacy. There are more kids enrolled in school now than at any point in history which is why supporting teachers is key. We believe that education creates security and safety in families so they can support, provide and make informed decisions. Please consider supporting the Rotary Foundation.



# The Scoot Zone

By Staff Reporter Dean Billman

Photographers: Ken Joe & Hans Rosenberger

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**The University Club** was jumping today as we walked in, as the Rotary Happy Hour Band was jamming to Caribbean tunes, led by Ann Louise Christensen on piano, Rotary Board member Don Andrues on guitar and vocals, and Gino Escarrega on drums and Joe Tornai on bass.

**President Stephen Smith** rang the brass Rotary Bell at 12:30 and asked Don Andrues to lead us in song, and since the speaker was going to talk to us about the history of Mai Tai cocktail, we sang Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville. **PP Ken Hill** was surprised how many members knew the words by heart around him.

Tyros member **Josh McCurry**, who had spent time as a bartender in Hawaii, was inspired "by our intoxicating speaker" and proceeded to pun his way through "the Mixology Boozeness (Business)" by repeating the Mai Tai pledge, "If you can't get to Paradise, I'll bring it to you in a glass."



## Guests:

- **PP Howard Raff** announced his guests, Captain Nick Helms of the Salvation Army and James Doyle, a personal injury attorney (Impact Club), both going through the membership process and Carlos Huerta, a commercial banker.
- **Alan Schier** introduced his guest and girlfriend, Abe Uribe, a program manager in IT and an Agile Methodology expert.
- **Josh McCurry** introduced his guest Dana Wood

## Announcements:

- Tyros member **Alex Oscoco** (2024) and **PP Rob Fisher** (1989), co-chairs of the Social Committee, apologized that they were both new at the committee, both males, and both representing the youngest and oldest members of the club – and still would figure out how to host a great President's Party at **President Stephen's** home this Sunday.
- Tyros **Curtis Smith** announced the Impact Club service Saturday at John Muir HS for fun and clean-up (See Below). He also contributed to the Polio Pig (to promote your non-Rotarian

event, donations go to Rotary International's Polio Plus eradication efforts worldwide) – he promoted the Pasadena Jaycees October 16<sup>th</sup> fundraiser sponsorships.

- Tyros **Angie Pizano**, co-chair of the Rotary Roamers, is getting us ready for our Mt. Baldy hike excursion on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The outdoors promotes good health and good times – join us!
- **Dean Billman** (your reporter) is also the District 5300 Polio Plus District Chair, and he said that next week we will begin our drive to have every member become a \$100 donor to RI Polio Eradication efforts for this year, as polio cases have suddenly climbed again in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and he wants us to be a 100% contribution club this year.

Inductions and presentation:

- Our accounting consultant and member **Sandi Mejia-Ramirez** presented **Frank Cardenas**, the Interim Executive Director at PCC Foundation, and current Board Member of Pasadena Community Foundation to the membership. He joins us as a Corporate Alternate Member of PCC, and while he claims he is all business and not much fun, *did reveal that he had an Afro in the 1970's and danced Disco*. The club heartily applauded. *(photo left)*
- **PP Howard Raff** inducted **Jason Barhydt** into the Pasadena Rotary Impact Club, an established executive and producer of TV, film and digital content for major entertainment firms, including Relativity Entertainment. He announced he was excited to join with us, and he, too, admitted he “was also a disco guy in the 1970's.” *(photo right)*

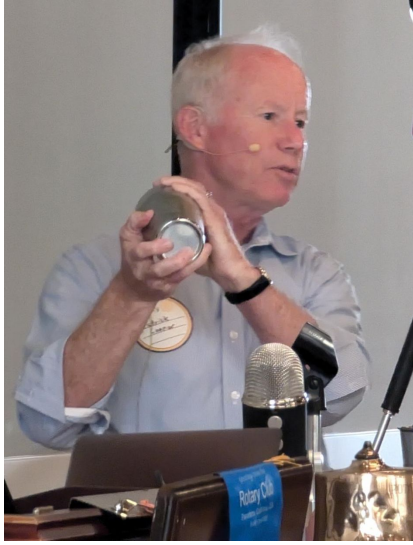


**Tammy Silver** introduced our speaker, Patrick Conner, on Mai Tai Magic and his experiences researching and reviving “The Tiki Culture” in America. Our audience was rapt with attention as Patrick stood behind a raised table with bottles, a bucket of ice and a shiny chrome cocktail shaker.

Patrick's background as a professional sales and marketing career at several major Fortune 500 companies, and an accomplished Ironman finisher, all began as a bartender at London's iconic Embassy Club in the 1970's (he, too, admitted to being a disco dancer, in keeping with today's revelations). After retiring, and during the Pandemic lockdown, he decided to revive his college experience as a high-end mixologist, focusing on both the classic Mai Tai cocktail, and the history and culture behind the famous beverage. After we all had a University Club hand-mixed Mai Tai sample that was prepared and passed to everyone in the room, this might become the new official Pasadena Rotary cocktail, alongside the famous **PP Mary Lou** Manhattan (two maximum, as we all learned in years past).



Your reporter has pages of notes, so we will need a bibliography attached for those who want to know more about the history of the Mai Tai, and the Tiki culture, but it seems to have started in 1934 by a dedicated guy named Donn Beach, or Don the Beachcomber, with a bar in Hollywood, “which became the epicenter of tiki culture. It was soon followed by Victor Bergeron, “Trader Vic”, by renaming his Oakland, CA bar from Hinky Dinks to Trader Vic's in 1937. The Mai Tai craze was on, started by using Wray & Nephew 17-year-old rum, but it soon



depleted the world's rum supplies. Each claimed to have invented the classic Mai Tai, the 1950's and 60's became a boom time for Tiki Restaurants nationwide, but they fell out of favor in the 70's and 80's (did Disco kill the Tiki bar?).

The Tiki culture fascination is back led by a New Orleans bar Beachbum Berry's Latitude 29, and a whole series called Beachbum Berry Remixed, and others led the way in 2000's.

Time to taste the winner of our speaker's extensive research to the original Mai Tai, as celebrated in its heyday of 1950's. Here is the Original 1944 Recipe from Trader Vic's:

- One ounce fresh squeezed lime juice
- ¼ ounce of Orgeat (an almond simple syrup)
- ½ ounce of Orange Curacao
- ¼ ounce of demerara syrup
- 2 ounces of Denizen's Merchant Reserve 8-Year Rum
- Fill old-fashioned glass with crushed ice
- Shake all ingredients over ice and strain over the crushed ice
- Garnish with a spent lime shell (peel side up) and a sprig of mint.



PP Mel Cohen was a lucky recipient of the sample created in front of us, while the whole club received a one-ounce version, which at noon was just enough to go out and enjoy the rest of the day, either back at the office or heading to the beach.

*Above Photo: Mai Tai Cheers with Jan Moscaret and Jennifer DeVoll*



*L2R: Patrick Conner, Hassan Kheradmandan, Ellen Simon, Judy Taylor, President Stephen, Mel Cohen*

**MEALS ARE PROVIDED BASED ON  
RSVP'S WE RECEIVE**

**BUFFET MEAL**  
Chef Tony, The University Club

**PLEASE RSVP  
IF YOU ARE ATTENDING!**  
[office@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:office@pasadenarotary.com)

**CLICK HERE TO  
RSVP TODAY**



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## **ROTARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS**

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# IMPACT CLUB EVENTS



SATURDAY

8/17

## GARDENING DAY AT JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL - 8 AM

Help maintain the beautiful garden at John Muir High School, 1905 Lincoln Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103. Dress comfortably, bring water, and bring work gloves if you have them.



TUESDAY

8/27

## MINI GOLF SOCIAL EVENT 5:30-7:30

At the Arroyo Seco Golf Course. Save the date to bring prospective Impact members. Current members will help promote the club and answer questions.

Contact Impact Club Chair Amanda Pumilia with any questions at  
[apumilia@yahoo.com](mailto:apumilia@yahoo.com)

Want to be notified about upcoming service and social events?  
Join <https://www.meetup.com/pasadena-rotary-impact-club/>

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## Business Alliance Meeting

Please join us  
Food & drink will be provided



Alexander Oscco  
[@alex.oscco](https://www.linkedin.com/in/alex.oscco)

September 5th @ 5:30pm  
800 E Colorado Blvd. STE 150  
Pasadena, CA 91101





Rotary Roamers

# Mt. Baldy Moonlight Hike w/ D'Santi

BBQ AND MUSIC AT TOP OF THE NOTCH

- ▶ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH @ 5 PM
- ▶ PURCHASE TICKETS DIRECTLY FROM [WWW.MTBALDYRESORT.COM/TICKETS](http://WWW.MTBALDYRESORT.COM/TICKETS)
- ▶ TICKETS MAY SELL OUT. PURCHASE THE ROUND-TRIP LIFT + DINNER AND A PARKING PASS (PER CAR).

Email Justene Adamec at [justene@gmail.com](mailto:justene@gmail.com) after buying tickets

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## POLIO PIG & COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS AT WEDNESDAY MEETING

**ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS MUST BE PRE-APPROVED!**

Wish to "Show & Tell" us what you are up to or make an announcement (30 seconds) about your family, business or a favorite nonprofit or a Committee announcement? Email Wendy at [office@pasadenarotary.com](mailto:office@pasadenarotary.com) by Tues at noon. Minimum donation for Polio Pig Announcement: \$20 or for \$30+ which is billed to your account. Additional \$20 if you wish to



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## 7 DAY NOTICE

**JAMES DOYLE - Sponsors: Stewart Espinosa & Howard Raff - IMPACT CLUB**  
**NICK HELMS - Sponsor: Howard Raff**

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Jeannine Bogaard	August 16th
Becky Happach Detrick	August 16th
Salvatrice Cummo	August 19th
John Cooper	August 20th
James MacPherson	August 20th
Janelle Hake	August 21st
Debi Kroman	August 22nd

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## ROTAVERSARY

Robert Earnest	8/16/17	7 Yearre
Nat Read	8/17/22	2 Years-Honorary

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Aug. 28 - Danny Parker, 710 Commission - Status Report on the 710 Freeway "Stub"
Sept. 4 - Dr. Moogega Cooper, JPL - Keeping Mars Safe - From Us!
Sept. 11 - Dr. Daniel Lewis, Sr. Curator, The Huntington - His recent book: "Twelve Trees; the Deep Roots of our Future"
Sept. 18 - Ida Puiwa, Othakarhaka Foundation - How a Strangers Kindness Transformed a Village in Malawi
Sept. 25 - Chris Erskine, Author/Columnist

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SAVING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

GROWING LOCAL ECONOMIES SUPPORTING EDUCATION

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT.



Pasadena Rotary Club  
Stephen Smith, President 2024-25

**ROTARY CLUB OF PASADENA 2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETS the 3rd Thursday of every month at 5pm - University Club of Pasadena**

**PRESIDENT: Stephen Smith**

**PRESIDENT ELECT: Hillary Schenk**

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Justene Adamec**

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