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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

PRESIDENT JUSTENE'S LAST MEETING!

*So long
Farewell
Auf Wiedersehen
Goodbye*



WEDNESDAY – June 19, 2024

UNIVERSITY CLUB - 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 aka Badge Master
Lunchtime Pianist: Ann Louise Christensen
Song Leader: Don Andrues with Ann Louise Christensen
Inspiration: Michele Ferroni
Scout Zone Reporter: Dean Billman
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

Future Flash



By President Justene Adamec

Before I became President, before I threw my name in the hat, even before I even considered being President, Past Presidents told me to delegate. I had 2 immediate reactions: what if something goes wrong and who would want to help me.

The latter sentiment was completely unwarranted. Committee chairs and committee members don't help *me*. They serve the Club and there were many members who stepped up. I won't name names here. I still need some things to bring up in my dreaded last meeting,

Doing it myself...sigh. I often refer to myself as Chief Cook and Bottleswasher. I hope you all understand that saying. If you don't – don't tell me (I'll feel old) and I'll explain it. A CC & B handles the top-level tasks and decisions and performs the lowest level tasks like washing bottles. It is apropos of the Presidency. I led the weekly meetings. I was the visible face of the Club to non-members and the person who figured out the shape of your experience as members. At the same time, I picked up the little tasks – like scrolling through the lyrics each week and checking people in at the holiday party.

It was tough to let go. Every now and then, something would go awry, and I was sure it wouldn't have happened if I had only micromanaged. But I did let go, partly because there wasn't enough time in the day. Mostly because I trusted the members who did the work.

Over the year, the Club blossomed and we did much more than I had hoped for. There were a lot of accomplishments and some of those successes debuted in my year. It is said that you can do a lot if you don't care who gets credit. It's also been said that you must give credit where credit is due. In my last meeting, I will be lauding those who brought the goals to fruition; especially the programs that had no previous years to look back on - The Pasadena Rotary Impact Club, Global Scholars, the Paul Harris Fellow Community Award and the first time Community Grants were awarded to STEM programs.

There's no way I could have done even 1% of the work necessary to make this year a triumph.

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The Scoot Zone

By Past President Mary Lou Byrne, Bureau Chief

Photos by Ken Joe & Tammy Silver



President Justene Adamec rang the bell at 12:30 and **Eric Olson**, accompanied by the Four Way Test Singers (**PP Phil Miles, PP Diana Peterson-More, PP Mary Lou Byrne, Marilyn Buchanan** and **Don Andruess**) with Ann Louise Christensen on the piano, led us in a rousing chorus of God Bless America. Claudia Ponce de Leon gave the Inspiration, a great poem about Service Above Self, ending with "in serving each other, our true selves we know."



We had many guests, including **Claudia's** father, Manny, all the way from Lima, Peru, (see photo left) and two guests at **PP Howard Raff's** table.

Mike Bradley introduced Paul Harris Fellow honoree Bill Doulos and his six guests from the Church of Our Savior in San Gabriel. **Mary Chalon** introduced honoree Charmayne Mills Ealy and her four guests from organizations around town including Delta Sigma Theta and First AME Church. We were also honored with the presence of Ann Marie Hlckambottom, Field Rep for Assemblymember Chris Holden, and Dominick

Correy, District Representative for State Senator Anthony Portantino.

Announcements: **Past President Cory Brendel** shared that he and his wife Liza Billington are raising an adorable guide-dog-for-the-blind-in-training and will give a presentation on the topic at this week's Altadena Rotary meeting. (Yesterday, as you read this, alas.)

Amanda Pumilia reminded everyone of the IMPACT Club's school supplies drive to support Friends In Deed. Bring your contributions to next Wednesday's meeting. See list of supplies needed below. Stay tuned for future service projects.

PP Mary Lou Byrne reminded everyone of Rotary Night at Pasadena Playhouse. (Last night, as you read this – it was a blast!) She also urged everyone to RSVP for President Justene's demotion by NEXT WEDNESDAY, JULY 19. Details below. NOT TO BE MISSED!!

Fred Findlay introduced one of our Rotary Global Grant Scholars, Tallan Donine, and the

members of the Global Grant Scholars Committee: **Deb Raupp, George Falardeau, Lynn Sullivan, PP Cory Brendel, Alex Boekelheide, Paul Martin, and Jeannine Bogaard**. Tallan just graduated from Claremont McKenna University and is headed to the University of Edinburgh, where she will be pursuing a master's degree in law. Tallan worked at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC as an undergraduate and hopes to focus on genocide prevention using the tools of law. She hopes to make a career of advising organizations working in atrocity prevention. She thanked all of us for supporting her education. (PHOTO: George Falardeau, Lynne Sullivan, Fred Findley, Tallan Donine, Deb Raupp, Cory Brendel)



President Justene then turned the program over to **Catherine Haskett Hany**, chair of the Paul Harris Fellow Committee. Catherine gave a brief biography of Paul Harris, who was a Chicago lawyer who co-founded Rotary in 1905 and was its third president in 1907. **Catherine** explained how Rotary became the first-ever service club when, in 1907, it installed public toilets in downtown Chicago. Since then, Rotary's service has only expanded and currently its seven areas of service are promoting peace; fighting disease; providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; saving mothers and children; supporting education; growing local economies; and protecting the environment. **Catherine** explained that one of Rotary International's major accomplishments is the polio eradication effort, which is this close to being completed.

The Paul Harris Society, Catherine explained, is the highest honor for Rotarians who have contributed to the Rotary Foundation, which funds all these worthy international service projects. "The real meaning," she said, "is the knowledge that collectively we are supporting good works throughout the world – four billion dollars so far!" And another function of the Paul Harris Society is "to recognize non-Rotarian superstars, two of which are present today."

Before presenting our honorees, though, Catherine introduced the members of her committee, who evaluated the nominees and chose our awardees. **President Justene Adamec, Wendy Anderson** (watching on Zoom), **Mary Chalon, Jennifer DeVoll, PP Mike Farrand, PP Rob Fisher, and PP Cathy Simms** all stood and received a well-deserved round of applause.

This week's awards each included a \$1,000 donation to the Rotary International Foundation in the recipient's name. You can read their bios here:

<https://www.pasadenanow.com/main/pasadena-rotary-club-honors-humanitarian-leaders->



First **Catherine** introduced the Rev. Canon William (Bill) Lane Doulos, founder of Union Station Homeless Services (among other good works), saying “no one in our community has made more of a difference in the lives of the truly needy. He even changed his name to “Doulos,” which is Greek for “servant.” In receiving the award, Bill noted that he’s come full circle because in 1973 he was a student across the street at Fuller Theological Seminary and his first “big job” was at the University Club! “I’m glad to share this award with Charmayne and to join with all of you in making this a better community and a better world.”

Bill received certificates of recognition from the City of Pasadena, Assemblymember Holden, and State Senator Portantino. **President Justene** presented him with his Paul Harris Society pin, saying “this pin is very dear

to us, and we are glad you will be able to wear it.”

Next, **Catherine** introduced Charmayne Mills Ealy, among whose accomplishments was being one of seven families who comprised Friends of Cleveland School for many years and is now co-founder and Director of Operations for STEAMCODERS, a non-profit that serves underserved and underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Charmayne said, “I am thankful for those who thought enough of me to submit my name to this great organization.” She noted that her public service journey began 50 years ago at UCLA with Delta Sigma Theta, and “30 years ago I married Raymond, who exemplifies service above self!” She closed with this thought: “To whom much is given, much is expected.” Charmayne received her certificates from the City, Assemblymember Holden, and State Senator Portantino, and **President Justene** proudly presented her with her Paul Harris Pin.

President Justene reminded everyone that next week is her last meeting as President, and we adjourned right on time at 1:30.



L2R: Dominick Covey, Jennifer DeVoll, Mary Chalton, President Justene, Mel Cohen, Susanne Cohen, Rob Fisher, Catherine Hany, Amanda Pumilia



Check In with our dedicated Reception Committee - Jane Waas & Alan Schier
Last week helped by Sandy Goodenough and Mike Bernard

DEADLINE TO RSVP: Mon - 4:00 pm
office@pasadenarotary.com

**CLICK HERE TO
RSVP TODAY**

BUFFET MEAL PROVIDED BY
Chef Tony, The University Club

Cobb Salad with Toppings and Choice of Dressing
Grilled Chicken Kebobs
Aloo Gobi (Potato, Cauliflower and Sweet Peas Curry) (v)
Basmati Rice Pilaf (v)
Roasted Asparagus and Carrots (v)
Chef's Choice Dessert

Indicate if you'll be dining as
Vegetarian only

ROTARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS

RSVP NOW to Demotion
office@pasadenarotary.com



Rotary Club of Pasadena

JOIN US!

Join us as we bid a fond farewell to President Justene Adamec. This evening of good friends, good food and good cheer will begin at 6:00pm at the University Club of Pasadena.

\$125 before June 16, \$130 after.

**MUST
RSVP BY
JUNE 19**



The Demotion of **PRESIDENT JUSTENE**

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Cocktails at 6:00pm - Dinner at 7:00pm - Light Entertainment at 8pm

RSVP NOW- Early Bird Deadline 6/16
Demotion office@pasadenarotary.com

School Supply Drive for Friends In Deed **FILL the Purple Container!**

Our Pasadena Rotary Impact Club is collecting school supplies and empty backpacks for Friends in Deed's "Back to School" Event.



Donations can be dropped off at the weekly Rotary meetings between now and July 24th. There will be a purple collection bin by the sign-in desk each week.

If you're unable to make the meetings, please contact Impact Club Chair Amanda Pumilia at apumilia@yahoo.com to arrange another time to drop off supplies.

A list of needed school supplies can be found at this link: <https://myemail-api.constantcontact.com/Food-Pantry-Back-to-School-Event.html?soid=1102402691632&aid=OVif0dHULcA>

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 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 leave flyers (in a stack on the table not individual) or a hand-out at end of meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Ellen Simon	June 16th
Bill Tilney	June 16th
Robin Salzer	June 17th
Pushpa Nagaraj	June 19th

ROTAVERSARY

George Falardeau	6/17/15	9 Years
Kathy Meagher	6/17/87	37 Years
Wendy Anderson	6/19/19	9 Year (5 Years + 4 Previous Years)
Sheri Bonner	6/19/19	5 Years
Megan Foker	6/20/18	6 Years

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 26th - DARK-No Lunch Meeting - DEMOTION PARTY TONIGHT!
June 26th - DEMOTION OF PRESIDENT JUSTENE - 6:00 pm - University Club
July 3rd - President Stephen Smith's First Meeting
July 10th - Nicole Purcell, HMRI, Teens and Nicotine: The Latest Findings

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