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# Rotary

## Club of Pasadena, CA

### SPOKES NEWSLETTER

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### MATT McINTYRE

President, Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts  
*"Behind the Scenes at the Pasadena Showcase House"*



Matt McIntyre became President of Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts earlier this year, notable as the first male member to serve in the organization's 77-year history. Active since 2018, he has held various board and benefit positions, including as Benefit Chair of the Pasadena Showcase House of Design in 2023. He's excited to lead the organization through its 60th Showcase House. Celebrated as one of the nation's oldest and most successful home and garden tours, the Pasadena Showcase House of Design raises funds for music and arts programs, and has given \$26 million to local nonprofits since 1948.

McIntyre also volunteers as a long-time member of the Tournament of Roses and as a docent at the Gamble House. Professionally, he has had a successful career in real estate, and is currently an agent with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices California Properties. He was named Pasadena's Realtor of the Year in 2018.

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**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 11, 2024**  
**UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PASADENA - 12:00 pm**  
**175 N. Oakland Ave, Pasadena 91101**  
**RSVP A MUST - Deadline: 5:00 pm MONDAY**

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

**Reception:** Alan Schier & Mike Bernard  
**Lunchtime Pianist:** Ann Louise Christensen  
**Song Leader:** Phil Miles  
**Inspiration:** Gary Kearney  
**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

## Simply Stephen Smith's Spokes Speaks

After browsing through the latest December Rotary magazine, the morning after our annual Holiday Party, I read an interesting article about alternative places to travel internationally.

According to the U.S. TSA, summer air travel alone has reached record heights in 2024 and it was already an issue prior to the pandemic. Tourism Cares, is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing sustainability within the tourism industry and seeks out alternative, less populated locations. Some of the places that were recommended, and should be contemplated, are listed below.

The islands of Azores, which belong to Portugal, include nine major volcanic islands and are referred to as Europe's Hawaii. The largest island, Sao Miguel, is known for its geysers, and caldrea lakes. The nearby islands of Pico or Faial are places to go scuba diving or to see whales.

The Indonesian Isles, home of the Indonesian archipelago, contains approximately 17,000 islands with hundreds of diverse cultures and ethnic groups. This region lies within the heart of the Coral Triangle, where the oceans are at their most biodiverse. While Bali is beautiful, there are many other places equally as wonderful.

Umbria is a region of Italy that is located in central Italy, between Florence and Rome. There are Baroque churches in the regional capital Perugia or medieval hilltop towns and villages such as Orvieto. Trevi is also a hilltop town with undulating green landscapes that is known for its food and wine.

Rotary members in particular know the power of the bonds forged when people from different cultures meet and exchange ideas and dreams. Consider taking the path less traveled.

*Photo: President Stephen and Adriana at the Holiday Party.*

**Stephen D. Smith**  
President 2024 - 2025  
Rotary Club of Pasadena



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**MEALS & SEATING 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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### **ROTARY READERS**

We meet **DECEMBER 9TH - 6 pm.**  
For details,  
please email, [simmsie1@pacbell.net](mailto:simmsie1@pacbell.net).

Our fearless leader, Jan Sanders, will review Good Night Irene by Luis Alberto Urrea.

**PLEASE RSVP TO BOB** at [bob@risleylaw.com](mailto:bob@risleylaw.com) or  
Rosemary at [rosemaryrisley@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryrisley@gmail.com).

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**Rotary**  
Club of Pasadena

We are partnering with the Salvation Army and have two ways you can make this holiday a special! Toys can be dropped off at our Holiday Party and our last meeting on 12/11.



## **ANGEL TREE OF PASADENA**

### **OPTION 1**

Angel Tree Toy Drive - We will collect unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 0 - 12

### **OPTION 2**

Angel Tree Gift Card or Monetary Donation - Provide a \$30 Gift Card for children ages 8-12. (Old Navy, Target, Walmart, Vans, etc..)

*Checks payable to The Salvation Army  
Pasadena Tab*

For more info contact Desiree (213)400-1502  
or Antonio (201)786-3655

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PASADENA ROTARY IMPACT CLUB

# HAPPY HOUR + MIXER

BRING A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER!

WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 11

5:00 - 7:00 PM

LUCKY BALDWIN'S  
TRAPPISTE PUB (BY PCC)

1770 E Colorado Blvd,  
Pasadena, CA 91106



Eaton Canyon Trail  
Clean-Up Followed  
by a Rotary



# Roamers Hike

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH @ 10 AM

- ▶ MEET AT THE MOUNT WILSON/PINECREST GATE, MT WILSON TOLL RD, ALTADENA, CA (BY THE BRIDGE TO THE FALLS)
- ▶ STREET PARKING CAN BE LIMITED, SO WATCH NO PARKING SIGNS AND ARRIVE EARLY! WEAR SHOES YOU DON'T MIND GETTING WET.

Email Amanda Pumilia at  
[apumilia@yahoo.com](mailto:apumilia@yahoo.com) with questions

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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 leave flyers at the Registration table or hand-out at end of the meeting.

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Pasadena Rotary Celebrates the





# Holiday Season with a Fun Evening at Jacob Maarse Florist!

By Co-chair Rob Fisher

Having a holiday party at a florist shop might seem to be an odd idea. But not when you have a florist shop such as Jacob Maarse to have it in! Rotary member **Hank Maarse** graciously welcomed 80 Pasadena Rotarians back to a location that we have had holiday parties in the past. And it did not disappoint!

Entering in the front door felt like entering into Santa's North Pole with delights for the eyes and wonderful seasonal aromas. After being greeted at check-in and offered a glass of champagne (thanks to **Ginnie Fisher** and **Don Andrues** respectively), members and guests made their way to the back portion where the real festivities were happening!

With two bars and appetizers and buffet courtesy of Onil Chibas catering, everyone had a great time mingling amongst one another. Thanks to **Gui Bittencourt, Parker Hayward, Trina Davidian, Chuck O'Neill** and **Martha Shenkenberg** who helped tend the bars! **President Stephen** announced who will become the club's President Elect-Elect—that being **Tammy Silver**—to great applause.

*Photo: Chef Chibas & Tammy*

The evening was capped off with a performance by the Pasadena City College choir that even included the audience getting a chance to warm up their vocal cords with a rendition of Silent Night. Otherwise, it was not a silent night but one filled with conversation and comradery—just the way Pasadena Rotary does its social events!







**PHOTOS BY: Gui Bittencourt, Tammy Silver & Mike Bernard**

ROW 1: President Stephen and co-chair Rob Fisher - ROW 2: Mike Bernard with Claudia Ponce de Leon & Susanne Cohen - Middle Photo: Christina Hill, George Falardeau, Tammy Silver, Cedrick Jihanian, Lisa Kroese, & Taleen Itindoyan. Right Photo: J.P. Harris & PP Scott Vandrick. ROW 4: Pasadena City College Choir ROW 5: Tammy Silver, Debi Kroman, Jim Osterling & PP Diana Peterson-More

## RESIGNATION

Mary Chalon

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Fiona Rajan	Dec. 6
Paul Martin	Dec. 7



Richard Cornfield	Dec. 7
Eric Olson	Dec. 8
Jonathan Edwards	Dec. 12
Michele Ferroni	Dec. 12
Trina Davidian	Dec. 12

## HAPPY ROTAVERSARY!

Deborah Lewis	11/10/14	10 Years
Marsha Rood	12/11/02	22 Years

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Dec. 18, 2024 - A Million Thanks Service Project - Letter Writing to Service Members
Dec. 25, 2024 - DARK - MERRY CHRISTMAS
JAN. 1, 2025 - DARK - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Jan. 8, 2025 - Ed Morales, President, Tournament of Roses

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**by doing Service**

PROMOTING PEACE FIGHTING DISEASE

PROVIDING CLEAN WATER

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**  
**SECRETARY: Wende Lee**  
**TREASURER: Tony Phillips**  
**CLUB DIRECTORS: Don Andrues, George Falardeau, Frank Fish, Sandy Goodenough,**  
**J.P. Harris, Debi Kroman, Robert Lyons, David McAlexander, Claudia Ponce de Leon,**  
**Nevino Rocco, Tammy Silver, Dede Venkat**  
**Non-Voting Member: Amanda Pumilia, Chair, The Impact Club**

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