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MICHAEL DRIEBE

Rotary 5300 District Governor

"How To Make Pasadena Rotary the Best Resource to the Community"

Introducer: PRESIDENT STEPHEN SMITH



Michael "Mike" Driebe has been a fund development professional since 1999 and has over 35 years' experience in volunteer leadership. Prior to becoming President of Methodist Hospital Foundation in the fall of 2009, he was President of Driebe & Associates, an independent fund development consulting firm.

Mike holds a Master of Science degree in Leadership and Management from the University of La Verne. He became a Certified Fund-Raising Executive (CFRE) in 2005 and holds a Certificate in Fund Raising Management from The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. A past president, officer, and member of too many nonprofit boards to count, Mike became a member of Pomona Rotary in 1994 and served as club president in 2002-2003. In 2010, he joined the Rotary Club of San Marino, was recognized as San Marino's Rotarian of the Year in 2015, and became that club's president in 2015-2016. He served as San Marino Rotary Charities President from 2018-2021.

Mike has held many leadership positions within District 5300, including Leadership Trainer, and Chair of the Public Relations, Interact, TLC, RYLA, Multi-District Interact Symposium, and Rotary Foundation Committees, Host District Vocational Training Team, Stewardship and Major Gifts Sub-Committees, and the 2022 Peace Conference Committee. He also led the 2018 Group Cultural Exchange Team to India.

Mike and Sylvia met in 1980, just 2 weeks after he moved to California from Virginia. Married since 1985, they are residents of Pomona and enjoy art, music, food, travel and frequent trips to

WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 9, 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: Alan Schier & Mike Bernard
Lunchtime Pianist: Ann Louise Christensen
Song Leader: Jonathan Edwards - Accompanied by Ann Louise
Inspiration: Howard Raff
Scout Zone Reporter: Dean Billman
Photographer: Gui Bittencourt
Technical: 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



As I believe we all know, Hurricane Helene has caused major damage throughout the Southeast. Rotary International Director, Patrick Eakes, whose zones (33 & 34) have been severely affected, has established a fund where those who would like to assist recovery by making a donation can do so via online payment, mailed check, or wire transfer. Information to make a donation is at <https://www.rizones33-34.org/disaster-relief/>

Our zones' organization is a 501(c)(3), so donations are generally tax deductible, albeit I would have a conversation with my tax advisor. These funds are collected at a zone level. When we can we will leverage district grants and RI disaster relief grants (if/when they become funded again) to further maximize our impact. Michael Driebe, our District 5300 Governor will be here next Wednesday and I'm sure he will talk about what RI is doing to help with the Hurricane Helene

recovery efforts.

Stephen D. Smith
President 2024 - 2025

**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

**CLICK HERE TO
RSVP TODAY**



**ROTARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
& EVENTS**

IMPACT CLUB EVENTS



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE HALLOWEEN COLLECTION DRIVE

UNTIL OCTOBER 16TH

Collecting Halloween **candy** and **new costumes** for families, Halloween-inspired **hats, headbands**, and size inclusive costumes for their Trunk or Treat.



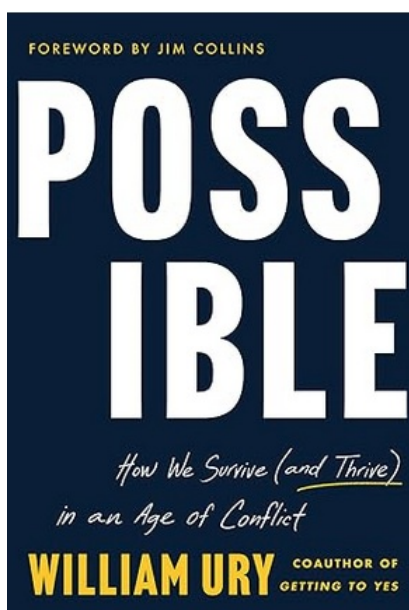
Bring to the bin at Rotary meetings or email Amanda to arrange drop-off.

H A L L O W E E N

More social events and service projects coming soon!

Contact Impact Club Chair Amanda Pumilia with any questions at
apumilia@yahoo.com

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



ROTARY READERS

Rotary Readers will meet October 7th at 6 pm.

Bob Risley will review
Possible How We Survive (and Thrive) in an Age of
Conflict by William Ury.

Bring something to share for dinner.
You do not have to have read the book.

Please contact Jan Sanders
janinpasadena@gmail.com for location and
more information.
Please RSVP.



MT. WILSON OBSERVATORY EXCURSION

Friday, October 18th

\$80 for tour + box dinner/drinks or \$50 for tour only

Pasadena Rotary will be going up Mt. Wilson on Friday, October 18th to experience stars, planets and the cosmos via the 60" telescope. Through the Mount Wilson Institute guides, each attendee will look several times through the eyepiece on the telescope at chosen celestial targets that will include the planet Saturn!

But capacity of the tour is limited to 25 people so this is a "First RSVP-First Twenty-Five" Rotarians and guests are in!

There are two sign-up options—one is the tour plus a box dinner and drinks at a park just outside of the observatory grounds. Because we need to enter the observatory grounds at 6:30 PM, there is a second option for those who can get there by that time but not in time for dinner. More details will follow regarding the timing of the dinner picnic and possible ride sharing. The evening should go to around 9:00 PM although you can leave early if needed.

RSVP to Rob Fisher at rob@fbrg.agency to see the stars!

**WORLD
POLIO DAY**
24 OCTOBER



Third Annual Pasadena Rotary World Polio Day Run/Walk/Ride Around the Rose Bowl

Thursday, October 24, 2024

Meet at Brookside Clubhouse 7:00 a.m.

We're doing 3 miles/5K to raise money for polio eradication. Walk, run, ride your bike, skateboard, or scooter! Pledge per mile, per step, per minute — it's up to you! Ask your friends to participate or pledge, too! BIG FUN !!



Contact Dean Billman (dabillman@icloud.com) or Morgan Nadeau (beck1enadeau@yahoo.com) to sign up or for more information

Order Your End Polio Now tee on or before October 4 — email justene@gmail.com to order and for size info. \$22 (or so) charged to your Rotary account. Unisex sizes S-4XL.



The Scoot Zone

Staff Reporter: PE-E Hillary Schenk

Photographer: Gui Bittencourt

President Stephen Smith rang the bell and called the meeting to order at 12:30. **Past President Phil Miles** led us in singing “This Land is Your Land” and “God Bless America”

Member **Royce Gilder**, gave the inspiration, a reading of “The Cab Ride I’ll Never Forget” by Kent Nerburn. “We are so conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unawares. When that woman hugged me and said that I had brought her a moment of joy, it was possible to believe that I had been placed on earth for the sole purpose of providing her with that last ride.”



INDUCTIONS:

President Stephen introduced new Impact Club member, **Trina Davidian**. Stephen has known Trina as long as he's known his wife Adriana and often refers to her as his 2nd wife. Like Pres Stephen she loves Pickle Ball. She's a mother of 2 and grandmother of one. She lives in La Canada and enjoys giving back to the community. Trina stated that she's excited to "officially" be part of Rotary and looks forward to serving our community.

Howard Raff introduced new Member **Ben Sellick**. Ben grew up in Monrovia and the San Gabriel Valley. He has past experience with Rotary through his participation in RYLA and by helping his mother (a Monrovia Rotarian) with many community projects and events. Ben said, "Travel is the antidote for ignorance." He called upon the club to walk through life in the manner which we should travel with open hearts, give more than we receive, and open minds.

Howard Raff introduced new Corporate Member **Paul Roach**. Paul is a member of the Huntington Medical Research Institute. He's a transplant from the Bay area and lives in Rancho Cucamonga with his family. Paul thanked Pasadena Rotary for being a great partner and looks forward to things to come.



PHOTO: Trina Davidian, President & CEO, King Henry's Inc.; Ben Sellick, Owner, Monrovia Travel; Paul Roach, Director of Development, HMRI

Sergeant at Arms Robert Lyons assisted with the introduction of guests, who were hosted this week by **Jim Graunke** (Judy "his wife today"), **Lynne Sullivan** (Dennis McNamara - her husband today, yesterday, and tomorrow), **Jim Osterling** and **Howard Raff**.

Announcements:

Debi Kroman reminded the club about our Walk for Polio. She will not be in town as she's traveling to Machu Picchu. She'll be donating a penny per step for the day.

Dean Billman reminded everyone of the World Polio Day Run/Walk Around the Rose Bowl on October 24. Details above. He also urged



everyone to join the Polio Plus Society for a \$100 donation.
Jennifer DeVoll announced that she'll be retiring from the Pasadena Community Foundation in June – and she's excited to do so because she just became a grandma last week.

Jim Graunke donated to the Polio Pig in honor of “his wife for the day Judy” and Dr. Lawton Gray.

Mike Bernard donated \$100 to the Polio Pig. He reminded the club of the Dark Spirits Fundraiser. He left flyers on the tables and at the check-in table.

Lisa Kroese made a Polio Pig announcement to remind the club the voting ballots are dropping this weekend and that there are several school board candidate forums held around our community. She encouraged all to attend and be prepared for the upcoming elections.

President Stephen let everyone know that honorary member PP David Mans, who lives in Asheville North Carolina, is safe by the recent

hurricane that hit Asheville. He also mentioned that local east coast Rotary Clubs will be raising relief funds. More info to come via Spokes.

Jim Osterling introduced our speaker, Dr. Lawton Gray. Dr. Lawton Gray is a long-time friend with amazing prowess on the basketball court among all his other professional accomplishments. Jim admires him for the creation of a very successful partnership between Pasadena Community College and John Muir High School. Jim also took a moment to introduce Jachal Pulley, Muir graduate and current captain of the PCC Football team.



Dr. Gray is thrilled to be back as Principal of John Muir High School, his alma mater. Dr. Gray can be seen every morning from 8:00AM – 8:30AM greeting every student with a fist bump and wishing them a positive day of learning and exploration.



The purpose of John Muir High School Early College Magnet is to create a loving environment where students learn to set and strive for high expectations, have a growth mindset, and work hard to achieve mastery of a rigorous, Early College curriculum. We are committed to developing relationships with students and providing connections in the community to meet students' unique needs to succeed in college, career, and their future endeavors.

Dr. Gray does things the Muir Way:

- Have High expectations
- Demonstrate a growth mindset
- Build relationships and community

John Muir High School Early College Magnet aspires to excellence as a student-centered, comprehensive high school that is well known for its long-standing history of academic excellence, extra-curricular activities and community involvement.

We also offer college courses through Pasadena City College, Advanced Placement, honors, support courses in language arts and mathematics, special needs offerings.

John Muir High School Early College Magnet is proud of its student engagement beyond the classroom. Our students are involved with their peers outside of the school day in one of our various sports teams, community service organizations, and academic and interest-based clubs.

JMHS offers three Academies:

- Arts, Entertainment & Media

- Business & Entrepreneurship
- Engineering & Environmental Science

Although Muir has historically been a low performing school, Dr. Gray and his team have worked diligently to change the culture and quality of the education received. After 8 years he's excited to see a significant shift in the culture on and off campus and to see the ongoing success of his students.

After a question-and-answer period, **President Stephen** presented Dr. Gray with his speaker gift before adjourning the meeting at 1:30.



L2R: Jachal Pulley, Dr. Lawton Gray, Judy Graunke, Jim Graunke, Phil Hawkey, President Stephen, Debi Kroman, George Falardeau, Sandy Goodenough, Jim Osterling

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

RESIGNATION

Pierre Mainguy - Effective 10/1/24 transferring membership to
Rotary Club of Phnom Penh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Don Andruess

October 7th

HAPPY ROTAVERSARY!

Mike Bradley	10/8/14	10 Years
Harrison Gulla	10/8/23	1 Year

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Oct. 16 - Susie Kasielke, LA Zoo Curator of Birds, Retired - The California Condor: A Long Road to Recovery
Oct. 23 - Vin Chee, Magician
Oct. 30 - Marsha Rood - The Rebirth of Old Pasadena: The Untold Story
Nov. 5 - Brian Wong, CEO SGV Habitat for Humanity - Building Low Cost Housing in Pasadena
Nov. 13 - Stacie Takeguchi, Assistant General Manager of Pasadena Water and Power

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