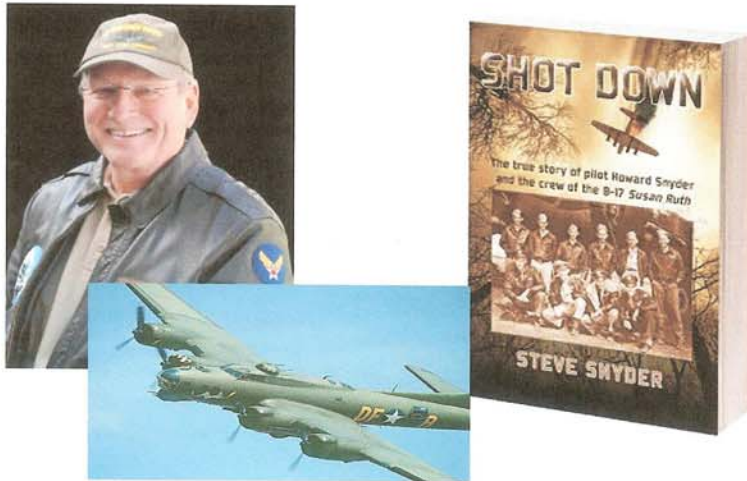


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## PASADENA OPTIMIST CLUB NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 16, 2014

Program Chair Jim Gruettner presents:  
**Steve Snyder, Author**  
*Shot Down*



Steve was born at Huntington Hospital & raised in San Marino. His father owned Snyder's Coffee Shop, corner of Colorado and Santa Anita/Altadena Drive for 10 years. Graduated San Marino HS and UCLA.

**Shot Down:** the story of our B-17 crews who flew & fought over Europe. Focusing on B-17 *Susan Ruth*, piloted by Steve's father, Lt Howard Snyder, and the experiences of the crew after they were knocked down over the French/Belgian border. Two died; three were captured and made prisoners of war. Three evaded the Germans for two months but then betrayed and shot. Two evaded capture and went missing in action seven months. All were among the 56,000 downed airmen in WWII. Their experiences, including the brave members of the Underground who helped them, is a story of the heroes who made the "Greatest Generation."

"Am enjoying your book about Howard. His slow motion recollection of the terror at 20,000 feet before bailing is riveting. Look forward to the rest of your detailed documentation of your father's heroism. They were such a young and brave group."

**First Posting:**

**Mel Cohen (Mark Henzel)**

**Program Alert:**

**Nov. 6 - Queen and Court**  
**@ Pasadena Humane Society**  
Brad Radliff, Program Chair

Linda Carry, July 1991



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