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Rotarian of the Month - John Hugunin

John Hugunin and Don Whinfrey

It was Monday, February 26, 2018, and **President Mark Burton** named **John Hugunin** Rotarian of the Month…..**Kathleen Terry** gave us a PowerPoint pep talk on how to solicit silent and live auction items for CMB…..The Prosecutor was in the house and feeling lenient, dropping pending charges against a pinless Disco Peace Chair, **Kathleen Terry**…. **Mark Lipps** reported that the club has filled two bikes for the May 21 Tour de Pier, with room for more…..March 21 at 10 am is the projected date and time for the Webb Telescope tour….**Ed Kushins** has set April 2 as the collection date for Working Wardrobes at our club meeting. This charity stated that last year's haul from our club was the best they ever received. They assisted 60,000 people last year, also providing training and help finding jobs…..We inducted new member **Don Whinfrey**, sponsored by **Ed Kushins** and accompanied by his wife **Ginger Whinfrey**.

"All fine architectural values are human values, else not valuable."
Frank Lloyd Wright

Today's Program
Innovation Experts. We'll hear from Andy Cohen, CEO of global design firm Gensler, and Tim McOsker, CEO of marine science campus AltaSea.

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Happy $$

Rose and **John Osten** have stashed away 41 years of wedded bliss…..**Lisa Hemmat-Lupercio** is preggers, due this summer……**Dan Saks'** son has started his own commercial real estate firm…..**John Acker** is now a managing director at UBS and has been named by Forbes as a top advisor in California…..**Donn Ennis'** son has accepted a faculty position in the Radiology Department at Stanford Medical School…..**Herb Trachtenberg's** mother, RIP, would be 100 this week….**Ed Kushins** was honored as Navy Supply Corps Alumnus of the Year and will be keynoting their 223rd birthday bash.

Bruce Greenspon

Bruce Greenspon shared his craft talk. He graduated from Western Illinois University and by 1990 was in Southern California at Hughes working on tactical airborne radar systems. In 1997 he created his own business, Soap Shoes (shoes that slide). The business made $35 million in three years, whereupon he sold it. He took a leave of absence and visited 35 countries in 14 months, thereafter returning to Hughes, which became Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems (SAS). He found a sideline in obtaining a Masters at CSUDH in Conflict Resolution, and he has since led negotiations around the world. Apparently not busy enough yet, he became a Big Brother in 1991, moved on to Junior Achievement, and then to the Board and Presidency of Environmental Charter Schools, where he met **Ken Deemer**. He has taught nonprofit leadership with the Annenberg Foundation. He has attended Burning Man. His family is into costumes and parades, including throwing him a parade for both his 40th and 50th birthdays. His wife, Deborah, is a UCLA professor, and his son Asher, age 7, is at Grandview.

Brendan Harrington

Brendan Harrington shared his craft talk. He was a 5-year San Jose Rotarian. His family includes his wife, Tracy, son, Baker, and daughter, Sadie, plus Winston the family dog. Baker is an activist Democrat and Model UN debater at Costa, while Sadie is more on the social side of things. Through his mom and stepfather, former Defense Secretary Robert Gates has become a close family friend. His father is a CSSLO professor. Brendan runs Longo Toyota in El Monte, with over 900 employees and a million+ car sales, making it the largest car dealership in the world. He has lived all over the country and has visited all 50 states and 30 countries. He grew up in L.A. and then Kenai, Alaska, where he worked on fishing boats. (He gave us a brief lecture on fish.) Multiple family deaths over the years left him with a challenging time growing up. He attended the Georgetown School of Foreign Service and then grad school at Stanford. While working in San Jose, he led the Enterprise Leadership Conference for young people. He speaks French and Japanese and is learning Spanish.

Icarus

Brendan Harrington described for us what he called his "Icarus Moment." In 2008 (not a good economic year) he was turning a dealership around in Silicon Valley and used highly publicized charitable activity to promote the business, which seemed like a win-win for everyone. But what developed was a culture in which everyone was asking him for money for their causes, and his life and business became a misery of saying No over and over again. Rotary service is very much built on a foundation of recognition, but Brendan reminded us that recognition can be taken too far. For sure, Brendan and **Bruce Greenspon** have spent their careers modeling vocational, community, and international service, and we are fortunate to have them with us.

Yours in Rotary, Jim Hallett

Programs

March 12 – **Musicians Perform.** Winners of our club's MBUSD music awards display their talents.

March 19 – **Power of Plants. T.K. Pillan**, co-founder of Veggie Grill and founder of PowerPlant Ventures Foundation, will teach us about powering plant-based nutrition worldwide.

March 26 – Will There Be Music? Paul Allman will deliver his craft talk with or without his guitar.

Save the Date

Tuesdays Thru May 22 – Richstone Mentors Click on Link to Register –
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17EaZcMTwhwhN-p93Mo2ZHnIQCusKUtWPdpn1j9IR3WQ/htmlview

March 16-18 – Calling all skiers. James Kennedy is organizing a family ski trip to Mammoth. Contact him if you are interested.

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day 5K Color Run to End Polio, Griffith Park, 10 am, sponsored by District 5280. To register, go to stpatricksday5K.simpletix.com.

April 16, Monday – Book Club will discuss "One Second After" by William R. Forstchen. Hosted by **Kathleen Terry** and moderated by **Ed Kushins**.

April 21, Saturday – Rise Against Hunger, 9:30 am -12 noon, Pacific Elementary School. Dave Gendron has emailed a sign-up form. This is one of our club's favorite events and we hope you can all come out and participate.

May 4, Friday - Celebrate Manhattan Beach, our major fundraiser of the year, hosted at the newly remolded Westdrift Hotel, Manhattan Beach.

May 20, Manhattan Beach Tour de Pier - Jordan Holbert has set up a 2 bikes for us. The cost is $150 to hold your spot on the bike. There are five riders per bike. See **Mark Lipps** email for more details.

Volunteers Needed
Rotary Reads – Volunteer 20 minutes to read to students at our five elementary schools in Manhattan Beach. To register go to https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-Hrugu8FPfabjvDrxkeTi3mT1mkncZMIt9_lR67JMoY/edit?pli=1#gid=0

Crutches 4 Africa – Ed Kushins is leading our effort to collect mobility devices to ship to a country in Africa. Contact Ed if you have crutches or other devices to donate.

Rotarians In Action

Local Rotary Make-Up Clubs
Rotarians Participate at Weekly Meetings

Tuesday

- **Hermosa Beach – 12:15 pm**
- **Hawthorne LAX Lennox – 6:30 pm**
- **Palos Verdes Sunset – 7:00 pm**
- **Torrance Del Amo – 12:10 pm**

Wednesday

- **South Bay Sunrise – 7:15 am**
- **Redondo Beach - 12:15 pm**
- **Westchester - 12:15 pm**

Thursday

- **El Segundo - 12:15 pm**
- **Lawndale – 1st Th 7 am 3rd Th Noon**

Friday

- **Palos Verdes - 12:15 pm**

Meals on Wheels Schedule

March 6	Dennis Morehead
March 13	Gerry Morton
March 20	Steve Murillo
March 27	Lindy Murrell
April 3	Wayne Nelson
April 10	John Osten

Richstone Tutoring (Tuesdays, 4-5 pm)

March 6	Erin Rothner & Ian Jackson
March 13	Dave Boochever & Jason Wallace
March 20	Rick Farrell & Mark Burton
March 27	Jim McFarland
April 10	Ken Deemer
April 24	Dave Peters & Chris Ullman

Birthdays

March 7	Dave Peters
March 10	Don Whinfrey
March 11	Deb Robertson
March 13	Tom Jeffry
March 13	Mike Matthews
March 15	Ed Kushins

Anniversaries

March 14	Jason Wallace & Terrill Burnett
April 21	Steve & Trish Delk
April 26	Monica & Niko Bringleson

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