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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT
Emidio DelConte



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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District 5340 Governor 2020-21
STEVE WEITZEN

LJGT Rotary President 2020-21
EMIDIO DELCONTE

SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

JULY 2020- SPEAKER

17..... Impact of Youth leadership within Rotary (RYLA & LEAD)
Chris Stewart

24..... San Diego Business Journal
Barbara Chodos

31..... San Diego Humane Society
Brian Daugherty

AUGUST 2020- SPEAKER

07..... Vocational Committee meeting
Charlie MacKay

14..... Vocational Committee meeting
Rick Binder

21..... Natural Resources Director Imperial Beach/river project
Chris Helmer

You probably don't know many other Emidio's - I don't either! I was named after my paternal grandfather since I was the first-born male.

I was raised in East Hartford, Connecticut and started college at the University of Hartford, but actually graduated years later from the University of Connecticut (home of the real HUSKIES) after a four year stint with the Air Force during the Vietnam years.

I have 3 grandchildren - 2 boys and one delightful girl. I live in Scripps Ranch in the home I shared with Meg - my wife, whom I lost to Pancreatic Cancer in 2018. I am currently sharing life with Doreen, a Scripps RN.

I was sponsored into this club in 1996 by another short Italian -former member Paul Corsinita, former GM of the Marriott. Over the years I have served on the Vocational Committee, the Board of Directors and as Club Treasurer. Now you are stuck with me for a year as President!

After a few year hiatus years ago, I am still in the CPA (Tax and Accounting) business but on a much smaller scale. I have no staff and only work with folks that I like and respect. I am also CFO for a small government contractor.

My passion is (and has been for many years) aviation. I obtained my pilot's license in 1969 while still in the Air Force and my first airplane ownership was a Cessna 170 while in college. I also have built a plane (called a Kit-Fox) from a kit (go figure).

I am proud to be a member of LJGT Rotary and enjoy the interaction with all of you. Thanks for the fellowship and the friendships. And let's hope for a great Rotary year and maybe even have face to face meetings at some point again!



REPORT

from the last meeting



ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS



At the regular meeting of our Club, our Foundation will hold its annual meeting of the Members of the Foundation on July 10, 2020 to hold an election to reelect Steve Brown, Pam Russell and Eric Freeberg to continue to serve as Directors of the Foundation.



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One of the funniest memes of the past few years on social media has been epic fails with the caption, "You Had One Job." On May 1st **Garry Kachkovsky** asked me to be the Reporter for June 19th then immediately sent a correction via text for the 26th. No worries, my dear Rotary sister and fellow PP **Dr. Cynthia Villis** handled the 19th and I corrected things in my Google calendar. Being an excellent communicator, **Garry** even sent me a friendly reminder on June 22nd so imagine my surprise that **Ajay Asher** texted me after the 4th of July asking for my notes. As they say, "Like a chicken we're gonna wing it!" Fortunately I had a few ZOOM screen grabs of **President Kim's** final meeting.

Our Rotarian of the Day was none other than **Luke Ervin** who did an excellent job showing us photos of his beautiful family, life quarantined with kids, a pre-COVID "Over the Hill" Birthday surprise getaway aboard a sailboat that his lovely wife Greta planned and a wonderful demonstration of love concerning recent events of social injustice. Solid job Luke. Putting **President Kim** on Mount Rushmore was epic too!

Fortunately your 2019-20 FineMaster **Brett Morey** is officially retired. I'd like our Board of Directors to consider instituting a provision of immunity to any immediate FineMaster for a period of 12 months. Retaliation in my humble opinion is in direct conflict with the 4-Way Test which we all follow. Can PP **Stephen Brown, Esq.** provide counsel? Just a thought.

President Kim acknowledged a few more fellow Rotarians including PP **Ron Kohl** for the Ensenada project last October, **Jim Frost** AKA "Frosty" for Operation Pendleton and Operation Self Storage, **Tony Grillo** AKA "The Rum Runner" for Operation Pendleton, Uptown Community Center for homeless and Ensenada and **Dr. Cynthia** of USD for her support and mentorship of the Peace Scholars and Grillo-Marxuach Scholars. **Prez Kim** also finished by thanking **Dr. Kaci Madden** for planning the Road Rally that sadly was postponed hours before our world went into lock down. Who's going for Gold when the Road Rally is set for 2021? Sign me up **Kaci**!

PP **Rick Binder** lead the Virtual Promote Demote event as we passed the gavel acknowledging the style and grace that **Prez Kim** demonstrated this past Rotary year. Nice to have **Kim's** father Walt on the ZOOM and her sister Kristin too. The poem from **Rich Papike** brought tears to our eyes...tears of laughter indeed. Well played Sir! Everyone enjoyed the family pics of **Kim** growing up and passing the gavel on the ZOOM provided all of us Past President "has beens" the opportunity to share the Rotary International themes from our year as President. I dare say, thanks to PP **Rick Clark's** help on the graphics we ceremoniously passed things down to our **2020-21 President Emidio Del Conte** without a papercut. Welcome **Emidio** as we know you will have a lot of fun this Rotary year and congrats to our **Immediate Past President Kim Schafer** for an incredible year filled with numerous challenges. As expected **Kim** handled every opportunity with grace, professionalism and kept everyone in the club involved. You rock! No wonder she was added to Mount Rushmore.

With our club being dark on the 3rd in celebration of July 4th we all look forward to hearing from **President Emidio** on July 10th. Be sure to invite friends to each of the Merlot Monday and Club meeting events as it's a great opportunity to introduce others to Rotary and grow our club. I had one job as Reporter: Be more truthful than Trump and more coherent than Biden. Nailed it.

ZOOM ya later! :)

Brett Morey
Past-President, 2013-14

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ROTARIAN
OF THE DAY



Lisa grew up in New York and met her husband, John in Optometry school in Manhattan. Upon graduation, **John** wanted to live in Buffalo. Lisa wanted to move to Long Island. San Diego was their wonderful compromise. The same day they got married, they both found out they passed California State boards. After their honeymoon it was off to San Diego. **Lisa** and **John** currently have an office in the Golden Triangle.

They have two daughters, **Lindsey** and **Geena**. **Lindsey** is 21 and is going into her fourth year at Loyola Marymount University and has a dual major in business and theatre. She enjoys directing and stage managing theatre. She recently stage managed a zoom production of a Shakespeare play. **Geena** is 18 and her special interests are still basketball and boys, not necessarily in that order. Geena has autism and continues to grow with lots of wonderful support through her school, numerous activities and therapies.

During the months of March through most of May all four spent lots of time together. Thankfully they get along, most of the time. They caught up on movies, played games, tried new recipes, caught up with family and friends on zoom, gave each other haircuts, pulled out the sewing machine but still haven't done anything with it. Daily, Lisa would run and as a family they would take daily walks. They still continue to do many of these things. As a family they like spending time in the great outdoors and even though they couldn't go anywhere, walking the neighborhood works for now. Geena has a packed her suitcase and is ready to travel as soon as possible.

Lisa is happy to be back at work with all the additional protocols in place!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look behind.

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