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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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RI President 2019-20
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KIMBERLY SCHAFER

SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

JULY 2020- SPEAKER

03.....DARK

10.....Emidio Show!
Change of Presidency

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

Thank You President

**KIM
SCHAFER**



We Welcome Incoming President

**EMIDIO
DEL CONTE**



It's amazing how quickly this year has flown by! I am so grateful for the opportunity to be Club President this year. The Club has done wonderful projects, locally and throughout the world, made a difference in the lives of students, helped those in need, looked after one another, and had fun together. I thought our Holiday Party was one for the books - it was fantastic! I've learned so much about the strength of our Club - anytime someone needs help or proposes a project, there are multiple hands in the air to help. *I believe we represent **Service Above Self** in our thoughts, words and deeds, and it makes me so happy and blessed to be a part of this group.*

COVID-19 has changed our world, including how we meet, at least for now. Everyone has been so flexible and I love seeing the continuing connection we have, from our zoom Friday meetings to Merlot Mondays, as well as individuals and small groups who keep in contact. As we move forward through the evolving COVID-19 landscape, I hope we continue to take care of each other, individually and collectively.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your trust and support this year. It has been one of the greatest honors of my life.

President Kim Schaffer

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.



JULY
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Our breakfast small groups begin at 7 am; just log in to our meeting earlier than usual, and you're already in a breakfast group! **President Kim** called the meeting to order at 7:30, introducing **Krishna Arora** as Rotarian of the Day. For reflection, **Krishna** shared a quote beloved by Rotarians: **You must be the change you wish to see in the world. If unhappy, don't complain; instead create means to improve the situation.**

Krishna reminded us that behind every service project is a story. Then he told the story behind the founding of the Saksham Special School, for children who are differently abled: A 6-year old child with cerebral palsy, who had been looking forward to going to school, one day said "I don't wish to go to school, I am teased by everyone." The Saksham School is the first and only one of its kind in Dewas. Its mission is to help children with disabilities to become independent and productive citizens of India. **Krishna** and **Bonnie** have been avid supporters of the School. **Krishna** and **Bonnie**, you bring light to our meetings. Thank you for sharing so much joy so often.

The sweetest scene in all 58 attendees' screens was that of a sleepy **Alex Monroe** cradling new daughter **Persephone**, in her hot pink jammies. *Happy Father's Day, Ace.*

Rick Clark Productions has another release! Enjoy the video of our Club's March 7 work project at Camp Pendleton (**Kim** sent out the link). Special thanks to **Rick**, **Jim Davies**, **Tony Grillo**, **Jim Frost** and others for the significant hours invested in making the base a better home for our Marines and

their families. **Rick** estimates that over \$250,000 in labor and materials have been contributed over the years.

Visitors to our meeting included **Pam Davies**, **Judith Tronsrue**, **Randy Pote** (DG 5300 -- who spotlighted **Brett Morey's** work on the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee), **Marcia Blackmore**, and **Delia Kelley**.

Kim continued her outgoing President's "It Takes a Village" acknowledgements to **Eric Freeberg**, **Steve Brown**, **Antonio Grillo-Lopez**, and **Pam Russell** for their counsel during the year. **Kim** selected Past President **Jim Davies** for her Rotarian of the Year award, citing his embodiment of service in master-minding our Quintessential Fest, Operation Pendleton, Oz, and Ensenada projects. An emotional **Jim** was surprised and honored, with the effervescent **Pam** at his side (who wondered aloud "Does this mean I can be first lady again?"). Congratulations, **Jim**, for this well-deserved recognition. We couldn't do it without you.

Brett Morey took his final turn as Finemaster. Who knew that tortoise sex jokes were a genre? **Dave Wiegman** and **Dennis Bucko** knew. Apparently Tortoise A was not performing CPR on Tortoise B in **Nancy Gatschet's** recent visit to the Zoo. **Brett** fined many of us for not wearing our Rotary pins, but I for one couldn't count everyone who raised their hand. Lucky you. **Melanie Geschwind** turned herself in to this reporter for not wearing a pin, but I think that very act should waive her fine. **Will Moore** celebrated Juneteenth. Thanks to all who helped to move our stuff (*did Brett really say s**t?*

Yes, he did. Twice. But who will fine the Finemaster?). And Brett's Rat Fink Hotline was officially closed. Brett, thank you for your endless carbonation.

Our program was **Knight Campbell**, CEO, Leadership Coach and Outdoor Guide for Cairn Leadership Strategies. **Knight** has a burning passion for helping people reach their fullest potential as leaders. Seeing the limits of teaching leadership in a classroom, **Knight** knew outdoor adventure would be a perfect place for leaders to challenge themselves and thrive. He started teaching rock climbing, hiking, and mountain biking for REI Outdoor School, and then completed a 30-day expedition in Alaska with the National Outdoor Leadership School to become an instructor. Seeing the need for experiential leadership development, he completed an Executive Leadership Coaching Certificate at Georgetown University. He created Cairn Leadership to combine his passion for the journey in leadership and adventures in the wild. In his presentation to us, **Knight** dug into the theories behind advanced leadership skills and core competencies like vision, integrity, communication, inspiration, emotional intelligence, decision making, and presence. We are all riders on the elephants of our subconscious, with testosterone making us want to win.

Well one of those tortoises sure had testosterone.

President Kim then ended the meeting with a bunch of clever one-liners, like "When Life gives you melons, you may be dyslexic." Sure gonna miss that gal.

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LUKE ERVIN



ROTARIAN OF THE DAY

Since joining The Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World over 4 years ago, I have felt blessed to meet such a fantastic group of people passionate about making a difference here in our little beach town and across the world. Since joining the club a short time ago, these past four years I have experienced the **highest of highs** (having our son and daughter) and **lowest of lows** (being a caregiver for my father-in-law). Over the last three

years my primary role within the Club has been on the Fundraising side raising money (just under \$30,000 this year) for Corporate Sponsorships for the Q-Fest (which is unfortunately cancelled this year) and by obtaining a Community Enhancement Grant from the County in the amount of \$12,000 (fingers crossed for this year's! Besides that I have been serving on both the Club's board and the Foundation's board as well.

I am looking forward to the day in which work/home life calm down some and permits me to participate in more of the projects and social outings on the weekends.



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