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## DR. "BOWTIE" TODD JENKINS



### SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

### APRIL 2022 - SPEAKER

- 8.....Chris Stewart  
Addiction and Mental Health
- 15.....Mark Hughes  
Electric Vehicles
- 22.....Rotary Club Environmental Committee
- 29.....Knight Campbell  
Science Behind Why Leaders Need To Get Outside More Often



## MOVING FROM DIVERSITY TO INCLUSION

This year's Presidential theme is "Serve to Change Lives" and we are charged to become more involved with service, grow rotary, and ensure it is an invitation to endless opportunities. The best way to grow rotary is to inspire and motivate existing members and to look for potential members who are missing. Come ready to be inspired and learn how diversity and inclusion will help you during your rotary year and beyond with Dr. "Bowtie" Todd "Moving from Diversity to Inclusion" This presentation is not your ordinary diversity talk, so come prepared to learn and have fun.

Dr. Todd Jenkins currently serves as the Senior Diversity, Inclusion, and Innovation Leader in Corporate America at a Fortune 400 company and as a Global Inclusion Trainer, Strategist, and Speaker with Bowtie Leadership, Inc. As a consultant, he has worked with several companies such as Walmart, Google, Facebook, American Airlines, Deloitte, etc., oil and gas companies, small and large non-profits, and entrepreneurs. He graduated with honors from the University of South Carolina with two degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Sociology, obtained a Master of Science from Illinois State University, and Doctorate from the University of Arkansas. His research area focused on minority professionals, retention, and perception of their supervisor within the workplace. Currently, he is enrolled at Harvard University, completing post-doctorate studies as Harvard Fellow. Also, Dr. Jenkins serves as a faculty member for the Executive Institute on Inclusion and on the Diversity Business Journal Review Board.

Dr. Jenkins is a proud Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow from the Rotary Club of Fayetteville, Arkansas; he has served as the former Rotaract Advisor, Interact Sponsor, RYLA presenter, Youth Services Chair, two terms on Club Board of Directors, and graduated from his District and Zone Leadership Academy. Dr. Jenkins is currently one of the youngest Youth Exchange District Chairs in Rotary International. He has had the honor to speak at various Rotary districts, zones, and international conventions. Dr. Jenkins serves on multiple boards locally and internationally in education, business, and inclusion initiatives. He has recently been selected and appointed to serve on the first Rotary International Committee- DEI Taskforce to align Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion assessment, strategy, goals, and initiatives.

Today he is known as Dr. "Bowtie Todd," who has given inspirational talks and education to audiences of all sizes and backgrounds throughout North America, Asia, South America, and Europe. Dr. Todd Jenkins is a proud husband, author, servant leader, and conversationalist who believes in his philosophy "bowtie" it all together, serve and simply be a gift unto the world!



# REPORT

from the last meeting



## THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

01

IS IT THE TRUTH?

The LJRC meeting of 032522 began with the usual half hour fellowship and breakfast buffet starting at 7:00AM. Around 7:25AM President **Jacquie Reilly** called the meeting to order and proceeded to recognize **Dr. Cynthia Villis** and **Mr. Jim Frost**. She also mentioned the attendance of Will Moore carrying his baby daughter.

She then introduced the ROTD, **Ms. Linda Stouffer Wallis**. Following the invocation and pledge of allegiance provided an update including information on her severe bout with Covid. (Classic Covid, not the newer variants) and how her resting pulse usually 66 went up to 96 beats/ min. She mentioned how her bank had continued to provide services to their clients including over 4100 loans making it possible for all of their customers to survive the pandemic. Ms. Stouffer Wallis gave credit to the team at Citizens Business Bank including: **Mr. Dave Brager**, CEO and President of Citizens Business Bank; **Mr. Dave Strong**, San Diego Regional Manager; **Ms. Dakota Reynoso**, Service Manager, Downtown San Diego; **Ms. Katie Wilson**, Lead Banking Specialist, Downtown San Diego; **Mr. Theo Booth**, Portfolio Manager, Downtown San Diego; **Ms. Christina Wolf**, Relationship Manager, Downtown San Diego; and **Mr. Ryan Heath**, Relationship Manager, Carmel Valley. All of these were in attendance at the meeting. She then announced her retirement (once more) as she desires to dedicate more time to grandchildren and Rotary.

President Jacquie Reilly then announced the presence of **Steven Tako's spouse Marzena**. Other guests from the Preuss School were to be introduced later in the meeting.

**Mr. Dave Brager**, CEO and President of Citizens Business Bank, was then asked to come to the podium for the next presentation. Mr. Brager began by showering praise on Ms. Stouffer

Wallis for her exemplary work at Citizens Business Bank. He then proceeded to mention that the bank would be presenting a **\$5,000.00** scholarship to a senior at the Preuss School UC San Diego. He mentioned the school's staff present at the meeting beginning with Dr. Helen Griffith, Executive Director and CEO; Ms. Laura Ackerman, teacher who nominated the scholarship recipient; Mr. Brazelton, and Mr. Erin Patrick, Counselor who worked with Dr. Marty Rosenstein to promote the scholarship. The scholarship recipient, **Andy Garcia**, was then called to the podium to receive the award and say a few words. He started by thanking all who were responsible for his receiving the award that will make it possible for him to go to college. He said he would be the first in his family to go to college. He has been accepted at SDSU. Present in the audience were the proud parents: **Susanna Carrillo**, mother, and **Ricardo Garcia**, father; and his brother, **Leonardo Garcia**.

High Five: presented by **Mr. Kevin Carlson** for the outstanding performance by **Mr. Tony Grillo**, **Mr. Jim Davies**, **Mr. Rick Clark**, and **Mr. Jim Frost** in the Police Station Project.

**Mr. Matt Shillinburg** provided an update on the 2463 Afghan refugees in San Diego: the State of California will provide a guarantee for housing; our club donated about 60 four pound bags of sugar and corresponding amounts of honey; all in all about 200 Ramadan boxes will be prepared; our Foundation donated \$2,000.00 that will be used to purchase 33 refurbished Chrome Books; English as a second language will be downloaded onto the laptops.

**Ms. Nancy Gatschet**, incoming President, mentioned the need for new members. A District Membership Social will be held Thursday, May 5th, beginning at 6PM, at Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation, 1580 Cannon Road,

Carlsbad. It will be free for LJGT members who bring a prospective member.

**Mr. Alex Monroe** thanked Citizens Business Bank for being a major supporter of our fundraisers.

**Mr. Steven Tako** introduced the speaker, **Professor Janusz Supernak**, Chair of the Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering at SDSU for the past 25 years. He initially spoke about his roots in Poland and how the war in Ukraine has resulted in the immigration of over 3 million people mostly into Poland. He is very proud, and rightfully so, of his people in Poland and how they have received and aided the refugees. He read the lyrics of a song, about this crisis, that he authored. One phrase was particularly important – “... **when freedom sings it really scares the tyrant**”. He spoke at length about the importance of Civil Engineering. He then turned to the work of his Department and his students; and how they emphasize excellence in music and sports as well as excellence in research. Amongst the many achievements, awards and accolades received by the Department, a salient point is that three of his junior faculty members have received NSF career awards. As a final note to his excellent presentation Professor Supernak mentioned his own love of music and how he composes, plays the piano and sings. He has two recorded albums to his credit. He finished by playing a video of his rendition of – “It's a wonderful world”.

President Jacquie Reilly thanked Professor Supernak for his outstanding presentation. A donation was made by our club, in his name, to Urban Street Angels.

~Reporter

*Dr. Antonio J. Grillo-López*





# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



SERVICE EVENT - SDPD Northeastern Division



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IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

03

WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

04

WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?



# IN SPITE OF...

By Dory Beatrice



## THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE  
THINK, SAY OR DO

01

IS IT  
THE TRUTH?

The news is terrible:  
War in Ukraine.  
Cities being destroyed,  
Mothers and children fleeing for their lives,  
Russian attacks relentless, ruthless.

Yet, in spite of all this—

Flowers all over our town are preparing to burst out.  
Large purple and white blossoms are starting to open on trees. –  
Tiny pink flowers just peeking out from their buds.

02

IS IT  
FAIR TO ALL  
CONCERNED?

A maternity hospital bombed,  
Millions displaced, nowhere to go,  
We are trying to help, but it's not enough,  
And by the way are we on the verge of blowing ourselves up?

Yet, in spite of all this—

The variegated leaves are a crisp yellow and green,  
Smiling daffodils already blooming, nodding hello to us,  
Delicate blue flowers opening on their stems, wafting in the breeze.

03

WILL IT  
BUILD GOODWILL  
AND BETTER  
FRIENDSHIPS?

This is the moment. Will it be life or death for us all?

In spite of all this, the life force is flowing, calling, preparing to burst forth  
In a huge display of beauty and joy, exuberance.

04

WILL IT BE  
BENEFICIAL  
TO ALL  
CONCERNED?

Just stop and look. And breathe...



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**LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2021 - 2022**

PRESIDENT ..... Jacquie Reilly  
 PRESIDENT ELECT (2022-23) ..... Nancy Gatschet  
 PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT (2023-24) ..... Dennis Bucko  
 TREASURER ..... Sharon Council  
 SECRETARY ..... Nancy Gatschet  
 PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION ..... Emidio DelConte



**APRIL 2022**

- April 08 - Dianne Day
- April 15 - Lyle Brady
- April 22 - Rick Binder
- April 29 - Sandi Rimer



**ROTARIAN**  
 OF THE DAY

**ROTARY MODEL UNITED NATIONS**

**Rotary Model United Nations (MUN)**



Originally founded by our own Dory Beatrice and Marty Rosenstein for District 5340, the Rotary Model United Nations (MUN) Conference has grown into one of the premier Youth Services Programs of our district. The MUN program directly fits into Rotary's Pathway to Peace initiative by engaging student delegates in real-world issues that replicate situations encountered by actual delegates to the United Nations (UN).

Student delegates work alongside their peers from different socio-economic groups, cultures, and backgrounds. Students gain experience in peaceful conflict resolution, diplomatic negotiating strategies, critical & analytical thinking, and public speaking experience. Additionally, they will gain in-depth knowledge on the country they will represent at the conference and gain critical tools to becoming peace builders and community leaders.

Students participating in this year's MUN 2022 program will be discussing two resolutions:

1. "Climate Change: Addressing the Climate Refugee Crisis"
2. "Specific Actions to Address the Global Climate Crisis post COP26"  
 (COP26 refers to the "Conference of the Parties" (COP) which represent the countries that signed the framework on climate change in 1994. The 26 represents the 26th conference that was held in Glasgow in Nov'2021)

Student delegates represent randomly assigned countries and put these resolutions into the context of those countries. This year our club is sponsoring 3 teams of 2 delegates each as follows:

1. University City High School -representing Saudi Arabia.  
 Alex Radulescu & David Deutsch
2. The Preuss School UCSD - representing South Korea  
 Kathy Tran & Ni Ni Tran
3. The Preuss School UCSD - representing Norway  
 Nicole Nguyen & Anali Centeno



MUN is truly developing TOMORROW's Peace Makers and World Leaders TODAY.