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SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

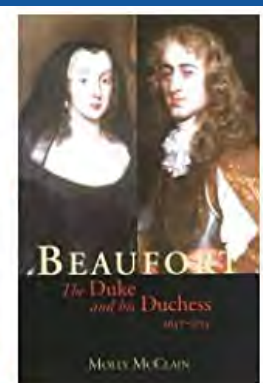
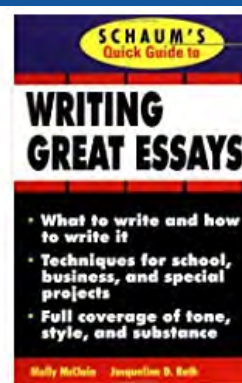
AUGUST 2021 - SPEAKER

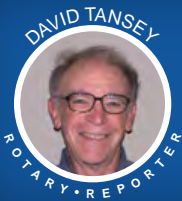
27.....David Ellenstein
Artistic Director, North Coast Repertory Theatre

Molly McClain



Molly McClain is a professor of history at the University of San Diego and the author of four books and numerous articles in the fields of US and British history. A 9th-generation San Diegan, she is the author of *Ellen Browning Scripps: New Money and American Philanthropy* (2017).





REPORT

from the last meeting



THE FOUR WAY TEST



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Pre-meeting chatter included learning that Bradly is less than perfect, Brett really knows how to "Stand Up for the Cure," sound set-up is a challenge, Covid testing exists, a harmonica solo by Dennis Bucco, a coffee toast from Cynthia, and the End of the Aztec Empire on Sara Miceli's extensive wall.

After a brief welcome at 7:30, **President Jacquie** led us in recitation of our motto "The Most dynamic Rotary Club in the World" then introduced ROTD, and brand-new member, **Brian Eichenberg**. He said a prayer and led the Pledge. He had been introduced to Rotary as a kid, because his dad was a Club President, and noted that all the Leaders in the community were there and doing good things. He had been a Rotarian in Corona and Temecula. He met **Brett** at a surfing lesson and is now a Rotarian here. After a rural upbringing, where he never met a physician, he started training as a PT. Introduced to medical training, he wanted to be, serially, a pediatrician, a trauma surgeon, a plastic surgeon, and, finally, a cosmetic surgeon where he could help people and they did not die under his care but did provide a good living at his office in Murrieta/Temecula. Along the way he met his (also an MD) wife and they are raising a family in Del Mar. He likes people and likes being co-chair of the Social Committee for our Rotary Club.

Michael Slentz, in a STANDUP FOR THE CURE pink shirt, introduced our guest, a person named Chris, who found the Club through a Rotary website, and has attended our previous virtual meetings. In announcements, Jacquie was happy that more members were replying on their separate evites about attending.

Charlie did a good job on the social at La Jolla Shores on Sunday despite logistic challenges. Those who came enjoyed a great time. A family-held Memorial for **Emidio** will be in October or November. More later.

Merlo continue, pending member votes.

Steve Brown reported on the Afghanistan situation. He expects full evacuation of the Embassy with the support of US combat troops to protect them and maybe a Taliban agreement not to attack them. Afghans are also being evacuated. Two long-time supporters of our programs in Jalalabad, Almas and Ishaq, told him that the city was calm and schools in Taliban areas were operating. They seemed not anxious, but Steve was not convinced that all would be well.

Brett, in his own STANDUP pink shirt, invited all to attend the Standup for The Cure at the Mission Bay Aquatic Center on 8/14 and hoped to turn the \$70K raised so far to \$250K by event's end.

Nancy urged those unable to stand on a paddle-board to attend a time-competing virtual District Workshop, a brainstorming event on "How to Grow Club Membership." Further, Nancy reported member concerns about a live fundraiser on 9/25 in the age of Covid variant Δ. Should it be virtual? More importantly, are you finding donors to provide items or sponsorship for the event? Still further, the District Conference will be at the Hotel Del on 9/10-12. It will be worthwhile. Even still further, she is seeking volunteers to work our booth at the Festival of Arts at Del Mar Fairground on 9/11-12, a holdover of Emidio's generous enthusiasm.

Denny, in a hooded Padres shirt and with a tiny baseball bat, introduced Rick Clark's high \$50 on the Golden anniversary of Rick's marriage with Nilsa. If understood correctly, Rick proposed by poem one day to a lady 4,000 miles away and married her the next day. Must have been a Seabee assignment.

Denny questioned ROTD Brian's Mensa membership. It didn't go well, and Denny found himself posted on the other side of the bell curve. He charged \$2 anyway. He

then fined the DG for taking too long as ROTD last week. However, the DG was the speaker and not the ROTD... He then fined everybody who did not recognize the names of the LJGTRC Club Foundation Board members. He complimented **Niki Brown**, last week's reporter, for her great announcements' column. He closed by noting that he and John Stephan share the same birthday but not the same birthdate. John was present and agreed

Jacquie wants there to be more Club social events. The next is a morning walk scheduled for September 5, gathering at the Japanese Garden Picnic area, and walking the bridges of Hillcrest.

Jacquie introduced speaker **Steven Taco**, who was our last new member under Emidio and therefore part of Emidio's legacy.

Steven thinks writing a book is leaving a legacy. He laid out the art of writing a book. Your scribe can't do justice to Steven's presentation in a few words, but his slides were great. The shortest possible summary is that it is a lot of work. A detailed outline before writing word one is critical and once you finish writing the business aspects are equally important. He's writing his fourth book now. He produced a film with one of his books and it has received six awards. Very impressive.

President Jacquie mentioned the gift, given by the Club, in the speaker's honor, to Urban Street Angels. She also put in a final plug to attend the membership workshop, which was on Saturday, Aug 14.

She concluded the meeting with two photos showing the positive effect of spontaneous giving and urged each of us to go out today to do one small thing to show kindness to another person (e.g., hand down a bottle of wine from a shelf) the Rotarian way.

~Reporter

David Tansey



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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FOUNDATION NOTICE

At the regular meeting of our Club, our Foundation will hold a Special Meeting of the Members of the Foundation on August 27, 2021, in order seek the approval of the Members to elect Erik Mjoen to replace Linda Stouffer Wallis as a Director. The Board of the Foundation has unanimously voted in favor of Erik to replace Linda.

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LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2021 - 2022

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



AUGUST 2021
August 27 - Debra Kelly

SEPTEMBER 2021
September 03 - Dark
September 10 - Allan Galgut
September 17 - Mike Schwarz



ROTARIAN
OF THE DAY

STEVE BROWN



2004 Jalalabad, Afghanistan
Steve with Nangarhar Province Governor Haji Din Mohamad at Grand Opening of Rotary School

four months, arriving home just in time for our wedding June 14, 1969.

I went to law school at Stanford and Susan taught elementary school. In those days Susan's teacher's salary and my odd jobs paid for law school and one six pack of beer a month. Upon graduation I accepted a job at the San Diego law firm of Luce Forward in 1972--44 attorneys at the time growing to more than 150 attorneys.

In 1990 I resigned as partner at Luce and become "of counsel" to the firm for about five years. I had my last "billable moment" around 1996 when Rotary took over my life. In Rotary I have been Club President 1990-91, District Governor 1995-96, and Rotary Foundation Trustee 2010-14. I have been involved with Rotary programs in many countries. For the last 19 years I have been involved in programs in Afghanistan and since 2012 also involved with Rotary programs in Central Asia and Afghanistan relating to water conflict issues. Susan and I have lived in San Diego for 49 years. She has supported my Rotary activities over the years. We have two grown daughters and two grandchildren all of who remain a priority in our lives.

Until age 13 I lived Colfax, a small farming community in Eastern Washington-population 2000. A pyromaniac facilitated our family's move to Spokane where I attended a high school with a student body much larger than the population of Colfax. Our family became friends with the Schafers who lived across the street. I started dating one of the Shafer twins (Susan) during my last year of high school. I went to Washington State University (earning a degree in business/accounting) and Susan followed the next year. I graduated a semester early and traveled by myself on a Eurail pass throughout Europe for