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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 11 2022



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

RI President 2021-22
SHEKHAR MEHTA

District 5340 Governor 2021-22
DANIEL GENSLER

LJGT Rotary President 2021-22
JACQUIE REILLY

SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2022 - SPEAKER

- 18..... Dan Wilson - Oceanside Rotarian
Afganistan Resettlement efforts through Rotary
- 25..... David Tansey - Rotary Club
Peacemaker of the Year Recipient Choice

MARCH 2022 - SPEAKER

- 4..... Sylvia Whitlock
Women in Rotary



DAN MCALLISTER, SAN DIEGO COUNTY TREASURER - TAX COLLECTOR



SAN DIEGO'S CURRENT ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Dan McAllister has served San Diego County residents since as the County's Treasurer-Tax Collector since 2002. Dan oversees the collection of more than \$7 billion in property taxes, the management of \$12.3 billion in the County's Investment Pool, and the administration of the County's \$1.5 billion defined contribution program. He is a strong advocate for diversity, a value reflected in his staff, which come from all walks of life and backgrounds.



Dan McAllister

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR**



REPORT

from the last meeting



THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

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IS IT THE TRUTH?

Brett Morey launched us as ROTD, sharing with us his “Fellowship of Friends” and new love Karla Prieto. As Rich Papike later High Fived: thank you Karla for bringing the sparkle back to Brett’s eyes. Obviously Brett’s sparkly eyes are a draw for both Karla and the rest of us.

Visitors today included **Ahmad Khan, Brian Eichenberg**, and a full contingent from our Ensenada project partners at Ensenada Rotary: **Vick** (President), **Juan** (PE), **Renee** (PEE), and **Hector** (Project Manager).

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IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

Announcements included **Kim Shafer** regarding district events related to human trafficking with a March 4 workshop and March 5 spring cleaning. **Lori Bende’s** daughter **Asher** is selling girl scout cookies through <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/rhoda89948>. Check out the new cookie Adventureful!

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WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Alex Monroe said spots are still available for dinner and Desperate Measures at the North Coast Repertory Theater on February 11. Matt Shillingburg reported on Afghan refugee relief with fundraising hitting \$30,000 and growing, and seeking support for the San Diego Women’s Foundation. **Ron Kohl** is planning another Ensenada

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work project for October.

High Fives began with Rich’s celebration of his functional replacement knee. Alex Monroe set a high bar for attending NFL playoff games. **Dave Wiegman** gave a heartfelt thank you to President Jacquie Reilly keeping us going through these challenging times (what does Dave do that is not heartfelt, right?).

Antonio Grillo-Lopez brought us an abbreviated Covid-19 update. His presentation and slide deck are invaluable. One cough changed the world! 25% of the population remains unvaccinated. The vaccine cannot affect DNA. The booster (3rd shot) is necessary, and a 4th is TBD. Unvaccinated are 4 times more likely to be virus carriers than vaccinated.

Our speaker was Councilmember **Marni von Wilpert**. She started with her background and then proceeded into the context, her position, and her actions on ghost guns. Ghost guns are assembled at home with a kit, can be ordered online, and virtually no gun safety laws apply. They are also known as 80/20 kits because they arrive to consumers 80% finished, where the consumer finishes the last 20%. They have no serial number and are untraceable.

An April 2021 mass shooting in the Gaslamp by a ghost gun was the impetus for her proposing and obtaining a new municipal law, requiring serial numbers to be associated with receivers, one of the parts of a firearm.

Turning to other City Hall updates, Councilmember von Wilpert is a member of the National League of Cities where she advocates for San Diego as a recipient of the recent federal \$1 trillion infrastructure commitment. San Diego has a \$5 billion backlog in infrastructure needs. One focus of infrastructure improvements is on a network for electric car charging stations.

Currently in budget season, other priorities include wildfire prevention and homelessness, especially seeking substance abuse counselors within shelters.

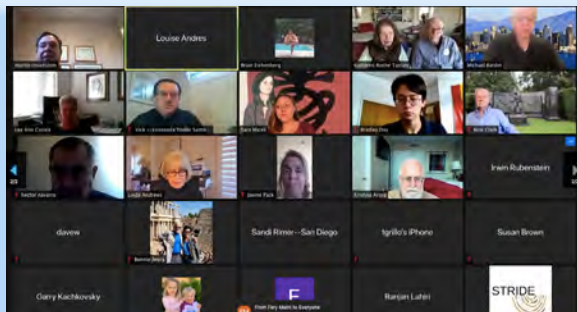
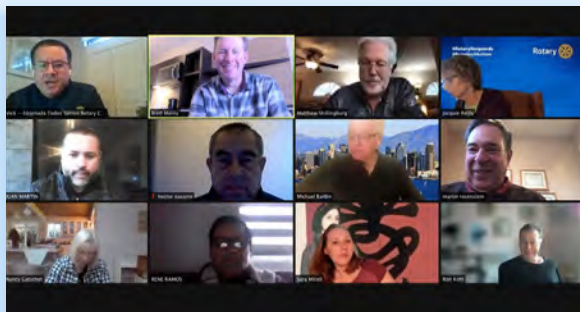
To close our meeting Jacquie played a video showing the most valuable companies in the world (though **Garry** Zoom-chatted about his skepticism). Since earlier in the week many of us received notice of a stiff increase in the annual Amazon Prime fee, it was no surprise that Amazon topped the list.

~Reporter

David Chong



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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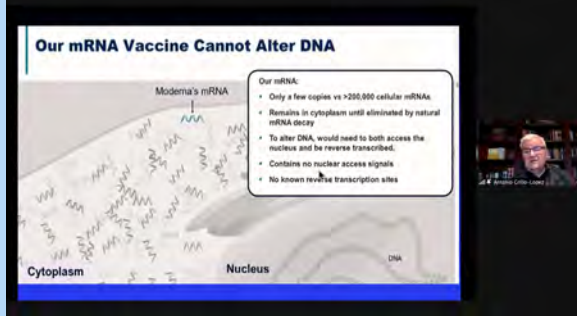
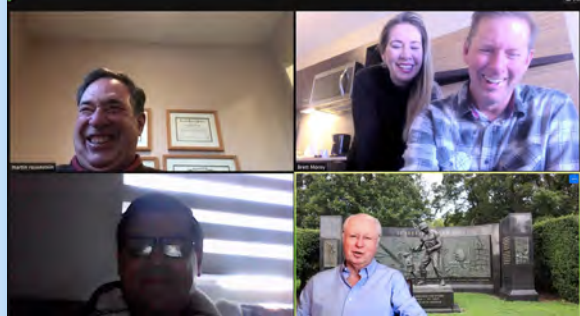
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Super Bowl Beach Clean Up
Ocean Beach - Sat. Feb 12 @8AM

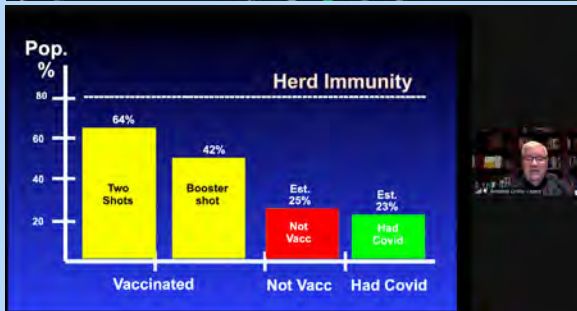
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LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2021 - 2022

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



FEBRUARY 2022

February 18 - Sheila Henry

February 25 - David Tansey

MARCH 2022

March 4 - Rick Papike



ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY

ERIK MJOEN



I was born and raised on the Oslo Fjord in Asker, Norway where I spent the first 20 years of my life. Despite the lutefisk and cod liver oil forced upon me as a child, Norway was a wonderful place to grow up and I still have a lot of friends and family there whom we visit regularly. With a Norwegian father and American mother I have always had strong cultural and family ties to both countries and I have also enjoyed the benefits of having dual citizenship and being bilingual.

In 1996 I made my way to the Pacific Northwest to get the American college experience. I attended Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA just south of the Canadian border where I got my Bachelors Degree in International Business. This is also where I met my Swedish wife Anne. It was the ultimate collision

of culture and religion. Norwegian Skier meets Swedish Snowboarder! Fortunately, following substantial diplomatic efforts our relationship was recognized by all countries involved. Upon graduation I followed Anne to San Diego where she was attending graduate school and it has been our home for the past two decades.

I spent the first 15+ years of my career in the recruiting business. For most of that time I ran the US subsidiary of a Swedish search firm, Cesab International, where I worked with public and private technology companies helping them recruit key technical and management talent. In 2017 decided it was time to change things up and I transitioned my career to academia and joined one of the country's leading research universities, UC San Diego. Currently I am the Industry Relations Manager with the Halcio lu Data Science Institute (HDSI) building partnerships and facilitating collaboration between industry and HDSI around talent, research & innovation, datasets, continued learning, and leadership.

I have always had an active lifestyle and my interests include skiing (mandatory for all Norwegians), surfing, paddle boarding, golfing, hiking, camping, the outdoors, home brewing, spending time with friends, traveling, and of course Rotary. My daughters Linnea (14) and Elise (12) have grown up as part of the Rotary family. Linnea is a freshman at Mission Bay High School where she plays field hockey and soccer. Elise is in 7th grade at Longfellow K-8 Spanish immersion school and is a competitive rock climber. When I'm not busy watching the Winter Olympics I try my best to keep up with these high octane Viking girls.