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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2022 - *SPEAKER*

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San Diego's Current Economic Outlook

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Afghanistan Resettlement efforts through Rotary

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Peacemaker of the Year Recipient Choice



MARNI VON WILPERT



GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND THE "GHOST GUN" ORDINANCE

Councilmember Marni von Wilpert represents District 5 on the San Diego City Council and was previously a San Diego Deputy City Attorney. She is proud to serve as Chair of the Committee on Active Transportation and Infrastructure, Vice Chair of the Committee on Environment, member of the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods, and member of the Committee on Rules. Councilmember von Wilpert was also appointed to the San Diego Regional Airport Authority Board, the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space JPA, and the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve.

Councilmember von Wilpert now lives in Scripps Ranch, just miles from her childhood home. She received a B.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies from UC Berkeley and served in the Peace Corps in Botswana, Africa where she helped improve access to healthcare and worked on treatment, prevention, and care for children and adults living with HIV/AIDS.

After returning from Botswana, she obtained her law degree from Fordham University School of Law in New York and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She was admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 2011 and was awarded the Skadden Fellowship for Public Interest law, where she worked with the Mississippi Center for Justice to create the first HIV/AIDS civil rights law practice in the state. She provided free legal services to people facing discrimination based on race, HIV-status, and LGBTQ identity.

Councilmember von Wilpert served as a Law Clerk from 2013 to 2014 for Hon. James E. Graves, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, and worked as an adjunct professor at Mississippi College School of Law teaching legal writing, research and analysis. From 2014 to 2017, she was a litigator in the National Labor Relations Board's Appellate and Supreme Court Litigation Branch, where she represented the federal agency in the United States Courts of Appeals. During 2016, she served as an attorney in the U.S. House of Representatives for Congressman Robert C. Scott, drafting national legislation to promote workers' rights on the job. Councilmember von Wilpert then served as an Associate Labor Counsel for the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., drafting state legislation and regulations affecting workers' rights, wages and working conditions.

After she was admitted to the California Bar, Councilmember von Wilpert became a Deputy City Attorney in the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Unit of the San Diego City Attorney's Office. She represented the City and people of the State of California in court, enforcing laws that protect consumers, employees, and the environment. She initiated legal action to protect public health and safety, restore environmental quality, and sustain economic vitality in San Diego. Councilmember von Wilpert will continue serving on the boards of several community organizations, including San Diego Youth Services, Teen Health Mississippi, and the National Women's Political caucus.



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from the last meeting



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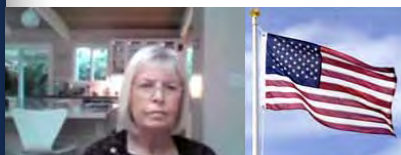
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ROTARIAN OF THE DAY: Nancy Gatschet



Nancy opened with a wonderful prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. During the breakout rooms, Nancy shared that she was happy to be in SD versus Philadelphia. The cyclone storm that's hitting the east coast seems to be very gnarly. Nancy moved to San Diego in 2013, to be closer to her daughter (Stephanie) and granddaughter (Vela).

Nancy spoke about her passion, the Tuleeni Orphans Home in Tanzania. In addition to providing all the basic necessities for children, the orphanage also provides education and a way towards a better future. Nancy's daughter, Stephanie, was a volunteer at the orphanage 12 years ago. Nancy also attended a Rotary meeting at Ajay's childhood best friends club. Small world!

The Rotary Club of Moshi



GUEST AND VISITING ROTARIANS

Jacque introduced Tiffany who is working for an optometrist in North Park and will be applying to optometry school this fall. After, Steve's presentation, Jacque introduced Susan Brown (Steve's wife).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the benefit of those not at the Monday emergency meeting, Jacque shared that Denny Jacobs had passed last Saturday. Please contact her for more info. The club is working on putting together a memorial.

Alex spoke about the play "Desperate Measures" at the North Coast Repertory theater. Alex and a group are going to see it on February 11th. **Please send him a message if you are interested.** The tickets are \$43. David chimed in to say it was "sexy as heck". Dori said the actors were wonderful and it was well put together. Stay tuned for a possible happy-hour prior to the play.

Bradley was rocking the Zoom wizardry! Kim Schaffer made a quick announcement that the next international committee meeting is Wednesday, February 2nd 11:30 to 1pm.

High Fives – **Stephen Tako** hosted the international film festival and he and his fiancé celebrated their 5-year anniversary of their first date. **Ellen Bryson**, has been married to TK for 31 years and has been in the club for 32 years (she gave \$32!). **Brett Morey**, all the way from South Dakota, is happy to have Karla by his side when not at the mine.

SPEAKER OF THE DAY

Our Speaker of the Day was none other than Steve Brown with the history of our Afghanistan projects as well as an update on the current situation. In 2002 Fary was in Afghan refugee camp in Pakistan in 2002. When she came back, she shared the idea of building and funding a school.



At that time, the club started fund raising for this project. By November of 2002, Steve and Fary meet with leaders in Jalalabad and shortly thereafter the project kicked off. Initially it was built to go through 6 grade and subsequently expanded to 12 grades.



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Keep in mind this is an Afghan run school, so they operate all aspects of the academics.



In 2004 they dedicated a computer lab at Nangarhar University. Thanks to many supporters, they were able to teach the students and the faculty about the internet and “google searches”.

dormitory, designed by Rick Clark, and built with funding from Antonio Grillo-López and his Sister (Magda Baggett) amongst other grants & donations.

Steve Weber, President of San Diego State University, was involved as his university supported training of English Professors and Engineering Professors at Nangarhar University through two grants from World Bank totaling \$4,000,000

With a generous grant from Phillips, Rotary was able to acquire Maternal Fetal Monitors. In addition to the monitors, Rotary was able to train female OB/GYN professionals in Turkey on their use. These tools included a patient scope and a device to support cervical cancer prevention / early detection. The training was done by Alan Gold virtually from Israel.

Many organizations have participated in our efforts there. Here is a listing of the many partners that have contributed to the success of the different programs.

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Then they were able to build an English department as well as an Engineering school. Followed by a women’s

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On August 14th, things turned for the worst as the government surrendered to the Taliban. A lot of the university leaders went into hiding. The head of the university started dialog with the Taliban about 4 days later. On October 10th they had another major meeting to help promote the university and the work that was done there. Thus far, only 5 labs are open and operational.

The humanitarian crisis there is substantial. In January 2022 the Afghan Youth Connect Food relief program was launched and is now under way. If you want to send a financial contribution to the program, you can do so via “MoneyGram” machine at CVS location, for more details please contact Steve Brown.

Sending money to Afghanistan



Jacque Reilly closed the meeting with a video from Rick Clark. Have a good week everyone!

~Reporter

Tony Grillo

1. World Bank \$4,000,000
2. USAID \$851,000
3. Rotary Foundation \$452,000
4. NATO \$395,000
5. U. S. Department of State \$800,000
6. Canadian International Development Agency \$250,000
7. Companies in Country of Oman \$92,000
8. William H. Donner Foundation \$90,000
9. Washington State University \$50,000
10. Hansen Foundation \$50,000
11. San Diego-Jalalabad Sister Cities Foundation \$\$\$
12. Individuals-Rotarians and Non-Rotarians \$\$\$\$\$



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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Jalalabad Rotary School
2002-2021

Grades 1-12 Boys and Girls

2,383 girl graduates
5,725 boy graduates
Total graduates 8,103

Current enrollment
1,972 girls
3,960 girls
Total Current Enrollment 5,932

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Grand Opening with Nangarhar Governor Haji Din Mohammad

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Nasrat II Public High School
January, 2022

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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



FEBRUARY 2022

February 11 - Erik Mjoen

February 18 - Sheila Henry



ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY

BRETT MOREY



Greek philosopher Heraclitus said, "Change is the only constant in life." Fortunately, I'm a very optimistic guy who has learned to roll with the punches and while 2020 was a year many of us would like to soon forget the 4th quarter of 2021 exceeded my wildest expectations. Life couldn't be better and the one word that comes to my mind is gratitude.



There are many reasons why I've been in Rotary for over 20 years. Sure I love giving back to the community but what has kept me in Rotary, the amazing friendships I have built over the past two decades with incredible people around the globe. Many of you are like family. Clearly some are equally dysfunctional as well but I am blessed to call each of you my friend. I'd like to acknowledge Dr. David Tansey and Dr. Antonio Grillo-Lopez as two such amazing friends who comforted me, encouraged me last January and spoke wisdom,

love and truth into my heart. Faith, family and love continue to be my guiding principles and I simply want to thank those of you who prayed for me, prayed with me, took me on a hike, sent me a kind message, called me on the phone, spent one on one time with me for a breakfast or lunch and shared your life experiences. Your encouragement and care mean the world to me. Thank you, as I am truly blessed.

With the loss of so many friends and fellow Rotarians over the past 18 months alone we must remain positive and encouraged. Let's look at ways to mentor a younger professional to join our Rotary Club. Many of our members joined our club in their mid-30's. We come together as the family of Rotary so talk about the ways service projects you have been involved with have made a difference in the lives of others. Ask folks, "What are you passionate about?" As a club we celebrate the joy of life, grieve in the losses and focus on how to be a blessing to others. The love, empathy and compassion of members in "The Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World" is the real factor that makes this Rotary Club so very special. An organization can have a great mission but it's the members, people like you that make it spectacular!

The most important life detail I'd like to share during my Rotarian of the Day is that in mid-November I met the love of my life Karla Prieto and God has blessed us immensely. To have a partner in life so deeply committed in faith, so joyful in serving the needs of others and so amazingly gorgeous...well, I feel incredibly blessed. We have literally been inseparable having traveled to Nashville, Parral Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota and Montana. We've attended gala events, concerts, beach clean ups, the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, attended Birthday parties, decorated the Rotary float with friends and have enjoyed concert events with Coldplay, Imagine Dragons and Twenty One Pilots. The song "Adventure of a Lifetime" from Coldplay reminds us all, "We are diamonds taking shape." Isn't that the truth?