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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

RI President 2021-22
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District 5340 Governor 2021-22
DANIEL GENSLER

LJGT Rotary President 2021-22
JACQUIE REILLY

SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

JANUARY 2022 - SPEAKER

28.....Dr. Faye Girsh
The worldwide search for a peaceful death

FEBRUARY 2022 - SPEAKER

4.....Marni von Wilpert
Gun violence prevention and the "Ghost Gun" ordinance

11.....Dan McAllister
San Diego's Current Economic Outlook



SERGE DEDINA



PRESERVING OUR BIG BLUE WILDERNESS: OCEAN CONSERVATION IN THE CALIFORNIAS

Serge Dedina is the Executive Director of WILDCOAST, an international conservation team that conserves coastal and marine ecosystems and wildlife and addresses climate change through natural solutions. He is also serving his second term as Mayor of Imperial Beach, CA, his hometown. Serge's coastal protection and climate change work has been reported on by the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, BBC, 60 Minutes, Los Angeles Times, NBC News, Chicago Tribune, National Public Radio and the San Diego Union Tribune. In recognition of his conservation achievements Serge was named a Peter Benchley "Hero of the Sea"; received the San Diego Zoo's Conservation Medal; and was a UC-San Diego John Muir Fellow. A former State of California Ocean Lifeguard, Serge is the author of three books including Saving the Gray Whale. Serge received a B.A. in Political Science from UC-San Diego and a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Texas at Austin.

In this hopeful and inspiring talk, award winning ocean conservationist (and Imperial Beach Mayor) Serge Dedina, Ph.D. will discuss why the ocean wilderness off of the coast of California and the Baja California peninsula is worthy of protection and the successful strategies that conservationists are using to protect ocean wildlife such as leopard sharks, blue whales, bottlenose dolphins, and sea turtles as well as the habitat they need to thrive. Additionally Dr. Dedina will address how natural climate solutions via blue carbon ecosystems can help us to address climate change.



REPORT

from the last meeting



THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

01

IS IT THE TRUTH?

President **Jacquie Reilly** opened the meeting informing everyone that the meeting will be on zoom until the Omicron surge settles down. Marriott management was kind enough to be flexible with the club.

Rotarian of the day: Jim Davies

Jim Davies shared his beautiful prayer for the Rotarians, those in need and our community. He prayed for the softening of our hearts as we serve each other and our community. Amen.

Jim has been LJGT member since 1994, shared some background about himself and his beautiful family, introducing his wife of 37 years Pam, high school sweethearts back in Wisconsin. Has 2 beautiful children, Krista and Colin. Congratulations to Colin who was just engaged to his girlfriend of 14 years. We found out Jim's sister was mayor in Laguna Niguel (twice) and was just voted into assembly. Congratulations! During his spare time, Jim started working with metal and created beautiful vases given as gifts.

He is also working on a neighborhood library which he will share with the club when completed. Jim is busy working on the Bond Propositions (R & V), the masterplan includes a new Science and Math building, Arts & Communication complex, and a Liberal Arts Bldg at Grossmont College a \$49M project.. Shared some pictures of the work in progress. Looks amazing!

Jacquie introduced new guest – **Ahmed Khan**.

Announcements:

- **Jacquie** also made some announcements for next week: UCSD student of the month.
- **Alex** announced that dinner and play scheduled for January 29th has been rescheduled for March.
- **Matt** announced San Diego Wounds Foundation and Rotary District 5340 joining forces to support community- based organizations providing services and support for newly arrived refugees from Afghanistan. The current grant pool is \$30K, expected more grants as proposals are submitted. Matt is working with Dan Wilson from Oceanside Rotary as Janet is heading the program. Dan and Matt will be part of the county steering committee. THANK YOU Matt.
- **Jacquie** also announced change in membership dues to fund Avenues of Service and update on Foundation Giving. Dues will increase to \$75/quarter - \$300/Year. Money well spent.

Jacquie shared a short TED Talk on Patience – from South Pasadena High presented by Elise Matsusaka. Available on YouTube – give it a listen if you missed it.

Brett shared a beautiful sign Dream, Believe, Achieve - from the 2022 Tournament of Roses signed by President Shakar.

Guest Speaker: Linda Canada – undergraduate degree in history from UCLA and a law degree from Loyola University. Linda left her law firm 20 years ago and has been enthralled in local history – giving talks for the SD History Centers Speakers Bureau for over 20 years. She gave an informative talk about

San Diego during WWII and shared fascinating pictures. Due to housing shortage, in 1940, a new housing project was launched in what we call today, Linda Vista. At the time, it was called the Kearney Mesa Project. They were charged to build 3000 homes in 300 days, they build 3750 homes in nearly half the time. Temporary housings in trailers were set up in Mission Valley. Frontier housing was the last project, in today's sports arena... it was open for residents for families who had family members serving in armed forces, including Japanese out of the internment camps. Workers were building aircrafts 24hours a day, workers included women. By the end of the war, women constituted 40% of the workers. San Diego Trolley lines and buses were carrying more passengers in 1945 than there were people in the United States – running 24/7. Collection of scrap – paper, rubber, metal (including metal balconies stripped in the Gaslamp) for the war efforts. Ration booklets for everything in short supply such as flour, sugar, meat, or gasoline. Everyone was encouraged to plant their own fruits and vegetables. V-J Day was celebrated at Horton Plaza. San Diego became American's Finest City as people came to San Diego and never left. Thank you Linda for this fascinating presentation!

Fun Facts: Jacquie shared – the background on the saying **“it'll cost you an arm and a leg”** and **“mind your P's and Q's”** you'll just have to ask Jacquie if you missed it

~Reporter

Raya Zakir

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WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

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IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING




La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club




**(Rotarian of the Day)
2022**



Prayer



Lord, bless this gathering of fellow Rotarians today. Please help us to see those in need and give us the strength and wisdom to serve our community as we should. Help us to lift the burdens of others while we maintain the dignity of humankind. Soften our hearts to be sensitive and loving as we serve together as Rotarians. Amen.



Where is Fond Du Lac, WI?





Goodbye City Life!

My wife Pam and I grew up in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
Dairy Country, Land of Cheese Curds!



La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club
Since 1994 –Thank you Frank!



Where has the time Gone??



37th Annual Friends Trip
Las Vegas, Lake Havasu, Grand Canyon, Kingman AZ











Married my Highschool Sweetheart












TEDx
South Pasadena High
Independently organized TED event



Rotary Fun




2021 YMCA TIDES Program

Annual PB Rotary Club Pumpkin Carving





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 PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT (2023-24) Dennis Bucko
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 SECRETARY Nancy Gatschet
 PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION Emidio DelConte



JANUARY 2022
 January 28 - Nancy Gatschet
FEBRUARY 2022
 February 4 - Brett Morey
 February 11 - Erik Mjoen
 February 18 - Sheila Henry



ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY

BONNIE ARORA



I grew up in Stockton, California and, later, attended San Jose State University where I got my Bachelor's Degree in Economics. My passion was intercultural study and after always being involved in every intercultural program on campus and knowing all the foreign students I was finally hired by the Foreign Student Advisor to do what I loved to do and get paid for it. There I met Krishna

Arora, a grad student from India, studying Electrical Engineering. We decided to get married, had a Catholic wedding ceremony in Stockton and then flew to India for a Hindu ceremony. Then we moved to Chicago where Krishna had his first job. I completed my Master's Degree at Northeastern Illinois University and soon after that Krishna received a job offer from General Dynamics in San Diego.

After a number of years of flexible jobs so I could focus on family activities I began working at General Dynamics in Quality Assurance and then joined Qualcomm's International Marketing Department. I later transferred to Configuration Management before retiring from Qualcomm in 1999.

We have three children and five grandchildren. Our oldest son is an allergist and lives in Lexington, Kentucky, with his wife and 3 sons. Our daughter lives in San Diego and has 2 daughters. Our youngest son and daughter-in-law currently live in London where he works for a growing New York based start-up company and she is a pharmacist.

Over the years, Krishna and I have traced our family roots and compiled the information in order to leave a legacy of our family history for future generations. Only my mother's side of the family was unknown. My aunt spent years gathering information but never shared it. This year, because of the pandemic, our extended family endured many losses. We have realized how fragile and unpredictable our lives are. Before any more time went by, I borrowed my aunt's research and compiled the data into a book on my mother's ancestors and descendants. In the process I made some discoveries that I hope to share with you today.

I'm forever grateful to be a part of the Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World!

