

# THE GOLDEN rotarian

LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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## Rotary Opens Opportunities

RI President 2020-21  
**HOLGER KNAACK**

District 5340 Governor 2020-21  
**STEVE WEITZEN**

LJGT Rotary President 2020-21  
**EMIDIO DELCONTE**



**VITALIY BEZRODNOV**



**RCF**  
ROTARY  
CHILDRENS  
FUND

**GOLDEN  
GATES**

Rotary Childrens Fund and  
it's international Cultural  
Exchange Program

## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 2021- SPEAKER

- 05.....Jolyn Parker  
San Diego Oasis
- 12.....Katie Grace & Annie Fonte  
Physical Therapy
- 19.....Nancy Gatschet  
Pathways for Peace group
- 26.....Sandi Rimer  
Rotary Website Update

### Vitaliy Bezrodnov

*Was Born in the South of Soviet Union. • Now it is South Kazakhstan • Native Russian. • Went to Music College and Conservatory in Russia.*

In 1994 immigrated to the United States. • Was introduced to Rotary on the Russian-American district Conference in the 90th in Denver, Colorado. • Became member of the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Club (Cleveland area), Ohio in 1997) • Founder and Coordinator of Rotary Childrens Fund 501 C3 in 2003.  
[www.RotaryChildrensFund.org](http://www.RotaryChildrensFund.org)

The "Rotary Childrens Fund" exists to promote good will between countries by funding organizations that contribute to peace, cultural understanding and appreciation through

the arts. Finding young artists, performers and musicians worldwide to share their Cultures through their performances and workshops which features their talents, traditional costumes and individual personalities.

Improving good will between the people of America and other countries. Developing a better understanding of cultures, music and traditions. Building Cultural Bridges.

Since 2003, over 500 young people were awarded to be in 40 youth groups that traveled internationally and shared their talent and culture with over 1,000,000 people.

For last 5 years organized groups visited over 300 public schools, Universities, Colleges and pro-

vided educational multicultural programs to communities throughout the USA.

Since 2007 member of Rotary Club of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina.



Vitaliy Bezrodnov

Founder "Rotary Childrens Fund"  
Coordinator of Cultural Exchange  
Program "Golden Gates"

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# REPORT

from the last meeting



## THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE  
THINK, SAY OR DO

01

IS IT  
THE TRUTH?

02

IS IT  
FAIR TO ALL  
CONCERNED?

03

WILL IT  
BUILD GOODWILL  
AND BETTER  
FRIENDSHIPS?

04

WILL IT BE  
BENEFICIAL  
TO ALL  
CONCERNED?

**President Emidio** opened the meeting by introducing our Rotarian of the Day **David Chong**. David has been a member of the club for eight years and is CEO of Coast Care Partners. With lots of info in the morning's Golden Rotarian, David chose to describe his relatively recent trip to Hawaii (the big island) after his daughter Alyssa had graduated from college (St. Mary's College in South Bend) and their fascinating, somewhat harrowing adventure at Volcano. The volcano semi-erupted with earthquakes and some unsettling moments. Ultimately it was actually fun, certainly fascinating.

Many Guests were introduced: Niki Brown, Chris Cieszko, Haslaw Elkins, **Susie Callahan** (Rancho Santa Fe Rotary Club), and **Brian Zimmerman** (La Jolla Sunrise Rotary Club) who is Assistant Governor with LJGTRC in his group of clubs. Brian was there with our special featured guest, **District Governor Steve Weitzen** who was making his official visit with the 'Most Dynamic Club in the World'.

We also reinducted **Sara Katz** back into the club after quite a few years absence as she built up her company in and outside of San Diego. Sara is one of the first women to join LJGTRC back in the late '80s and her many friends are very happy to welcome her back. DG Steve Weitzen served as inducting officer for Sara's rejoining.

**Pam Russell** then made a surprise announcement to the club. Pam is planning to move to Florida. Scheduled for March 10, Pam is moving to be close to her sister and Pam plans to join the Palm Beach Rotary Club. She joined the club in 1998, was President in '03-'04, and District Governor in '08-'09. She also serves as the Treasurer of the LJGTRC Foundation. We are definitely sorry to see her leave but wish her all the best in her new home.

Lots of High Fives: **David Chong** (thanks to **Antonio Grillo Lopez** for talk to his care team); **Ranjan Laheri** (made partner in his law firm); **Rich Papike** (thanks to **Sandi Rimer** for informing of COVID vaccine options); **Chris Richards** (announced **LeAnn Cusick** made hole-in-one); **Jay Hatfield** (son passed Bar); **Michael McQuary** (SDUD Superintendent Cindy Marten selected to be Deputy US Sect. of Education); **Kim Schafer** (plans retirement on Feb. 28); **Brett Morey** (landed ¼ million contract); **Jim Davies** (daughter joining Pacific Beach Rotaract); and **Will Moore** (hoping for America "getting all on same team").

DG Steve Weitzen made a strong, personal and compelling presentation on why he joined Rotary, what it has meant to him and why it is so important to the world. He also briefed the club on the Districtwide special service focus on Anti Human Trafficking.

Steve described how much he appreciates the strong record of La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary and how many members of our club are District leaders. He noted that we have more Past District Governors than any other club – **Steve Brown**, **Sandi Rimer**, **Louise Andres**, **Pam Russell**. Many members are in District leadership – **Ron Khol** (Membership), **Brett Morey** (Rose Parade Float Committee, Surfers United), **Michael Bardin** (Pathways to Peace & Anti-Human Trafficking Steering Committee), **Kim Schafer** (Anti-Human Trafficking Steering Committee). He also commended **Emidio Del Conte** for his great work as President (but not for his ties).

DG Steve described his journey with Rotary leading to his summary statement: "As much as you will change the lives of others, your life will also be changed even more." He then described the major Anti-Human Trafficking program he chose to feature during his year as DG. This near billion dollar business in our county is impacting so many young lives -- most of the victims are directly from here in our own neighborhoods. A \$70K Global Grant has been approved that is aimed at working with the US Attorney, the District Attorney and many area partners. More will be coming urging all clubs to become involved.



# La Jolla Golden Triangle ROTARY CLUB

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## LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2020 - 2021

PRESIDENT ..... Emidio DelConte  
PRESIDENT ELECT (2021-22) ..... Jacquie Reilly  
PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT (2022-23) ..... Dennis Bucko  
TREASURER ..... Sharon Council  
SECRETARY ..... Nancy Gatschet  
PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION ..... Kimberly Schafer



### FEBRUARY 2021

05.....Rick Binder  
12.....Open  
19.....Lyle Brady  
26.....Janine Pack



ROTARIAN  
OF THE DAY



## FAMILY



This past year can be summed up in one for me: **Family.**

I've spent a lot of time at home with my little family. But there has also been some surprises to my family.

## Sara Miceli

I grew up in Burbank, just outside of Los Angeles (or literally 3 houses outside of LA). There were 4 girls in our house – growing up my dad had 2 rules – no pink, no flowers. We mostly abided by that until my mom picked out a blue floral couch and then in my senior year of high school I painted my room a pale pink – I was given a can of white paint the next day and the couch when I got my first apartment.

I went to John Burroughs High School in Burbank. In high school, Alli and I were both cheerleaders, and being only a year apart, we had some classes together – it may have caused a little confusion with some of our teachers. From there I went about 100 miles up the coast to UC Santa Barbara, where it's a quicker walk to the beach than to the library from the dorms. I joined Gamma Phi Beta – we were the only house to have a pool on campus. After college I moved to San Diego and started working at UC San Diego where I have been for the past 18 years.