

# 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**

## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

### JULY 2020- SPEAKER

24..... San Diego Business Journal  
Barbara Chodos

31..... San Diego Humane Society  
Brian Daugherty

### AUGUST 2020- SPEAKER

07..... Vocational Committee meeting  
Charlie MacKay

14..... Vocational Committee meeting  
Rick Binder

21..... Natural Resources Director Imperial Beach/river project  
Chris Helmer

28..... Solutions for Change  
Chris Megison

## Impact of Youth Leadership Within Rotary (RYLA & LEAD)

### CHRIS STEWART

Chris Stewart aka the worlds **#1 Hope Dealer** is an author of an amazon best seller and a motivational public speaker engaging with over 30k people last year alone in person. He's passionate about serving the youth and is the host of the '1 Amazing Life podcast (a podcast for teens by teens) and currently serves as the assistant youth pastor at Solano Beach Presbyterian Church. He is a Certified drug and alcohol counselor and just started a new adolescent outpatient program this month. He's the Del Mar Rotary Club Youth Services Director and has been a Lead Camp facilitator and RYLA Camp facilitator for the past 3 years.



# 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?

HERBERT J. TAYLOR

One after another our faces appeared, and we greeted one another on Zoom. Soon after we developed a full screen of Rotarians, Emidio, our new President, sent us to the smaller breakout rooms. Within only a few minutes, a pop-up appeared on the screen, and Zoom sent all of us back to the main room. At that point, we lost our President. Some Gremlin must have gotten into his wires and crossed them, and he disappeared.

As Rotarians are not lacking leadership skills, members stepped in. Lisa Galstian, ROTD, opened the invocation with a quote from Nelson Mandela, "No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite." We attempted to pledge to the flag without the flag, which had flown off with Emidio. Lisa described how her family of four are coping with the Covid-19 virus and its impact on their lives. She learned to cut husband John's hair, clean the attic and garage, and discover treasures such as their hammocks that were put to immediate use. Their oldest daughter Lindsey came back from college and began to work from home. Along with younger daughter Geena, all four of them enjoyed nightly walks in the neighborhood. This turns out to be a special year for celebrating her joint optometric practice with John. Lisa also had a big birthday that didn't happen, but she showed us her b'day sash and put on her crown. (Dennis Jacobs popped up with his crown.) Were they the prom Queen and King? Lisa commented on looking forward to Emidio's leadership and tried to

give the screen back to Emidio... NO Emidio.

Steve Brown proceeded with one of the agenda items of the day, the annual meeting of the LJGTRC Foundation. Eric Freeberg saw to the election of the Board by acclamation. The Club Foundation has over a half-million dollars placed in the San Diego Foundation and takes about \$20K per year in distributions used for Club Service projects. Our Foundation is a 501c3 which is an advantage in approaching grant-giving foundations and government entities such as US Dept of State and USAID for large International Service Committee projects. Distinction was made between our Club dues which cover club operating expenses (non-deductible) and our gifts to the Foundation which fund projects (deductible). To be a Foundation member, you must be a Paul Harris Fellow and contribute a minimum of \$500 to the Club Foundation. Members expressed appreciation for the clear explanation of the Foundation and of the Club finances.

Is Emidio here? Did the plane crash? PP Kim called his cell phone. Guests. Bev introduced Chris Richards from the SD Port District, a member of the women's golf group, who volunteers as a CASA for foster youth, and lives in University City. Brett introduced Matthew Shillingburg, who is active in veteran's services especially the Veterans' Assoc of N County. Both are considering joining the Club. Cynthia brought Jassie, who was running around in the background. Alex held 5-½ week-old Persephone asleep in his lap. (Mom gets to sleep in.) Tiffany Tran, our former Rotaract member who works with Lisa and John, was here. Happy to see her. Max Johnson, newly elected President of

SDSU Rotaract, introduced himself.

Our new Fine Mistress pair, Lori Bende and Susan Schwarz, introduced themselves and said they "NEED DIRT!" Steve Brown gave a high-5 after getting his Rotary Water Scholar Narsjcs back to her home in Kyrgyzstan after challenging travel arrangements due to covid-19. He is celebrating after receiving a picture of her at home with her mother.

8:04 (CHEERS) Emidio returns with apologies. His words of wisdom. "Please Zoom before you get the Presidency." Emidio announced Rotary's theme of the year "Rotary Opens Opportunities." He said, "Where are we going? Where we are going!" Board officers are: President Elect - Jacquie Reilly, Pres. Elect Nominee, Dr. Dennis Bucko, Nancy and Sharon - Secretary and Treasurer. Members at Large and Committee Chairs were named. Board of Directors will meet on the fourth Thursday of every month. Our budget will be down a little. Quintessential Fund-Raising Sponsors have been asked to let us keep the donations. Most have agreed. Suggestion made since we are not paying for breakfast, we make a (\$200 minimum) contribution to the Foundation. Our contract with the hotel expired June 30. Both parties are uncertain going forward.

In closing, Emidio apologized again for such a smooth start. He finished the meeting with two quotes, "We think too much and feel too little." "I never learned anything while I was talking."

*Kathleen Roche-Tansey*

Scribe





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## LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2020 - 2021

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



ROTARIAN  
OF THE DAY



I grew up in Pasadena, the home of the Huntington Library, home of so many classic portraits. As I was growing up, my parents always made portrait photography part of our lives, as it had been when they were growing up. As my own children grew, I developed a deeper appreciation of how important those photographs had become in my life. Because my parents passed away when I was in my 20's, these memories of my family have become my own link to the past, and a way my family now can connect with their history.

As my interest in photography grew, enhanced by a degree in the Classics,

he also developed an interest in portrait painting, especially studying the work of Sargent, Renoir, Cassat and Rockwell. Trips to galleries in the Louvre and Orsay, the Getty, the British Museum and Chicago Art Museum gave me the opportunity to absorb how other portraitists created their looks.

My early photographic career, too, instilled the values of composition as well as simple but effective lighting in the creation of portraits. Work with masters like Phillip Stewart Charis, Monte Zucker and Dean Collins honed the look. Instructing other photographers around the country, writing for the PROFES-

SIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER and earning the title of Craftsman Photographer taught the value of studying my craft.

I started photographing weddings from my dorm room at the Claremont colleges back when Nixon was president and film was the only way to record images. A great deal has changed since 1968, but my fascination with photography, and ultimately the stories of the people I have photographed, has made every day of my 48 years as a portrait photographer as interesting as the first.

*I consider myself very fortunate to be involved in what I love doing every day.*

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