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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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District 5340 Governor 2020-21
STEVE WEITZEN

LJGT Rotary President 2020-21
EMIDIO DELCONTE

SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

JULY 2020- SPEAKER

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

SEPTEMBER 2020- SPEAKER

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WHERE TO FROM HERE?

Update On Financial Markets

Robert Hagstrom joined EquityCompass as a Senior Portfolio Manager in April 2014 and launched the Global Leaders Portfolio in July 2014. In addition, Mr. Hagstrom serves as Chairman of the Investment Management Committee for Stifel Asset Management. Prior to joining EquityCompass, he was the Chief Investment Strategist of Legg Mason Investment Counsel, and before that, he spent 14 years as the Portfolio Manager of the Growth Equity Strategy at Legg Mason Capital Management, where he managed over \$7 billion in assets. Mr. Hagstrom was the recipient of "Honorable Mention" as Morningstar's U.S. Equity Manager of the Year in 2007.

Mr. Hagstrom is the author of nine investment books, including the New York Times bestseller The Warren Buffett Way, considered the definitive book on how Warren Buffett analyzes stocks and makes investment decisions.

Mr. Hagstrom earned his Bachelor's and Master's of Arts degrees from Villanova University and is a member of the CFA Institute and the CFA Society of Philadelphia.

ROBERT HAGSTROM



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?

At 7:15am on July 17, 2020, while I was waiting for **Garry Kachkovsky** to send me the Zoom ID and Password for the breakfast meeting of La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club, The Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World, President **Amidio Delconte** opened the virtual meeting and introduced the Rotarian of the Day, Club Photographer **Bill Keane**. I imagined that Bill led the Flag Salute, provided the Thought for the Day, and began his presentation

Zooming into the meeting as **Bill** was describing how he built his photography business, I heard that Bill began with photos of Torrey Pines' families and the school year book, resulting in photographing more than 40,000 high school seniors to date. Last January, **Bill** expanded his business to include photographing senior pictures of Poway graduates, and he moved his business to the Court Yard of Rancho Bernardo.

Then COVID hit, requiring adjustments to his business and personal life. He has continued photographing seniors at 15 students per day. However, instead of visiting his 3 years old granddaughter in Houston, they are exchanging video clips.

Bill also shared that he has successfully confronted a bout with Cancer. He acknowledged the support he received from **Dr. Antonio Grillo-Lopez** and the care provided by UCSD for his new status as a Cancer Survivor.

The adjustment that has been more difficult to make was not photographing Rotarians on Friday mornings at the La Jolla Marriott Hotel breakfast meetings, when he was the club designated observer and camera guy.

Guests were introduced: **Bev Fritschner** introduced **Chris Richards**, who she met playing golf. **Chris** is interested in an organization that is helping "in a project sort of way." He is retired and helps out at CASA with patients with Parkinson's Disease.

Brett Morey introduced **Peter** (missed the last name) from the Newport Beach Rotary Club. If I heard correctly, **Peter** is involved with an international inclusive association, active in the waters division, and a recreational boater. **Peter** is a 4th generation San Diegoan, graduate of San Diego State, and has a micro-biology business.

Dennis Jacobs made a comment during the time a plane was flying over Pacific Beach, and I was not able to hear it.

Our Fine Master **Lori Bende** fined a number of members for not muting microphones. Then she zeroed in on **Brett Morey** for his FaceBook background that included a Rotary banner of another club, but not a Golden Triangle banner. **Brett** acknowledged the astute observation and added that the Rotary Club in question was in Alabama, which has 600 members and is the largest Rotary Club in the world. **Lori** reminded **Brett** that "largest" is not "most dynamic."

High fives were proudly announced by **Sara Miceli** regarding an incident with a dog, which is now ok. **Sandi Rimer** announced that her son tested negative for COVID.

Announcements were made: Pathway to Peace will meet on July 24. The Merlot Mondays have been a success, and all are welcome to join this virtual imbibing event, beer drinkers are welcome.

Sandi Rimer provided an update on the Club Website. She thanked the webmaster and **Amidio** for the new look. A professional was hired at a good price. Since April 10, **Debra Kelley** has processed more than 600 emails and photos provided by **Brett Morey**, **Rick Clark**, and **Jacquie Reilly**. All Avenues of Service are shown. The Friendship page was developed. Clicking on the Rotary Wheel will bring up the home page. Clicking on "About" links to the media library with videos. Projects are linked to the library. Members can add their thoughts and content. **Kaci Madden** welcomes suggestions for new speakers. The section on Rotary Awards resulted from a suggestion made by **Rick Clark**. She

announced that there is a mystery that needs to be solved: Who is adding speakers to the website?

Dr. Antonio Grillo-Lopez provided a most timely update on the COVID-19. There has been an increased level of concern over past few days in the spike of COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. Recently, a large study was conducted in Florida that looked at 54,000 children, who had been tested for COVID and which found 1/3 had tested positive for the virus. A majority of these were asymptomatic and found to be contagious. Most alarmingly, these infected children were found to have pulmonary damage, which could potential result in life-long problems.

Antonio related his concern about kids going back to school, and he stated that a lot of schools will be changing their plans for school reopening with on-campus options. **Antonio** stated, "It is too risky (to open schools with on-campus learning). We do not know enough about what is going on with children."

In addition, we are learning that young adult groups are vulnerable for COVID. The 18-25 years-old group have a 30% chance of having COVID, and those who test positive are increasingly more likely to be placed on a ventilator. Deaths are not as high with this demographic group as they are with our older population.

The good news, non smoking or non vaping 18-25 years-old are 50% less vulnerable.

Additional good news, treatments are being found to be working, and work continues on developing immunities to the virus.

Taking liberties as the Club Reporter for the Week, **Michael McQuary**, School Board Member of the San Diego Unified School District included in this report a belated High Five: The San Diego Unified School District announced earlier this week (July 13) that because of the rising COVID cases and hospitalizations, because the infection trends were moving in the wrong direction, because of the lack of broad-based testing, tracing, and treatments, and because there was not enough evidence to know the impact of the virus on school age children, San Diego Schools would begin the 2020-21 school year with at home, on-line learning. On August 10th, this decision will be re-examined based on CDC, California, and County guidelines, new data, and recommendations of an advisory group of UCSC scientist and medical doctors, County Health Department epidemiologist, public health officials, and education experts. The highest priority of the SDUSD is the health and safety of our students and employees. In short, we can have safe schools, when we have safe communities. Do your part to help make our communities safer so we can open our schools for on-campus learning: wear a mask, social distance, wash your hands, and be smart about your safety and the safety of others.

Brett Morey, prior to introducing the Program Speaker, announced that the Tournament of Roses was canceled, but work is in progress to put on a virtual Rose Parade. A contingency plan and fundraising are currently being developed.

Brett introduced the Program Speaker, **Chris Stewart**, who is the "most amazing person" **Brett** has ever met.

Chris Stewart combined his youth services and church programs with Rotary. He framed his life story around the challenges of a disconnected youth, choosing homelessness at 15 years of age, living on the streets, and finding more in common with his street family than his natural family and his faith-based high school friends.

He found expression as a young musician, who was struggling with addictive behaviors, gang membership, drug dealing, incarceration, a failed marriage, and a failed career as a firefighter. He moved from San Diego to

Hollywood, and Las Vegas. **Chris** finally arrived in Solana Beach and became an active member with the Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, where he honed his craft and provided support and counseling for troubled and traumatized youth. Because of his newly found dedication to service above self, he learned about Rotary and was invited to become a Rotarian. He joined Rotary and helped at RYLA and LEAD. He started the only leadership Interact Club for continuation high school students in the United States. At the age of 47, he accepted a newly established Rotary scholarship that was named after him and went back to school to receive professional training and counseling credentials.

The description of **Chris Stewart's** story can be best summarized by this edited introduction to his book, *Prayers, Punk Rock & Pastry*:

This is the **inspirational** story of a man, who has been to **hell and back**. This heart warming and **inspiring** tale of a missionary kid turned punk rocker, gang member, drug dealer, and finally a drug addict. He became a **homeless** crack head and heroin **addict** on the streets of Hollywood, CA. Becoming a husband and home owner wasn't enough to stop his drug abuse. Becoming a firefighter should have been enough, but it wasn't enough. Drinking and doing drugs were all he cared about until finally alcohol and drugs rendered him bed ridden and incapable of getting through the day without them. He lost everything he cared about, and he lost his self worth in the process. **Find out** how he got back up, and how he helped thousands of people get their dreams back. Find out how he started the only leadership interact club for continuation high schools in the United States. Find out how he started a company that became one of the top and most inspirational companies in the world with just a cookie and a prayer to a homeless man for Christmas and much, much more. For any human being, this book will rock you to the core with its honesty, **vulnerability**, and redemption. We are all addicted to something-**break free** today and get your **dreams back**!

Questions and Answers:

What is the name of your Church? Assistant Youth Pastor at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church

What is the name of the book you authored? *Prayers, Punk Rock & Pastry*

What is the name of your Podcast? *One Amazing Life*

What is your contact information? 786-1539,

rocknamazinglife@gmail.com

Have you worked with *Just in Time for Foster Youth*? Yes

Fary Moini offered a comment about the positive impact that the RYLA's "Ride of Honesty" activity has on kids, "They open up!" **Fary** stated that she hopes that **Chris** has continued opportunities to work with more kids.

Chris closed with, "Time to expand into camps."

Emidio thanked **Chris** and announced that a donation would be made in his honor.

Chris responded, "Thank you. It has truly been an honor and a blessing. And I know our paths will cross again."

Emidio ended the meeting with a joke and a Ralph Waldo Emerson quote:

Joke: Teacher asks students, "What do you call someone who continues to talk after everyone has stopped listening?" Answer: A Teacher

Quote: "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year..." While not stated during the meeting, the Emerson quote concludes, "Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could."

Meeting closed

Reporter of the Week: Michael McQuary

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WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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JULY 2020

31..... Kaci Madden

AUGUST 2020

07..... Open

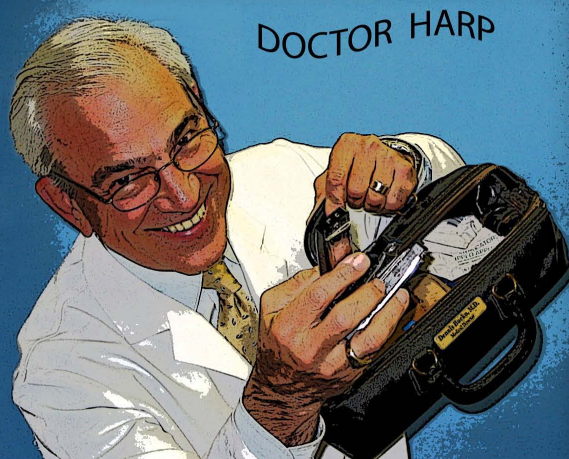
14..... Ellen Bryson

21..... Alex Monroe



ROTARIAN
OF THE DAY

DR. DENNIS BUCKO



Carroll Dennis Bucko was born December 19th, 1941, in West Springfield, Massachusetts and was educated in the public-school system. In high school **Dennis** was Class President and participated in soccer, track and the marching band and played trumpet in a Dixieland band. **Dennis** received his B.A. in Chemistry from American International College and his M.D. degree in 1967 from the University of Vermont. **Dennis** also met and married **Sally Clerkin** while he was a medical student in Burlington and they have three children (**Dan**, **Wendy** and **Sarah**) and seven grandchildren.

After a year at Rhode Island Hospital/ Brown University as an intern in Surgery, **Dennis** served as a Lieutenant Commander in the Public Health Service stationed in Alaska for two very cold but exciting and rewarding years. After a four year General Surgery residency at the University of Utah, and a two year Plastic

Surgery residency at the University of Michigan, he was Board Certified in Plastic Surgery in 1977 and stayed on at the University of Michigan for five years as Assistant Professor of Plastic Surgery while maintaining a part-time private practice with the chairman of the Section of Plastic Surgery.

In 1981 the Bucko family moved from the "rust belt" to the "sun belt" in La Jolla. **Dennis** started his own private plastic surgery practice, after spending three years at Scripps Clinic developing their satellite plastic surgery program. **Dr. Bucko** is a retired clinical Assistant Professor of Plastic Surgery at UCSD. He has also volunteered on cleft palate teams in the United States and Mexico, as the leader of Southwest Medical Teams program in Oaxaca, Mexico in 1992, and as a surgeon and Board Member on the Rotary connected Mercy Outreach Surgical Teams trips to Mexico for over twenty years.

Dr. Bucko joined Rotary in 1987 and has been a long-time member of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary International Service Committee and present Chairman and was elected to the LJGT Rotary Board in 1997. He is currently LJGTR President, elect, elect.

His leisure time activities include playing guitar and harmonica (especially blues style) as well as kayaking, sailing and scuba diving.

Dennis has become more and more serious as a sculptor over the years and has displayed a bronze piece in the La Jolla Contemporary Art Gallery. His most recent work in progress is a commission of the "Virgin of Guadalupe", in one half scale, to be placed in the Mercy Hospital Clinic lobby when completed.

Dennis retired from practice this year and he and Sally just purchased a Motor Home three days ago.