

# THE GOLDEN rotarian

LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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## SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

RI President 2021-22  
**SHEKHAR MEHTA**

District 5340 Governor 2021-22  
**DANIEL GENSLER**

LJGT Rotary President 2021-22  
**JACQUIE REILLY**

## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

### AUGUST 2021 - SPEAKER

- 06..... Dan Gensler  
5340 DISTRICT GOVERNER
- 20..... Molly McClain  
The Life of Ellen Scripps
- 27..... David Ellenstein  
Artistic Director; North Coast Repertory Theatre



## CLUB ASSEMBLY

Presented by  
**Melanie V. Geschwind**  
--- CLUB SERVICE CHAIR ---



DAVID CHONG

AV SETUP



ERIK MJOEN

AV SETUP



BRADLEY DAY

AV SETUP



WILL MOORE

AV SETUP



AJAY ASHER

BULLETIN



LORI BENDE

FAMILY OF ROTARY



RICK BINDER

FINE MASTER



DENNIS JACOBS

FINE MASTER



MICHAEL SLENTZ

FRONT DESK



RANJAN LAHIRI

MEMBERSHIP



NANCY GATSCHET

MEMBERSHIP



MICHAEL BORDIN

MENTOR



BILL KEANE

PHOTOGRAPHER



BEV FRITSCHNER

PROGRAM / SPEAKER



STEPHEN TAKO

PROGRAM / SPEAKER



GARRY KACHKOVSKY

REPORTER



CHRIS RICHARDS

ROTARIAN OF THE DAY



CHARLES MACKAY

SOCIAL



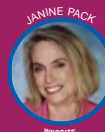
LISA GALSTIAN

SOCIAL MEDIA



JAN BERNARDY

WEBSITE



JANINE PACK

WEBSITE



LEE ANN CUSICK

WEBSITE



# 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?

WOOHOO!! Live and in person! What a treat it was to see so many familiar faces in the flesh. My notes may not be so perfect, as I was distracted by... well.. being around people.

Due to our awesome I.T. team we also had members join in via Zoom. Thanks to David Chong, Eric Mjoen, Bradley Day and Melanie Geschwind.

Our new president Jacquie Reilly started our meeting with a smile on her face and got right down to business.

Ron Kohl was Rotarian of the Day. He led us in a moment of silence to member our recently departed friend Emidio DelConte. Ron sold his Phone Systems Plus business a few years ago and is not working with Expedia Cruises. Ron has been very involved in the Rotary District and encouraged members to get involved. He recently received the People of Action Award. Congrats Ron! Ron shared a bit of club history... "The Most Dynamic Club" was a phrase coined by the late Phil Goodlove. Ron defined what it means to be a "dynamic member" of Rotary: involved in the club, encouraged to be club president, brings in new members, gets involved at district level, and have a dynamic attitude.

Michael Slentz introduced our many guests today: Letty (Ron Kohl's better half), Carla

Fox, Alyssa Chong (David's daughter), Chris Mollar, Steve Weizman, and via Zoom Carl Redman and Chris Bodo.

Jacquie Reilly announced that the Peace Committee will meet immediately after today's club meeting. Jacquie asked is anyone is willing to donate "an experience" for the district conference. Members are encouraged to donate \$10 to the End Polio campaign. More details to come. Jan Bernardy has posted picture of Emidio on the club's webpage.

We are all saddened by the untimely passing of Emidio DelConte. His two sons are in town and are planning a "Celebration of Life" next month probably at Orfilia Winery. Details to come. Please send pictures of Emidio to Jacquie for a scrapbook she is putting together for his family. Lori Bende has been in touch with his girlfriend Doreen. She passes her love to the club members that have reached out to her.

Luke Ervin (via Zoom) announced the need for corporate sponsors for our Sept 25 fundraiser. He's also looking for help managing the sponsors because he will be out of town. Contact Luke or Nancy Gaschet with any questions.

Our new Finemaster Rick Binder (via Zoom) and his in person helper Will Moore

recognized High 5's: David Chong had a recent birthday and his daughter graduated from college. Ron Kohl was recognized for his work on the district level. Louise Andres has safely returned from a trip to Kenya with her husband Steve and granddaughter. Cynthia Villis announced that Sister Cities International recognized the club in Jalalabad. David Weigman made a comment about Jacquie's dress and Will Moore's mask. Then they posed inappropriately in front of the webcam for all the Zoomers to see. Awkward! Denny Jacobs shared a high \$5 and wished Jacquie good luck in her year as president.

A very tall Stephen (not Steve) Tako announced our speaker. The Zoomers looked at his paper and chest until Jacquie educated him to "come down to her level" to get his face on the webcam for the Zoomers. All in good fun.

Lenny Leszczynski, Executive Director of the San Diego Automotive Museum was our speaker. They are undergoing a major remodel. Save the Date "All Revved Up" campaign for the Automotive Museum on October 16. Brett Morey pushed for a Rotary social soirée when all is built. Think they can handle us?

~Reporter

Lori Bende

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WILL IT BE  
BENEFICIAL  
TO ALL  
CONCERNED?



# LAST MEETING PHOTOS



# La Jolla Golden Triangle ROTARY CLUB

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## LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2021 - 2022

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



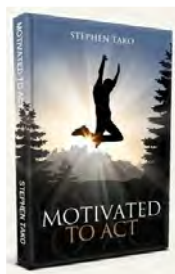
**JULY** 2021

August 6 - Wayne Davis

August 13 - Brian Eichenberg



**ROTARIAN**  
OF THE DAY



**STEPHEN TAKO**

## Junga the Dancing Yeti



Stephen Tako is an author, motivational speaker and anti-bullying advocate. He is the author of the book "Motivated To Act" as well as the multiple award-winning "Junga the Dancing Yeti" series of anti-bullying books and videos for children. He is working with educators to provide virtual and live presentations to primary school assemblies to motivate and assist children in overcoming bullying and other forms of neglect.

He is also a seasoned mortgage loan officer with Bank of America in San Diego. After growing up in Cleveland, Ohio, he lived in Los Angeles county for 25 years, back to Ohio for 2 years and settled into San Diego in 2019 with his fiancé. He has one son in Santa Clarita.

Stephen joined Rotary last month and is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. As a Screen Actors Guild member, he has acted in films and television portraying one of the Wicked Witch's guards in Oz the Great and Powerful, and a teacher on GLEE. Stephen also hosts the Los Angeles Movie Awards, NYLA International Film Festival and the Los Angeles Cinema Festival of Hollywood.