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SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

JUNE 2021- SPEAKER



TIM PINKNEY

NASA Solar System Ambassador

PROGRAM: "*Perseverance Mars Rover Begins Search for Ancient Microbial Life*"

SPEAKER: Tim Pinkney, NASA Solar System Ambassador, will present a Zoom webinar providing details of *Perseverance*, successor to the very productive *Curiosity* Mars rover. In addition, this latest rover carried the first helicopter, *Ingenuity*, to successfully fly on another planet.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

NASA's Mars 2020 Perseverance Mission landed in Jezero Crater on the Red Planet on February 18, 2021. *Perseverance* is the most sophisticated rover NASA has sent to Mars searching for signs of ancient microbial life and beginning to pave the way for human exploration beyond the Moon. The experimental helicopter, *Ingenuity*, has proven its ability to fly in Mars' thin atmosphere and its functionality in helping explore the path ahead of the rover.

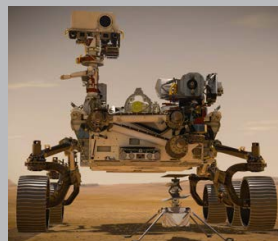
SPEAKER'S BACKGROUND:

At age 13, Tim saw his first rocket launch and was hooked on space and setting the goal to become an astronaut. That dream will be fulfilled in a couple of years when he launches from Virgin Galactic's Spaceship III, rockets into space to experience weightlessness and earning his FAA astronaut wings.

Occupying his time until the launch, Tim's been a NASA Solar Ambassador since 2016 and was the Aerospace Museum of California's interim Deputy Director in 2017/18 after being on their Board of Directors for 10 years.

In his day job you'll find him at Luxe Aviation at McClellan Air Field selling and acquiring aircraft and leasing them for private and corporate clients.

PHOTO: NASA Solar System Ambassador, Tim Pinkney, Mars Rover Perseverance and helicopter Ingenuity.



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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?

Dennis Jacobs was the Rotarian of the Day and started with a heartfelt greeting to Emidio as our "lame-duck president." Denny opened with a poignant, silent moment for peace before launching his low-tech Power Point presentation lamenting the lack of laughter during the pandemic... how we all seem to have lost our sense of humor and ability to laugh. Denny actually began to think that even he was not funny anymore!

Denny quoted opinions on laughter from famous comedians such as Albert Einstein (relatively funny) to John Cleese (actually funny) to note that "the human has one effective weapon and that is laughter" and that "laughter connects people...laughter is a force for democracy."

For the science of laughter, Denny quoted Neuroscientist and laughter expert, Sophie Scott's observations: "...we are more likely to laugh with another person than just with ourselves..." "Social behavior is the bigger world of laughter, much more than the joke." and "...laughter is more about how people feel about each other than what is going on in the moment."

For Denny, this lack of laughter is no "laughing matter" or well, actually it is in terms of his solution...WE ALL NEED TO LOSEN UP!...laugh at our selves...laugh with others...be wacky and silly...Don't worry Denny, you're still funny...by the way Denny, where can we get that Power Point software you use?

Guests / People Notes

Brett Morey: Michale Cianciolo, Mecasnlcal Enginerr/Consultant
Courtney Kennedy – longtime LJGT club member...now working cyber security manager at JPL in Pasadena. David Tansy welcomed back!

High Fives

Jay Hatfield: Son, Houston sworn in as an attorney & Jay's band, Baywolf appearance.

Bret Morey: thank Dr. Antonio Grillo Lopez for a free lunch.

Alex Monroe: Daughter's 1-yr Birthday

Bonnie Arora: Krishna's Birthday

Bev Frischner: won long Drive contest at golf tournament

Emidio: Thanks to Jackie for filling in for him and for flying trip to Nashville to visit with sons.

Bill Busch: Celebrating new grandson

Mike Schwarz: To Susan for taking care of him after minor surgery.

Cynthia Villis: to Dennis Bucko for his term with International Service committee.

Dennis Bucko: to Kim Schaffer for helping with the International Service committee.

Announcements:

Emidio: Merlot Mondays In Person!...5-7 pm at Nobel Park
Proposed "Hanger Party" Sat, July 3rd 4-8 pm-- Details forthcoming!

Jackie Reilly: Padre Rotary Nights: July 6 / Aug 10 / Sep 3...Tickets available on the District 5340 website (limit is 5 tickets/person/game).

District 5340 Conference Sep 10-12
Registration Hotel Del - Coronado
This year's conference will focus on more fun...wine tasting, golf, beach activities, dinner...dancing, etc!
Details: Rotary 5340.org

Club is looking for an Assistant Secretary for Nancy's term...please let Jackie know if you are interested.

Charles Mackay: New club social c-chair is looking for social event ideas for the coming year.

SPEAKER – Rep Scott Peters

Rep. Peters Covered a number of topics and questions related to Federal COVID stimulus relief, current infrastructure legislation, progress and prospects for the post COVID economic recovery and environmental mitigation plans for the Tijuana River sewage overflow pollution. Here are some highlights...

COVID Vaccine: All available resources are being used to continue the push for getting as many people vaccinated as quickly as possible. Peters acknowledged some people remain skeptical about the vaccine and clearly stated his confidence

in the vaccines and encourages everyone to consider the importance and value of getting vaccinated.
Infrastructure:

Economy

The "Rescue Plan" providing immediate financial relief to people and business has been put in motion and most sectors of the economy are showing improvement except for tourism which may take another year to show real sustained improvement. On a side note, Rep Peters seems in agreement that the federal unemployment subsidy may indeed have had the unintended impact of dissuading people from returning to work, but that this issue will be put to rest when the subsidies expire in September.

Schools

Peters sees now reason to be hopeful that schools can fully re-open in the Fall since the vaccine becomes available to everyone and as case rates continue to decline. Scott seems to believe that the kids indeed need to be back in school in person.

Infrastructure

No question the need is there...both sides of the aisle in congress seem to have agreed on a price tag of one trillion dollars to fund various hard infrastructure needs...roads, bridges, digital divide, electrical grid, etc. Only the final bill will tell us exactly which specific "hard" needs will be addressed as well as the "soft" issues of child care, etc. Paying for all this will come down to a combination of taxes and user fees. Scott's idea is to establish an "Infrastructure Bank" to combine both Federal and Private capital to fund various projects.

Bi-Partisanship in Congress

Though the public polls may not show it, Scott is seeing more focus on bi-partisanship in congress and believes that with hard infrastructure really being a non-partisan issue, solving this major long-term issue may just be the path to creating some genuinely bipartisan legislation.

~Reporter

Bill Busch

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WILL IT BE
BENEFICIAL
TO ALL
CONCERNED?

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JUNE 2021

18.....Bradley Day

25.....Antonio Grillo-Lopez



ROTARIAN
OF THE DAY

RICK CLARK



Rick graduated from high school in the 7,000 person thriving Metropolis of Perry, Iowa. After receiving a Bachelor of Architecture at the University of Oklahoma, he spent four years in the US Navy Civil Engineer Corps, including two deployments in Vietnam as Engineering Officer of a SEABEE battalion. He was then sent kicking and screaming to the Naval Engineering Base in San Juan, Puerto Rico where he met his future wife, Nilsa.

Upon release from active duty, he traveled nearly 20,000 miles by car for 7-1/2 months throughout Europe and the US, ending up in San Diego. Although he was flat broke and unemployed, he called (at a buck a minute) 4000 miles away to Puerto Rico and proposed to Nilsa over the phone with a poem..... and they will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this August 14. They have one son, Javier, and daughter-in-law Dawne.

As you can see by the photo, Clark What's-His-Name stepped into a phone booth and became an Architect. He was a partner in the architectural firm of Schuss Clark, Inc. for 31 years. The firm was sold to a former partner on New Year's Eve 2015 (his birthday) and he hung up his pencil ... WAIT A MINUTE! Pencils haven't been used in architecture for years!).

Joining Rotary at the invitation of Court Jester Rich Papike in 1992, Rick served as club president and has enjoyed involvement in organizing more than 30 LJGT hands-on projects of Christmas in April/Rebuilding Together, Navidad En Noviembre in Rosarito Beach, Mexico, Operations Pendleton, Operation Miramar, creating video productions documenting all of them and organizing "Rick Clark Tours". His most rewarding Rotary achievements, however, were the projects that he accomplished with Fary and Steve in Afghanistan. They recently participated in a Zoom call with students and faculty in Jalalabad and learned that, over the past 19 years, they have directly affected the lives of about 47,000 young Afghans. They hope that this is only the tip of the iceberg for them for years to come.

Rick states "Nothing in my professional career came close to positively affecting as many people as we have through Rotary. Thank you to all, especially Rich!"