

THE GOLDEN rotarian

LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

MARCH 05, 2021

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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LJGT Rotary President 2020-21
EMIDIO DELCONTE

SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

MARCH 2021- SPEAKER

12..... Bob Rohrbach

50th Anniversary of Apollo 14 splashdown recovery: Feb 9, 1971



CHANGING STATE OF DIGITAL RETAIL *COVID ACCELERATION OF THE INEVITABLE



DIGITAL RETAIL

Kelly Breitenbecher brings over 25 years of practical experience, working extensively with senior executive and management teams to set strategic direction for IT, e-Commerce, category management/merchandising, and supply chain. She has successfully lead transformation programs across multiple companies to enable better customer experiences across all channels. Kelly is known for her outstanding

leadership skills, her ability to build strong engaged teams, working cross functionally to get results and overcoming organizational obstacles. She brings experience in leading large-scale implementation projects including organization structural redesign, business process improvement, e-Commerce, merchandising, marketing and ERP implementation, cultural change, and other business/IT transformation initiatives.

REPORT

from the last meeting



THE FOUR WAY TEST



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THINK, SAY OR DO

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02

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The meeting started at 8:31 due to a slight delay caused by a discussion of how suave and debonair **Frank McGrath** is. **Rich Papike** brought spanx into the conversation and **President Emidio** quickly muted members. Once **President Emidio** took the reins he promptly introduced our ROTD, **Sandi Rimer**. **Sandi** jokingly blamed **Jay Hatfield** for recruiting her as the ROTD but moved on to share stories of her son and her pre-Covid trip to Europe. **Sandi** shared the story of the adoption of her son. Instead of arriving by stork, he came by way of a white Lincoln. He has grown up to be a handsome and wonderful person. Right before Covid struck, **Sandi** enjoyed a trip to Lyon, France where she sipped lattes and ate yummy French food. **Sandi** wrapped up her ROTD presentation by sharing a new hobby of garden sculptures. It has helped keep her busy during these long Covid-days.

President Emidio then introduced guests: **Peter Ballantyne**, **Chris Cieszko**, **Niki Brown**, and **Rhea Rhosseini**. Welcome guests! Get those membership packets in!

We then launched into Fines/ Happy Dollars presented by **Lori Bende (Ben - duh)**. She recognized an original member we have not seen in a while, **Pete Griffith**. Turns

out it was National "For Pete's Sake" day...I wonder how many times **Dory** says, "For Pete's sake" per day in response to Pete's antics.

Rick Clark - Shared the story of how he broke his arm. It was a doozy. Glad the 8 year old girl he saved from a burning car is okay!.... moments later we learned that he actually broke his arm walking. He broke his humerus but did not find it funny at all!

Irwin Rubenstein- Usually flies under the radar, but **Lori** recognized him and his wife for their 65th wedding anniversary.

Brett Morey - gave a shout out for the Rotarians who participated for Cupids Clean-Up event a couple weeks ago.

Susan Schwarz - gave a high \$10 for the clean and precise bone-break **Rick Clark** had. No matter what that man does it is going to be precise! Was he an architect or something???

Michael McQuary - gave a high \$5 and recognized the great work Preuss is doing with its sister school in Jalalabad.

Denny Jacobs - Shared a generational story that came full circle about a young

man he knew from the past who recently connected with **Marty Rosenstein**. He tried to get away with a high \$2, but quickly increased it to \$5.

Steve Brown - gave a high \$5 and shared a story about a woman involved in the water program from Kyrgyzstan and the small world connections to his youth.

Sara Miceli - Celebrated a birthday with 50 cent and G Unit. **Happy 40th Sara!!!**

Brett Morey gave a shout out for the great work **Kaci Madden** has been doing on his neck and back.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE DAY WERE:

Pathways to Peace met directly after the meeting.

A Club Survey was recently sent out to club members via Survey Monkey. Please take a few minutes to complete.

It was announced that **Romik Kesian** resigned from the club because he is moving to FL.

Do not miss Merlot Mondays this coming Monday at 5pm.

Emidio welcomed new member **Brian Eichenberg**.

He also gave an update on **Bruce Geier**. He is in good



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spirits and is travelling to Utah for treatments.

President Emidio went on to introduce the program of the day. It was back to **Sandi Rimer**. **Sandi** is the Chair of Club Service. Her presentation was focused on our much-improved website: www.lajollagrotary.org

Before jumping into the website **Sandi** shared the Six Avenues of Service:

1. *Youth*
2. *Club*
3. *International*
4. *Community*
5. *Vocational*
6. *Peace Committee*

The goal of the day was to enlighten us to all the things that fall under the Club Service umbrella. Those include: Family of Rotary, front desk, programs, promote/demote, PR, ROTD, Sergeant of Arms, social, social media, club reporter, the bulletin, and our website. I am confident I missed a few items, but as you can tell a lot of our clubs inner workings falls under the Club Service roles and responsibilities.

Brett stepped up to share his screen and **Sandi** guided us through our club website. She started by giving kudos to **Jan Bernardy**, **Lee Ann Cusick** and our website guru for working so hard over the last couple years. The website contains a huge amount of information that we should all familiarize ourselves with. Some of the key resources are the tabs on the Avenues of Service. There you can see many of the projects we have been involved in over the years, including a map of the different projects we have done all over the world. Also, if you want to learn more about upcoming club or district events there is a calendar you can search. It is strongly suggested that we all make ourselves aware of what the district is planning.

Another item **Sandi** emphasized while going through the website was the Peacemaker of the Year award. Just last week it was announced, and the recipient was our very own, **Cynthia Villis**. Way to go **Cynthia!!!**

A FEW ITEMS TO NOTE REGARDING THE WEBSITE:

- Please share the membership tab with those who might be interested in joining our club. You can also share the many videos that **Rick Clark** has put together or anything else that you

think the public would be interested in. Feel free to share it on social media. Spread the word about Rotary. The world needs more Rotarians!

- Please take a look at the website. If you have updated photos, project write-ups, or a news article please send them to **Jan Bernardy**.

- Again, our website is: www.lajollagrotary.org

Website is looking terrific. Great job **Sandi**, **Jan**, **Lee Ann** and everyone involved! Thank you!!

Emidio wrapped up at 8:32 with the following quotes:

"Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open." John Barrymore

"Life changes very quickly, in a very positive way, if you let it." - Lindsey Vonn.

"Be open to positive changes."
- President Emidio DelConte

~Reporter

Alexander Monroe



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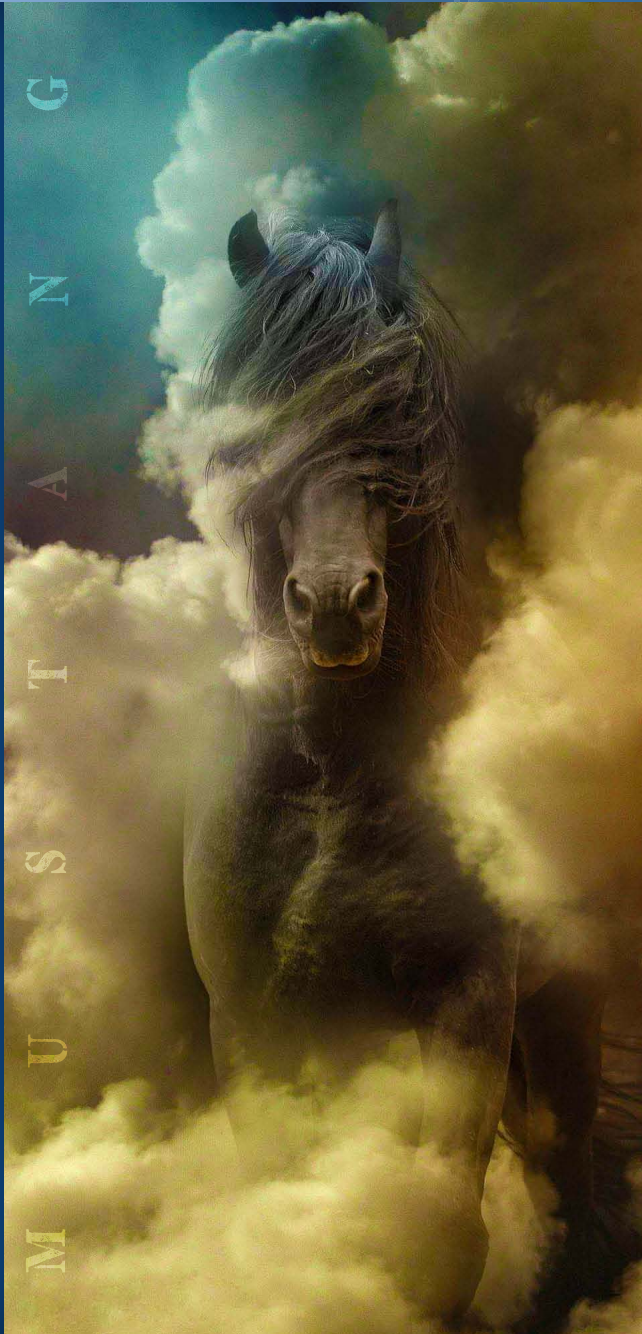
MARCH 2021

12.....Garry Kachkovsky
19.....Pete Griffith
26.....Janine Pack



ROTARIAN
OF THE DAY

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MATT SHILLINGBURG



Matt Shillingburg was born Portsmouth Naval Hospital into a Navy Family. His Grandfather, on Father's side fought in the Spanish American War, His Father was a "Frogman" with UDT Team 1 in Little Creek, Va and his Grandfather, Russel Stout, on his Mother's side as a Pearl Harbor Survivor and served for over 30 years in the Navy.

Matt moved with his Navy Family and settled in Imperial Beach, California in 1959 where he lived with his family till he joined the service in August of 1974.

Matt served honorably in the United States Army, entering the service as an enlisted Private, E-1 and retiring as the Senior Military Intelligence Officer, S2 for the 3rd Armor Cavalry Regiment with over 20 years (1974 - 1996) of Military Service, which allowed him to travel to over 18 different countries around the world.

He is also a 100% Service-connected Disabled Veteran, as rated by the Veterans Administration with an Honorable Discharge.

Matt held a Top Secret (TS), Special Background Investigation (SBI) with Sensitive Compartmented Access (SCI) as a United States Army Intelligence Officer.

He was a "Mustang" United States Army Officer and was fortunate to have served in many diverse areas and specialties during his career.

He has been serving the community all his life, Paperboy, Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Service Member, Blood Donor, Veteran's Advocate, etc.

