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District 5340 Governor 2020-21
STEVE WEITZEN

LJGT Rotary President 2020-21
EMIDIO DELCONTE

SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

JUNE 2021- SPEAKER

04..... Scott Peters

How the new American Jobs Plan will affect San Diego

11.....Presidential Fundraiser

TBD



STEVE PULTZ is Currently the Assistant Vice President for Enrollment, he has been with the University of San Diego since 1999. He oversees the offices of Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar, and One Stop Student Services Center. Prior to his current role, he served as Director of Admissions. He has served on and led several planning committees, including serving as Chair of the Hispanic Serving Institution Task Force, the Test Optional Task Force, the Enrollment Management Committee, and Vice Chair of the President's Advisory Board on Inclusion and Diversity.

Prior to joining USD, he worked for 13 years at American University in Washington, D.C. as a counselor, Assistant Director, Associate Director, and Director of Admissions. He began his admissions career at Fordham University in New York City.

He received his Bachelor's degree from St. John's University and Master's degree from Teachers College in New York. He has presented on admissions and enrollment topics at a number of professional associations, including the National Association of College Admission Counseling, College Board, American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers and the National Association of Graduate Admission Professionals. He also recently served as Board Member and President of the National Catholic College Admissions Association. Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of College Admission Counseling.



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HERBERT J. TAYLOR

President Emidio called the meeting to order at 7:31 am. This was after many of our members had sat around the coffee machine and shared stories.

Nicki Brown, one of our newer Rotarians, was ROTD and did an excellent job. She led the pledge and provided us with an inspirational thought provided by author and psychologist, Wayne Dyer: *when you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.* Bravo.

Nicki grew up in Paradise, CA, but she and her family had moved away before that town burned down in 2018. Many of her friends are building new homes now. She attended college at BYU-Hawaii and earned her bachelor's degree at 19. She did her internship for international non-profit work at an orphanage in Tanzania. She has been working for non-profits first in finance admin and now in fundraising. Nine months ago, she came to SD for vacay. She and her French bulldog, **Frankie**, rented a boat by month. She has a sense of adventure, usually travels alone, including hiking in Figi. **Dennis Bucko** immediately recruited her for ISC. Welcome to Rotary.

Our guests were introduced including **DG Steve Weitzen**. Most of the time **Steve** shows up he's here to induct a new member. More on that later. I can't wait another minute to mention **Steve's** crazy Hawaiian shirt/hideous tie combo. Obviously, he and

President Emidio shop at the same haberdashery. **DG Steve** inducted **Raya Zakir**, formerly of Afghanistan and now proud owner of Mom's Pizza and Pasta in Sorrento Valley. If you attended the Party at The Hangar, you've tasted her food. Welcome to Rotary, also. Yes, yes **Brett** recruited her.

Guest, and today's speaker, **PDG Wade Nomura** was introduced as a Renaissance Man. Did you notice the Service Above Self pin on his lapel? This is the highest award that Rotary International bestows. In our club, only **Steve Brown** has earned that designation.

A return guest, **Jim Miceli**, was at our meeting. He is a member of the RC of Studio City-Sherman Oaks, District 5280. He's also a world-renowned stained-glass designer and **Sara's** dad.

Susan Schwartz was our fine Mistress for the Day. She had a few tidbits but first wanted to explain to our newer members the High 5 and Fine tradition. High Fives are if you have some good news to share and Fines are when one of your friends/fellow club members learned about some award you'd earned. All a good thing or honor. Going forward **Marty Rubenstein** celebrated his ¾ Century birthday and his 50-year wedding anniversary—all in the same Summer. Bev honored **Jacquie** with a High 9 who just played 9 holes for first time. Looks like she'll be following **Rich Papike**. **Sara Katz** gave a high \$20. She's been a bear this past week because her son is living in Tel Aviv

and has been spending a lot of time in bomb shelters. Hooray for the Cease Fire. **Irwin** announced his wife **Ina's** 85 birthday. A great opportunity to have friends and family into his home since the pandemic began: especially his grandson, daughter and son-in-law.

FINES: Brett was recognized for his community service by the National Mining Assn. He's worked for Photo Power for 10 years (hard to believe). **Fine Mistress Susan** noticed that **Brett's** photo she saw had no Rotary pen on display. **Brett** mentioned that only his Speedo swimsuit has Rotary insignia and offered a photo of that but was quickly declined. **Brett** then gave a High \$10 because he closed a \$100,000 deal yesterday. **Antonio Grillo-Lopez** gave a High \$10 for **Brett** being **Brett**. **Dave Weigman** gave a High \$2 for **Brett** being a great guy to fly next to.

Jacquie provided photos of Merlot Monday. I hope she passes them to our Club's website Team Leader, **Jan Bernardy**. The weather was chilly and windy but all had a good time. **President Emidio** reminded us that Merlot Monday is the 1st and 3rd Monday of month.

JUNE 8 is our District's Day at the Padres.

JUNE 5 will be the UCHS beach cleanup and more info can be found on the Surfers United website.

Nancy Gatschet announced that our club is looking for volunteers to help at the



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Festival of the Arts, a juried art show. Our club will be receiving funds based on the amount of volunteer time that we provide. Arts donation Unfortunately many of us won't be able to help because that is the weekend of the D5340 District Conference at the Hotel Del Coronado, Sept 11 and 12. We're also allowed to have a membership tent at the Festival. **President Emidio** explained that this event was started by the Kiwanians when he was a member. He left that club and joined our so the Kiwanis are now defunct but the Festivals go on.

Did you notice: **Brett** is still calling people Buddy?

PDG and today's Speaker, **Wade Nomura**, acknowledged **Brett** for joining him and others on the annual Rose Parade Float committee and **Steve Brown** for his accomplishments with global grants and helping to make the world a better place.

Wade's book started as an autobiography but he changed the mission of the book to living a life of service: **Wade** is Japanese American and his grandparents immigrated in the 1890s. He spoke solely in Japanese as a child. He is the first-born son of the first-born son so was destined to lead the family/clan. He spent a lot of time with his grandfather who taught him many life lessons.

In **Wade's** Kindergarten there were 25 students and only one minority— him. He said he was treated differently sometimes because of ancestry/ cultural—the food he ate was. He spoke Japanese fluently but

had limited English so didn't communicate well. He was provided Speech therapy in school so he could speak more English. But he was always the last person picked in sports: short, slow, fat kid—not good athlete. He was never invited to friends' houses because their parents wouldn't allow a Japanese kid in the house. Things changed in Junior HS: he grew 6 inches in 3 months and became a supper star. His confidence grew because he was now the first picked. His 7th grade teacher assigned him to detention for a week because she thought he was lying: he shared that his family was interned in a concentration camp in AZ. She insisted those camps never happened. He asked his father why this wasn't taught to his teacher and others: because it happened to only a small group of people—around 120,000.

His grandfather managed the gardens of the Montecitio home of the president of Olympics. Grandfather said: turn around and what do you see? An immaculate and impeccable garden. Then he told **Wade** to always leave the place better than when you found it. A good lesson for us all.

Many more stories to tell: went into Japanese design after college, including at low housing projects; helped young boys who kept getting kicked out of school, helped them get started in BMX racing then he became a Grand National Champion. When he raced he broke parts of his body and learned that the older he got the more difficult it was to heal. He was inducted into the Japanese

Athlete Hall of Fame and attributes his success to his wife, kids, and family who sacrificed so he could follow his dream.

He has been re-elected as the mayor of Carpinteria, CA, each time with a greater percentage of votes. He feels this is because he has high ethical standard, is a hard-working volunteer and a Rotarian.

He continues to do volunteer work because he feels you have to enjoy and invest in your own paradise and people. He is committed to working through Rotary to help other people.

His story prompted many questions and comments about prejudice or discrimination and America's current attitude of divisiveness.

Wade believes that a partial solution to the problem is to include people that have NOT been discriminated against so that all will learn. Change must be systematic and deliberate. The division story has gone too far.

EMIDIO TOOK CONTROL: thanked our speaker. Next week the speaker will be **Steve Pultz** of USD. **Linda Andrews** will be ROTD. And he left us with something to think about. Confucius says: it doesn't matter how slowly you go, as long as you don't stop.

~Reporter

Sandra Rimer

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JUNE 2021
04..... Dennis Jacobs



ROTARIAN
OF THE DAY

LINDA ANDREWS



My story begins in Pennsylvania then to Ohio then to California when I was 11. So, I consider myself basically a native Californian. I graduated from Whittier college and studied at the University of Copenhagen for a semester then did graduate work at Cal State Fullerton. I was a 1st and 2nd grade teacher for almost 9 years. Hence, my "pet" Rotary project is to try to get books in the hands of as many underserved San Diego children as possible. Over the last 4 years, or club has been able to donate over 3,500 books to the San Diego Council on Literacy! I strongly feel every child should have their own little library in their home.

I have been a travel agent, a certified interior designer and for the last 32 years I have been a Real Estate Agent. My office is in Del Mar. I work for Coldwell Banker Real Estate, The "Oldest and Largest Real Estate Company in the World". In fact, I sold Jacquie (our soon to be President) her home almost 25 years ago and she was my introduction to the "Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World." After many years of our early morning walks on the beach she finally convinced me to come to a meeting that is when I GOT HOOKED!

I have one daughter and she and her husband gave me two delightful grandchildren (8 & 10) who will be future Rotarians one day.