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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 19 2021



## SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

RI President 2021-22  
**SHEKHAR MEHTA**

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

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

## Theodora Africa VIRTUAL ASSISTANTS



JUSTINA ANSAH



MARY FIADESE



MICHAEL PODOLNY

## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 2021 - SPEAKER

26.....Dark

### DECEMBER 2021 - SPEAKER

03.....Dr. Edith Eger  
Holocaust Survivor shares stories of Inspiration

10.....California Cogs Rotary Band  
45 minutes of holiday music and fun



The Theodora Africa Team presented to the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle in November of 2020. This presentation will provide the club an update on the individuals' and the program's progress. At that original presentation, Theodora was barely six months old having struggled to launch in the face of the obstacles presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. A lot has happened since.

Presenting this talk are two of the Participants in the Theodora Africa Project, Mary Fiadese and Justina Ansaah and Founder, Michael Podolny. All are Rotarians who are members of the Rotary Club to End Human Trafficking. Mary and Justina will be discussing the growth and development they have seen in themselves and in the program's ability to fulfill its mission. Michael will be relating the opportunity expansion that has taken place organizationally.

### THE THEODORA MODEL

Theodora Africa Project provides a pathway for young African women to get out of the sex trade by training them to be virtual personal assistants specifically focused on providing small businesses in the United States with administrative assistance for tasks that never seem to get done helping those businesses become more successful. The Theodora Africa Project provides training, mentorship, and equipment to women with no other career opportunities. It trains them to be virtual personal assistants specifically focused on small business requirements in the United States. It provides a very affordable means of getting help with the tasks and projects that never seem to get done.



# REPORT

from the last meeting



NEW MEMBER



CHRISTY WHITE

Christy White is a graduate of California State University, Chico.

She earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting and a few years later became a CPA.

She has served hundreds of school districts and charter schools as an auditor, school finance consultant, professional author and trainer.

When not on the audit trail, Christy enjoys time with her husband, daughter, and their very large poodle, Oliver.

She loves to travel, music, live theatre; and youth-oriented community service projects.

President **Jacque**, recently returning from New Jersey, opened the meeting by introducing the Rotarian of the Day, **Luke Ervin**, who met with us via zoom because he is preparing for foot surgery tomorrow and we wish him well. Luke reminded us of Doris Kearns Goodwin's admonition "to be blessed by activity not cursed by it" as he summarized his busy life for us. He divides his time among his family (Greta and Era and Mac), his two Wealth Advisor jobs (USB wealth management), and occasional play. He told us about his recent fishing trip in Montana, presented some photos, and talked about a side trip to Glacier National Park where smoke from the California fires partially obscured the view. He has also resumed his interest in tennis during COVID and has been teaching his daughter to play the ukulele. He also found time to attend the World Series, rooting for the Atlanta Braves. In just six years in the Club he's become a board member and has been an avid fundraiser. He also serves on three other boards.

**Mike Selentz** introduced guests **Pam Davies, Carl Redmond** and eight rotaractors from USD. We celebrated some birthdays this month honoring **Mike Bardin, Dory Beatrice, Susan Schwarz, Pam Russell**.

### Announcements

**Chris Richards** announced that we now have donations for 96 wreaths for Miramar

National Cemetery through "Wreaths Across America". Our goal is 200 wreaths and the last day for donations is November 29th. **Nancy Gatschet** announced that we will have another on-line Silent Auction for the items collected for our cancelled Fund Raiser from November 20 – December 1. (If you snooze you lose.)

**Brett Morey** thanked the Community Service Committee for sponsoring a sign up for the annual Rose Bowl Parade Rotary float project. he also mentioned another recent surf program and a planned ugly sweater-for-surfers contest on December 7th.

### Speaker

Our own Charter Member, **Mike Bardin**, Co-chair of the Golden Triangle Rotary Club Peace Committee, and Co-founder of the District's Pathways to Peace Initiative in 2004, delivered a stimulating, thought-provoking and informative talk on "Positive Peace and Rotary". He made a strong point of distinguishing "Positive Peace" from "Negative Peace", explaining that "Negative Peace" is simply the absence of violence which often leaves unresolved conflicts. "Positive Peace", on the other hand, is more than simply absent of wars or violent conflict but includes making changes in attitudes, economics, and social constructs for long term stability. Mike noted that The Institute for Economics and Peace has published a

global peace index covering 182 countries regarding their level of "peacefulness" and uses the 8 "Pillars of Positive Peace" criteria to rank nations regarding their ability to provide the following: Sound business environments, good relations with neighbors, low levels of corruption, well functioning governments, high levels of human capital, acceptance of the rights of others, a free flow of information, and equitable distribution of resources. Rotary International, which has partnered with over half a dozen other international "Peace Partners", has identified seven areas of focus of support for projects that have a strong overlap with the concept of "Positive Peace" in the world. These Areas include the following: Peace and conflict resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, economic and community development, and environmental improvement.

The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club has been deeply involved in peace projects Through our Central Asia water project, Peace Scholars at UCSD, Peace Pole at Preuss school.

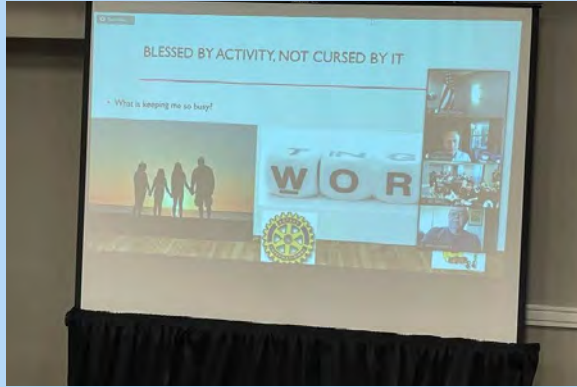
We closed after being treated to another fabulous **Rick Clark** Production's video creation in honor of Veteran's Day.

~Reporter

*Dennis Bucko*



# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



## THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO



01

IS IT THE TRUTH?



02

IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?



03

WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

04

WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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TREASURER .....	Sharon Council
SECRETARY .....	Nancy Gatschet
PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION .....	Emidio DelConte



**NOVEMBER 2021**  
 November 26 - Dark

**DECEMBER 2021**  
 December 03 - Dennis Bucko  
 December 10 - California Cogs



**ROTARIAN**  
 OF THE DAY

**BRADLEY DAY**

Born and raised in Glendale, California, Bradley came to San Diego in 2013 to study at UC San Diego.

He initially majored in psychology; however, he learned about cognitive science in his first year and, for some reason he does not completely understand, changed majors.

In his second year, he took a user experience design class as part of his cognitive science core courses and thoroughly enjoyed it!

Thus, he moved forward with a specialization in human computer interaction.

However, he does not like computers. Confused yet? So is he.

What he did enjoy was learning to empathize with people in their lived experiences, telling stories that clearly expressed needs from those experiences, and thinking creatively with a team to meet those needs, thus guaranteeing the products made are “user-friendly”.



Within the major, this thought process is principally applied to computers and online interfaces, as that is where the money and industry are.

However, Bradley is more interested in using this thought process to foster community and inform the public. How, you may ask? Again, we’re all confused.