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SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

OCTOBER 2020- SPEAKER

16.....Chairman America's Research | Sr Economics Advisor
Spencer Levy

23.....Solar
James Kennedy

30.....Mark Sauer/KPBS

NOVEMBER 2020- SPEAKER

06.....Community Service

13.....Mary Johnson - 2 reformed felons tell their success stories
Mary Johnson

20.....Theodora Africa
Michael Podolny

27.....DARK

DECEMBER 2020- SPEAKER

04.....Museum of Contemporary Art
Kathryn Kanjo



Lisa Larkin is the Senior project manager at Tandem Diabetes Care. She is a high performing professional with extensive hands-on global and domestic project management expertise with excellent knowledge of drug development and clinical operations. She's been involved with Pharmaceutical (CMC) Research & Development, Strategic Outsourcing/Vendor Management & Oversight, Drug Development Methodology, and Phase I, II, III, IV Clinical Trial Experience, BE/BA Studies. Her PH.D supervisor is quoted as saying "At every turn, Lisa has followed closely the high ethical standards necessary for the exceptionally sensitive work that I have assigned her...She is a very motivated young adult with exceptional commitment to bettering her performance...With tongue in cheek, my only regret with Lisa is that each additional task I send her way brings out new abilities and reminds me how difficult it will be to replace her."

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REPORT

from the 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?

In the tradition of Old Timers' Day, the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club welcomed **Rick Binder** to ponch hit for **President Emidio**. **Rick** started the meeting promptly at 7:30. He hasn't lost a step.

ROTARIAN OF THE DAY

This week's ROTD was **Brett Morey**, perhaps the most dynamic Rotarian in the Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the world. We learned, among other things, that **Brett** was born in Whittier Ca. best known as the birthplace of **Bill Keane**. **Brett** attended San Dieguito High School and graduated in 1990. He met **Holly** while in college. **Brett** works predominantly in the mining industry and has a special interest in Tonka trucks. Among the myriad of activities filling **Brett's** schedule is his work with 100 Waves Challenge, Boys to Men mentoring, the Virtual polio walk, resurrecting the Interact Club at University City High School, and being there for each and every one of us and others with whom he has crossed paths.

GUESTS

I tried to be as complete and accurate as possible, but if I have left out any guests or misspelled any names I apologize. Guests attending were **Margot Ermer**, **Brett's** friend **Clay Iphone** (the name listed on his zoom box), **Sheila's** significant other **Lyle**, **Toby Johnson**, **Ubaldo Martinez Flores**, **Alex Wickland** (President of the University City HS Interact), **Xochil Zarate** (Co-President of UCSD Rotaract), and **Neira Ibrahimovic** (former UCHS Interact President).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Merlot Monday will take place this coming Monday and the

first and third Monday of each month. Chick **President Emidio's** weekly message for sign-on information.

There will be a mini Road Rally on October 24. Contact **Ron Kohl** if you wish to participate.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH LUCIA CATANO

Supporting **Lucia** were her advisory teacher **Marsha Greco**, as well as the following faculty and guidance members: **Shaoni Banty**; **David Weber**; **Erin Patrick**; **Stephanie Garcia**; **Indira Hood Esparza**.

Lucia spoke of her journey through high school with the background of many obstacles at home. She described how she came to terms with overcoming these obstacles to improve her grades and still participate actively in service activities. **Lucia** shone a light on the difficulties of balancing school, work and child care against the background of Covid. Her service activities include Chelsea's Light Peer Mentoring, Director of Outreach for ASB, Member of Rho Kappa History Honor Society, and Editor in Chief of the School Newspaper. She plans to attend a small liberal arts college to study psychology. We wish **Lucia** the best and look forward to hearing great things about her in the future.

SPEAKER OF THE DAY INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chairman **Dennis Bucko** introduced the committee and asked all to check our webpage to see the many projects that the committee oversees. Today, 2 areas of their work was presented.

Fary Moini gave an overview of

some of the work that she and **Steve Brown** have accomplished in Afghanistan. We have, as a Club, been involved there for 18 years during which time we have fulfilled the Rotary goals of promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, supporting mothers and children, and growing the economy. **Fary** highlighted our work with Heart Surgery for the children of Afghanistan. It began with sending several children to Israel for surgery at "Save a Child's Heart." The program has evolved to a relationship with the Sanjeevani Heart Center in India. In both cases, the children received life-saving heart surgery with the only expense being their transportation. The relationship with India has grown to a program to train Afghani surgeons to perform heart surgery at a clinic in Kabul. **Fary** reflected on how the seeds we have planted in Afghanistan have sprouted and grown to the benefit of many.

Nancy Gatschet spoke about her project in Moshi, Tanzania. The roots of her project began when her daughter, **Stephanie**, worked in an orphanage in Moshi. **Nancy** visited last October and visited, worked, and became involved in that orphanage. Other the tutelage of **Mama Faraji**, it had grown and expanded to classrooms and a dormitory as well as a site of vocational training for the older former residents. The Lions Club donated a medical clinic, but there was little equipment or supplies. **Nancy** was able to juggle some monies originally dedicated to another grant with matching funds to send \$10,000 to the clinic for supplies. She intends to visit again and continue this work in Tanzania.



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16..... Frank McGrath
23..... Nancy Gatschet
30..... Open

NOVEMBER 2020

06..... Open
13..... Melanie Geschwind



ROTARIAN
OF THE DAY



Bonnie Arora

I grew up in Stockton, California and, later, attended San Jose State University where I got my Bachelor's Degree in Economics. My passion was intercultural study and after always being involved in every intercultural program on campus and knowing all the foreign students I was finally hired by the Foreign Student Advisor to do what I loved to do and get paid for it. There I met **Krishna Arora**, a grad student from India, studying Electrical Engineering. We decided to get married, had a Catholic wedding ceremony in Stockton and then flew to India for a Hindu ceremony. Then we moved to Chicago where **Krishna** had his first job. I completed my Master's Degree at Northeastern Illinois University and soon after that **Krishna** received a job offer from General Dynamics in San Diego.

After a number of years of flexible jobs so I could focus on family activities I began working at General Dynamics in Quality Assurance and then joined

Qualcomm's International Marketing Department. I later transferred to Configuration Management before retiring from Qualcomm in 1999.

We have three children and five grandchildren. Our oldest son is an allergist and lives in Lexington, Kentucky, with his wife and 3 sons. Our daughter lives in San Diego and has 2 daughters. Our youngest son was married in 2018 and is currently living in London and working for a growing New York based start-up company. By night he is a musician.

When we retired we planned to make one Hindu pilgrimage and one Catholic pilgrimage to draw us closer to our cultures. The Hindu pilgrimage took us to the 4 corners of India, including the Himalayas, the origination of India's sacred rivers. The Catholic pilgrimage has taken us on continuous treks along Spain's Camino de Santiago.

Because of these two journeys our lives

have evolved in ways unexpected. We've become deeply involved with projects for two NGOs in India and for an isolated community in Peru, and we've been able to trace our roots leading us to unbelievable discoveries. In the process we were also introduced to the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club. We feel so fortunate!

