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By leveraging his 23 years of experience in commercial real estate, including the past 11 at CBRE, Spencer has redefined the role of research leader. Spencer combines his experience as a lawyer, investment banker and capital markets leader to create presentations that go deep and touch on all aspects of commercial real estate. Combined with his unique and engaging presenting style, this makes him one of the most respected commentators and advisors in the business. Spencer regularly speaks at major events of the country's leading commercial real estate organizations, including CORENET, NAIOP, ULI, ICSC, NAREIM and CREW. He also has guest lectured at major universities, including his alma maters Harvard and Cornell, in addition to Columbia, NYU, Johns Hopkins, Indiana, Georgetown, Pitt, Auburn and many others. Spencer is a recipient of multiple industry awards, including the CORENET Luminary Award for Excellence in Public Speaking, the CBRE Trammell Crow Master Builder Award, the CBRE Gary J. Bebon Teamwork Award, the CBRE Capital Markets "MVP", and was named a State of Maryland Influencer in Real Estate.

*While a New Yorker for most of his life, Spencer currently hails from Baltimore and is a proud husband of 19 years and father of three children. Spencer sits on the boards of the Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women and Harvard Alumni Real Estate.*

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## Rotary Opens Opportunities

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**EMIDIO DELCONTE**

## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

### OCTOBER 2020- SPEAKER

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

11.....Voice of San Diego  
Scott Lewis

# 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?

HERBERT J. TAYLOR

Jacquie welcomed all Rotarians and guests to "The Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World."

Our Rotarian of the Day was **Bonnie Arora** who led us in the Pledge then followed with a few words from Mahatma Gandhi. "The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer." It has been a crazy year. Like everyone else **Bonnie's** travel plans were cancelled and she and **Krishna** had to make the difficult decision to cancel their Rotary Fundraiser just two days before they were scheduled to leave. This time last year **Krishna** and **Bonnie** were walking their Camino number 13 – 434 miles along the Via de la Plata. During that trip they were able to locate the burial places of several of her ancestors from 21, 22, and 23 generations back. Today her reality is filled with family gatherings via Zoom, reconnecting with friends and relatives, morning walks along the harbor, Zumba, managing Zoom socials with neighbors, and supporting local businesses and restaurants. With beauty shops closed she stopped coloring her hair and is embracing her new look – she feels free being herself and is rocking the new look! She and **Krishna** have also researched their family history and published books consolidating all the information they have found. She started taking classes at San Diego Oasis and invites everyone to join their virtual tech fair for seniors from October 20

through 23. You can register at <https://san-diego.oasisnet.org/>.

Our guests included **Matt Shillingburg** who is passionate about our veterans and lives right around the corner from Brett, and SDSU Rotaractor **Grace Markel**.

**Jacquie** had two announcements. First, the Virtual Polio Walk organized by the PB Rotaract Club will take place from October 24 through 31. **Brett** added that he has been organizing this event for zones 26 and 27 which basically encompasses the entire western region. For more information click on the link in **Emidio's** last e-mail. Second, the District is hosting an anti-human trafficking workshop on October 13 and 22. **Kim** hopes you consider joining. For more information go to Newsbits. **Ron Kohl** reminded us that the Road Rally is two weeks from tomorrow (October 24). 11 cars are going and they will end up in Temecula. The cost is \$30 per person. **Ron** will e-mail the details to those that are interested. **Rick Clarke** updated us on **Emidio** and **Doreen's** flight around the country in **Emidio's** 6-passenger plane. Austin; New Orleans; Stewart, Florida; the Wright Brothers Memorial; the new aerospace museum in Washington; and Maine are some of the highlights so far and they were planning to fly along the Hudson River, over Manhattan, and around the Statue of Liberty that day.

Since Q-Fest was cancelled we want to show some gratitude to our sponsors and have invited

them to speak to our Club. **Luke** introduced **Tom Gotfredson** (**Rich Papike's** sponsor) who is the first in the speaker series. **Tom** is with Blanchard Krasner & French. He has 39 years' experience in estate planning, real property law, and business transactions. **Tom** shared some potential estate plan changes if **Joe Biden** were to be elected.

**Nancy** introduced our speaker **Lisa Larkin** who spoke to us about drug development. **Lisa** has over 14 years' experience working with leading research universities and dynamic biopharmaceutical companies. The big picture... On average it takes 12 to 15 years to bring a drug to market and the cost is about a billion dollars. A large number of prospective drugs will never make it to market. There are two key players. The first player is the FDA. The FDA is responsible for protecting and promoting public health. The second player is the top 20 global pharmaceutical companies. The process consists of five stages: 1. discovery and development, 2. preclinical research, 3. clinical development, 4. FDA review, and 5. post-market monitoring.

**Jacquie**, a blonde before the pandemic, ended the meeting with a blonde joke.

**Kim** will be running next week's meeting, **Frank McGrath** will be the Rotarian of the Day, and our speaker will be **Spencer Levy** who will be speaking to us about the economy.



# La Jolla Golden Triangle ROTARY CLUB

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### OCTOBER 2020

23..... Nancy Gatschet  
30..... Open

### NOVEMBER 2020

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



ROTARIAN  
OF THE DAY

**My poor parents,** I was born and two weeks later, the Market crashed. My parents must have thought, what else can go wrong! I grew up to be the only guy from Brooklyn who **DID NOT** become famous. That is, until I joined the most dynamic Rotary Club in the World. I was lucky enough to be a charter member back in 1986. There were about 30 men and one very attractive lady, Jan Percival. None of us knew what we were doing but our well-intentioned hearts were in the right place and it sure turned out well. I was discharged from the Marine Base at Pendleton and I love the work we've done for those brave men and women who keep us safe.

After my time in the Corps, I went to work locally for Mercury Records and then to Capitol Records where I became the National Sales Coordinator and then spent time in Boston, NYC and Miami as Division Manager for the states in those areas. Turning down a promotion which would have necessitated another move, I returned to San Diego and joined a friend in the agency business. Closed shop after three years and joined KGB-FM radio, first locally and then as the National Sales Manager. Retired but was asked to handle the radio and TV advertising for a car dealer and did that for three years.

I finally retired in 2001 and have devoted my time with my lovely wife **Jean** in travel, visiting 40 countries and enjoying 9 Jazz Cruises, mostly in the Caribbean. Spend my time playing tennis, supporting local musicians touting Rotary and enjoying the wonderful friends that I'm blessed to have.

*I'm humbled in the company of the members of our Club and thank all of you for your good works and for your friendship.*



**FRANK**  
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