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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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## Rotary Opens Opportunities

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**STEVE WEITZEN**

LJGT Rotary President 2020-21  
**EMIDIO DELCONTE**

## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

### OCTOBER 2020- SPEAKER

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

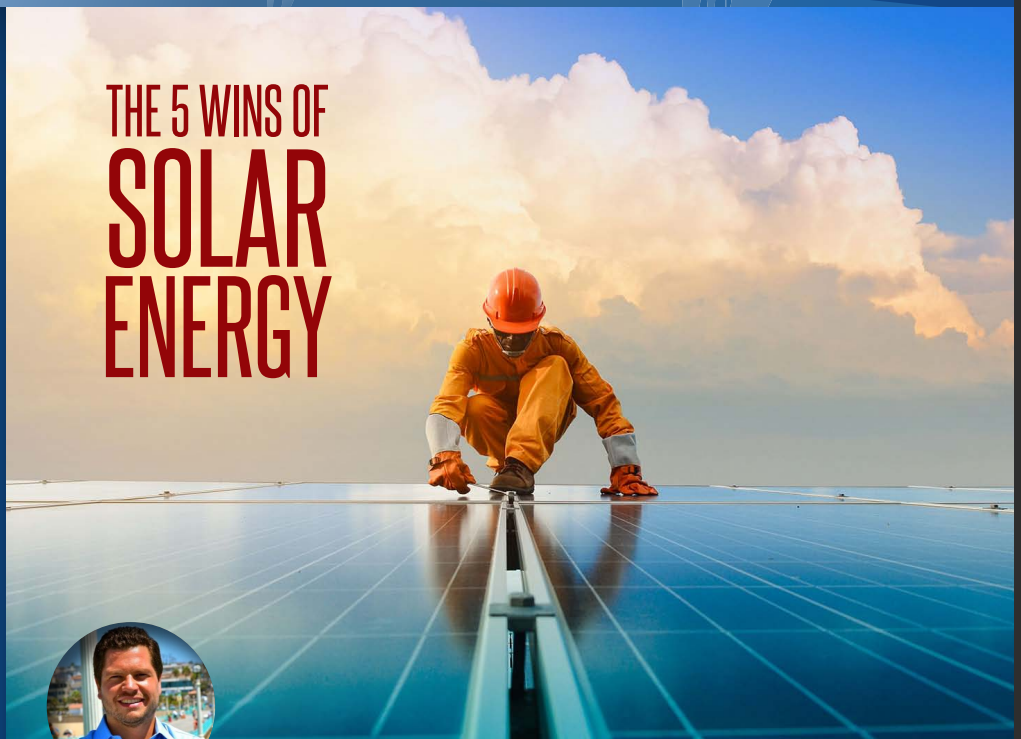
### DECEMBER 2020- SPEAKER

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

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

18..... Cogs Playing

## THE 5 WINS OF SOLAR ENERGY



**JAMES KENNEDY** is the Founder, President, and CEO of **Beach Cities Solar Consulting LLC**, with Global Corporate Headquarters based in San Juan Puerto Rico and remote offices in cities throughout the state of California. **Beach Cities Solar Consulting LLC** is an education based solar consulting firm that works with homeowners, business owners, and corporations to provide them with turnkey solutions to go solar, save money, and become energy independent.

**James** has consulted on over 100 commercial and residential

solar installations throughout California, New Mexico, New York, and Puerto Rico. James splits his time between Puerto Rico and Manhattan Beach and cares deeply about protecting the environment for future generations and getting America off fossil fuels for good. James is the Vice President of the San Juan Rotary Club and recently published *Solar Energy Secrets For Homeowners* (available on Amazon). He is giving a complimentary copy of his book to all of our club's Rotarians.



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# REPORT

from the last meeting



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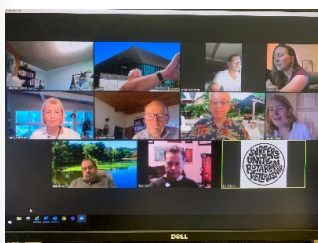
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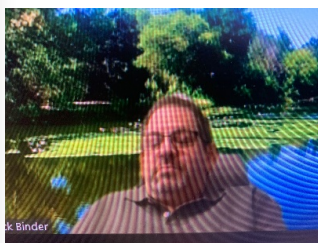
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Our Pre-meeting taking on a different look these days.



Rick, we can see that your texting, I doubt it can be more important than our pre-meeting conversations?



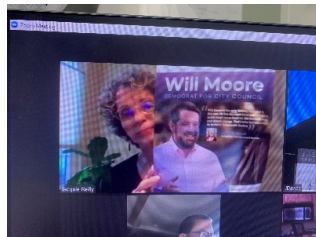
Nancy shared with us her great experience at Sharp Hospital. Surprisingly she found the food delightful and recommends the soup with pine nuts. I wonder if we can order take out?



Time for our weekly breakout room, most the time I find myself alone. Not his week, thanks Jacquie!



Ellen gives a shout out for the ring case that she purchased to store her wedding ring while getting her nails done, the case was huge!!

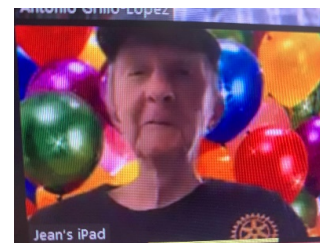


Jacquie gives some kudos to our own Will Moore as he seeks office this November.



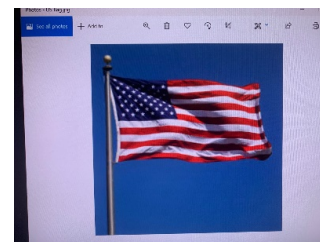
Is it the camera angle or is Alex going large on his coffee these

days, perhaps it is the newborn, hang in their buddy!



Rotarian of the Day:

Jacquie introduced our Rotarian of the Day, and birthday boy (91) years young and my sponsor, Frank McGrath.



We started our meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance"

Frank shared his incredible life journey.

He considered joining the army but decided he did not look good in brown, so he joined the Marines. Note: Frank is colored blind... just kidding! Thank you, Frank, for your dedication and service.

Speaking of dedication, Frank is a Charter member of our club back in 1986.

He left us with some kind words, humbled in the company of the members of



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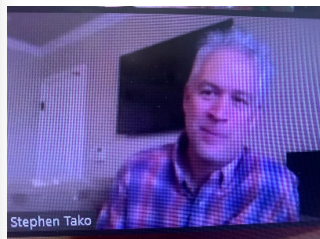
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our Club and thanked all of us for our good works and for our friendship, enjoy life and keep dancing.....

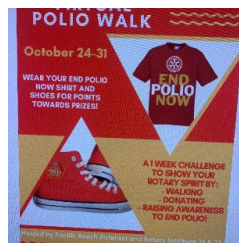


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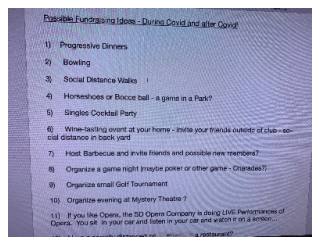
Ranjan introduced Stephen Tako and Brett introduced Brian Eichenberg

Announcements:

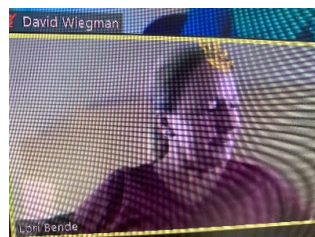
- Kim – Upcoming anti-trafficking event on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.



- Brett -Upcoming Virtual Polio Walk



- Jacquie -Potential Fund-raising options
- Will Moore shared with us as part of his upcoming wedding he has asked that people make donations to our Rotary Club!
- Alex Monroe spoke on Club Foundation donations



Jacquie asked our designated "Fine Master" Lori Bende sporting a virtual crown to enlighten us with fines to Will Moore, and Rick Binder.

High \$5 included:

- Erik Freeberg announcing his new granddaughter, Audrey Grace
- Birthday announcements: Brett (48) years + plus his years of hosting the 100 waves event for a donation total of \$56, I cannot wait til you get older...
- Alex drinking wine and working out of Paso Robles

or was it the other way around?

- Jacquie read to the club one of the humorous cards she received for her birthday, something having to do with a potbelly.



Our guest speaker, Spencer Levy, Chairman of American Research and Senior Economic Advisor for CBRE, the largest commercial real estate firm in the world.

Spencer provided us with an update on the overall US economy, potential impact of the upcoming election.

He provided input on how specific market sectors such as industrial, commercial, office and retail will fare in the next few years.

Technology and Cold storage investments doing well.

Locally Data Centers and Life Science businesses located in San Diego are serving the local economy.

- Housing – high density sales has slowed in the downtown area suburbs home pricing is up and "hot"



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- Office – 1-2 year turn around reduce number of long-term leases. Impact of working out of the home lasting impact – unknown. Note: Recent Study- Working from home is not as productive, soft skills suffer.

- Retail and Hotel may take 3 years to turn around especially those facilities tied to tourism.

- Election Impact – Does not see real impact to the USA overall Macro economy /GPD

- Good deals on crew ships tours.
- Discussed potential impacts if the Democrats win (Short term) versus the Republicans (Long Term)

Spencer completed his presentation and fielded some Questions from club members

Jacquie concluded the club meeting with a joke about some complimentary peanuts.



Note: I was out floating in Mission Bay and witnessed some real ingenuity, double surfboard with electric motor, double seats and room for a cooler.

# La Jolla Golden Triangle ROTARY CLUB

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## LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2020 - 2021

PRESIDENT ..... Emidio DelConte  
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PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT (2022-23) ..... Dennis Bucko  
TREASURER ..... Sharon Council  
SECRETARY ..... Nancy Gatschet  
PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION ..... Kimberly Schafer



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ROTARIAN  
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### NANCY GATSCHET

Happily retired, I'm busier than I've ever been! Of course, there's Rotary – you all know what I do here! I serve on the Boards of two non-profits – one local and one national. I am a grandmother – one granddaughter here (lots of time with this 5-year-old!) and one grandson (11) on the east coast in North Carolina. I had an active dog walking/pet sitting business until January when California passed AB-5 making it illegal for my independent contractor walkers and sitters to remain independent. With no easy way to make them employees, I shut the active business down but still have clients that I cared for personally. Some members of this club got me moving again with a physical challenge – we all set our own goals. With the commitment to meeting those goals, I have upped my activity levels which is always good. And there are always my 2 little dogs to walk 3x daily!

In my talk I will share something about the Patient Empowerment Network, the national and virtual cancer support non-profit on whose Board I serve. My other passion is music education for children. Advocates for Classical Music, in normal years, go into elementary school classrooms to prepare the students for a field trip to a concert – either by the Symphony or by Classics4Kids. We share information about the instruments and the orchestra, the composers, some musical terms based on the performance they will hear, and of course, preview the music because we generally enjoy music we have heard before. I go to the Symphony (well – I used to . . .) and see mostly folks who look like me. I am trying to help grow an appreciative audience for the future!



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