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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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ROTARY**

RI President 2022-23
JENNIFER JONES

District 5340 Governor 2022-23
CHARLES PRETTO

LJGT Rotary President 2022-23
NANCY GATSCHET

SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2022 - SPEAKER

23..... Dr. "Bowtie" Todd Jenkins - Zoom
Moving from Diversity to Inclusion



How well do you know your fellow Rotarians? Join us Thursday evening and find out! Who played Santa at PetSmart?



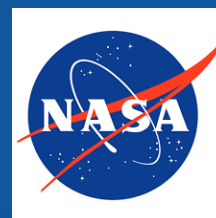
Who survived the 7th grade humiliation of the German teacher marrying a sibling?



Who made Hershey's Peanut Butter Cups (for real)?



Who worked for the manned space program at NASA?



Come on Thursday and see lots more!!



REPORT

from the last meeting



THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

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IS IT THE TRUTH?

President Nancy kicked off the meeting with a warm welcome to Rotarians and guests. She then turned the meeting over to **Ajay Asher**, our Rotarian of the Day. Ajay commenced with an inspirational story regarding faith, trust, hope, confidence, love and attitude.

Ajay shared photos of Moshi, the capital of the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania, where he was born and raised and joined the family business after college. In 1998, he and his wife decided to move to San Diego with their two daughters and in San Diego he started his printing business, Replica San Diego.

Post Covid, the family did lots of traveling and reuniting with other members of the family. Ajay shared photos of his wife, Malini and their daughters, Krupa and Bhumi in Europe and visits to many places in the US. The travels included Sequoia National Park, Kauai, Joshua Tree, Boston and Maine and also a spiritual retreat in San Diego, which Ajay described as motivating, colorful and joyful. Lastly, he shared his continued satisfaction as owner of Replica San Diego. Thanks to Ajay for all his contributions to our club and also for his weekly printing of our newsletter!

Nancy related a story regarding Ajay. She wanted to go to a Rotary club in Moshi and asked **Steve Brown** if he knew anyone who could help. Needless to say, Ajay helped Nancy make connections & eased the way for her.

Steve Brown announced there was a retirement party for **Cynthia Willis** at USD last week. He said it was evident how much she was admired by her colleagues and how much she accomplished in her 35 years there. She oversaw three programs which helped

first generation Americans or disadvantaged students and obtained 18 million dollars for USD through grants. She touched many lives throughout her career.

Rick Clark showed us the beautiful new brochure for our club. As the graphic designer, **Nikki Brown** did a phenomenal job creating the brochure. We now have something which we can hand out to potential new members. We also got new banner signs which can be used at all events in the future.

Linda Stouffer-Wallis reminded us about Bonnie and Krishna's 50th anniversary party on September 17th. Tacos, cupcakes and other drinks will be provided - but bring your own alcoholic drinks. It will be a grand celebration in honor of Bonnie and Krishna.

Kim Schafer announced one of the safe homes for victims of human trafficking is closing. Information is forthcoming.

Linda Andrews is collecting books at the meeting next Thursday evening, the last day of collection.

Brett Morey applauded all who helped at the Ronald McDonald House. Rotary presented a \$500 dollar check. Books were given to the children by Linda Andrews and Nikki Brown read to the children.

The 100 Wave Challenge benefit for Boys to Men on October 8th will need volunteers to pick up coffee and tea.

Brett also announced the "Life Goes On" event at La Jolla Shores on September 17th. Ranjan will be assisting at this event. High 5 **Dianne Day** - Grand niece is starting college this year.

Our speaker was **Andy Blue**, who is currently Campus Director of Project Wildlife Ramona, where

they care for 1500 injured or orphaned animals per year which includes mountain lions, bears, coyotes and raptors.

Andy presented us with an engaging talk about the facilities' functions and told us some heartwarming stories about saving the creatures who share this region with us. Project Wildlife was founded in 1972 and includes two facilities. In 2014, the facilities merged with San Diego Humane Society, which provides a major resource for Project Wildlife.

"Rescue, Rehab and Release" is the major expectation for the injured or orphaned animal. Most animals that come to them are compromised in some way so the facilities are essentially hospitals for the animals. He shared photos of several of the animals they have worked with, including a mountain lion that was recently released and two orphaned bear cubs that will be shipped to an Amarillo TX zoo. The facilities rehabilitate about 300 species of birds and mammals with about 15,000 patients per year between the two facilities. Other than animal rehabilitation, a lot of their work is guiding people on how to coexist with animals and what to do with an injured animal.

At the end of his talk, **Nancy** mentioned the desire for Rotary to assist with building some structures on the property. A nice walkway to the property would be particularly helpful, allowing Andy and his staff to welcome more visitors and educate them about the needs of the wildlife in San Diego.

~Reporter

Janine Pack



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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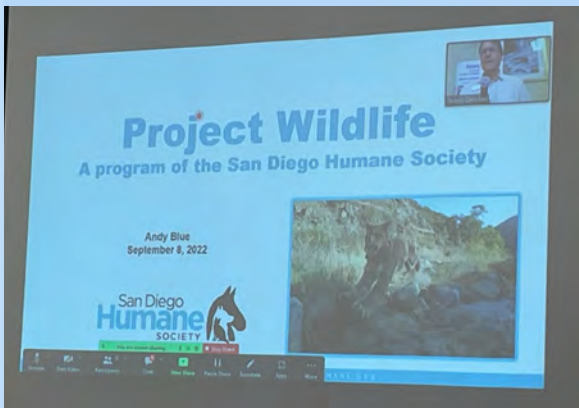
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