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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2022 - SPEAKER

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



ANDY BLUE



PROJECT WILDLIFE

I worked for the San Diego Zoo for over 30 years and was based at the Safari Park. I have been an animal keeper, animal care manager, and retired an Associate Curator of Mammals. I was mainly responsible for animal shipments, exhibit design, and animal welfare.

My work took me all over the world including Africa, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, India, and South America. I was also a member of the opening team at Disney's Animal Kingdom in Florida I have always been interested in improving animal welfare and wildlife trafficking and am currently working on projects in Ukraine, Somalia, Iraq, and Cuba.

I have been with the San Diego Humane Society for four years and am currently the Campus Director of Project Wildlife Ramona where we care for 1500 injured or orphaned animals a year including Mountain Lions, Bears, Coyotes, and Raptors.





REPORT

from the last meeting



THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

01

IS IT THE TRUTH?

President Nancy opened the meeting and introduced Rotarian Of The Day **Lori Bende**.

Lori shared her emotional story about the challenges of the past couple of years, particularly raising teenagers during COVID and teen mental health struggles, along with an upended European river cruise vacation that unexpectedly turned into a Bende family reunion. Her perseverance and positivity is an inspiration to us all. We are fortunate to have Lori and the Bende's in our Rotary family.

Announcements:

- Nancy announced that our next Club meeting will be a Thursday evening meeting with the patio available.

- Community service is meeting today

- We need drivers for Louise Andres so she can get to our Club meetings.

- Need a couple of volunteers for the Club's Assessment (how is our club doing)

- Please contact Niki Brown about the Seawolves initiative

High Fives:

Kathleen: High 39 for David Tansey's 39th Birthday (there appears to be a recurring theme here)

Jacquie: We are fortunate to have Clean water unlike in Jackson Mississippi

Kevin Carlson: Coles Flooring is donating \$18k in carpet for Police Project, Retired now living a rough life between San Diego, Park City and Kauai.

Sarah and Jan: Made tribute

to **Dan Mitrovich** (in matching Mitrovich jerseys) to honor the Mitrovich family and all they have done a for the San Diego community.

Dan also made a heartfelt acknowledgement of being a founder of this Club and what that meant. He spoke about the history behind the groundbreaking of the Costa Verde shopping center (which put a serious dent into a vibrant rattlesnake population). In a donation to the Club, Dan auctioned off the groundbreaking shovel resulting in a spirited bidding war between **Brett Morey** and **Jan Percival** where Brett ultimately came away with the prized artifact.

In conjunction with introducing our weekly speaker Brett made the following volunteer announcements:

- Ronald McDonald House San Diego, Saturday September 3rd @5PM

- Life Rolls On La Jolla Shores, September 17th – Please contact Ranjan who will be leading this event

- Nissan Supergirl Pro in Oceanside,) Sept 16th – 18th - Great opportunity to volunteer while watching the top women surfers in the world compete.

- 100 Wave Challenge at Cardiff Reef, October 8th - Could use volunteers for various event logistics and tent. Proceeds from the 100 Wave Challenge goes to benefit the Boys To Men charity.

Speaker:

Joe Sigurdson, Co-Founder and Chief Development Officer of Boys to Men
Joe offered a highly engaging presentation about the

foundation and impactful work of the non-profit organization Boys to Men. The mission of Boys to Men Our mission is to build communities of male role models who, through consistent group mentoring, encourage and empower teenage boys to follow their dreams. Every week, their mentors show up at middle schools, high schools, and community centers to give teenage boys a community of men who listen, encourage, and empower them. Approximately 40% of the boys participating in their programs are growing up without a father.

His dedication to helping youth others started with his upbringing which included a strong culture of activism and two parents who were highly passionate about prison reform. He also shared his own personal story about struggling with substance abuse and fatherhood as a young man and how this shaped his experience and motivation. Boys without dads are 20 times more likely to go to prison and there needs to be a process for them to externalizing their anger and emotions.

At the foundation of their program is a weekend long right of passage and mentorship experience for boys – that is tailored to their needs. They are building a community from shared experience. The focus is on 7th and 8th graders and they currently have 33 schools under contract. 1000 kids go through their program each week in program, and their program has serviced over 12000 boys in total!

~Reporter

Erik Mjoen

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WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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SERVICE EVENT - Ronald McDonald House



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IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

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WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?



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I was born in a small town of Moshi on the foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. While in high school and college I was introduced to Interact Club and Rotaract Club and then became a member of Rotary Club of Kilimanjaro as well as a Paul Harris Fellow. After I finished my school and college I joined our family business of several decades in Tanzania in 1979 and got married to Malini in 1983.

We decided to migrate to USA in 1998 with our two beautiful daughters Krupa and Bhumi and started a digital printing business called Replica San Diego which is located on Miramar Road. We have state of art equipment in our 3000+ sq.ft. facility and cater to large and small businesses in the community as well as major schools and health organizations around San Diego. We also provide Notary services.

I was introduced to our LJGT Rotary Club in 2005 by Jan Percival and have been printing the Golden Rotarian since then and keeping up with the weekly challenge has always been exciting. I appreciate the help I get every week particularly this year from Will, Stephen, Brett and Garry to make this happen.

It has been 24 years since we moved here from Tanzania and a lot of good things have happened to my family. My wife, Malini finished her Masters in Education from UCSD and is an elementary teacher, a job she is so passionate about and it seems she is working even more during these times to help her kids. Our older daughter Krupa finished her Masters in Development Management from LSE, UK and is currently working her dream job at Google and younger daughter Bhu-

mi finished her Bachelors from Whit-tier College and is currently doing her Masters at North Eastern University in Boston as well as working at the same school as Assistant Director of Student Services.

Besides working, we like to travel and try to take a couple of trips in a year. I am a Cricket(sport) fan and follow this sport around the world. I also enjoy music and did take Drumming lessons for a couple of years which was a lot of fun. I have a team of friends and we serve breakfast at the shelter for homeless every Sunday morning since last 15 years or so. I speak multiple languages including Swahili and Hindi.

I look forward to our Friday meetings every week and feel blessed to be a member of our Rotary Club - The Most Dynamic Rotary Club in The World!