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Friday, May 15, 2020—12:00
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
Mauricio Lutteroth



This week, Club member Mauricio Lutteroth, will present on his passion for reptiles. He is a big snake aficionado and will share his knowledge and experience. We will no doubt be meeting some of his closest friends—in the safety of our Zoom meeting.

Ball pythons are one of the most common reptiles bred in captivity. These snakes usually lay one clutch per year and the eggs hatch around sixty days later. Usually these eggs are artificially incubated in a captive environment at temperatures between 88-90 degrees Fahrenheit.

In captivity, ball pythons are often bred for specific patterns. While most of them are solely cosmetic, some have come under controversy due to inherited physical or cognitive defects associated with the inherited pattern. Captive ball pythons are available in hundreds of different color patterns. Some of the most common are pastel, albino, mojave, lesser, and axanthic. Breeders are continuously creating new designer morphs, and over 6,500 different morphs currently exist.



Meeting Highlights of May 8, 2020

CLUB BOARD MEETING
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After a short time in small groups, President Bob Silvas called the meeting to order with his virtual bell. He welcomed our guests which included Past President Steve Miesen, member-elect Albert Aguilera and Joshua Flint, grandson of Diane Flint Wages and a big fan of Republic Services. He has his own hat and trash can.

Rotarians joining us for the first time on Zoom included Brad Wilson, Sonny Rai and Michael Simonsen. – so wonderful to see them!

President-elect Zaneta Encarnacion gave the invocation:

Thank you Lord for the time we have together. Thank you for all the relationships represented in this room. And we pray for those who are not here today.

The world needs Rotarians now more than ever. Thank you that we have the opportunity to serve others.

We pray for our leadership, our first responders, our community and all those impacted by the virus.



President Bob had Sonny Rai introduce a news story about his brother, Ajit, an anesthesiologist who volunteered to work in New York. It was an interesting and inspirational piece.

Sonny added their parents have always encouraged them to give back to their communities – although Ajit did not mention he was going to his parents beforehand. He has also worked with Doctors Without Borders in the Middle East.



Jesse Fernandez provided an update on the 39 applications received for the two scholarships for each of the five schools. The committee has screened all of them and will contact the recipients.

We will have a Zoom Scholarship Awards Program on May 29th.

Carmen Sandoval provided an update on the International Projects Committee—Project Mercy Home Build, which is postponed until further notice. We are in contact with everyone involved.

No idea how it happened—but Michael Simonsen is crossed into Joshua Flint's photo. (!)



NEWS AT NOON BY BETTY WAZNIS

Welcome Rotarians and guests to today's Jim Biddle News at Noon, and a special welcome to our speaker Giovanna Castro of Republic Services. San Diego County officials said Wednesday that they expect to hit a goal of more than 5,000 daily coronavirus tests in the near future. Our three new state-funded county test sites had some glitches last week, but now appear to be running smoothly. A doctor referral is not needed. The Chula Vista site is the former Sears store at Chula Vista Center. Tests are free. Appointments can be made online at lhi.care/covidtesting or by calling (888) 634-1123.

The City of Chula Vista has developed its own reopening guidelines and will authorize some limited lifting of restrictions today. The city is still seeing higher rates of infection compared to other parts of the county. Sharp Chula Vista and Scripps Mercy Chula Vista report a higher number of Covid patients than other county hospitals. So the city is reopening with caution. Today Chula Vista city parks and some businesses will open on a limited basis. Business openings may include florists, clothing stores, sporting good stores, and other retailers, and may be for pick up only. Also starting today, parks and dog runs will reopen for some activities from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Limited uses include walking, jogging, running, hiking, bike riding, standing, sitting, and laying on the grass as long as visitors maintain social distancing. People will not be allowed to gather in the parks with anybody they do not live with. Household gatherings will be limited to 10 people. Sports fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, picnic benches, gazebos and public restrooms will remain closed. San Diego's Realty Income, the owner of standalone retail buildings, said tenants have paid 83 percent of rent owed for April across its properties to date, despite shelter-in-place orders that have kept customers away. Realty Income owns 6,500 mostly free-standing retail properties nationwide, with top tenants including Walgreens and 7-Eleven. Its theater, gym, restaurant and child-care tenants have been struggling the most to make rent payments.

Two of our favorite sports have not thrown in the towel just yet. The NFL released its schedule last night for the 2020 season, publicizing a list of 256 games slated to be played between Sept. 10 and Jan. 3, followed by a postseason culminating with the Super Bowl on Feb. 7 in Tampa. This is characterized as a best-case scenario. Fans in high-risk groups are likely to be advised not to attend NFL games, even in stadiums that are opened to crowds. There could be protocols developed with steps such as temperature checks for fans entering a stadium; the mandatory use of masks and access to hand sanitizers; social distancing measures inside the stadium; no-contact concessions procedures; and possibly checkerboard seating patterns. There have been reports about the season being pushed back into October, if necessary, and the Super Bowl being played later in February.

Triple Crown officials are also hoping to postpone not cancel. The Kentucky Derby has already been rescheduled from May 2 to Sept. 5. Officials are now considering three possible dates for the Preakness originally scheduled for May 16T at Pimlico in Baltimore. The Belmont Stakes, originally scheduled for June 6, like the Preakness doesn't have a new date yet.

And our pandemic trend of the week: parking lot pools, patio pools, balcony pools – whatever you would like to call them, the good old inflatable or plastic kiddie pool aren't just for kiddies any more. They've become a hot commodity as temperatures rise and apartment dwellers are stuck at home, with or without kids – even adults are using them! And this concludes News at Noon for May 8, pandemic edition.





Meeting Highlights of May 8, 2020 (Continued)

Do You Know What To Recycle Curbside?

ONLY place these items in the recycling container

Flattened Cardboard, Paper, Metal Cans, Plastic Bottles & Jugs, Glass

NEVER place these contaminants in the recycling container

- Plastic Bags & Wrappers, Soiled Paper, Styrofoam, Clothing & Shoes, Greasy Pizza Boxes, Tools, Food, Toys, Electronics & Batteries, Construction Waste, Yard Waste, Medical Waste, Diapers, Scrap Metal

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Giovanna Castro, Municipal Markets Coordinator with Republic Services, and Michael Simonson shared where they are amid the Covid-19 pandemic and steps they have taken to ensure their essential workers' safety. Most operations are back to normal, however, their office is closed to walk-in. Customers are advised to call, leave a message and staff will call back. Landfill passes are available by mail.

Giovanna also addressed the worldwide market for recyclables and a pilot program underway to improve how we all separate our refuse.

GOOD-BYE POLIO
THANKS ROTARY





ROTARY SOCIAL - A BIG HIT!

Rotarians enjoyed the May 6th Wine Taste, Calzone Baking or Just Hanging Out Social—coordinated by Lane Pearson (Wine Suggestions) and Eric Rimmel (Calzone recipe, Instructions and YouTube). That's Lane on the left, third box down.

The group was joined by guests Jeff and Kelly Schaefer from the Carlsbad Club. (Top right box). Jeff looks like he could be Gary's brother! It was nice to see Pete Mabrey—bottom right.





Community Projects Committee Chair Gary Bryant delivers a recent donation to Vivianna Viquez of the Salvation Army, Chula Vista location (and member of our Club).



May is Youth Services month





FOR SOME SMILES TODAY:



Sir Michael
@Michael1979



QUARANTINE DIARY

Day 1: I have stocked up on enough non-perishable food and supplies to last me for months, maybe years, so that I can remain in isolation for as long as it takes to see out this pandemic

Day 1 + 45 minutes: I am in the supermarket because I wanted a Twix

♡ 968K 8:53 PM - Mar 12, 2020

💬 143K people are talking about this

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Got this big roll of toilet paper as a gag gift for Christmas. Whose laughing now!?



Old photo of people eating at a crowded restaurant, 2019 B.C. (Before Corona)



When someone in the house returns from the grocery shop

