



# The La Jolla Rotary

## *News Bulletin*

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### Coming Tuesday, February 11, Bill Hoehn on the Past and Future of the Automobile



The Hoehn family has been in the automobile business since 1928 with the original **Hoehn Chevrolet**. Throughout the years the family has taken pride in providing our customers with a professional, personal approach to meeting and exceeding their automotive needs.

In 1975, **Bill Hoehn** founded **Hoehn Motors** in **Carlsbad**, the family-owned and operated **Hoehn Motors** has been a sales and service leader in Carlsbad for some of the premiere brands in the automotive world including Mercedes-Benz, Sprinter, Porsche, Audi, Honda, Jaguar, and Land Rover. Most recently, Hoehn has also expanded their Audi brand to Temecula, CA. Make certain you attend our meeting to hear what promises to be an inciteful and enlightening talk.

**Please, RSVP for our next luncheon to Natascha Vossen  
at: [natascha@bestmatchcollege-consulting.com](mailto:natascha@bestmatchcollege-consulting.com) or  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dkpZkZU2pOoCmuvRlvFxpTUOM\\_uAxNbg\\_uahbKYIrs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dkpZkZU2pOoCmuvRlvFxpTUOM_uAxNbg_uahbKYIrs/edit?usp=sharing)**

## Highlights from last Week's Meeting

Our meeting was promptly called to order by President,  
**Robert Teaff** who welcomed one and all.

### Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

**Chuck Marsh**, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance



And then Chuck proudly read a poem, he had just requested from Chat GPT, to reflect both Valentine's Day and Rotary's mantra of service over self:

#### A Valentine for Service

*On this fine day of love and cheer,  
We honor hearts both far and near.  
But more than chocolates, cards, or art,  
True love resides within the heart.*

*Not just in words, but deeds we show,*

*Through kindness shared and help bestowed.  
A hand extended, time well spent—  
The truest gift is our intent.*

*For love's not just a fleeting spark,  
It's service shining through the dark.  
So, here's to those who give and strive,  
Who lift the world and keep it alive.*

*This Valentine's, we pause to say,  
Your selfless hearts light up the way!*

## Visiting Rotarians:



**Georgia Farrell**, head of philanthropy for Father Joe's Village, is also a member of the **Coronado Rotary Club**. She attended today to support and assist Deacon Vargas, today's speaker.

**Sabine Ostrofe** introduced her husband, **Allen Ostrofe** from the Rotary Club of Grass Valley South





**Sid Stutz** introduced **Blayney Colmore**, the longtime Rector at St James by the Sea. Bob Teaff noted that Blayney is a “peculiar breed” having hailed from Vermont. He now spends time in La Jolla and Massachusetts to be near his daughter. Blayney offered thanks for our “sumptuous lunch”; he obviously picked the right day to dine at our meeting.<sup>1</sup>

## Announcements:

**Penny Shurtleff** read a thank you note from the seniors at the **League House** for the great job our club (under Penny’s leadership) is doing to remember and value these very special members of our community.

Sadly, **Ron Spelman** recently passed away after a long illness. His funeral will be held at Mary Star of the Sea at 11am on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Ron was a quick witted and very fun member of our club, who especially entertained us when he’d lead us in “God Bless America”. May he rest in peace.

**Orrin Gabsch** let us know that **David Goodell** is presently under hospice care. David, a true cowboy, served as our club’s president, but was best known as Santa Claus at our annual Christmas party. He delighted countless children with his long white beard and hearty “Ho, Ho, Ho!” Please keep David in your thoughts and prayers.

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<sup>1</sup> Ed notes, (Yes indeed it was again an unbelievably, delicious meal at the La Valencia... we were so grateful, hopeful this will become a trend)



**Midge Coburn**, Membership chair, announced that on Tuesday evening, March 25<sup>th</sup> a *Fireside Chat* will be held for all Red Badgers at the home of Davis, Sherry, and Lucy Cracroft. *Fireside Chats* are our club's way of educating all new members about our local club, our district, and Rotary International. The fireside chats are also great fun!

## Happy Bucks\$\$\$

At long last **Cindy Goodman** can rejoice because the **La Jolla welcome sign** and garden has finally been erected. Cindy noted that 14 organizations (including our club) as well as many individuals donated the funds to make this happen. Additionally, the **City of San Diego** will provide the needed maintenance<sup>2</sup> to keep the site beautiful.



Congratulations to Cindy and the many supporters of this worthwhile project! She offered **\$50** in celebration



**Don Lincoln** donated **\$100** to our club in recognition of his Duke Blue Devils defeating the Tar Heels of North Carolina in basketball. Duke, ranked #2 in the country beat the unranked Tar Heels by 17 points. Earlier this year Duke convincingly beat the current #1 ranked Auburn Tigers 84 to 78. It looks like Don will ensure our club coffers will swell as long as Duke keeps winning. **GO BLUE DEVILS!!**

<sup>2</sup> It should be noted, our board has wisely agreed to tuck away \$10,000 just in case, the city fails to keep their promises.

After church while walking across the street **Bill Boehm** was relieved that **Bob Teaff** stopped suddenly in his car to avoid hitting Bill. Bill expressed gratitude to Bob for stopping, and Bob was grateful since he recognized that “Bill is too expensive to hit.” He offered **\$20**

**Pat Stouffer** offered **\$20** in recognition of our president’s portraits that **Ron Spellman** painted for many years. As **Russell King** noted the excellent portraits were presented to the outgoing club president at our annual demotion party.

**Said Dawlabani** announced the release of his latest book “Second Sapiens: The Rise of the Planetary Mind and the Future of Humanity”. Available on Amazon, the book was widely praised, but, most importantly, Said’s 33-year-old daughter called the book “unbelievable!”. Said has published two other thought-provoking books which are available on Amazon and other retail outlets. Congratulations Said!

## Community Service Opportunity



**Families in  
LA County  
have lost  
everything.**

## Let's Get Together and Help those who lost so much in the La Wildfires!!

**Denise McGuire** announced that on *Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>*, our club along with other Rotary clubs have committed to a Community Service event for the benefit of those impacted by the recent L.A. wildfires. It will involve assembling 20,000 plant-based nutritious meals to be distributed to those unfortunate victims of the fires. The project will be held at **Torrey Pines Church, 8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive North, from 9-11 am.**

Let Denise know if you plan to participate in this worthwhile project. (denisemcguire@mac.com).

## Last Week's Speaker, Deacon Jim Vargas, CEO of Father Joe Village on Homelessness



**Deacon Jim Vargas**, President and CEO of Father Joe's Villages, let us know that Father Joe's Village, the oldest and largest homeless service in Southern California, is celebrating its **75<sup>th</sup> anniversary** this year.

**Deacon Vargas** noted that currently over 770,000 individuals experienced homelessness in the United States, and over 270,000 of this number are unsheltered. California accounts for 187,000 homeless individuals and 123,000 of that number are unsheltered. San Diego sadly counts 10,605 homeless individuals of which two-thirds or 6,610 are unsheltered.

The main reason individuals become homeless is that they can no longer afford the rent on their home or apartment. Many are the elderly.

Though the numbers are daunting, Deacon Vargas and Father Joe's Village, along with several other organizations, are making great strides in providing homes for the homeless. Father Joe's Village currently provides 896 long

term housing units for previously homeless individuals with close to 800 more units in the works.

Deacon Vargas noted that the missions of Rotary International and Father Joe's Village are closely aligned; both organizations work diligently to meet the basic needs of the poor with particular attention to children. Both organizations are dedicated to improving health, with St Joe's additionally addressing our increasing problems of substance abuse and mental illness.

A much-needed detox center with 44 beds is due to open in the spring. Father Joe's Village is primarily funded through philanthropy, and we are all invited to donate to or volunteer for this worthy cause.

President Bob Teaff thanked Deacon Vargas for his presentation and for his dedication to improving the lives of the poor and unfortunate in our community.

