



ROTARY CLUB of La Jolla

BITS of News

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Coming on July 2nd, Todd Schultz, President and CEO of the La Jolla Music Society and the Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center

Todd Schultz spent his childhood on a cattle, corn and oat farm in western Kansas. He grew up showing cattle and horses, working the farm and playing piano and the French horn. For five years he sang with the **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus**.



His college years were spent at **Kansas State University**, where he received a BA with a dual major in journalism and mass communication and modern languages, specializing in German and Advertising. During that time, he also attended **Liebeg University** in Glieven, West Germany, where he studied German literature, foreign languages and music.

Since then, for the last 35 years, he has been working in non-profit administration, leading marketing departments for **The Atlanta Opera, San Diego Opera**, and the **LA Opera at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion** where he served under General Director and tenor, **Placido Domingo** as well as for

fundraising programs for two theatres. (**The Old Globe in San Diego** and the **McCallum theatres in Palm Desert**) as well as the **San Diego Symphony**.

Four years ago, he was hired by **La Jolla Music Society** to serve as **President and CEO**. At the **Conrad** He oversees a year-round performing arts schedule that includes classical, jazz dance, Latin music and other genres as well as **SummerFest** an annual internationally renowned chamber music festival.

Todd believes strongly in the value of the arts in society, and the role that nonprofits organizations can have in serving the community and artists alike.

We are pleased to have him as our guest speaker this coming Tuesday.

Important, Please RSVP for our next luncheon on July 2nd, to Natasha Vossen's email nataschavossen@san.rr.com



Last Week's Meeting Highlights



President Barbara Brown opened the Meeting



And **David Shaw** led the Pledge of Allegiance offering the Following Inspirations from one of his favorite writers,

Henry David Thoreau

“Make the most of your regrets: never smother your sorrow but tend and cherish it till it comes to have a separate and integral interest. To regret deeply is to live afresh”.

“Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.”

Happy Bucks \$\$\$



Sid Stutz announced he has just celebrated his 92nd Birthday... He offered **\$100.00 of Happy Bucks** in anticipation of his 100th.

David Shaw offered **\$62.00** in **Happy Bucks** to celebrate his 62nd wedding anniversary to his wife, Reeseey.



Penny Shurtleff offered **\$25.00** in **Happy Bucks** to celebrate her husband **Gordon's** 86th Birthday

Auction Item

Natascha Vossen and **Lance Bridges** fresh from their yearly trip to South Fork¹, Colorado auctioned their lair of South Fork's famous sausage and as an extra bonus offered some beef jerky for the family dog.

Davis Cracraft wisely snapped up the duo for a mere \$30.00.



¹ Did you know, South Fork, Colorado, (population 50) is located in the foothills of the San Juan Mountains at an altitude of **8200 feet** and at the confluence of the Rio Grande and its south fork. This paradise includes volcanic formations, geologic wonders, high alpine lakes, meadows of wildflowers and fall colors to captivate the most experienced traveler.

Announcements



Cindy Goodman, our money honey Extraordinaire, announced the final amount raised from the **Alison Brown Concert Fundraiser**. The net amount received in ticket sales and the auction of the banjo, came to **\$58,300**.

Congratulations and a big **thank you** to Cindy for her many, many months of hard work and planning!

The Bits: Ending with this Issue?



The **BITS** was created five years ago by the then Secretary of the Club, Chuck Marsh, in an attempt to keep us more in touch when we were Zooming, and our website was dormant.

It's main purpose, which has continued over the years, was to inform members about upcoming speakers and events and secondly to report on what happened at the lunch meetings.

The current staff will be moving onto other duties in the Club on July 1 so it appears that this will be the last issue.

Thank you for your support! Denise McGuire & Chuck Marsh

Note, other members of our Club have come forward and are considering continuing some sort of weekly news bulletin. For now, this is in the discussion phase. If you would like to join with them, please let me know. (denisemcguire@mac.com)

Our Speaker from Last Week, on Immigration and the Southern Border, Jesse Imbriano.



Chuck Dick, our Speaker, **Jesse Imbriano**, and **President Barbara Brown**

Chuck Dick introduced our Speaker, **Jesse Imbriano** an attorney and expert in Immigration law. Chuck had worked with Jesse closely in the past when he partnered with Casa Cornelia representing clients who have been deprived of their human rights.

Jesse Imbriano began by talking to us about the history of immigration in the United States and how it has changed from the time his family members came to the US. Like most everyone in the room, his family roots came from migrants who had traveled to and stayed in the United States over a hundred years ago. Their entry was simple. Other than being physically examined to determine if they were healthy, entry to this country was straightforward. After two years of living here, they automatically received citizenship and were allowed to stay unfettered.

Today all that has changed. The law regarding refugees began in 1962, with the Immigration Act signed by President Kennedy, with additional laws coming into play in 1965 and 1980 and 1986. And 1996.

The definition of refugee as it is used today, occurred in the 1980 Immigration Act. Under the 1980 Act, the term “Refugee” was defined as *“any person who is outside his or her country of residence or nationality, or without nationality, and is unable or unwilling to return to, and is unable or unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of, that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion”*. This language came directly from the U.N, making our immigration laws now consistent with International Law.

Still, at the time, most coming to our country were not fleeing another country. They were coming primarily as economic migrants. Those who came

undocumented, were usually adult males who came to make some money and then return to their home country. We were ok with that. Now within the last decade, all that has changed and many who arrive at our borders arrive because of the instability and political unrest within their countries, such as Guatemala, Haiti, Venezuela, Cuba, as well as other parts of the world. Today the numbers of immigrants seeking protection far surpass those who come seeking economic gain.

Mr. Imbriano then paused and told us he would take questions before beginning the second half of his talk.

Questions abounded from every corner of the room, and they never stopped. Eventually President Brown took the podium and announced unfortunately, we had no more time. One thing we all agreed on was this is a topic of great concern, and one we could talk about for hours and hours.

Coming in two weeks, July 9th, Neil O'Connell on Mt. Soledad's Veterans Memorial.



EXTRA! EXTRA!

Once again, we have lived up to our promise of Community Service. Yesterday, bright and early our team was out working with Downtown Rotary providing food for our best, those who serve in our Military...



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