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## SPEAKERS



**Jeris B. Gaston**

Rotary International President's Representative

Jeris Gaston is a Partner with Bridgeworth Wealth Management, a financial planning and wealth management firm in Birmingham, Alabama, USA. After graduating from Birmingham-Southern College with a Bachelor of Arts in history and a distinction in leadership studies, she obtained a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to Dublin, Ireland. There she was a member of the Dublin Central Rotary Club and obtained a master's degree in philosophy with a distinction in women's studies from Trinity College at the University of Dublin.

She returned home and became a member of the newly formed Rotaract Club of Birmingham and remained a member for the next nine years. Over that time, she served as VP of Membership, President and Chair of the Board. Her primary focus during her time in club leadership was forming more inroads for Rotaractors into Rotary. During this time the club established a formal Rotary Transition committee, started relationships with all thirteen clubs in the city and created a now longstanding mentorship program with their Charter club. For her service to Rotaract, Jeris was made a Paul Harris Fellow.

Now as a member of the Rotary Club of Birmingham, Jeris served as VP of Communications and VP of New Generations. She served District 6860 as Rotaract Membership Chair and is currently as the District Rotary Representative. She is also an Assistant Rotary Coordinator for Zone 30 and through 2024 she will Co-Chair the Rotary International Membership Committee, working in all capacities to "Grow Rotary."

At Bridgeworth, she focuses in the areas of wealth preservation, personal financial planning, and retirement income strategies for individuals and families. She is married to Jordan Gaston and has twin ten-year-old boys, Graham and Hayes. When she isn't on the soccer field with the twins or at a Rotary meeting, you can find her trying all the delicious culinary treats that Birmingham, Alabama has to offer!



**District Governor Anita D. McDonald, Ph.D.**

Rotary Club of Catalina (Tucson)

Raised in the Detroit area, Anita earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees in mathematics and mathematics education respectively from Wayne State University in Detroit and her Ph.D. in Education from St. Louis University. Anita retired in December 2012 from Penn State University as Chancellor of the DuBois campus, a role she had served for 10 years. In appreciation for her service her Board and the staff established an endowment for children and youth in Dr. McDonald's name because they knew serving this population was very important to Anita. Prior to her position at Penn State, she spent 11 years at the University of Arizona as Dean of the Extended University and Summer Sessions and seven years as the first African American ACADEMIC Dean at the University of Missouri in St. Louis.

Anita has always been an active member in the communities where she has lived. Since returning to Tucson in January 2013, she continues her volunteer work focusing primarily on her involvement in Rotary and the ALS Association, Arizona Chapter. Professionally, she serves on the Board of Directors of Walden University that has as its mission, "Fostering positive social change", and is a Trustee for Columbia College Hollywood. Anita will tell you that all of her chosen activities have one value in common: making a difference in the lives of others.

Anita has been a Rotarian since 1998 when she was invited to join the Catalina Rotary Club of Tucson. She served as Club President in 2016-2017 and Public Image Chair 2017-2019. Some of her District service includes serving as a member of the Training team, as the first Awards chair in 2017, co-chair of the 2018 District Assembly on Leadership, and as Region 8 Assistant Governor and Annual Fund Giving chair from 2019 to 2021. In 2019 Anita was selected by a 12 member interview team, comprised of representatives from the entire District, to serve as the District 5500 Governor and began the intense two year training provided by Rotary International. She will begin her service as District Governor July 1, 2022. Anita is a level two major donor and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Anita's husband, Bob, passed away in 2016 from ALS. They have one daughter and one son living in Denver and one son in Washington, D.C. and now have seven grandchildren. In addition to the joy of being with her grandchildren, she loves music, live theatre, dancing, traveling and attending sports events.



**Robert Q. Berry III Ph.D.**

Dean of the College of Education at the University of Arizona

Robert is also a professor and holds the Paul L. Lindsey and Kathy J. Alexander Chair. Berry is the immediate Past-President of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). In 2022, Berry was elected to the National Academy of Education, an honorific society of U.S. members and international associates based on outstanding education scholarships.

Equity issues in mathematics education are central to Berry's research efforts with four related areas:

1. Understanding Black children's mathematics experiences
2. Measuring standards-based mathematics teaching practices
3. Unpacking equitable mathematics teaching and learning with issues of social justice
4. Exploring interactions between technology and mathematics education

Berry is the lead developer of a mathematics classroom observation instrument, *Mathematics Scan*, which measures standards-based mathematics teaching practices. Berry co-edited the 2020 bestseller book, *High School Mathematics Lessons to Explore, Understand, and Respond to Social Injustice*. Additionally, he is the co-editor of two upcoming books, *Upper Elementary Mathematics Lessons to Explore, Understand, and Respond to Social Injustice* and *Success Stories for Catalyzing Change*. His articles have appeared in the *Journal for Research in Mathematics Education*, *Journal of Teacher Education*, *Educational Studies in Mathematics*, and the *American Educational Research Journal*. Berry has authored more than 100 publications and has made major presentations worldwide. Berry is a two-time recipient of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics' Linking Research and Practice Publication Award and received the University of Virginia's All-University Teaching Award in 2011.

Berry is a first-generation college graduate who received his Bachelor of Science degree from Old Dominion University, his master's degree from Christopher Newport University, and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



**Joan Bonvicini**

Joan Bonvicini is a broadcast and color analyst for Pac-12 Networks basketball telecasts and works as a Financial Representative for New York Life.

A former student-athlete, she played guard at Southern Connecticut State University while earning her Bachelor of Science in Health Education.

Joan began her head coaching career with 12 years at Long Beach State University in 1979, leading them to back-to-back NCAA Final Four appearances in 1987 and 1988. She also led them to 10 NCAA tournament appearances, nine Sweet Sixteen appearances, six Elite Eight appearances and was named the NCAA Division I Coach of the Year in 1981.

One of the winningest coaches in women's college basketball history, Joan became just the 17th head coach to reach 700 career wins. She was inducted into the Long Beach State University Hall of Fame in 1996.

After her tenure at Long Beach State, Bonvicini took over as head coach of the University of Arizona in 1991, where she won the 1996 Women's National Invitation Tournament championship in her 17 years with U of A. In 1998 she was named the Pac-10 Coach of the Year and in 2005, she was inducted into the Pima County Sports Hall of Fame.

Her most recent head coaching position was with Seattle University from 2009 to 2016, where she won the 2013 WAC Conference championship and was also named WAC Coach of the Year.

On four separate occasions, Joan has served as head coach of the USA Women's Basketball team, including the 1981 USA Olympic Sports Festival and the 1993 USA World University Games. She served as Assistant Coach twice, including at the 1991 Pan American Games for which the women's team earned the bronze medal. From 1988 to 1992, Bonvicini was on the USA Olympic Selection Committee.

In 1989, Bonvicini was inducted into the Southern Connecticut State University Hall of Fame and in 1994, she was inducted into the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. In 2005, she was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. In 2019, she was inducted into the University of Arizona Sports Hall of Fame.



**Kathy Prather, Superintendent/CEO**  
Pima JTED

Kathy Prather became the Superintendent/CEO of Pima JTED on July 1, 2018, one year after being appointed as the district's Deputy Superintendent. Her career in education spans 29 years and multiple locations throughout Arizona, including Rough Rock High School, Prescott College, Northwest Pioneer College, Mohave Community College, Mohave High School, Colorado River Union High School District, Tucson Unified School District, and Sunnyside Unified School District.

She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration-Management, a Master of Arts Degree in Vocational Technical Education, and multiple certifications from the Arizona Department of Education including Superintendent, Principal and Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teacher.

Each year, thousands of students in the CTE programs she oversees receive nationally-recognized industry certifications, licenses and credentials as well as dual college credit from Pima Community College and/or concurrent tuition credit from the University of Arizona. The innovative programs she has developed over the years have captured the attention of local, national and international media including CNN Money in 2016, Korean News Network in 2015, Manufacturing News in 2016, Arizona Public Media-PBS in 2014, District Administrator Magazine in January 2017, Mrs. Green's World on iHeart Radio and many local network news broadcast features.

The Association for Career and Technical Education of Arizona (ACTEAZ) recognized Kathy's contributions to CTE with their 2011 Administrator of the Year Award, and again with the 2016 ACTEAZ Lifetime Achievement Award. Kathy served on the Board of the National Council of Local Administrators (NCLA) from 2008-2015 as well as the Executive Board of the Arizona Council of Occupational and Vocational

Administrators (ACOVA) from 2006-2014. Kathy currently serves as a member of the Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, United Way Cradle to Career Leadership Committee, Metropolitan Education Commission, Pima County Workforce Investment Board, Banner University Medicine Community Advisory Committee and Tucson's Leading Women, and has previously served on the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity Tucson.

Kathy was instrumental in the formation of the Pima County Joint Technological Education District #11, which is now known as Pima JTED. Prior to the JTED Proposition 400 item being listed on the ballot in 2006, she led community forums and made multiple presentations to business, industry and local school district governing boards.

Today, Kathy remains committed to forging mutually beneficial partnerships with business, community, and educational leaders to strengthen Pima JTED's programs which provide local industry with the skilled workforce they need to thrive. She is actively transforming the culture at Pima JTED to the Growth Mindset to elevate students' experiences, and employee job satisfaction. One of her top priorities is continuing to develop students' professional skills so that they are ready to succeed in both college and careers.

Pima JTED continues to bring over \$30 million dollars annually in supplemental funding for satellite and central CTE programs in Pima, Santa Cruz and Pinal Counties.

A native Tucsonan, Kathy lives with her husband Brad Prather, a retired teacher. They have two grown children, and one granddaughter.



**Kristen Garcia-Hernandez**

CEO, Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona

Kristen García-Hernandez serves as the Chief Executive officer of Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona. She is a native Tucsonan, a proud University of Arizona Wildcat and is honored to be the first Latina at the helm of the organization.

She is passionate about the work of Girl Scouting, championing girl ambition and equipping girls and women with the confidence and know how to live life on their own terms, whether that means being leaders in their own house or the White House. Kristen's focus is ensuring that the 110-year-old organization continually innovates to remain relevant, remove barriers to female leadership and move at the speed of girls today.

Prior to Girl Scouts, Kristen worked for Macy's Inc., working in San Francisco, Phoenix, and Tucson where she was responsible for managing multimillion-dollar departments. Her passion for business development, sales, and marketing allowed Kristen to make a seamless transition from the corporate world to the non-profit sector offering her skills to strengthen the business of serving girls.

Kristen is active in her community. She is a member of Women at the Top, Women Presidents Organization, Women's International Forum, Charter 100 Arizona, and serves on the National Board of Advisors for University of Arizona's Eller College of Management and the CALS College Career Center.

She's been named one of Arizona's *40 Hispanic Leaders Under 40* by Valle del Sol, recognized as an *Ordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things* by Eller College's Professional Women in Business Association, named an *Up and Comer* by Inside Tucson Business, included Sunnyside School District's '*Sunnyside 100*', and an honored *Woman of Color* by 100 Black Men of Phoenix.



**Diana Madaras, Owner**  
Madaras Gallery

Diana Madaras' bold, colorful artwork recently earned her Tucson's vote for Best Visual Artist for the ninth time. Dozens of newspaper and magazine articles have been written about her and her work, and she has been featured on television shows produced by NBC, CBS, and PBS affiliates.

She is president of the nonprofit Art for Animals Foundation, a charity she founded that has raised more than \$200,000 to help abused, injured and orphaned animals. For the past several years, she has concentrated her fund-raising efforts on the Tucson Wildlife Center and was the chair of the Benefit in 2018. The event raised enough money to hire dedicated veterinarians for the first time in the Center's 20 year history.

Much in demand for commissioned artwork, Madaras has completed paintings for all of the major resorts in Tucson including the Hilton El Conquistador, Westin La Paloma, Loews Ventana Canyon, Canyon Ranch and Miraval. She also has created eight paintings for the estate of the former President of Mexico.

Her art has appeared on the covers of 9 magazines including Art Book of the West, The American Veterinary Hospital Journal, and Tucson Lifestyle Magazine. Her recently published coffee table book *Private Spaces* includes 152 paintings as well as the story of her unconventional artist journey. Her newest book, *The Colors of Tucson*, is a tour of "The Old Pueblo" through her imaginative paintings from

Madaras earned a master's degree from the University of Arizona in 1977. Before opening her art galleries, she operated a high-profile sports marketing company in Tucson, promoting major sporting events including LPGA and PGA golf tournaments. A month-long painting trip to Greece in 1993 changed her life, prompting her to sell her marketing company and devote her career to painting.



**Angela Florez, Chief Development Officer**  
The Women's Foundation for the State of Arizona

An Arizona native, Angela grew up in Northern Arizona, situated near the lands of three indigenous tribes; White Mountain Apache, Navajo and Hopi. This upbringing influenced her to focus her education and professional talents on championing access to quality education, healthcare and programming addressing social determinants of health for marginalized communities.

Prior to joining the WFSA, Angela served as the Chief Development & Marketing Officer for Valle del Sol, a \$23 million Federally Qualified Health Center and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic. She oversaw nearly \$6 million in fundraising in 2021. Her career spans some of the most visible organizations serving girls and women throughout the state, starting her career with the Girl Scouts- Arizona Cactus-Pine Council and most recently serving as Board Chair for Planned Parenthood Arizona.

Angela is a graduate of the Hispanic Leadership Institute, the ASU Generation Next Nonprofit Leadership Academy, and the Center for Creative Leadership. Additionally, Angela has received recognition by the Phoenix Business Journal 40 Under 40, Univision Hispanic 40 Under 40 and received the Poder in Action 2017 Hero of the Year award. In 2021, she was recognized for her exceptional leadership by Achieving My Purpose, a Phoenix based nonprofit celebrating the impact of women of color.

Passionate about community service, Angela spends her time regularly volunteering and currently resides in South Phoenix with her spouse, two parrots and 4 adorable dogs.



**Serban Mare**  
Toastmasters

Serban is an expert in personal development, leadership, and peak performance. He is a Professional Speaker, Certified CBT Practitioner, and Life Coach.

Serban came to the United States with \$200 to call his own and worked his way up through adversity to create a better life for himself and his family. Despite achieving what he thought was the “American Dream,” he realized he craved deeper meaning and purpose.

After undergoing his own personal transformation, he accumulated an abundance of knowledge which he desires to share with others on how to live a higher quality, passionate, and meaningful life.

As a Project and Program Manager, Serban learned how to influence people without authority and how to cultivate a team that does not need a boss, but rather a supportive, encouraging leader

## **BREAKOUT SPEAKERS**



### **Donald G. Jorgensen, District Governor Elect**

Dr. Don Jorgensen is the founder of Jorgensen Healthcare Associates and owner of Arizona-based Human Factor Consulting. Don is a global speaker and consultant in the areas of change leadership, strategic planning and team development. He has established addiction treatment programs and employee assistance programs in the US that have brought recovery and growth to thousands of families. He has been interviewed by media in the US, Canada, Ireland and China, and has authored numerous articles and books covering such topics as *Children of Alcoholics* and *The Impact of Change*. His latest book is *Three Worlds, One Voyage: Cruising to Antarctica (and Trying to get Home) during the Coronavirus Pandemic*.

Don is past president of the international Employee Assistance Professionals Association and Greater Tucson Leadership. He currently serves as an Ambassador for ShelterBox USA, a global disaster relief organization, and has been honored with the “President’s Volunteer Service Award” from the White House in recognition of his work on behalf of ShelterBox.

Don is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Marana and has served as a trainer at PETS, RLI and RYLA. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Paul Harris Society member, a graduate of Rotary Leadership Academy (RLA) and serves on the current District 5500 corporate board and crisis management team. Don and his wife Kathy have been married for 41 years, raised two children, and have worked on Rotary humanitarian projects around the globe. He is an avid traveler, visiting over 40 countries and seven continents. Don is also a cancer survivor, an active runner and martial arts practitioner.



### **Sheila Kembel**

Sheila Kembel grew up in the Pacific Northwest and relocated to Tucson Arizona in 1993. She then received her bachelor’s degree in Sociology from the University of Arizona with a focus on juveniles and women involved in the juvenile and criminal justice system. It was then that she followed her passion of working in working with youth who were struggling both in and out of school and had become involved in the juvenile justice system.

She obtained her master’s degree in criminal justice and retired from Pima County Juvenile Court in 2018 after serving as a Probation Officer, Probation Supervisor and the Court Juvenile Detention Alternatives Coordinator focusing on system reform. Sheila is a connector of people and resources and is passionate about continually



striving to seek the best outcomes for youth in our communities by building partnerships within the community and linking youth with resources to help them be successful.

She returned to the Seattle area in 2018 and is now a proud grandmother of a 3-year-old granddaughter. She is currently the School Safety and Crisis Manager in a large school district in the Seattle area where she continues to lead efforts to seek the best outcomes for all students. She continues to share her personal experience of grief and loss and how she was able to turn that into hope and forgiveness in hopes that it will encourage others to recognize that anyone can shift directions and turn their life around, even when it seems impossible.



**Executive Chef, Ryan Clark**

Casino Del Sol

Tucson native and Casino Del Sol Executive Chef, Ryan Clark has a wealth of experience in the food and beverage industry.

He graduated top of his class at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, and was named one of the Top Sixteen Junior Chefs in the U.S. by the American Culinary Foundation. Clark has been nominated for Tucson Weekly's Best Chef and holds the rare distinction of being named Iron Chef Tucson for three consecutive years. Chef Clark has also been nominated by Food and Wine Magazine as one of the Best New Chefs in the Southwest.

He's a Certified Executive Chef and member of the American Culinary Federation. Chef Clark is the author of Modern Southwest Cooking, a cookbook that showcases his passion for regional cooking and local ingredients.



**Emma Carrillo**

Rotary Club of Tucson (Kino)

Emma Carrillo is a retired Arizona educator. She served the Tucson Sunnyside School district community for 45 years. Emma was an elementary school principal for 15 years. She also served as a Title I Program Facilitator providing professional development to certified staff and as an elementary school teacher serving at risk students.

Emma is a three-year Rotarian and serving currently as the Tucson Kino Rotary President and she also served as the club secretary for two years. She serves in the Kino Peace Pole committee and the Kino club Character Award committee.



**Maria Patterson**  
Rotary Club of Tucson (Kino)

Maria Patterson was in the field of education as a teacher, literacy coach, school principal both at elementary and middle school and retired as a principal supervisor for the superintendent's cabinet. Upon her retirement she immediately joined Tucson Kino Rotary.

She is involved in many of their committees and club activities. She is a Paul Harris Recipient, sponsor of the annual golf tournament fundraiser and currently co-chairs Character Awards Fall and Spring Celebration honoring high school students for their character.



**PDG Michael Drake**  
Rotary Club of Tucson Verde

Michael was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Tucson Sunset, chartered in 1983. He served Rotary District 5500, southern Arizona, in many positions, including District Governor in 2011-12 and Chair of the District Rotary Foundation Committee 2016-19. Michael currently is Chair of the PolioPlus subcommittee on the DRFC. In addition, he served as an Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Rotary Zone 26 in 2019-22, and Convener and Chair of the 2021 Zone 26 Nominating Committee for RI Director to serve 2023-25.

Michael was co-founder and Charter President of the Rotary Club of Tucson Verde, chartered on August 18, 2021 with 31 charter members. Programs at club meetings and club projects focus on environmental issues.

In 2017 Michael received the "Service Above Self" Award, Rotary International's highest honor. He is a Major Donor, member of Paul Harris Society, and PolioPlus Society.

Michael graduated from Stanford University and the University of Arizona College of Law. He is past-president of the 2500 member Pima County Bar Association and served 12 years as a volunteer Hearing Officer for the Arizona Supreme Court Attorney Disciplinary Commission. He currently practices personal injury law and civil litigation in Tucson.



**Bruce Monro**

Rotary Club of Tubac

Bruce Monro has been a Rotarian for 10 years, all of it with the Tubac Rotary Club. He has served the club as membership committee chair, two terms as President, and the club's foundation chair. Currently, he is Assistant Governor of Region 10 and District Membership Chair. Bruce and his wife Cindy enjoy travelling to Wyoming to enjoy family, the weather and fishing.



**Don Zavis**

International Sales Trainer

Don Zavis is an accomplished executive with a successful history of taking private and public organizations to new levels of sales and profitability. He has an outstanding record of hiring the highest level of sales achievers, training them to their fullest potential and consistently coaching them to perform in the top 10% of their industries. He has a unique ability to create a "sales culture" across the entire scope of the organization while fostering an environment of mutual achievement and reward. Professional education includes over 6,000 hours of practical, actual training. He has been responsible for the sales development of over 3,000 sales professionals; he trained/coached over 1 Billion Dollars of revenue production; he personally purchased and profitably sold 23 business's in differing industries; and he has ranked in top 5% of Sales Trainers and Coaches nationwide.



**Bob Grady**

Rotary Club of Catalina (Tucson)

Bob Grady is passionate about helping District 5500 clubs find and implement innovative ways to expand our collective impact in our communities and to grow our membership. He has been a member of the Catalina (Tucson) Rotary Club since 2015 and is Past President (2018-19, 2019-20) and Past Secretary.

He is currently serving as Assistant Governor for Region 8 and is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Academy and the Rotary Leadership Institute. During Bob's first presidential term, Catalina RC developed a comprehensive strategic plan which has effectively focused the Club's service efforts and community support "to change the lives of young people in need."

Bob and Connie have been married for 42 years and have called Tucson and Vail their home for the last 11, after living in New Hampshire, Michigan, Texas, and Florida. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren and love to travel. Bob's career has been in operations management in the manufacturing and retail sectors.



**Sue Archibald, DGN**

Rotary Club of Mountain Empire

Susan "Sue" Krahe-Archibald DGN 2024-25, is a member of the Mountain Empire Rotary Club since 2012 and a past member of the Catalina Rotary Club from 2000 – 2012. Since becoming a Rotarian she has served in many capacities in both her Club and the District. She was an Emerging Resource Leader at the Zone 25-26 Institute in 2022 and has attended numerous International Conventions. Sue is also a graduate of RLI and RLA as well as multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society, a Bequest Society member, and a Benefactor.

Sue has a master's degree in Non-Profit Management and spent her career working with non-profit social service agencies. She was the Executive Director of Our Family Service, in Tucson, and retired in 2012. She continues to consult with other organizations regarding compliance and licensing issues. Sue served on numerous city county state and national boards focused on homelessness and poverty.



**Randy Casarez**

Toastmaster International

Randy is a professional speaker and a 4-time Distinguished Toastmaster in Public Speaking. Randy has lived in Tucson, AZ all of his life. Randy has two associates degree from Pima Community College (Business & Liberal Arts). Bachelor's Degree in business from Charter Oak State College. Randy also has master's degree in accounting from University of Phoenix. Randy has also been member of Toastmasters for 11 years. He has achieved highest level education Distinguished Toastmasters four times. In Toastmasters Randy has learned the importance communicating with his teams in effective way.



**Jon Teich**

Regional Major Gifts Officer  
The Rotary Foundation

Jon Teich joined the Rotary Foundation in January of 2022 and will serve as a Regional Major Gift Officer for the western portion of Zone 26. Jon previously worked at William & Mary as the Assistant Athletic Director for Major Gifts, after starting his career in fundraising at High Point University.

Teich started with William & Mary in January of 2020. His primary responsibilities included generating major gifts to annual scholarship support and capital projects. During his time at William & Mary, the athletic department achieved records for cash gifts and commitments as well as number of donors in a fiscal year. Jon served as an athletics representative on the All In campaign, which raised \$22.8 million in its first year.

Prior to his role at William & Mary, Jon was the Director of Athletic Development at High Point University. Teich began at High Point as the Assistant Director of Development before being promoted to the Director of Athletic Development. During his time at High Point, he secured 1.2 million in major gift commitments, increased Panther Club membership by 73%, and helped set a department for dollars raised in a fiscal year.

Jon received his undergraduate degree in Sports Communication from Bradley University and earned a Master's in Sport Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Jon and his fiancé Aja live in San Diego, CA with their two dogs Romeo and Big E. Jon is a native of Bay City, Michigan.



**Mitch Pisik, CEO**

Pisik Consulting Group

Mitch is an award-winning Business Consultant, Executive Coach, Leadership Trainer, and Career Advisor who has worked with over a thousand Executives in hundreds of companies in dozens of industries – from Fortune 100 global businesses to sole proprietors.

He has been consulting for over twenty years; doing so in a full-time practice since 2016.

He has turned-around and substantially grown four diverse Private-Equity owned portfolio businesses as CEO over fifteen years; and previously for seventeen years as a Senior Executive in strategy, consulting, business

development, operations, finance, mergers and acquisitions at several of the world's largest global companies - including Kraft, Newell-Rubbermaid, Novartis, Gerber, and KPMG.

He has conducted business in over three dozen countries.

He is, and has been, an active Board Member of numerous public, private, and not-for-profit organizations.

He also teaches the Strategic Leadership course at the University of Arizona and is an Honorary Commander at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.



**Dr. Christopher Zambakari, BS, MBA, MIS, LP.D., PHF**

Founder/CEO, The Zambakari Advisory

CEO, Apollo Residential Assisted Living, Desert Haven Home Care, Prescott Valley Assisted Living Rotary Peace/Paul Harris Fellow, The Rotary Foundation

Dr. Christopher Zambakari is a Rotary International Paul Harris Peace Fellow, recognized as a leading consultant in the areas of international security, strategic intelligence, political transitions and sustainable development. He holds a doctoral degree in law and policy from Northeastern University, a master's degree in international studies – with a specialization in conflict resolution – from the University of Queensland (Australia), an MBA in international finance from the University of Buckingham (England), and a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Arizona State University.

A visionary innovator, Dr. Zambakari is founder and CEO of The Zambakari Advisory, an international consulting agency providing evidence-based analysis of political events reshaping the world. His policies-changing, issues-oriented publications reach more than 2.7 million readers, and are ranked among the top 1 percent for impact and circulation.

Dr. Zambakari is also a respected voice in senior health care and serves as CEO of three Arizona-based senior home care facilities. His proven skills in the establishment of cooperative communication channels with civic and government leaders have built the foundation necessary to enhance his facilities' abilities to address and manage critical public health care issues.