

# Rotary



## Lodi Tokay Rotary Club

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### Bulletin for 1/11/21

**Monday, Jan. 11, 2021 ♦ noon Zoom meeting**

Dr. Gene Bigler is the speaker. He ♦ will be up first. Dr. Gene is a retired U.S. Foreign Service officer and UOP instructor. His very topical topic: Is America ♦s Democracy in Danger? His appearance was arranged by Gary Greider who thought you might be interested in more complete background on Dr. Gene ♦s career, which is added below.

Afterwards, Linda will remind everyone of Tuesday night ♦s board meeting (see details below).

#### Zoom meeting info and link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88018803874?pwd=ZTNKUj9MNDD4cTl1YmR2LzJlTU9hZz09> . Don ♦ be surprised if you need the passcode to get into this meeting; Zoom just did an upgrade.

Meeting ID: 880 1880 3874

Passcode: 2021

Phone number (one tap on a mobile phone mobile):

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Scott Howell: Don ♦ forget to mute or we ♦re going to here you talking to your secret sources ;-)

#### Upcoming Events

January 12 (Tuesday) ♦ Zoom Board meeting at 6:00pm to go over Community Service grant applications. Let her know if you want to sit in and she ♦ will send you a link.

January 16 (Saturday) ♦ Boys & Girls Club Drive-Thru Crab Feed. We ♦re going to help serve. Tentatively 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Exact times and job description for volunteers will be coming later. Thanks to Linda, Mike Bennet and Craig Hoffman for volunteering, already. Marty Weybret is in charge of sign-ups. If you ♦re enthusiastic and free that afternoon, email him at [mfweybret@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mfweybret@sbcglobal.net) . If you don ♦t want to serve but love cracked crab, here ♦s a link to reserve crab and white wine online: <https://secure.givelively.org/event/lodi-boys-and-girls-club-inc/crackin-crab-feast-january-16-2021/crackin-crab-feast-to-go-2021>

#### Upcoming meetings:

Jan. 18 ♦ Lodi House executive director Shelby Young will introduce us to her new program director Crystal Wright, who was recruited from a non-profit in Washington State. They just reopened the main house to new guests at Christmas time.

Jan. 25 ♦ LOEL Center CEO Tracy Williams will update us on how her program is adapting to COVID-19 restrictions. This is a 5:30 p.m. Zoom meeting.

Feb. 1 ♦ Presentation by Teresa Linklater, President of Costalegre Rotary Club. This is a referral from Chuck Correa and she will be talking about a possible international project for us next year in Mexico.

Feb. 8 ♦ speaker open

Feb. 15 ♦ speaker open

Feb. 22 ♦ evening meeting

The rest of the year is open. Call Marty Weybret with your brilliant ideas and/or un-answered questions about life (just name the expert with the answers and include a phone number or email) ♦ 209-329-5350 or [mfweybret@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mfweybret@sbcglobal.net).

#### Dr. Gene Bigler curriculum vitae:

Dr. Bigler has earned a B.A. in the Humanities, M.A. in International Relations and a Ph.D. in Political Science. Dr. Bigler was formerly a professor at UOP and continues to give lectures for the OLLI lecture series. He has a wide range of experiences working with U.S. agencies in the field of

economic and international affairs. He served at the U.S. Embassies in Peru, Panama, and Rome. He was also a proud member of three Rotary clubs, including a club in Panama.

## BIO

- University of the Pacific:
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  - Consultant on Geostrategic Issues & Global Maritime Commerce
- Humphreys University:
  - Adjunct Professor, Latin American Studies and World Geography
- U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy and Human Rights:
  - Director of External Affairs
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  - Counselor for Public Opinion and Polling
  - Senior Staff to the Ambassador
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  - Foreign Affairs Advisor to the Commandant, USCG Headquarters and U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Embassy, Panama:
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