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THE ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEREY, RI DISTRICT 5230



Jorge La Roza

**Rotary Club of Buenos Aires: 101 Years, And
A Main Education Project**

Speaking to us from Madrid Spain, by Zoom

Our speaker today is Mr. Jorge La Roza, a member of the Rotary Club of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Jorge was trained as an Agricultural Engineer and holds an executive education degree from Indiana University in Bloomington. He spent 23 years with Dow Chemical in multicultural executive positions in Latin America, Europe, India, and Asia Pacific culminating in being named President of Dow Latin America. He retired from Dow in 2014 and is presently involved with his civic work and personal investments.

Jorge has served on the boards of several organizations and institutions including the Rotary Club of Buenos Aires, the ACDE Christian Organization of Business Leaders, and the RAP Political Network Association. He has also been a member of several Chambers, business institutions, and Education ONG's. He has dedicated himself to improving the quality of education.

Mr. La Roza has been married for 43 years to his wife, Lillian, and they have one son and two beautiful granddaughters! He holds dual citizenship in both Spain and Argentina. In fact, last week when we were trying to communicate with him he was "snowed in" in a freak snowstorm in Madrid and the entire city had lost internet service. We hope that does not happen today, and "May the Zoom be with us!"

An interesting fact that Jorge may not mention is that prior to becoming Pope Francis, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio was an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Buenos Aires. Someone should ask how often the Cardinal attended meetings and was he called upon to give the invocation when he attended.



Peter Ambrust



Peter Ambrust was born in Vienna, Austria in 1943. He emigrated to the US in 1956, settling in Buffalo, NY. He received his B.A. from Canisius College in 1965 when he was also commissioned as an officer in the US Army. He obtained his M.A. from the Johns Hopkins University in 1966. He served as the Intelligence Officer of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division from

1970-1972. Subsequently he taught German at the Defense Language Institute East Coast in Washington D.C., moving to Monterey in 1974 when the school consolidated branches at the Presidio. Subsequently he worked in curriculum development, developing courses for senior officers and interrogators. Eventually he was appointed chair of German Department. In 1985, he was promoted to Dean of the School of Germanic Languages (German, Dutch, Norwegian); subsequently to Dean of Romance Languages (Spanish, Italian, French, Portuguese) and then Dean of Asian Languages (Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Tagalog, Vietnamese). In 1998, he became a member of our club. In 2002, he was assigned to chair the Strategic Languages Department of the Partner Language Training Center Europe at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany where he served until 2013. During that period he was responsible for language sustainment programs for US military personnel, Department of Defense civilians and NATO countries. Over time, the mission expanded and he was tasked with offering courses in African and Middle-Eastern languages that were not offered at the DLIFLC.

While in Germany, he joined the local Rotary Club and was eventually elected as president – the first American to receive that honor. During that time he pursued his favorite activities – skiing in the Alps, taking long bicycle trips in the Baltic states, Germany, France and Italy. Previously, similar trips through Baja California, the San Juan Islands, Vancouver Island had prepared him for the European adventures.

After his return to Monterey, he re-joined the Monterey RC and subsequently served for two terms as club secretary and finally as chair of the International Services Committee.

Peter has been married to Sharon for 52 years. Until recently, she worked as a financial analyst writing newsletters and doing appraisals in the telecommunications field. Son Tobin is a RLS graduate and lives in LA working as the Chief Strategy Officer for “Virgin Fests” an events production company. Son Benjamin lives in NYC and works as the Director, Trading Risk & Controls at Citigroup.

GO BILLS!





Last week President Matt Nelson met with the executive director of the Food Bank for Monterey County, Melissa Kendrick to give the food bank a check for \$7,491.00 collected this year, July 1 to December 31, 2020, from the “Feeling Fine” collection at our weekly meetings. The Feeling Fine bucket collection was started by past president Rob Klevan and has been raising money for the food bank since 2017.

Special shout out to “team Kamath” for their fund raising efforts on behalf of the food bank as well.

JANUARY – FEBRUARY

Tuesday – 01/26 COG Meeting – 5:30 PM (Via Zoom)

Thursday – 01/28 Paul Michel – Your National Marine Sanctuaries, Delivering On Marine Conservation

Thursday – 02/04 Capn. Clark Bone, USN, Ret. – Naval Strategy and Information Warfare

Thursday – 02/11 Board Meeting – 8:00 AM (Via Zoom)

Thursday – 02/11 Dan O'Brien – History Of The Rotary Club Of Monterey (Fading Memories Of Club Past Presidents)

Thursday – 02/18 Molly, Hutch, Phil – COG Bios

Thursday – 02/25 Dr. Nina Shattuck – Crew Rest On Ships/Subs/Planes

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Dan Archer – January 23
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Rotary Book Club Announcement
*The first book chosen is Intangibles by Joan Ryan –
unlocking the science and soul of team chemistry.*

*We are meeting once a month starting
Wednesday, January 27, 2021 for one hour @4:00pm
It's not too late to join in the book club fellowship fun!
Please contact Molly if you are interested in joining us.*

Molly Bozzo

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