



Next Week's Program

Election Forum;
School Board Candidates

Speakers

Orit Ostrowiak,
Moderator

Upcoming Programs

Oct 28
Rotary Institute;
Ron Beaubien

Nov 4
Autonomous Vehicles;
Henrik Christensen

Nov 11
Center for Climate and
Security;
RADM Len Hering

Club Events

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING;
MACCARTEE **20 Oct**

ROTARY/LASLAVIC GOLF TOURNEY;
PLUMB **6 Nov**

FLAGS ON THE AVENUE;
WEISBARTH **11 Nov**

BEACH CLEAN UP;
LAEDLEIN **14 Nov**

COROTATOR

Notes from the Substitute Scribe

The best laid plans.... **Ray Karno** tried to put together a nifty Kingston Trio video, but it was an epic fail!! Great idea though! **Pandemic President Robin** called the meeting to order and asked **Fred Koorey** to offer the invocation and lead the Pledge. Then **Pandemic President Robin** introduced our moderator for today **Orit Ostrowiak** and the thieving weasel politicians.

In case you missed our Zoom meeting this week you can catch it here on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/HWd7r6OpxrI>

Rotary Notes of Interest & Announcements

PROGRAM

Orit Ostrowiak was up to the task and did a fine job keeping all the candidates in line and on time.
OPENING STATEMENTS

Mike Donovan - Running for re-election on his record and his experience. He has always done his homework!

John Duncan - Father of four children including triplets! Community volunteer, coach, and has practiced law for over 25 years.

Tim Rohan - Thinks serving on the City Council isn't brain surgery! He wants to use residents to solve problems, not consultants. A 58 year resident who believes in building community involvement.

Casey Tanaka - Grew up here, went to school here, teaches here, and served as the 50th mayor of our town. Running because he is open to and understands the citizens.

QUESTION #1: HOW TO BALANCE TOURISM WITH THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS?

MD: Business needs tourism, Council's job is to balance impacts.

JD: Both business and resident needs must be considered. Once relinquishment happens we'll have more options on Orange Avenue including street ambassadors and more police presence uptown.

TR: Relook at Discover Coronado; discourage things that encourage day trippers.

CT: Was present at the creation of the CTID which allowed the big hotels to divert some of their TOT to convention promotion. Stopped advertising for day trippers.

QUESTION #2: COVID-19 WILL BE WITH US AWHILE. WHAT'S OUR POLICY?

JD: City Council is doing a good job helping business adapt including relaxing parking and outdoor requirements.

TR: Endorses mandatory mask wearing with fines for non-compliance. Also endorses education and outreach via City resources.

CT: City Council is doing a good job supporting business flexibility.

MD: Balance is key. Balance openings with outdoor dining and some indoor dining with masks. The numbers are moving in the right direction and the City must be flexible.

QUESTION #3: CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND SHOULD THE CITY BAN SINGLE-USE PLASTICS?

TR: Yes, the City should ban single-use plastics with a break-in period.

CT: No, there's no public consensus. He would ask for a public referendum if he thought it had become an issue for Coronado.

MD: Council has initiated a climate action plan. Use incentives to change actions.

JD: This is a terrible time to be imposing costs on businesses. What would be the cost of implementation?



Rotarian and City Councilman Mike Donovan zoomed in for the candidate forum.



What a fine looking group of Rotarians who showed up to clean the beach. Kudos to Red-badger Cindy Schiller for jumping right into action!



- Oct 13 Jon Ryan
- Oct 19 Chip Garry
- Oct 21 Lou Smith
- Oct 24 Jim Laslavic
- Oct 25 Tim Cusick

Fines and Recognitions

None, again.

Family of Rotary Program (cont'd)

QUESTION #4: WHAT IS THE CITY'S ROLE WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT?

CT: The City funds many activities such as crossing guards, field rentals, and Coronado SAFE that helps offset costs to the schools.

MD: City is working with schools to refinance bonds and loans which will help with finances. Repeated that the City funds many activities that benefit the schools.

JD: Youth services are really important, need to think outside the box and such as advance paying for field rentals to help out the schools recognizing that the City has its own Covid-related financial issues.

TR: In favor of increased City payments for facilities' rentals and for fully funding Coronado SAFE.

QUESTION #5: WATER RECLAMATION, SHOULD ALL COSTS BE INCLUDED? IS IT PRUDENT?

MD: Fully supports the project. It's been vetted over at least the last eight years. It's a sustainability project to save potable water for drinking and treated water for watering the golf course and parks.

JD: Supports, but must look at costs and return on investment. Visually, how will it look?

TR: Are the costs realistic? It's budgeted at \$25 million, but heard it could be up to \$50 million to build. Purple pipe will be bill back to residents at the tune of another \$10 million.

CT: Supports the concept. Water costs should go down as well as sewage costs as less is going to the processing plant.

QUESTION #6: WHAT COULD THE COUNCIL DO TO BUILD "COMMUNITY?"

JD: Coronado helps with many community events such as "92118 Day," Concerts in the Park, Christmas Parade, and lots of other events created by citizens and non-profits.

TR: Coronado does a great job with events, not such a great job including citizens in decision making.

CT: He is a cheerleader for the City and always tried to say "yes" to events.

MD: Outstanding events created by City staff, volunteers, and non-profits.

QUESTION #7: BETTER TRANSPORTATION?

TR: Run the free Summer Shuttle to the Cays, slow traffic down.

CT: How do we get people out of their cars? More bikes, Summer Shuttle.

MD: Proud of his work creating the Active Transportation Plan and is working with the Mobility Commission on traffic calming.

JD: Big fan of locals biking, a commissioner on the Bicycle Advisory Committee and worked toward access for all. Relinquishment will help.

QUESTION #8: DID LACK OF SUPPORT AT SANDAG RESULT FROM FAILURE TO JOIN TIJUANA RIVER SEWAGE SUIT?

CT: Coronado never popular in region and state (Jealousy!) Not joining suit contributed to ill will.

MD: Disagrees that not joining lawsuit contributed to lack of support on housing issue with SANDAG. Notes that all those cities have joined Coronado's lawsuit regarding housing.

JD: Lawsuits are the last resort! \$300 million for Tijuana sewage achieved through negotiation not lawsuits!

TR: IB can't be counted for support.

CLOSING STATEMENTS

MD: He's running on his record of promoting the residents' quality of life.

JD: Feels one of the most important jobs is representing Coronado on regional boards as we don't live in a vacuum. His background makes him uniquely qualified.

TR: Played for the Rotary Little League team 50 years ago! Will win or lose with integrity!

CT: Experience, trust, accessible, and risk adverse!