



Next Week's Program

Rotary Institute

Speakers

Ron Beaubien

Upcoming Programs

Nov 4
Autonomous Vehicles;
Henrik Christensen

Nov 11
Center for Climate and
Security;
RADM Len Hering

Nov 18
TBA

Nov 25
DARK;
Happy Thanksgiving!

Club Events

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

FLAGS ON THE AVE- **11**
NUE; **Nov**
WEISBARTH

BEACH CLEAN UP; **14**
LAEDLEIN **Nov**

COROTATOR

Notes from the Substitute Scribe

Coronado and the Kingston Trio were a great two-fer for the pre-meeting entertainment. Kudos to **Ray Karno!** **Pandemic President Robin** opened the meeting by asking **John Matthews** to offer the invocation and Pledge. **Pandemic President Robin** then introduced **Maggie Pettit** who was our moderator for today's School Board Candidates' Forum.

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

<https://youtu.be/naSYn76Yqus>

Rotary Notes of Interest & Announcements

PROGRAM

Maggie Pettit introduced the five candidates running for the thankless job of CUSD School Board member. They are Whitney Antrim (WA), Mike Canada (MC), **Nick Kato** (NK), Stacy Keszei (SK), and Alexia Palacio-Peters (APP).

OPENING STATEMENTS

WA: Lifelong Coronadan, her grandfather moved here in 1942; she attended CCDS, CMS, CHS, UCSB, and Vanderbilt Law School. Currently a public defender in San Diego. Raising her two children in Coronado.

MC: 25 years in Coronado, former Navy, now a lawyer and university professor.

NK: Former KMPG CPA, a proven leader, very involved with the community, a Rotarian.

SK: a university professor who will focus on curriculum.

APP: mother of three, VA lawyer, Navy wife, all in on what's best for students.

QUESTION #1: PANDEMIC SCHEDULING? WHAT HAS THE DISTRICT DONE WELL? NOT WELL?

WA: District has done an excellent job, enormous effort. Communication could be better, more transparency.

MC: District slow on the uptake. His children not getting consistent contact.

NK: Commended the teachers, balanced and fair. Agreed transparency in communication was lacking.

SK: Kids need to get back to school. Need to be creative. Use green spaces on schools or parks to get kids back to school.

APP: CUSD does a good job using assets such as "Google School" effectively.

QUESTION #2: ENROLLMENT? DECREASING NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

APP: CUSD should work on recruiting by offering more choices, CoSA, more AP classes, after school programs.

WA: If school was fulltime, students would come back. But, demographics are moving against Coronado, so we need new and better program offerings.

MC: We should focus on getting kids back in school, the curriculum is spotty.

NK: Funding is OK, open up and students will come back. "Basic Aid" is going away.

SK: ADA is down 24% at Village. We need to go either fully on-line or fully back to class.

QUESTION #3: ARE PETITIONS A GOOD THING TO SIGN? COMMUNICATE WITH SCHOOL BOARD?

SK: Signed petition for more diversity, didn't sign the one that the District was systemically racist. CUSD NOT racist! So-so on use of "yellow cards."

APP: Petitions good for communication as are "yellow cards."

WA: Petitions can be useful. Signed petition for diversity and equity.

MC: Petitions too emotional, jumped off the mark too soon, sometimes petitions can be bad as well as good.

NK: Didn't sign any petitions, prefers direct communication.



Let's give ourselves a big "Thumbs Up" for civility and professionalism in conducting our recent candidate forums. Well done, Team!



Ladies of Rotary unite for some social distance socializing and of course, getting things done! As the saying goes, Girls Rule and....wait, that was last year's theme.



- Oct 21 Lou Smith
- Oct 24 Jim Laslavic
- Oct 25 Tim Cusick
- Oct 29 Tim Hodges
Dan Hutchison
- Oct 30 James Ward
Tom Vessey

Fines and Recognitions

None, again.

Family of Rotary

Did we hear that Marathon Woman Kitt Williams broke her hip? We hope the rumor is wrong!

Program (cont'd)

QUESTION #4: NON-PARTISAN ELECTION. DID YOU SEEK OR OBTAIN ANY ENDORSEMENTS?

NK: Didn't seek any endorsements and entirely self-funded.

SK: First time running for office and sought help from Republican Party. Endorsed by Mayor Bailey, the Lincoln Club, and the Republican Party.

APP: PACs and Parties have no place in non-partisan elections.

WA: Sought Democratic Club's endorsement. Has the most local donations as indication of her broad support.

MC: Because he Takes a Position! He has the endorsement of Mayor Bailey, the Republican Party, and the Lincoln Club.

QUESTION #5: CURRICULUM? WHAT WOULD YOU ADD? TAKE AWAY?

MC: Not removing any, but wants to return/emphasize the basics and not stuff like the 1619 Project.

NK: 40% of graduates don't qualify for UCs. Focus on college bound and tech school curriculum,

SK: Need to get back to core basics and help those who want to go into the trades.

APP: None to adopt or eliminate. The role of the Board is to evaluate changes in curriculum and establish expectations for students.

WA: Board not involved in day-to-day decisions. She is very data-driven.

QUESTION #6: HOW WOULD YOU COMMUNICATE?

APP: Accessible, thinks the use of forums is a good will to hear constituents.

WA: Always listening, worried about Brown Act type things that would inhibit group meetings.

MC: Have to listen to the folks!

MK: Social media OK for communications, though not the only way.

SK: Active listener, always around the schools, an open book.

CLOSING STATEMENTS

SK: Accessible, fiscally sound, strengthen basic curriculum.

APP: She brings perspective: Parent, teacher, Navy spouse

WA: Born here, raised here, Navy child. Wants future generations to have the same experience she had.

MC: Need a strong curriculum, zero tolerance for bullying.

NK: Service Above Self! Debt not necessarily bad, many organizations use it.

Many thanks to **Maggie Pettit** and the candidates for an informative hour.