



COROTATOR

Notes from the Substitute Scribe

The "Best Part of Your Whole Week" began with Miss **Mariah Gillespie's** musical musings on Christmas. **Pandemic President Robin** asked **Arie Van Vugt** to offer the invocation and Pledge, and away we went on the last meeting of 2020. Good riddance! To 2020, not Rotary!

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

<https://youtu.be/xbIRV4fGxTk>

Next Week's Program

DARK

Speaker

Merry Christmas!

Upcoming Programs

Dec 30
DARK
Happy New Year!

Jan 6
San Diego County Hydrology

Jan 13
SD District Attorney;
Summer Stephan

Jan 20
Music Scholarship Competition

Rotary Notes of Interest & Announcements

1. Who Am I? **John Matthews** got to introduce his daughter **Maggie Pettit** who is, fittingly this year, a virtual lifelong Rotarian! Now, she's a REAL Rotarian and Coronado Rotary is honored to have her. Besides doing Rotary her whole life she has picked up a husband and two sons, taught high school chemistry, gotten a doctorate from Pepperdine, and co-authored a book and program called "Active Chemistry." She'll fit right in with this crowd!
2. Rotarians came up big for Toys for Tots and **Pandemic President Robin** presented Col Mike Wastila with a check for \$10,000.
3. Speaking of fundraising, **Bob Plumb** put out a call to support the Salvation Army and their efforts to "rescue Christmas" for our Coronado friends and south bay neighbors. Look for an email from Rotary regarding the Salvation Army, the Nelson Charities, and the virtual red bucket.
4. Speaking of **Bob Plumb**, it looks like the abbreviated golf tournament still raised over \$64,000.
5. **Janice Lowenberg** gave this month's Environmental Committee's update. Basically, recycle your Christmas trees or feed them to the goats! Also, there is trash pickup starting at Rotary Park this Saturday at 9:00 a.m., the 26th at Tidelands Park, and January 2, 2021 on the bike path.
6. Well done Rotarians! The City's Challenge 130 is in the books and Rotarians killed it! Our Rotary team of 36 participants finished in 3rd place! (first and second place had 92 and 170 participants) We were easily #1 in mileage per participant. 33 of our 36 participants made the goal of 130 miles, led by **Carol Summer** (4846 miles), **Dan Orr** (4501), and **Ivan Dunn** (3050). Carol was first overall and first woman, **Your Humble Scribe** was third overall and first male, and Ivan was tenth overall. We had three in the top ten! For the record, Coronado Rotary completed 31,434 total miles!

It's Throwback Thursday, so let's throw it back to the good ol' days with Team Steward, circa 2013:



Club Events

BEACH CLEAN UP; **12**
LAEDLEIN **Dec**

BAY CLEAN UP; **19**
DUNN **Dec**

MERRY CHRISTMAS! **25**
Dec



Taylor Stockdale, one of Coronado's treasured sons, presented the moving story of his family during the Vietnam years.



Hohoho! Even Santa agrees things look a bit different this year. Stay safe...we will be back together one day!



- Dec 18 Chris Keyes
Rick Wilcoxon
- Dec 20 Ken MacLeod
- Dec 22 Dave Knop
Pat Freeman
- Dec 25 Karol McClelland
- Dec 27 Ken Kaminski
- Dec 28 Pat Starke
- Dec 29 Bill Sandke
- Dec 30 Geneva Lake

Fines and Recognitions

1. Betsy and Ron Verneti are celebrating 53 years of marriage today and Ron volunteered \$100!

Family of Rotary

1. It's Christmas time and everyone is in good shape!

Membership

The following persons have been invited to join the Rotary Club of Coronado and have been vetted by the Board of Directors and Membership Committee. If any member has an objection to these proposed members they need to make their objections known, in writing within ten days, to the Board of Directors.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Helen Kupka	Engineering/Factory Automation	Davis/Sommer

Program

Heads up **Paul Plumb**, we may have a winner of Program of the Year! **Dave Landon** introduced the headmaster of the Webb School in Claremont, Taylor Stockdale, whose parents happen to be James and Sybil Stockdale. Taylor shared pictures of growing up in Coronado while his dad was a POW in North Vietnam for eight years. He told the story of his dad's captivity and how normal the mom's tried to make life for the children at home. Taylor's dad passed away in 2005 and his mom in 2015 and he showed us some of the local tributes including the main gate at NAS North Island, at the library, and the USS Stockdale (DD106) home ported at Naval Base San Diego. He gave credit to Coronado as a special place to grow up, especially under his family's circumstances.