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CLAREMONT ROTARY NEWSLETTER

IN SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Claremont Rotary Year 92 | Week 38 | March 19, 2021

Program: Pat Lee, Claremont Kiwanis

Submitted by Jim Lehman



Founded in 1915, Kiwanis International is dedicated to serving children around the world. The mission is to improve the world, one child, one community, at a time. The Claremont Kiwanis Club was founded in 1924.



President Buff Wright introduced our speaker, **Pat Lee**, President of the [Claremont Kiwanis Club](#), Pat was joined by Linda Clinton, President-elect, and Greg Shapton, Assistant Division Secretary. Pat is an Los Angeles native, and studied at Cal Poly Pomona. She retired from a career as an administrative judicial secretary at the LA County Superior Court. For 25 of her 34 years in the court system she was assigned to the Pomona Superior Court. Pat and her husband have been married for 54 years, had two daughters, one of whom died in her 20s leaving an infant daughter that Pat and her husband raised. Now in her 30s, their granddaughter is a school psychologist. Her other daughter lives and works in Fontana, for Kaiser, and has two daughters herself, one of them on assignment with Ameri-cops in Iowa. Pat and her husband also raised her younger

brother's son, Daniel, who had cerebral palsy and died two years ago before turning 30. Daniel was a regular at Ability First, which Pat also served 12 years as President of the Foothill Guild, the Ability First fundraising arm. Through Ability First, she got to know some Kiwanians, like Jess Swick, who served as auctioneer at Ability First's fundraising events at Candlelight Pavilion. At one of those events, Kiwanian Woody Douglas offered an in-ground jacuzzi, and Pat was hooked.

Pat observed local Kiwanians who arranged beach outings for special needs children at Danbury School, and was struck by the loving generosity of the Kiwanians who interacted with those children on those excursions. When she retired 15 years ago, they recruited her and she responded to the full-court press by joining Kiwanis. A couple of years in, the president, seeing her talent in engaging and organizing people, approached her about becoming hospitality chair—an assignment she still holds.

Kiwanis is very hands-on. Like Rotary, there are retirees among their number, which actually frees them up for volunteer service. One of their members has faithfully staffed the cashier table at Monday concerts in the park, sitting in his wheelchair. Some of the Kiwanis activities you may have noticed: Sees Candy sales,

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Watch it!!

This week's program is worth watching again (at 45 minutes in)!

Here's a link to the [recording](#).

Passcode: Kiwanis319!

It will be available until 4/04.

Next Zoom Meeting

March 26: Features

A Virtual lunchtime stroll of the National Mall , Laura Moore

[ZOOM LINK](#)

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ROTARY, THE ZOOM MEETING

submitted by Mike DeWees



President Buff noted that a year ago, we had the first trial balloon of a zoom meeting. This week is the anniversary of the first meetings on Zoom in 2020. We had a Board meeting on the 17th. And on the 20th, as reported in the [March 20, 2020 Clarifier](#), we sang, we told stories, we whined a little, we had some good ideas. Twenty-two people attended. Steve Schenck took no pictures but put up a cool photo background. Cameron called the meeting to discuss three questions: Shall we have actual club meetings using this format, with a speaker, that could be recorded and posted later? Should club committees have virtual meetings, to put together a year-end report? What are we doing to help the community, and are there additional things we could do as a club or as individuals? Breakout topic was "Look how far we've come in a year"

And when we came back from breakout, we took a poll again to consider when we will feel comfortable going back to the DoubleTree. 52% willing to meet in June (up from 25% a month ago), 94% interested in a hybrid meeting. Brett O'Connor voiced concern about the hybrid model as we may lose fabric of meeting if many people attend online rather than in person. Don Gould thought it would be a good idea to keep zoom as part of the meeting for those who can't get to the meeting in person. Tim Harrison is donating to the club an "Owl" camera system that may help with a video feed that helps give the feeling of being there for those on zoom.

WELCOME GUESTS

We welcomed frequent guest **Bill Gershon**. There's a rumor that **PDG Randy Pote** was on line early in the meeting.



Speaker Pat Lee was accompanied by three of her Club members: Linda Clinton, Greg Shapton, and Bob Fagg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bridget Healy announced that the CHS Theater is performing "Distance Learning," a new play featuring a teacher and her students from March until reuniting in September. It's a great retrospective on what we've been through this last year.

Lucinda McDade announced the upcoming volunteer opportunity to plant at the CBG entrance (our District Grant project), on **March 31**. If you are interested, connect with **Bridget Healy** or **Lyn Childress** who are coordinating interactors and Rotarians. Gardens will be beautiful. Irrigation updating is going in now. *Continued on page 4*

INDUCTION OF JOE ATMAN



Today we inducted new member Joe Atman, Executive Director of [MiddleTree Tutoring](#). He plans to bring along others from the company. Susie did the introduction with Sarah Jo Antonucci, who sponsored him. We are thrilled that we can count him as a true member. John Tulac informed Joe that he is joining a group of 1.2 million members in virtually every country in the world and he is now part of an amazing worldwide organization. Thanks, Joe, for joining us and adding to our club.

Joe thanked everyone, including SJ and Nick and Nona and all these now familiar faces. "I felt so welcomed when I spoke to the group back in the fall (see [Clarifier for 10/23](#)) and am excited to be part of the group."

INSPIRATION OF THE DAY

John Howland



John shared several quotes from former First Lady Michelle Obama :

I am a simple person with a complicated mind.

Her mantra: Show up. Do the Work. Rest. Process. Repeat.

Do not bring people into your life who weigh you down. And trust your instincts...good relationships feel good. They feel right. They don't hurt. They're not painful. That's not just with somebody you want to marry, but its with the friends you choose. It's with the people you surround yourself with.

Friendships between women, as any woman will tell you, is built of a thousand small kindnesses...swapped back and forth and over again.

No country can truly flourish if it stifles the potential of its woman and deprives itself of the contributions of half of its citizens.

Time, as far as my father was concerned, was a gift you gave other people.

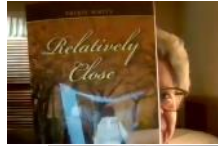
Sergeant Susie Ilsley

She's been tracking who's getting fined and who hasn't. Several people she wanted to fine appear to be evading detection.



S.J. Antonucci was asked where her husband and member **Vadim Shtil** was. He hasn't been fined once!

Sylvia Whitlock was given a chance to promote her book, *Relatively Close*. Autographs are available.



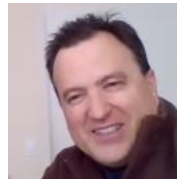
Susie called on **Dennis Smith**. True or False: March is national celery month. Dennis said "True!" did he know that as a celery lover, or did he guess?



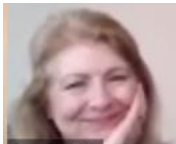
Rich Laughton was challenged to say what year the rubber band was invented, and guessed 1918. 1845 was the answer



Cameron Troxell knew that Harland was the KFC founder's first name, but wasn't quite as good at guessing the date: KFC was established in 1930 but he guessed 1950.



Barbara Troxell guessed that Twitter was founded in 1980 — she's clearly ahead of her times! It was 2006.



Tom Shelley was asked whether he remembers when the first Beatles album was released and its name. He guessed 1963 (right!) and "Meet the Beatles." Sergeant Susie thought it was "Please Please Me" and controversy over UK vs. US release ensued. **Don Ralls** shut everyone up by holding up the actual album! The US version!



Bobby Hyde was asked about the funniest April fools prank ever played on him. He explained that his best friend called on April 1st, saying he was retiring and had a believable story, but it was a joke.



Harry Sparrow has only been fined twice since records were kept. What was his funniest prank? He once got to the putting green before his buddy and placed his ball in the hole for an eagle. He only told his friend after he bragged at the bar afterward.



Peter Weinberger had bad prank played on him as a teenager. He wanted a specialized camera and got a heavy gift box from his father. He was very excited until he opened it and found rocks instead. His mom was very upset with his Dad and that joke

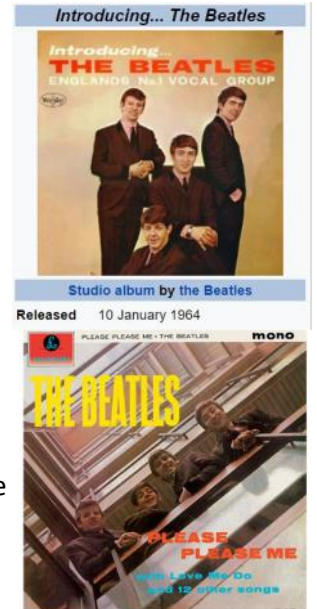


Susie's Fun Facts

Fact checked by Harry Sparrow

What if the right answer isn't right, or the wrong answer isn't wrong? Inquiring minds want to know. Is it the Truth?

Sergeant Susie Ilsley asked what the name of the first Beatles album was. **Bridget Healy** said it was "Meet the Beatles." **Don Ralls** showed the actual album. It turns out the answer is more complicated than we might have thought. Susie said it was "Please Please Me." Some thought that was a single not an album. It turns out that both Bridget and Susie were right. Bridget knew the first album released in the US (either Meet the Beatles or Introducing the Beatles—on different labels 10 days apart) Susie's answer applied to the Beatles' first studio album in the UK. Both were released in 1963, but the first, first album was the UK one.



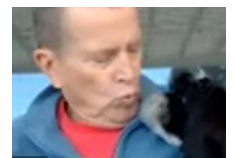
The Beatles – Please Please Me (1963, cover art photograph by Angus McBean)

Cameron Troxell, ever the trivia expert, knew the Colonel's first name but the founding date in 1930, surprised all of us. The restaurant was indeed founded in 1930 in Corbin, Kentucky by Sanders, but it wasn't until the 1950s that he succeeded with the franchising concept. The first franchise of KFC opened in Salt Lake City in 1952.

Was March really National Celery Month? We researched this but could find no information on how it came to be. We will keep *stalking* the internet until we find one.

SJ Antonucci reported from her breakout room a new mixer spot: the roof top of the new building housing four of our members, **John Allen, Don Ralls, John Bifone** and **Greg Mossman**.

Randy Prout showed off his expensive (medical-style) haircut. Both operations were a success!



Claremont Kiwanis, cont'd from page 1

hosting Concerts in the Park, Children’s Concerts, the Claremont Farmers’ Market, the Read Me program at local schools, the Route 66 Party, July 4th concession booth, dozens of grants and scholarships (including 4-year scholarships for college-bound students, and 2-year scholarships for San Antonio High School graduates pursuing a technical track), support for CLASP, and sponsoring a Key Club at the high school. Kiwanis also supports the Food Bank at Joslyn Senior Center, helping recipients carry food to their cars; they serve breakfast to seniors. Like us, they identify families at the holidays and support them through the Adopt-a-Family program. They host a Valentine’s Day party for Seniors, including Bingo! This year’s valentine’s event included a virtual Family Feud.

The Claremont Kiwanis Club also works with Kiwanis International to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus and iodine deficiency disorders around the world.

The club operates food concessions at public events throughout the year—if you’ve had a burger or a hot dog at a Concert in the Park or a pancake breakfast at the Easter Egg Hunt (aka Spring Gathering) or the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot, or the July 4th Freedom 5000, it was Kiwanians cooking and serving.

Of course, this pandemic year has put a damper on many of their usual fundraising activities, as well as their meetings. Normally, they meet Thursdays at noon at St. Ambrose Episcopal Church on Bonita. Now it’s every other Thursday on Zoom. They are in the planning stages for fundraisers, including a virtual Bingo night and one or two virtual concerts with Michael Ryan, since the Concerts in the Park and the Route 66 Party are canceled for this year. It’s been a challenging year for them, as it has been for us, and they’ve been fortunate to have Pat at the helm, as we’ve been to have Buff at ours.

Despite all the outreach and activity, many Claremonters don’t know what Kiwanis is or what it’s about—a fate we in Rotary seem to share. Now we have a much better idea!

Kiwanis now meets on zoom every other Thursday at noon. Soon returning to the Social Hall of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, 830 West Bonita

Announcements, continued from page 2

Lucinda told of “Dogs in the park” \$1,000 for dogs to run free in the Gardens...it’s a high ticket item but still open. Currently six dogs have raised a paw.

The San Gabriel Habitat for Humanity project on 3/13 was great. Mark Carson, Sylvia Whitlock and Buff Wright painted! Do you have a contacts with the Pomona Habitat for Humanity Brush with Kindness Program? Tell Buff. <https://habitatpv.org/volunteer/brush-with-kindness/>

Please take a look at this Clarifier for three virtual programs of interest on pages 5 and 7: A South African program – **April 15 at 10:00 am Pacific**; the UK TogetherTalks on **March 30 from 12:05 – 12:45 Pacific**; and a Vegas Show fundraiser sponsored by the Summerlin Las Vegas Club on **Saturday, April 17 at 6:00 pm.**

March Board Meeting Actions

The Board approved funding for three additional organizations this month. CERT, Priceless Pets and the CHS Choral program.

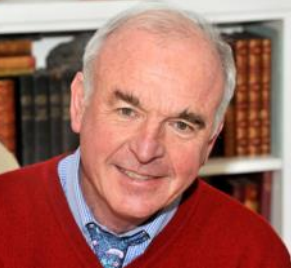
We also approved participation in the Guatemala Global Grant project directed by the San Clemente Rotary Club: a medical clinic and a dental clinic named for Ned Paniagua’s mother.

We approved the Scouting Council’s request to hold outdoor activities, and a slight revision to the Club’s Financial Hardship Policy, which allows members experiencing a hardship to receive relief from payment of dues.



VIRTUAL ROTARY IN YOUR SPARE TIME

From our friend **Biffy Dankwertz** from the e-club of Greater Capetown comes an invitation to participate in an interesting program that will broaden our view! A link to buy tickets (a donation to Rotary for R100 = \$6.25) for the program is on [the website](#). The program is on Thursday, **April 15 at 10:00 am Pacific**.



Speaker Clem Sunter is South Africa's most highly regarded scenario planner and strategist. He is an icon and model of mental litness and has been expertly styled as the Foxy Futurist. He is an executive elite who was responsible for the scenario planning unit of Anglo American in the 1980s and operated as its CEO in the 1990s. He has found a calling in mounting unique and creative solutions to fit circumstances no longer defined in a box. He has given presentations globally and has become an ambassador of expert knowledge for South Africa.

From discussing strategy in the 1980s with our former president, Nelson Mandela, to becoming a renowned author of several best-selling books, and rooted in bringing his new methodology to the people.

The two main scenarios Clem will be talking about are 'The gilded cage' (do we remain a divided planet) or a 'Friendly planet' (joining together to ensure a better future). He will also be talking about the 'Economic Crossroad' that SA faces, as to whether those responsible take the 'high road or low road'.

Mr Sunter is dually known for his book, The Mind of a Fox, which indicated the terrorist attacks on US soil on September 11, 2001.

And brought to you by [Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland](#): Tue, 30 March 2021, 12:05 – 12:45 PDT [Book \(free\) tickets](#)

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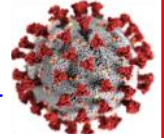
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COVID Vaccination Update



NEW: All Californians 50 and older eligible for COVID vaccine as of April 1; 16 and older, April 15

Melisa Acoba, health program analyst from LA County Public Health will speak to our club on April 23.

From the [LA County Public Health Website](#):

All people 65 or over are eligible now. Recently added are the rest of Phase 1B — those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors:

- Education and Childcare - More info: [webpage](#) | [PDF](#)
- Emergency Services - More info: [webpage](#) | [PDF](#)
- Food and Agriculture - More info: [webpage](#) | [PDF](#)
- People with Serious Health Conditions/Disabilities - More info: [webpage](#)
- People Who Live or Work in Congregate Living Spaces - More info: [webpage](#)
- Janitorial, Custodial, and Maintenance Services - More info: [webpage](#) | [PDF](#)
- Transportation and Logistics - More info: [webpage](#)

As of April 1, all people age 50 and over are eligible

As of April 15, all people over 16 are eligible

[Find out when you can receive a vaccine.](#)

You can access all County's sites through [MyTurn.CA.Gov](#) or link to [all county information sites](#).

CDC Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IN LA COUNTY

DATA THROUGH 03/17/21
LAST UPDATED: 03/19/21
(UPDATED EVERY WEEK)

TOTAL DOSES ADMINISTERED

AS OF 3/17/2021

3,234,989

Second Doses: 1,057,794

Data do not include doses administered by providers in the Cities of Long Beach and Pasadena.

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at 6pm

Encore performances all night long after the first show!

Headliners include:



Magician Mat Franco
Comedian Carrot Top
Fantasy Show Girls

Frank Marino as Joan Rivers
The Australian Bee Gees
The Carpenters Tribute
Neil Diamond Tribute
The Kingston Trio Tribute



WELCOME

Buy Tickets at
rotarysummerlin.org

The **Summerlin Las Vegas Rotary Club** has arranged a fundraiser opportunity only a Las Vegas club could! And they want to share it with other clubs in the district!

For every ticket sold with the code CLA, our club will get \$25 of the ticket price of \$85 per household, which also includes a \$25 Pizza Hut online coupon good anywhere any time. [Buy your ticket here!](#)

The Vegas Show Night is **Saturday, April 17 at 6:00 pm** with repeat performances (it's video, after all) after that for those who cannot make 6 pm.

They tried to keep the Summerlin brand as discreet as possible with this in mind, although they do feature charities that feed those in need, serve homeless teens and care for families with children with cancer, and most of the remaining \$60 will go to these great Rotary causes. We can donate our \$25 per ticket to any cause we wish.

Don't hesitate to share the link to buy tickets, along with the Code CLA, with friends and family, including people far away from Las Vegas. Pizza Hut is everywhere, as are people tired of watching the same old TV shows. Make a night of it and bring some funds into our Club's foundation at the same time.

[Click this link for tickets.](#)

Register as a guest and use the code CLA

You'll get the program link and the coupon by email!

That's it!

Invite vaccinated and/or socially distanced/masked friends and family, and what happens in Vegas will come to your house!