

IN SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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Program: Virtual Stroll of the National Mall

Submitted by Mike DeWees

Our program was a virtual lunchtime stroll of the National



The DC tour guides, "umbrella leaders" carry umbrellas to help their groups identify them.

Mall with Laura Moore, a registered member of the Guild of Professional Tour Guides of Washington D.C.. Laura is from Claremont and is a graduate of the CHS class of '83. She went on to Columbia University, received her PhD at the University of Georgia and now teaches US History at George Mason University in Virginia.

Laura consolidated her normal four-hour walking tour of the National Mall into a 30 minute virtual tour for us today. Armed with an excellent PowerPoint and mouse pointer she walked us virtually through a series of maps and photos giving us an overview of the history of the mall, hit the major memorials and talked about the newer memorials and those in the works.

We started with some "before now" pictures of her usual 8th grade class tours including a packed mall that usually has thousands of people walking around. Then we jumped back in time and saw how the land developed back when the Washington Monument was completed in 1885. Much of

the land was created out of mud from the Potomac River in 1912.

In 1923 the Lincoln Memorial was built and by 1947 the Pentagon and Jefferson Memorial had been built. By 1984 we had the John F. Kennedy Memorial and Vietnam War Memorial.



Our virtual tour started at the WWII memorial, traveling on to the Vietnam, Lincoln and Korea memorials. Then on to the MLK, Jr and FDR memorials before concluding at the Jefferson memorial.

Laura gave us a few tidbits that may not be noticed at each memorial if not with a professional guide. At the WWII memorial Laura showed us a small "Kilroy was here" engraving, a joke from the "greatest generation."

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Watch it!!

You can see all of the photographs and hear the program at about 37 minutes into the meeting! Here's a link to the [recording](#).
 Passcode: Mar26!DCTour
 It will be available until 4/20.

Next Zoom Meeting

April 2: Features
 Terry Grill on Recycling
[ZOOM LINK](#)

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ROTARY, THE ZOOM MEETING

submitted by Jim Lehman



President Buff shared a slide from a [video](#) prepared by Rotary International, featuring RI President Holger Knaack and RI Foundation Trustee Chair K. R. Ravindran. They are calling on Rotarians to take the knowledge we have about vaccine safety and effectiveness, drawing from our work on polio vaccination, to support the effort to vaccinate against Covid 19. In particular, they are hoping to mobilize Rotarians to address vaccine disinformation and misinformation, as well as vaccine hesitancy and resistance. Inally, they hope to enlist Rotarians to support public safety measures such as mask-wearing, social distancing, and anti-viral hygiene, as well as donations of PPE for front line workers. We went to our breakout rooms with an invitation to discuss ways to respond when we encounter vaccine hesitancy/resistance or misinformation, whether among acquaintances and family or in public.

After we resumed our meeting, we had a few comments from the breakouts, the most salient being: you've just got to tell hesitant and resistant people the facts; you're not going to persuade them of anything by arguing.

WELCOME GUESTS

We welcomed frequent guest **Bill Gershon**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week's program will be about what's going on with recycling, presented by Terri Grill, sustainability coordinator for Sealed Air Corporation.

Brett O'Connor reported that the 4-Way Test Speech Contest, with Karen Sapio and Jim Lehman serving as judges, was won by our very own Sophie Rivasplata, who will be moving on to the next round. Also attending from our Club were Bridget Healy, Lyn Childress, Chuck Cable, Randy Prout, Brett, and Buff.

On **April 17**, a Saturday, we will hold the Dan Stover Music Contest at Claremont High School. Brett will provide further information in due course. The Hensel Ethics Essay Contest has also yielded a number of entries. Being homebound has its positive side.

Lucinda McDade announced that on Wednesday, March 31 at 8 am a few Rotarians could very usefully lend a hand mulching new plantings at Foothill and College. Show up and ask for Peter or Ashley and they'll put you to work. It'll take an hour or so. On **Wednesday, April 6**, a team of Interactors and Rotarians will be planting a welcome garden at the entrance, just beyond the arrival kiosk. Join in!

President Buff just visited the Las Vegas Rotary Club which has resumed meeting in person and has been using a hybrid format for years--in person with a zoom link for those who want to attend virtually. Their total attendance has



actually increased. Our Committee, chaired by **Karen Sapio**, is working on next steps in a form that would better show the hotel crowd.

INSPIRATION OF THE DAY

Lucinda McDade

From *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

The way that Haudenosaunee children at the reservation school (upstate NY) open their day is with a Thanksgiving Address (no Pledge of Allegiance for them of course!) - to remind them to be thankful and to prepare them for the school day. Lucinda read two excerpts:



This is the first one:

Today we have gathered and when we look upon the faces around us we see that the cycle of life continue. We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony with each other and all living things. So now let us bring our minds together as one as we give greetings and thanks to each other as People. Now our minds are one.

This is near the last of them - moon and stars:

We put our minds together and give thanks to our oldest Grandmother, the Moon, who lights the nighttime sky. She is the leader of women all over the world and she governs the movement of the ocean tides. By her changing face we measure time and it is the Moon who watches over the arrival of children here on Earth. Let us gather our thanks for Grandmother Moon together in a pile, layer upon layer of gratitude, and then joyfully fling that pile of thanks high into the night sky that she will know. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to our Grandmother, the moon.

We give thanks to the Stars who are spread across the sky like jewelry. We see them at night, helping the Moon to light the darkness and bringing dew to the gardens and growing things. When we travel at night, they guide us home. With our minds gathered as one, we send greetings and thanks to all the Stars. Now our minds are one.

Sergeant Nona Tirre

Nona Tirre, substituting for **Nick Quackenbos**, took charge quickly insisting on making it a fine day even though Nick's day was apparently not fine.

First up, **Karen Sapio** was fined for being a dedicated walker—Nona says she sees her walking everywhere she goes. Exemplary. But must pay the pig.

Joe Atman was fined for being a piano player who plays clubs here and there. He paid his way through school in part with such gigs, but doesn't indulge so much anymore as time is scarce. Hmmm. Perhaps a weekly gig at Claremont Rotary? Fine!

Lucinda McDade was highlighted for winning an award: the 2021 Liberty Hyde Bailey Award from the American Horticultural Society, given to an individual who has made significant lifetime contributions to at least three of the following horticultural fields: teaching, research, communications, plant exploration, administration, art, business, and leadership. It's a big deal—the highest honor of the AHS. Congratulations, Lucinda, but pay up.

Arman Ariane, Happy New Year! (Nowruz, the Persian New Year, fell on March 20 this year.) Arman, you were on the cover of Apparel News. How did that come about? "I was at a trade show, chatting with the organizers, and they thought my shop made for a good story, so we ended up on the cover page of the Apparel News." What a salesman! Now that's a fine tale.



Susie Ilsley, wasn't your husband just interviewed for something? He does podcasts every week, and he's having a really interesting one coming up, but Susie couldn't remember who his guest is or the topic! Nona says, fine with me!



Frank Bedoya was fined because he never signs up for Sergeant duty at a meeting. His reply? Because I'm not on the committee! There's some kind of inside joke going on here, but a fine is still forthcoming.



Ned Paniagua offered to pay a fine to announce for his wife, Chrissie, that [Magnolia Wine Bar](#) is open! They have hired a great new chef, have some fabulous new items on the menu, and are really excited about the future. "Come check us out!" This is indeed wonderful news, and it may involve a fine, but congratulations, Ned and Chrissie! Buff, Zoe, Bernadette, Lynn, Kebokile, and Anita H. got the jump on the rest of Claremont Rotary, as they were at Magnolia last week for Happy Hour – alone in the event room. Lucky them. And fine for them.



Finally, what happened on this date, March 26, 1953?

Jonas Salk announced he had successfully tested a vaccine to prevent polio. The trials began the next year. What a great day!

And on this date in 1972, the Lakers won the 69th of their 82 games, a record they would hold for 24 years.

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At the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the wall lists 58,300 who were either killed in action or missing in service, which most of us have seen—at least in pictures. The soldiers are listed in chronological order by the date of their death. Laura pointed out a relatively new plaque honoring those who died later as a result of their service, as from Agent Orange or PTSD. (at right)

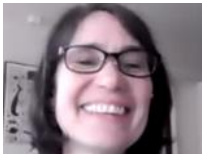


At the Korean Memorial (shown at right), which was built after the Vietnam Memorial, there is a wall of faces from real photographs of people who served, engraved into granite. It also includes the picture of a dog who served in Korea along with his handler.



Laura talked about the Lincoln Memorial, sharing many stories about this meaningful place, looking out at the Washington Memorial. This has been a stage of democracy since the 1922 dedication when Lincoln's only surviving child, Robert Todd Lincoln, was present and captured on film before passing four years later. (photo, above right)

DC Tour, cont'd from page 3



There is a plaque where the podium was when MLK gave his "I Have a Dream" speech, dedicated 40 years after the

March on Washington. Laura showed us many historical photos from the Lincoln Memorial including a white park ranger standing next to MLK during his historic 1963 speech. The ranger, Cornelius Heine, just died on March 11th of this year. We then moved on to the MLK Memorial featuring the sculpture by artist Lei Yixin, dedicated in 2011. The design was based on the metaphor "out of mountain of despair, a stone of hope." MLK's carving faces the Lincoln Memorial.



We went on to the FDR Memorial after passing the Tidal Basin and an active beach that was once closed rather than be desegregated.

The FDR Memorial is segmented into four sections reflecting his four terms in office. The first section depicts a bread line, particularly meaningful now, and the second covers WWII. The third section depicts the Yalta Conference in 1945. FDR's sculpture actually features the wheels of FDR's chair. You have to go to back of statue to see, but the detail is there. The fourth area is about FDR's funeral.



On our way to the Jefferson Memorial, the Inlet Bridge features a fish sculpture with a face in tribute to after National Park Service employee Manus "Jack" Fish.

Finally, at the Jefferson Memorial, Laura noted that you can see the White House, which was by design. FDR was a big proponent of the Jefferson Memorial and laid the cornerstone for it in 1939. He wanted a direct view from the White House to remember the founding ideals of the nation.

Bonus memorials! Did you know there is a Grant Memorial, Japanese-American Memorial, Peace Corps Memorial, Native American Veterans Memorial, Eisenhower Memorial and Disabled Veterans Memorial? Plus, under construction is a new National WWI Memorial in addition to temporary memorials like "The Poppy Wall," "Holocaust Survivors," "Veterans for Peace" and more recently, "COVID memorials." Temporary memorials are often only up for a few weeks.

Laura kept much of her audience well after time with a fascinating Q&A and even those very familiar with the National Mall learned much today. (Laura's mother Linda, a resident of Claremont, was lurking in background during the presentation, and asked a few questions at the end!) Of course, because she is a history professor, Laura left us with a reading list if you wish to learn more!

Tour resources:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnAxqpUTWs>
- <http://dctourguides.com/>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Mall

Read more about it....

Histories of the National Mall, <http://mallhistory.org/>
 National Mall and Memorials Park: <https://www.nps.gov/nama/index.htm>
 Trust for the National Mall: <https://nationalmall.org/our-work>
 DC History Center resources: <https://www.dchistory.org/contextfortoday/>
 Cultural Tourism DC: <https://www.culturaltourismdc.org/portal/home>
 DC Historic Sites: <https://historicsites.dcpreservation.org/>

Asch & Musgrove, *Chocolate City*
 Benton-Short, *The National Mall*
 Savage, *Monument Wars*

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World War II Memorial

KILROY WAS HERE

The Poppy Wall – honors U.S. military service members killed since WWII

Veterans for Peace, Swords into Plowshares Bell Tower

Lest We Forget, Luigi Toscano Portraits of Holocaust Survivors, April 2018

new ways of memorializing on the National Mall

memorializing in 2020-21

Christopher Durcan placed his photo of his mother Constance Durcan at the memorial. She passed away May 2 on her 75th birthday. Photograph by Evy Magee

Covid 19 Memorial remembering 400,000 lives, January 2021

"H St Turner" @Chamber of Commerce

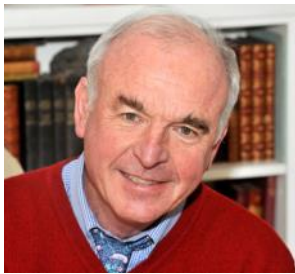
Covid 19 Memorial remembering 200,000 lives, September 2020

Black Lives Matter Plaza, John Lewis, June 7, 2020 <http://muralproject.com/>

Pennsylvania Ave at the White House, June 22, 2020

VIRTUAL ROTARY IN YOUR SPARE TIME

From our friend **Biffy Dankwerts** 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 liveness 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'.

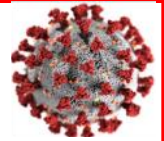
Mr. Sunter is dually known for his book, *The Mind of a Fox*, which indicated the terrorist attacks on US soil on September 11, 2001.

And brought to you by [Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland](#): TogetherTalks. New talks will be scheduled soon.

You can catch up on all the events so far on the [Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland's YouTube channel](#).

Highly recommended by Buff is the talk by [Daniel Flynn](#), Chief Visionary and Co-Founder of [Thankyou](#). Daniel's corporation provides the proceeds from selling water and other products to charity. His remarkable business development story is quite interesting and inspiring!

COVID Vaccination Update



NEW: Smaller sites may have waiting lists. Try Von's on Baseline.

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](#):

As of April 1, all people age 50 and over are eligible. This group in LA County includes 1.4M people who will now be seeking vaccines!

As of April 15, all people over 16 are eligible

Vaccine supply is still an issue.

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>

There is abundant data about the equitable distribution COVID 19 vaccinations. Los Angeles County posts distribution data online and has compiled a COVID-19 Racial, Ethnic & Socioeconomic Data & Strategies Report

[View the Report](#)



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DO YOU MISS VEGAS? WE'RE BRINGING THE STRIP RIGHT INTO YOUR LIVING ROOM.



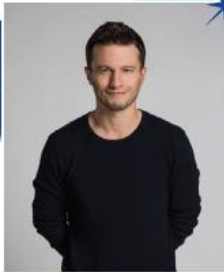
Your ticket comes with a **\$25 Pizza Hut online coupon.**



Streaming Saturday, April 17
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



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!

