

IN SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Claremont Rotary Year 92 | Week 44 | April 30, 2021

Program: Claremont Update, Mayor Jennifer Stark

submitted by Jim Lehman



S.J. Antonucci introduced our speaker, Claremont Mayor, **Jennifer Stark**, as a “Rotarian at heart,” dedicated to service. Mayor Stark opened her remarks by sharing that,

while in high school, she was a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Western Australia in 1987-88. She was sponsored by the LaVerne Rotary Club, and during her year toured all over Western Australia, a vast expanse, speaking to local Rotary clubs. As a result of this experience, which she describes as incredibly influential and life-changing, she has become truly a Rotarian at heart. Parenthetically, she says if you think Claremont’s a small town, tour a small industrial coal-mining town in Western Australia—you’ll find out what a small town really is! (population 3,000, and no man over the age of 18 was physically intact—missing an ear, a finger, a leg—because industrial accidents are commonplace.)

Mayor Stark’s State of the City power-point had a cover slide featuring some tiles made by families during this COVID year, expressing something about what it has meant to them. They’ll be assembled into a public art installation that is yet to be determined.

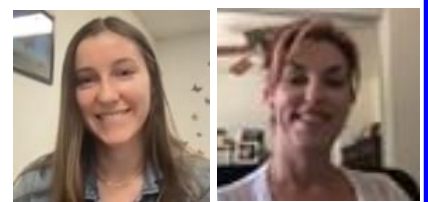
Our City Council now has its first two members elected by district—Sal Medina from District 5 and long-serving council member Corey Calaycay from District 1. They were the successful



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INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new corporate associate members **Andrea Blockinger** and **Patricia (Trisch) Deehring**, representing MiddleTree with **Joe Atman**. Andrea is the District Director for Human Resources and Trisch is MiddleTree’s Deputy Director.



Watch it!!

You can hear the program at about 32 minutes into the meeting! Here’s a link to the [recording](#). Passcode: MayorStark!Apr30
It will be available until 5/21.

Next Zoom Meeting

May 7: Featuring PDG Jerry Tambe chairing the meeting and giving a Sr. Craft Talk, etc.
[ZOOM LINK](#)

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ROTARY, THE ZOOM MEETING

submitted by Mike DeWees



Before the meeting started, we looked at the Courier spread on Buff's "small" home, 792 sq feet. (She is currently in Portland in an ample 125 sf camper.) Those of us who have been in her home have been fooled by the large living room but apparently all the rest of the rooms are closets. **Trisch Deehring** showed off her AC/DC t-shirt and inspired metal discussion. Zoom backgrounds were discussed (see page 4 for a "how to") and **Betty Sheldon** showed off her dog.

President Buff opened the meeting noting that Mayor Jennifer Stark is joining us today. Though it has been her home forever. Jennifer put a tremendous amount of effort into learning more about the city as she prepared to be an elected volunteer – a City Council member and mayor. To prepare for questions and discussion following her update on the City, Buff recommended that we talk about our community in the breakouts. What do you like about it? What do you think we need to make the community and neighborhoods stronger? See a few points discussed on page 3.

WELCOME GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

We welcomed **Stephen Juliar**, Visiting Rotarian **Sharon Douglas** who zoomed in from Seattle, and for the first and last time as guests, **Andrea Blockinger** and **Patricia (Trisch) Deehring** from Middle Tree. (See Induction, p.1)



In honor of our new members, President Buff explained and led us in reciting the Four-Way Test.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brett O'Connor chimed in to report that in the 4 Way Speech Contest on Thursday, our contestant finished third. A young lady from Glendora High School finished first.

Brett thanked those who have volunteered for reviewing the 29 (!) essays submitted for the Hensel Ethics Essay Contest and received a few more volunteers.

President Buff thanked members for comments on the new Club policy on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. If you didn't receive the email last week, please let Buff know. Also tell Buff if you would like to be part of the next level of discussion – planning to implement and actualize the policy. We might even have the discussion in person!

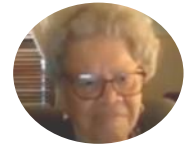
The **District Conference** will be online **May 22 from 2:00-5:00 pm**. There is no registration fee this year. The conference will spotlight District 5300 clubs' activities over the last 12 months. You received an email with a link to register on April 22 from DG Greg Jones, or go to <https://district5300.org/>, which requires you to log-in to DACdb (Jim Marchant can help with your login if you've forgotten) and go to the District Calendar.

The Four Way Test
of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

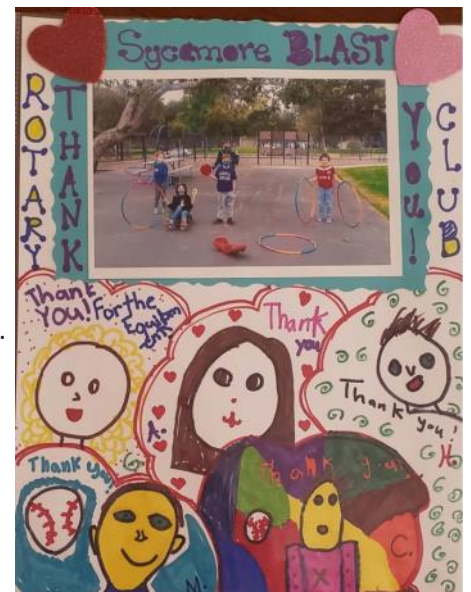
INSPIRATION OF THE DAY

Submitted by Sylvia Whitlock



Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace - a soul generated by love. *MLK Jr.*

Nona Tirre showed off a thank-you card we received from Sycamore for donating school supplies.



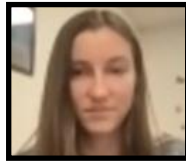
The **virtual RI International Convention** is open for registration and will be aired online **June 12-16**. The first 25 registrants from the club will be reimbursed the \$49 fee by the Club **through May 7 at 9:59 pm**. (Submit confirmation to Pat Hauducoeur.) *Thereafter it will cost you \$65.* [Click here](#) to register.

Bridget Healy announced that **Sylvia Whitlock** will speak about women in Rotary at the next CHS Interact meeting. They are going to raise the \$250 matching funds for the Lefler Grant Project, Shoes that Fit, with a walkathon! The Senior awards will be virtual this year.

FINE TIME with SERGEANT Susie Ilsley



Susie started by fining the two newest members, **Andrea Blockinger** and



Trisch Deehring for being new members and **Joe Atman** for bringing his colleagues in.

Buff was fined for the big story about her small house in the Courier. At Susie's urging, she passed her fine on to **SJ Antonucci**.



John Tulac was triple fined for an announcement that turned into a program. John's wife Elizabeth has a new art exhibit called "Magenta Isn't" at her cottage boutique "Claremontage" at 223 W. Bonita. It is a garden and art exhibit. The focus on Magenta explores the interaction of the eye and the brain that allows the mind to see a color that isn't there, using a variety of media. It will be in the courtyard on weekends through May. Elizabeth is a former HS Science teacher and early educator and budding amateur magician.



Harry Sparrow was double fined for doing a good job as sergeant last week.



Tom Shelley was fined for his 9th year Rotary Anniversary.



Steve Schenck was fined for avoiding a fine the previous week for the sale of his father-in-law's house and donations of furnishings to CHS. He pointed out the sculpture behind him...a Heuter.



Ron Coleman was fined for hobnobbing with famous people. Dr. Anthony Fauci seemed a bit flat and spoke with Ron's NY accent but had a good message about everyone getting COVID-19 vaccine.



Anita Boling showed off her large grandson Sebastian's picture in her background. What's going on in her kitchen? Major renovation that started with a leak under the sink.



Chris Hayes and **Bill Burrows** were fined for not being fined. Bill could have been fined for not being there to take it. Chris sassed back that the sergeant should be wary of fining people who write for the Clarifier.



Breakout Notes

Anita Boling's son in law started chemotherapy for lung cancer Thursday and the prognosis is 8-18 months. We give thoughts and prayers for the family. Her daughter has five kids ages from 10 to 2. He is an interventional cardiologist and may have had excess XRay exposure as the cancer is throughout his lungs. We also shared memories of Anita's daughter in China with a broken foot, which she broke it again while she was there.

Bridget Healy talked about the Claremont parklets remaining open, as people like them.

Chuck Cable had a question about unfunded city pensions and **Don Gould** said it's basically pay as you go. Chuck talked about his time in China with an International organization that was a precursor to the Peace Corps.

VIRTUAL ROTARY IN YOUR SPARE TIME



Brought to you by [Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland](#): The first talk of Season 4: "Empowering Girls" with Rotary International President Elect Shekhar Mehta. You can catch up on the 26 events so far on the [Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland's YouTube channel](#).

Travel (Virtually) to New York 6 Rotary on May 13, 9:00 am Pacific Scott Olson on leading high performance teams.

[Register as a guest here.](#)

Over several decades Scott Olson served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and as an FBI Special Agent. Scott was a Counterintelligence operations officer, an Assistant Special Agent in Charge of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, and lived in the Middle East as the FBI's Legal Attaché in Baghdad, Iraq.

He is author of the First Promotion Transition Certificate Course. During more than 40 years of leading high-performance teams in consequential environments (like the FBI), Scott developed the concepts that led to the core value of the innovative training program: *Find Fulfillment and Leave Frustration Behind*. He founded Glen-Haven International, LLC., is Principal & Co-founder of Can.Trust.Will. LLC., and CEO of Olson Strategic Initiatives.

WANT TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW ABOUT ZOOM?

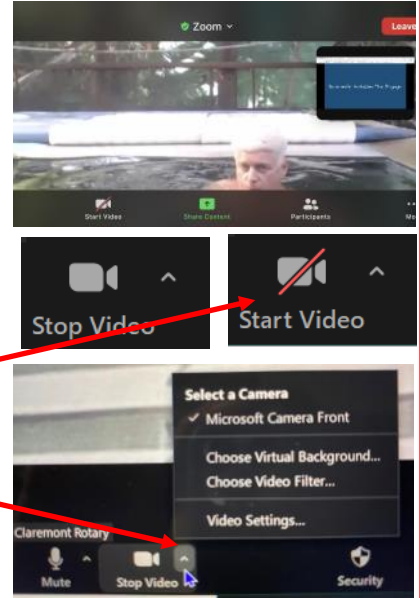
Submitted by Buff Wright

Although we'll hopefully be meeting in person soon (July?), we still have some learning to do on zoom to make it both functional and fun. Here are a few tips.

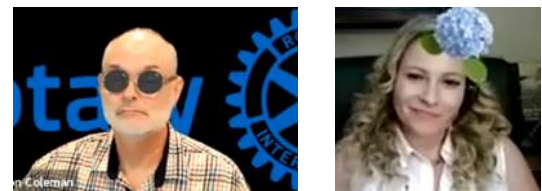
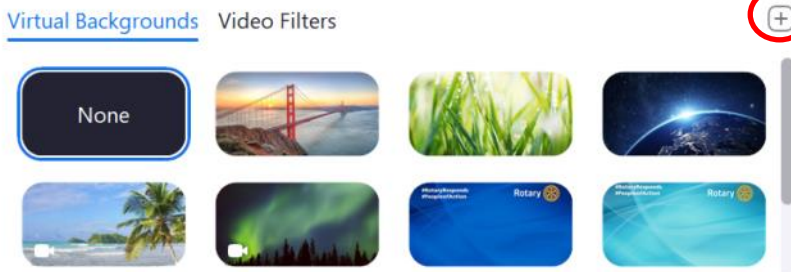
A benefit of zoom is that you can adjust your volume or wear headphones so you can hear well! The ^ next to the **audio mic image** at the left bottom corner of the screen allows you to turn up your volume.

Mute yourself when you aren't talking. If you don't, you run the risk of having your photo pop up as if you were the speaker, like this guy last week at a District Assembly meeting. You can unmute by holding down the **space bar** while you talk or clicking the **audio mic image**.

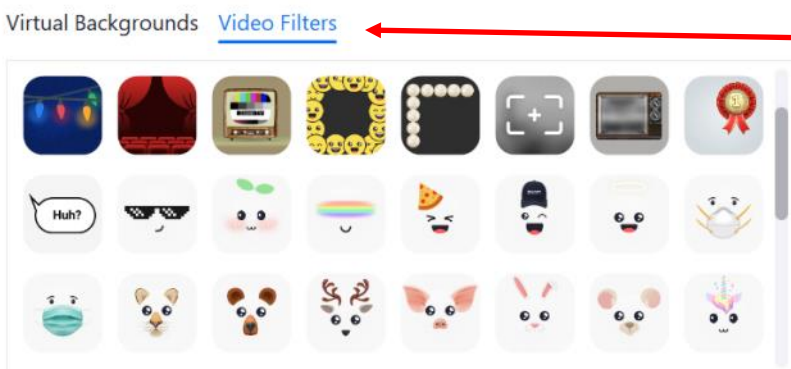
If you don't want people to see you (maybe you're eating spaghetti or sitting in a hot tub), you can **take down your video** by clicking on the **video cam image** at the bottom left of the screen. A red line will appear. If you turn off your video, it would be good for us to see your likeness instead of your name in stark black and white. Here's how to add a picture: to the right of the stop video button is this ^ . Click it. Select **Video settings**. Then select **Profile** in the left hand menu. Click where the empty photo box appears. "Change" photo! (upload your fave) Done! Now when you stop your video, we'll know you're there.



If you want to use a background, ask Steve Schenck or Mike DeWees! Or at that same ^, click on **Choose Virtual Background**. Then click on the plus sign, and add a photo cropped to a 2x4 frame to get the best resolution. Then upload it. Be aware that there will likely be a distortion of your own image when you move!



If you want to dress up for the meeting, say, by adding some Lennon shades or wearing a hydrangea (or a halo), you want to click



Choose Video Filter at the ^ . These filters and more are shown by scrolling through the screen at the lower left.

If you don't have these choices, you may need to update your zoom app.

Any other questions? Just ask!

Mirror my video

Studio Effects (Beta)

This enables facial hair and lipstick...TMI?

Mayor Stark, cont'd from p.1

candidates in last November's election. The Council:



Jennifer Stark Jed Leano Corey Calaycay Sal Medino Ed Reese

The executive leadership team of the city has changed this year as well—Adam Pirrie, formerly finance director, is the new City Manager; Jamie Earl is the new Assistant City Manager, and Mellissa Vollaro the new Human Services Director. Among them they have about 50 years of collective experience in Claremont city administration. A new face on the team is Interim Finance Director David Cain.



Of course, the past year has been dominated by COVID-19: the city issued an emergency resolution and shut its facilities on March 16, 2020, after the governor's stay-at-home order. Virtual programs were developed—meetings, recreation, classes, and concerts in the park; the city parks and trails were closed (to reopen that May); and senior meals became a drive-through event—over 59,000 meals distributed. Of course, the 4th of July celebrations were cancelled, and will be again this year, as the situation remains uncertain and fluid enough that it was inadvisable to be signing contracts, which have to be put in place far in advance.

The city launched a program, Claremont al Fresco, to utilize street parking in outdoor dining areas, so local restaurants could adapt to indoor dining bans and outdoor spacing requirements. These parklets have been so successful they will continue to Labor Day, 2022.



Businesses were also eligible for grants of up to \$20,000, with funding under a federal community development block grant--\$188,000 was distributed, and we've just learned a new round of assistance grants will be forthcoming. Despite the challenging environment, a number of new businesses opened, including a Mazda dealership.

The city has some major projects under way, including Village South, with the Village South Specific Plan coming before City Council in June. Elements of the plan have been through our various commissions and have enjoyed public comment—it will include ground-floor commercial space, a parking structure, 2- and 3-story buildings along Indian Hill and Arrow, with possibly taller buildings in the interior.

Another major undertaking is the updating of the Housing Element of the City's General Plan, a planning exercise that takes place every 9 years. The Housing Element identifies existing housing conditions and needs, and lays out the goals, objectives, and policies that flow from the city's housing strategy. The state requires the city to identify sites for affordable housing projects to meet the numbers set out by the state's Regional Housing Needs Assessment. In this update, the city is called on to plan for 1,711 additional housing units, including 548 above-moderate-, 297 moderate-, 310 low-, and 556 very low-income units. The city is looking at solutions including Accessory Dwelling Units, supportive housing, and new housing projects both big and small. Next step—take the Housing Element update to the Human Services Commission and the Housing Commission for review in May. As we move through this process, we will need to revisit some of our assumptions about Claremont and destigmatize our views of apartment living.

One of the consequences of the pandemic year has been a marked toll on mental health and resilience in communities across the nation. People find themselves in distress, and family members, for want of better solutions, call 911 and get a police response for what is often not really a police matter, and all too often events can unfold tragically. Other models have been suggested, and are being implemented in some

places. For example, the City and the Claremont Police Department have partnered with Tri-Cities Mental Health to provide a Psychiatric Assessment Care Team (PACT) to allow the police to more effectively respond to mental health crisis situations. The team includes a Licensed Clinical Therapist and

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a Licensed Psychiatric Technician. They do crisis response with police—on non-violent, non-criminal calls-- to assess, screen, evaluate, and refer, as needed. Further, they follow up with the people involved to help assure they get connected to ongoing services as needed. Homeless individuals are among the beneficiaries of this modified response, and it should allow the police department to use its resources more effectively and efficiently.

Another increasingly important issue this past year has been homelessness. It's a regional, not just a Claremont, issue. Nonetheless, there are steps we can and the city has a Homeless Services Navigator employed with Tri-Cities Mental Health to provide outreach and help the unsheltered obtain services. These efforts are coordinated with LaVerne and Pomona, using Measure H funding, in recognition that joint action is more likely to be effective. The city has also committed funds to an affordable housing project for seniors with disabilities, to be built at 956 W. Baseline.

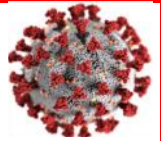
On public safety, the Claremont Police Department, in addition to partnering with PACT (see above) is reviewing its practices to address bias in policing. The Police Commission has engaged the public via a survey, and virtual meetings and conversation over the past year to bring forward public concerns about police behavior and practices. The city has adopted a community-based policing model, which works most effectively when both the public and the police have trust and confidence in each other. The Department has added an online forum for the public to share comments and concerns.

Capital projects include a revamping of Towne Avenue from Foothill to Baseline to improve medians, add bike lanes, divert storm water runoff from the sewage system, etc., using state and federal funds (about \$2.5 million). An Oak Park Cemetery expansion is in the planning process and will be going to bid this summer. The city's sustainability plan, including a revamping of interior lighting and HVAC, the installation of solar panels, etc, to provide for energy and maintenance savings, has been approved.

As for the budget, staff proposed a rollover budget, adopting the same numbers as this past year, with a mid-year review and modification in light of COVID effects on revenues and federal and state funding, as they all unfold. There will be a community budget workshop on May 15, for those interested.

After some spirited Q&A about the Planning Commission and the proposed development on Foothill and Monte Vista, we adjourned with thanks for an enlightening program. Thanks, Mayor Stark, for your vision and your service!

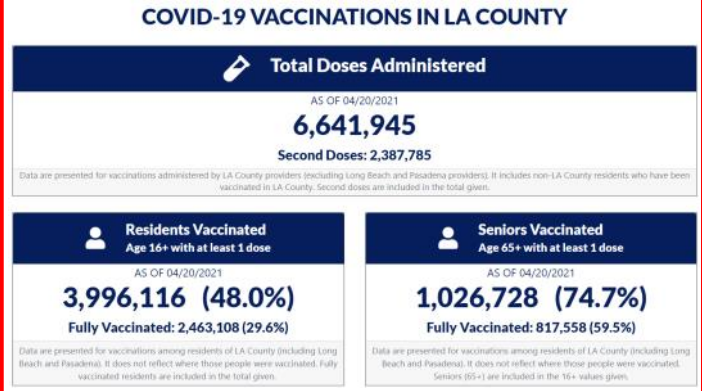
COVID Vaccination Update



New: [Dashboard on vaccinations in LA County](#)

People vaccinated in Claremont: 17827 (55%)

From the [LA County Public Health Website](#): As of April 15, all people over 16 are eligible. 48% of the 8.3M LA County citizens over 16 had received at least one dose by April 20, leaving 3.9M seeking vaccines!



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

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

CDC Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vac-

Equitable Distribution of Vaccines?

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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Rotary Opens Opportunities

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

May 7	Sr. Craft Talk (etc.) PDG Jerry Tambe
May 14	Destination Akko, Prof. Tammi Schneider, CGU
May 21	Executive Lion Tamer, Carol Marzouk
May 28	Dark for Memorial Day



April Evening Clouds

Photo of the Week by Steve Schenck

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Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!



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gathers before each
meeting by email.
Anyone is welcome to
share information!!

Nona Tirre, chair

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Club **Bylaws** and **Policies** are posted for member access on DACdb

May Birthdays

- Lyn Childress 5-16
- Bill McAllister 5-18
- Frank Bedoya 5-19
- Chris Hayes Shaner 5-20
- Bob Hauducoeur 5-26



Notes by Mike DeWees and Jim Lehman. Pictures by Steve Schenck

The Claremont Rotary Club meets on Zoom at 12:00 on Friday until further notice