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CLAREMONT ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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Program: Not a Senior Craft Talk, PDG Jerry Tambe *submitted by Mike DeWees*

Past President and Past District Governor **Jerry Tambe** introduced himself and made it clear that he didn't



title this a "Senior Craft Talk" but rather "Not a Senior Craft Talk". He explained that a craft talk is where you talk about where you work,

where you grew up, and about your family and Jerry was going to try to blend all in the time allocated.

Jerry has heard three or four senior craft talks 30 years apart from long time members including **Stan Barnes**, who recently passed away. Stan wasn't just the oldest member of the club, he was the most senior past president having been president two years before Jerry even joined and Jerry has been a member for 45 years.

Jerry said that over the past 45 years he's really enjoyed the opportunities Rotary has given him to serve the community as well as the fellowship within the club.

Jerry's son **Patrick** (now a member of the Club too) was born 31 years ago when Jerry was Governor of District 5300—it's rare to have a child born during service as District Governor. He thought he would concentrate on international affairs but after his son's birth, he focused on youth activities. The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) pro-

gram is one of the Rotary projects Jerry helped start and he was on the committee for 27 years. RYLA helps build our kids as leaders and build us as Rotarians. To see 280 young people participate in groups and learning from speakers is really something. They experience amazing growth in two and a half days, Jerry said.

When he started in Rotary he was soon on the board of directors. With **Chris Puschel**, who was an EMT, Jerry helped build what was then the CPR program but now called "Together We Prepare" at El Roble.

We're often asked "What is our Rotary Moment?" When do we evolve from just attending lunch meetings to becoming a Rotarian? For Jerry it was the CPR program, seeing how the kids reacted and soaked up the information.

Jerry was president of our club in 1984-85 and his international convention was in Birmingham, England. The club gave him \$1,500 for the trip and registration. He was able to fly into London and do some early sightseeing with two other Rotarians, **Pete Scalia** and **Glenn Wilson**, who happened to be going to the same hotel. Jerry shared memories of a successful beef Wellington recommendation and trying to communicate with a train conductor while he was there.

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Watch it!!

You can hear the program at about 48 minutes into the meeting!

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

Passcode: Tambe!May7

It will be available until 5/30

Next Zoom Meeting

May 14: Featuring . Destination Akko, CGU Prof. Tammi Schneider.

[ZOOM LINK](#)

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ROTARY, THE ZOOM MEETING

submitted by Jim Lehman

Past District Governor **Jerry Tambe**, who was already slated to provide the program (a senior craft talk), was also drafted to fill in to run the meeting in the absence of President **Buff Wright**, off in the Pacific northwest celebrating her grandson's first birthday. **John Tulac** offered to introduce the man who needs no introduction, opening the way for some additional Sergeant fining later in the meeting. PDG Tambe was the designee after **Bobby Hyde** bid \$200 to have him lead the meeting, and John Tulac threw in his two cents in support of the idea, for a total of \$200.02 bid in support of GT for the job. And here we are.



Bobby Hyde led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Karen Sapio** offered a prayer for guidance and wisdom from the unity tradition. PDG Tambe sent the group into breakout sessions without a theme—just converse as you would if you were sitting around the lunch table, catching up after a week apart. And we did.



WELCOME GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

New member **Trish Deehring** introduced guest **Stephen Juliar** and visiting Rotarians **Jack Davis** from Morton Illinois and **Biffy Dankwerts** from the e-club of Greater Capetown SA. **Cameron Troxell** accompanied himself on the piano as he sang the welcome song for our visitors.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Biffy Dankwerts informed the club that the Doug McGoon Project at her club in South Africa has purchased tables and benches for arts and crafts at a local school—she'll be back in a couple of weeks with photos after they're delivered and installed.

PDG Tambe announced the sad news that Past President and club member for 63 years, **Stan Barnes**, passed away this week. **Susie Ilsley** and **Nick Quackenbos** shared a few memories—Stan was known as a curmudgeon but had a kind side he didn't let too many people see, a wicked sense of humor and a wide range of interests: he was even a beekeeper! He was 99, and is survived by his wife Percy, 94.

Several members attended the Pomona Rotary meeting this week—a program on homelessness and the migrant kids at the Fairplex: **Mark Carson, Ron Coleman, Dennis Smith, Bridget Healy, Trish Deehring, John Tulac, Jerry Goldman and Buff**. John and Dennis underscored the need for cooperation among cities, as pioneered by Tri-Cities Mental Health (Pomona, La Verne, and Claremont), to address what is a regional, not only a local, problem. Los Angeles could take a few lessons from the multi-pronged, cooperative approach here.

Migrant kids at the Fairplex. **Joe Atman** and Middle Tree are helping with educational needs, including paid positions. Joe says any interested parties should contact the organization at HR@middletree.com to let them know. The response so far has been amazing and heartwarming. We are on standby for other volunteers. Watch your email for news.

Today was the last day to register *with club reimbursement* for the **virtual RI Convention**. It will be aired online **June 12-16**. **Registration is still open, and is now \$65**. If you can make a case for why you didn't register for the early bird special, the Board may consider a partial reimbursement of the regular fee by the Club. (Submit earnest plea to Treasurer Nona Tirre.) [Click here](#) to register.

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.

Next Week's program is "Destination Akko," featuring CGU Prof. **Tammi Schneider**. Note, Akko is **Vadim Shtil's** home town.

Zoe TeBeau is SERGEANT on this fine day.

Happy Mother's Day! (Sunday, for those not paying attention) and a \$1 fine for all the mothers in attendance.



Next, **Jerry Tambe**, thanks for taking on the responsibility for running today's meeting, a good deed that cannot go unpunished, so how about a \$5 fine for starters? And Jerry, since you're doing a senior craft talk, and we have so many red badge members needing to do craft talks, they can follow the example you set today. That should be another fine. How about a Tambe-esque \$100?

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Now lots of people have been ratting Jerry out so we have a lot of Tambe material, but I'll defer to other members of the Sergeants Committee. Wouldn't want you to think I'm picking on Jerry, though that is really a committee/club thing. But before we get there, **Trisch Deehring**, nice work getting one of your red badge tasks out of the way today: that'll be a couple of dollars.

Lyn Childress has a birthday next week, an important one? Lyn confessed that she's applying for Medicare, and her daughter and son and his girlfriend will all be there. The party theme will be Alice in Wonderland, which seems appropriate to the times. Zoe posed a trivia question—the voice that was Alice in the Disney movie was also what other Disney character? Wendy Darling! Happy 65th Birthday! Seems like \$65 is the right-sized fine.



Returning to Jerry, **Nick Quackenbos** from the Sergeants Committee remembers Jerry leading a group of off-roaders through the desert in the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona, cresting ridge after ridge only to see the same scene time after time. It's not clear whether Jerry was driving an endless loop or the landscape is endlessly repetitive, but for inability to break the cycle, a \$25 fine.



Sergeant **John Tulac**, what have you got on Jerry? John is concerned that **Bobby Hyde**, who spent so lavishly to put Jerry Tambe front and center for the entire meeting, may not be getting his money's worth, so I say we fine Jerry \$100. Zoe wondered how this bidding thing worked and asked Bobby Hyde about it, only to learn that he had expected others to outbid him or join in his bid in a cost-sharing move—and he's still waiting to see if anything materializes. She then asked John Tulac about it, to which he replied that he had put in his two cents, literally. That cost John a \$25 fine.



Zoe changed it up to Mother's Day, and asked new member. **Trisch Deehring** to tell about her mother and siblings. Trish's mother, an avid golfer, is retired and living in San Marcos. She retired as CFO and Chief Credit Officer for Milgard Windows. She was not formally educated but learned it all on the job and became very, very good at it. Trisch is the eldest, with a brother and a sister



who both live locally. Very well, no fines required!

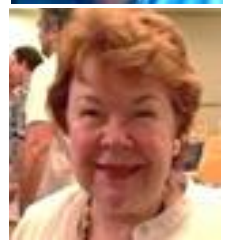
Pat Hauducoeur, tell us about your mom. Pat's mom had five kids, spaced over 22 years, which is a long time. She moved out here and lived at Mt. San Antonio Gardens after Pat's dad passed away. She had come for a visit and was wowed by the Gardens but said she could never afford it, didn't want to leave her friends, etc, so we let the matter drop. Then we were on a cruise and got a call: she had sold her house and was moving out to Claremont to live in the Gardens. She had not had an interview, hadn't been approved, etc., so it was a dicey moment, but they got her in. She loved the Gardens, and enjoyed a happy ten years there before passing in 2010. A \$5 fine for the classic story.



Last, **Brett O'Connor** said a few words about his mom. She is 91, lives in Los Altos in the Bay area. She was born in Brooklyn, New York, the oldest of four children. Her dad delivered newspapers, on his shoulders, to newsstands. Back then there were many editions of the same paper that came out each day, so lots of deliveries. She's doing well. Excellent news, and a \$5 fine.



Now, normally, that would be the end of the Sergeant's time, but PDG and PP (Past President) Tambe, invoking the chair's prerogative, noted that a President or Past President chairing a meeting may, on occasion, when circumstances warrant, issue a fine to Sergeants to bring them in line. This being, in his just view, such an occasion, he issued a fine of \$200 to Zoe. (**Note to new members:** these numbers in the hundreds are fanciful. Our fines are in ones and fives, not hundreds. PDG Tambe traffics in such numbers for their shock value.)



PDG Tambe declared that we have one member who actually volunteered material for Sergeants, **Juli Minoves Triquell**. His family just enjoyed a week renting a lovely house at Lake Havasu City, their first family vacation in a year, and it was really lovely. Jerry, rewarding Juli's behavior, imposed a small fine for the good news.



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When **Stan Barnes** was president (1974-75) the tradition was for the president to start meetings talking about his profession or avocation: for Stan it was bee keeping, Dr. **Gene St. Claire** had a huge capsule from which he'd pull a medical tip, and Jerry was a stock broker, saying "My advice? Buy low, sell high" He was often booed.

Jerry's year as president was the best year he had in the club and he even requested an extra three months, which was, of course, refused. This positive experience motivated him to become active in district events through PETS, conferences and assemblies. With that experience he was nominated to be District Governor (DG) in 1989-1990.

His International convention as DG was in Seoul, South Korea. Thirty district Rotarians went along, followed by a 12 day tour of China. They happened to be there during the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests and so their Forbidden City tour was shut down, but they went to the square anyway and met with the protesting students. They didn't know what would happen next but knew something had happened as their flight was cancelled and they had to take a train to their next destination.

His year as District Governor was a good year, but tiring. There was lots of travel. The International Presidents aren't able to make every district convention and so Jerry represented the RI President at the district convention in Utah. At the end of his term, Jerry was happy to turn over the reins to someone else even though he continued to serve on several committees. He served on the constitutional committee and served on the nominating committee, was chairman of Rotary Tournament of Roses committee once and chaired two district conferences as well as RYLA.

Jerry really enjoyed serving on the Rotary Youth Exchange committee for 21 years and seeing many students develop during their one year stay in the US.

So how did he get to Claremont? (This is the craft part.) He was working for Merrill Lynch in Pasadena well before the 210 freeway and had a co-worker who went to CMC and talked the boss into buying a membership in the Claremont Chamber of Commerce and then he quit, so Jerry was asked to attend a mixer, where he met **Nick Quackenbos** and Gordon Curtis of Curtis Real Estate. Gordon gave him a history of Claremont and opened a big account with him so he got a lot of support from work to maintain the Chamber membership. Jerry eventually became president of the Claremont Chamber of Commerce and became active on the 4th of July committee.

Jerry had a chance to move to Claremont when he house-sat for a professor on sabbatical who was also a member of Claremont Rotary. **Bo Smith**, who was President at the time

(1975-76 invited him to a meeting based on a letter of recommendation from his boss. Fellow Rotarians and Past Presidents **Frank Hungerford** (91-92) and **Pete Robertson** (85-86) both joined in 1971 before Jerry did, but Jerry was President before both, which now makes him the longest standing living past president. (Still not a senior, Jerry?)

Claremont became his adopted city and Jerry has seen it grow from lemon groves and one acre lots to the buildout it has experienced today and has witnessed going from full schools to fewer students as the population has aged.

He attended Pasadena City College, San Diego State and UCLA for grad school and then was called to active duty from the Navy Reserves and served one year in Vietnam as a scuba diver. (Maybe that's why Patrick swims like a fish.)

Jerry went to work for Bank of America while in school and then Merrill Lynch, and has stayed in this profession for his whole career, enjoying work with clients.

Jerry was married in 1989. Patrick was born in 1990 and stayed with Jerry when he got divorced. He coached Patrick in soccer and mastered Boy Scouts. He started the cub pack at El Roble and went on to Scout Troop 408 at Our Lady of Assumption.

His new love for the last 10-15 years was inspired by **Nick Quackenbos** who used to race in Baja. Jerry helped in the pit for Nick and continues to be into off-road vehicles and traveling on dirt roads to nowhere, enjoying the outdoors. Even during the pandemic he's done several trips to the Mojave desert to soak up the outdoors, with coffee and BBQ.

Jerry earned his black belt in judo and had students come out to a Rotary meeting once for a demonstration. He is now a third degree black belt and teaches at a couple of dojos in Rancho Cucamonga and at the youth center.

Jerry reviewed the chats and noted meeting **Sylvia Whitlock** when she went to PETS for her presidency of the Duarte Club and Sylvia's daughter Meredith became like a daughter to him.

Jerry offered one last bit of advice "Don't give a microphone to a past District Governor, they are just waiting to give more speeches. Don't give them the opportunity." (Mark made a note.) Oh, and "buy low; sell high!"

Is it any wonder Jerry Tambe could chair the meeting, reactivate the welcome song and pledge, provide sergeant moments and do the program? Next time, Jerry, we'll add in the inspiration for the day.



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May 14	Destination Akko, Prof. Tammi Schneider, CGU
May 21	Executive Lion Tamer, Carol Marzouk
May 28	Dark for Memorial Day



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Let's fill up the pig!

Photo of the Week by Sarah Eshleman

Club Bylaws and Policies are posted for member access on DACdb

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



**Sergeants committee
gathers before each
meeting by email.
Anyone is welcome to
share information!!
Nona Tirre, chair**

Mike DeWees
Bill Burrows
Sean Harrison
Bobby Hyde
Jim Lehman
Steve Schenck
Chris Hayes Shaner
Harry Sparrow
Peter Weinberger
Buff Wright, *editor*

Notes by Mike DeWees and Jim Lehman. Pictures by Cameron Troxell and Mike
The Claremont Rotary Club meets on Zoom at 12:00 on Friday until further notice

