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PROGRAM: 2021-22 President Mark Carson's Club Assembly

Submitted by Harry Sparrow



Mark prefaced the program saying that RI President Shekhar Mehta is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring

for and serving other is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own. Mark recommended that we read the current issue of the **Rotary** magazine to get a full perspective of Shekhar's objectives. Mark also mentioned that these have been tough times for Shekhar. He and members of his family in Kolkata had COVID and then very recently his mother passed away.

Mark then introduced himself and his family as well as his leadership team. He also said he wanted to talk about the budget and his objectives for his presidency.

Mark showed us pictures of his and Kelly's four children and their two grandchildren. (See page 3) His family has been very involved with Rotary and community service over the years. Daughter Julene, a member of CHS Interact, has volunteered at CLASP and Mark showed pictures of family members involved in Rotary projects, such as planting trees with Sustainable Claremont. Mark has also involved his business with Rotary. He showed pictures of various memorial plaques including one honoring the late **Doug McGoon**, an active member of our Club for



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Through his theme for 2021-2022, "Serve to Change Lives," Rotary International President **Shekhar Mehta** urges members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own. See more about Mehta's plans on the [RI website](#).



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Watch it!!

You can hear this program at about 33 minutes into the meeting. Here's a link to the [recording](#)
Passcode: Assembly!July9
It will be available until 7/30

Next Zoom Meeting

July 16: Featuring Center for Restorative Justice Works, Liz Rios
[ZOOM LINK](#)

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ROTARY, THE FIRST (ZOOM) MEETING OF 2021-22 *submitted by Sean Harrison*

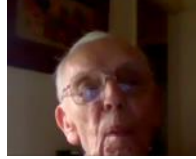
President **Mark Carson** opened his first meeting with a welcome, inviting travelers to disclose their plans, not that travel is more open. He thanked Buff and Kelly for supporting him. Lucinda mentioned upcoming programs and welcomed recommendations of speakers. He threatened "Smile," however, he quickly shut that down reminding us of our previous zoom singing experiences and told us we will not be singing, saving our ears, til we're back face to face. Until then....off to breakout rooms.



WELCOME GUEST!

Mark welcomed frequent guest **Bill Gershon**.

Kelly Carson led the Pledge of Allegiance.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Susie Ilsley announced the Nuno's get together on Thursday at 5:00, adding members are invited to go to Ophelia's Jump's opening show afterward.

Buff Wright shared Chris Hayes' thanks to those who participated in the online vote for the Center for Restorative Justice Works so that they could potentially get a grant. They came in second and got \$50,000 from the 2021 LA County 2050 Grants Program.

Jim Marchant announced we are going to move the Taste of Claremont to the more traditional time of Spring, on April 23, 2022. However, there will be a fall fundraiser to compensate. Jim and **Nona Tirre** are meeting to discuss ideas at the Magnolia Wine Bar on the **21st at 5:00 pm**. Feel free to join!

INDUCTION OF BEATRICE CASAGRAN

Susie Ilsley inducted a new member into our club, **Beatrice Casagran**, who comes from the Claremont Sunrise club. As a member of our noon Club, she is in a much better (or at least later) place. Beatrice is the artistic director of Ophelia's Jump. As Susie said, "with your energy and enthusiasm, we know you will be a great addition to our club!" Zoe Te-Beau briefed her on the Red Badge responsibilities. Of course, Ron chimed in with a Shakespeare walked into a bar joke, to complete the welcome to our Club!



SERGEANT JERRY TAMBE

Jerry immediately fined **Mark Carson** for everyone who was not wearing a Rotary pin. (about 38) However, Buff, as a past president was saved from the financial burden (and was wearing a pin).



He then fined the Mighty Claremont Players for another fine Debunking, noting Mike DeWees' cinematic talent.

INSPIRATION OF THE DAY

Bobby Hyde encouraged us to distance ourselves from negativity.



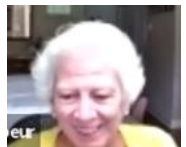
Dream your dreams with your eyes closed but live your dreams with your eyes open.

The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why.

"Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans." *Allen Saunders, often attributed to John Lennon*

"You only live once but if you do it right, once is enough." *Mae West*

Pat Hauducœur is celebrating her 55th anniversary with some guy named Bob, \$100 fine.



Cameron Troxell was fined for having a birthday; seems he's 50 something.



What do you call an alligator wearing a vest. **Ron Coleman**? An investigator!



"I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now." **Dennis Smith**, who said that? Ben Franklin? *Churchill*

Ian Standley and Jerry had a heated argument over football, the European kind, Italy and England are going to face off and now there is money on the line. \$20 dollars to the pig for the winner.



Gail Sparks had a party for **Dr. Bob**. It was a good time for all. Bob enjoyed being the celebrity.



Sean Harrison was fined for not going to Kenya with his pops though he is allegedly the favorite son, and said "some of us must stay behind and pay the bills!"



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many years. Mark noted that Doug had provided for Rotary in his will. He suggested that we all should think about that as a possibility in our estate planning.

While Mark didn't include a picture of his sister, **Lyn Childress**, he said that she was part of his family and his business, as well as Rotary. In fact, Lyn is the reason Mark joined Rotary; she was the president of the La Verne Rotary Club and suggested that he should consider joining the Claremont Club. The rest is history.



Connor

Julene

Justene

Brianne

Maxine (10 mo)

Hawke (12 mo)



Mark said that there was no way he could start the new year without reviewing the numerous accomplishments of the Club under our immediate past President, **Buff Wright**. He listed 12 major accomplishments of 2020-21. He suggested that perhaps the most significant was how, in the time of COVID, she helped to keep the fellowship of our club together with great meetings and programs. Mark illustrated this with many pictures associated with the accomplishments of the last year.

Mark then introduced the club Board of Directors for this year. The "ex-officio" members are the current president, the last two presidents (**Buff** and **Cameron Troxell**) plus the next two presidents who will follow Mark (**Jim Marchant** and **Nona Tirre**). The elected Directors include **Chris Shaner**, **John Howland**, **Susie Ilsley**, **Jerry Goldman**, **Armando Armenta** and **Lucinda McDade**.

Mark next introduced the members of the Management Committee. This committee manages fundraising and grants, member development, community and youth activities, public relations and club meetings and operations.

John Tulac, chair of the Foundation committee, led off. This committee is responsible to:



- Submit District and Lefler Grant proposals
- Develop local and international projects such as the recently completed African well project
- Encourage member donations to Rotary International and to our local foundation
- Assess the projects we have done in the past and prioritize how the club should increase and allocate resources

John said that the committee is looking for new members to assist with the current planning for new international projects. As an example of a potential international project John cited **Francis Limbe's** projects in South Sudan. John noted that foundation projects take money to implement. The money comes from donations to the local foundation paid with dues, as well as money paid into the RI Foundation which comes back to the club in District Grants and Global Grants. He is looking for new ways to raise money and suggested that one way to do this might be to have members' businesses sponsor individual meetings. As it turned out this was a segue into a spoof video of **Harry Sparrow** recreating his private eye role from Buff's debunking to try to drum up business for his services which cost a mere "\$50 a day plus expenses."

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Highlights from 2020-21

- Raised nearly 30,000 with "Out on the Town" to benefit local restaurants
- Raised and donated over \$12,000 to Inland Valley Hope Partners
- Planted trees at San Antonio High
- With Interactors, planted welcome garden for California Botanic Garden (District Grant)
- Habitat for Humanity Work Day
- Added Webb High School Interact Club
- Kept the fellowship together with interesting meetings and programs
- Updated policies, procedures, & by-laws to keep our club current and relevant
- Initiated a partnership with the Rotary Club of San Clemente to provide continuing support for a Dental Clinic in Guatemala that was named for club member Ned Paniagua's mother.
- Supported building of a Medical Clinic in Haiti (Domond Found'n)
- Supported the PACE Piyali School for Girls in India
- Purchased half of the books needed for a school in Tanzania (matching a grant for the other half)

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Note: There is an excellent article in the current issue of the Rotary magazine titled “A Guide to the Updated Rotary Foundation Funding Model.” To ensure that the Foundation can fund as many global grants as possible, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have approved policy changes.

Harry Sparrow was next up to talk about the Member Development Committee. This committee is responsible to:

- Develop members and leadership, focusing on engagement, inclusion and Shekhar Mehta’s “Each One, Bring One initiative”
- Recruit new members and increase Rotary impact
- Advise Board on member needs
- Advise Board on attendance policies and participation

Harry said that his most immediate objective is for the committee to help the 20 plus “red badge” members complete their 10 tasks to achieve blue badge status by the end of the year. He said we are blessed to have arguably the best recruiter in the club’s history, Susie Ilsley, and she will continue those impressive efforts this year. Harry mentioned that some club members, who used to regularly attend in-person club meetings, have been less inclined to attend Zoom meetings; so, once we move to the hybrid meeting scenario, the committee will actively encourage those members to return for the in-person meetings. Lastly, since COVID restrictions for gatherings have been lifted, the committee will once again be organizing and holding the club quarterly socials as well as more frequent happy hours.

Next up was **Tom Shelley**, chair of the Community Service Committee. Tom was unable to attend the meeting Friday, but Mark provided a recap of Tom’s efforts in the past (e.g. Bikes for Kids, repairing the bench on the bike trail almost before anybody knew it had been damaged). These are reasons Mark is so happy to have Tom as the chair for the committee. This committee is responsible to:

- Define and plan at least one new project and/or workday for this year
- Work closely with the Youth and Scholarships committee to engage students in the work of the Rotary

Mark said that the **Interact** club members are eager to work with us on projects, which leads to the Youth Area.

Sylvia Whitlock is the new chair of the Youth and Scholarships committee. By the time we got to this stage of the program Sylvia had to leave our meeting. She said at the beginning she had somehow committed to three meetings at the same time. Mark is excited to work with Sylvia, a true Rotary icon. Mark outlined the responsibilities of the committee to:

- Assess what we have done in the past and develop priorities for funding
- Consider ways to support the youth of our community
- Build a community based Rotaract Club

This brought us to the Public Image Committee. **Sarah Jo Antonucci** is the new chair, replacing rockstar and now PEE **Nona Tirre**. Sarah Jo (AKA SJ) said she was excited to take on the role. SJ is anxious to get the word out about who we are and what we do. One of the things that she wants to build on is the collaboration model with Peter Weinberger and The Courier that we had for Out on the Town. Responsibilities of the Public Image committee are to:

- Expand our reach through social media
- Review what we have done in the past to help determine new ways to support the work of Rotary

Karen Sapio is the chair of the Administration Committee. This committee is responsible for:

- All of the administrative elements of the club’s operations (e.g. facilities, greeters, check in at meetings, etc.)
- The impending transition from virtual Zoom meetings to hybrid meetings (i.e. in person meeting which still allow those members who wish to do so to participate virtually)

Karen is excited about the fact that we will soon be meeting in person again. She is working with the DoubleTree on several levels including what the hotel’s meeting protocols will be and how to respond to them, ensuring that the hotel is able to improve its audio visual support to our meetings and how set up for the virtual component of meetings. Karen noted that she thinks the hybrid meeting may well continue as the norm. It allows people who are traveling, or people who have moved, or those who may be “stuck at the office” or possibly providing care for someone to con-



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tinue to participate in the meetings.

Mark thanked all of us Zooming these past 15 months and said he was looking forward to the in-person meetings.

Mark then introduced our two “presidents in waiting.” President-Elect and Secretary, **Jim Marchant** and **Nona Tirre**, President-Elect - Elect and Treasurer. Mark noted that Jim and Nona are also the leads for The Taste of Claremont this year. The Taste is officially scheduled for April 23, 2022.



Next on Mark’s agenda was to discuss Rotary’s broad objectives for 2021. He started by listing elements of **Rotary International’s 5-year action plan**:

- Expand our impact
- Expand our reach
- Enhance participant engagement
- Increase our ability to adapt

To achieve these objectives, Mark’s plan is to:

- Work with community organizations and other Rotary clubs locally and internationally
- Support and inspire members to do the work of Rotary
- Embrace Rotary’s new area of focus, The Environment
- Participate in Shekhar Mehta’s presidential initiative “Empowering Girls” to address the inequities that face girls and young women worldwide

Mark reiterated Shekhar’s Each One, Bring One initiative. He said that RI has been “stuck” at 1.2 million members. Shekhar’s thought is that if each member introduces one person to Rotary, membership could easily grow to 1.3 million by July 2022.

Mark noted that as it relates to the Rotary newest area of focus, the environment, we are fortunate that our community already has the Sustainable Claremont program.

Mark pointed out that our club is already actively involved in the support of girls and young women. That support includes the Pyali girls school and soon we will be working with Pathways Africa, a locally led organization that is working with Biffy Dankwerts and the Isiphiwo Primary School in Capetown. He will also pursue a new project to provide sanitary supplies for school girls in Zimbabwe.

The budget for 2021-22 was next on Mark’s agenda. He said that we raise \$30,000 from dues to fund our club’s operations budget (e.g. supplies & materials, accounting & legal,

public relations & media, attendance at District and RI meetings, etc.). Mark then moved to the Foundation’s estimated \$60,000 budget. The majority of the Foundation budget comes from the Taste of Claremont or other fundraisers and the rest comes from donations with dues to the local foundation. These monies fund our international, local and education & youth programs.

Mark closed on an upbeat note and most importantly, he finished early. The upbeat note was that our club is blessed with an amazing membership of dedicated, community-spirited folks that includes 26 past presidents of our club or other clubs. Mark’s final note involved asking these questions of us and a request.

- What do you want out of your Rotary experience this year?
- What inspires you to be of service?
- How will you participate and contribute to the club?

“Tell me more, I am here to learn and serve.”



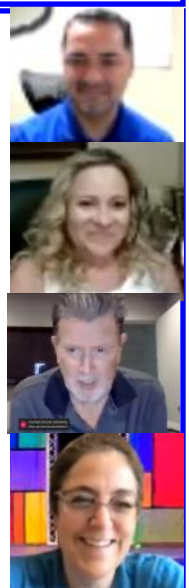
SERGEANTS, continued

Armando Armenta, why does a chicken coup always have two doors? (an exit plan?) Because if it had four doors it would be a chicken sedan!

Nona Tirre went to San Francisco and made it out alive, with clean shoes.

Randy Prout was fined for not inviting any sergeants to his 4th of July party, what a shame.

Beatrice Casagran was fined for not having a lunch delivered at her first meeting, and **Susie** and **Beatrice** were fined for not practicing the badge handoff.





UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

July 16	Center for Restorative Justice Works, Liz Rios
July 23	Sustainable Claremont, Dir. Stuart Wood
July 30	Craft Talks



Mark Carson

Claremont Rotary
President

2021-2022



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Alstroemeria

Photo of the Week by Steve Schenck

Help end Polio by feeding the virtual pig.
Send fines and donations [here](#) or mail your check to
PO Box 357
Claremont 91711



Bacon Bits

Let's fill up the pig!

Website

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July Birthdays

Marc Winter 7/4
Cameron Troxell 7/9
Karen Sapio 7/12
Carole Dorsey 7/18
John Bifone 7/19
Abe Esquibel, Felix Villanueva 7/24



Notes by Harry Sparrow and Sean Harrison; Photos by Steve Schenck

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

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

Nona Tirre, chair

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