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THE ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEREY, RI DISTRICT 5230



## **Nick Cunningham** **Olympic Athlete & Coach** **Goals Lead To Big Dreams**

Nick Cunningham competed for Team USA's Bobsled Team from 2008-2018. His career highlights include 3 Olympic Games appearances (2010, 2014, and 2018), 6 World Championship appearances, as well as being a 9-time World Cup medalist and the 2017 US National Champion. The Monterey California native first tried the sport of bobsled after he graduated from Boise State University where he was an All-Conference sprinter on the track and field team. Brand new to the sport, Nick progressed through the ranks quickly and solidified himself as one of the top brakeman in America. He earned himself a spot on the 2010 Olympic Team, only 18-months after trying the sport for the first time.

In 2011, he decided to move from the back of the sled to the front seat and try his hand at driving. 90+ mph and 5Gs of force didn't faze him as he again quickly climbed the ranks, earning a qualifying spot on the 2014 Olympic Team in both the 2-man and 4-man bobsled events. As the driver for Team USA, he produced a Top-10 finish in the 4-man event. Simultaneously during this time, Nick joined the U.S. Army and became a member of the elite World Class Athlete Program where he

earned the rank of Sergeant, received two Meritorious Service Medals, and was “coined” by two Presidents. In 2016, Nick also completed his Master’s Degree from Ohio University in Recreation and Sports Sciences with a concentration in Athletic Coaching Education.

Upon his retirement after the 2018 Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea, Nick moved back to the Monterey Peninsula where he pursued his passion of coaching and mentoring young athletes. Currently, Nick is an Assistant Football Coach and Head Track and Field Coach at Carmel High School, Assistant Track and Field Coach at CSUMB, Assistant Development Coach for USA Bobsled and Skeleton, and a Private Speed and Agility Coach for high school, collegiate, and professional athletes. In his short coaching career, Nick has led his track athletes to 8 school-records and Team USA to Double-Gold at the 2021 World Championships. He promotes goal setting, individual growth, overcoming adversity, and embracing the always-changing landscape that today’s athletes will encounter.

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# Jeff Davi



Jeff Davi is a real estate broker with years of experience in the real estate field. He is a Broker & Co-Owner of Keller Williams Coastal Estates in Carmel where he is a member of the Monterey Peninsula Home Team on real estate sales and he is also a principal at A.G. Davi Property Management which has been a family owned and operated company for three generations. Jeff has significant experience in real estate sales residential and commercial, leasing, management, and financing.

It wasn't by luck or accident that Jeff Davi became the 22nd Commissioner of Real Estate for the State of California, he earned it. "Double Deuce", as he is affectionately called by his former colleagues, has over 28 years of experience in real estate sales, leasing, management and financing. He has been a licensed California real estate broker since 1992. He is a past member of the Board of Directors for the California Association of REALTORS®, selected REALTOR® of the year by his peers and served as president of the Monterey County Association of REALTORS®. His experience in real estate has spanned everything from selling real estate to managing his family real estate business to serving as an industry regulator. As Real Estate Commissioner, he was instrumental in passing legislation that help better protect consumers from unscrupulous loan modification schemes. Jeff has served as a Chairman of the Board of REInfoLink now known as MlsListings. He also served as president of the Economic Development Corporation of Monterey County, was a co-founder of the Affordable Housing Steering Council of Monterey County and was on the founding board of directors of the Monterey County Visitor and Convention Bureau.

But.....he is most proud of his family and his community. He is a third generation Monterey Peninsula native and as a caring member of that community he has raised millions for non-profit boards, schools and foundations throughout Monterey County. Jeff currently serves as a Board member of Seneca family of Agencies which is dedicated to providing a family, education and opportunities to children in need. He has given freely of his time, reputation and money to help support those things that make the Monterey Peninsula such a special place. Just ask him what he loves about his home, obviously it is the natural beauty, the fabulous weather and the resort atmosphere but even more than that, Jeff says his real love is the people in this very special community.

## Welcome New Member – Robert Freiri



The Rotary Club of Monterey is pleased to welcome its newest member, Robert Freiri into our Club. Robert is currently the Executive Director of Gateway Center of Monterey County and he has served in non-profit management positions for the past 34 years. A long-time Rotarian, Robert served as President of the Hollister Rotary Club in 2014 and was named Rotarian of the Year in 2019. Robert has been married for 32 years, and his wife Bridget works for the Loma Prieta School District. They have 2 adult children, Christiana and Nicholas, who were both active in Interact in high school as Robert was, way back when!

## APRIL – MAY

<b>Tuesday – 04/06</b>	<b>COG Meeting – 5:30 PM (Via Hybrid And Zoom)</b>
<b>Thursday – 04/08</b>	<b>Board Meeting – 8:00 AM (Via Zoom)</b>
<b>Thursday – 04/08</b>	<b>Jeroen Gerrese – A Day In The Life Of A Hotelier During The Pandemic!</b>
<b>Thursday – 04/15</b>	<b>Dianna O'Briant, Cooper Malera Adobe – Juan Bautista Rogers Cooper – Legacy Of An Early CA Pioneer</b>
<b>Thursday – 04/22</b>	<b>Tim Flanagan, General Manager – Monterey County Waste Management District</b>
<b>Thursday – 04/29</b>	<b>Chris Chase – The Western Flyer Sails Again!</b>
<b>Tuesday – 05/06</b>	<b>COG Meeting – 5:30 PM (Via Hybrid And Zoom)</b>
<b>Thursday – 05/08</b>	<b>Board Meeting – 8:00 AM (Via Zoom)</b>
<b>Thursday – 05/06</b>	<b>COG Bios</b>
<b>Thursday – 05/13</b>	<b>Recipients – Scholarships And Teacher Awards</b>
<b>Thursday – 05/20</b>	<b>Grant Birindelli,USN – Images From Mars Rover “Perseverance”</b>
<b>Thursday – 05/27</b>	<b>Dr. Stephen Palumbi, Hopkins Marine Station – Can Adaptation To Warmer Water Help Corals And Kelp Slow The Damage Caused By Climate Change?</b>

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
Bob Martin – April 7  
Michael Hutchinson – April 7



We are thrilled to announce we will continue for one more month with Sapiens, by Harari. Given the density of the text, it was agreed upon by all book clubbers that one more month was needed to complete the reading. Another book will be chosen after we finish Sapiens, hopefully thinner.

Join us! We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 PM. Zoom invitations will be sent out just prior to the event.

Questions? Ask Molly Bozzo 831-574-4600



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