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## COG Bios David Betts, Jeff Teresi, And Mitchel Sawhney

**David Betts** is originally from the Midwest having been born and raised in Saint Louis, Missouri. After graduating from high school, he spent some time in college, then decided to pause his formal education and join the military. David spent a total of 15 years in active duty and active reserve service in the US Army, where he served in Military Intelligence. The occupational speciality David performed required that he be able to perform those duties in a foreign language, which is what brought David to Monterey for the first time back

in 1984 to DLI to learn Czech. He later returned to DLI in 1995 for a second language, Arabic. While stationed in Monterey, David separated from the service in 1998, and has remained in California ever since. During David's service, he was stationed twice in Germany, twice in Texas, and spent time in other locations around the globe. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his service.

After leaving the service, David remained in California and eventually found his way into higher education. He worked for the University of California Office of the President in Oakland where he started in higher education human resources. Following that introduction, he went on to work for the Peralta Community College District in Oakland for almost nine years and left as their Director of Human Resources. From there, he stayed in the Bay Area and went to work for the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District where he served as their Director of Employee and Labor Relations for eight years.

David came back to Monterey in 2021 and joined the leadership team at Monterey Peninsula College where he currently serves as Vice President of Human Resources and Employee Relations. David is also an active member in Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., which was founded in 1914. Phi Beta Sigma is one of the Divine 9 historically black fraternities and sororities, and David serves as the Secretary of the Oakland alumni chapter. David spends all of his free time with Jonah, his 14 pound terrier mix bundle of energy and joy.



If you had to describe **Jeff Teresi** in one word, it would be: Grateful.

Jeff and his wife, Jessica, grew up in Minnesota, where they survived +30 colder than cold winters. In 2010 they became best friends, and two short years later, they got married...in Ireland. Their two biggest dreams were to have a child and to live near the ocean. For seven years they tried to have a baby. In the meantime, they loved road tripping across the US. In 2017, they stumbled across Carmel-by-the-Sea and Carmel Valley. It reminded them so much of Ireland that they made a pact to one day move to Monterey Bay.

On January 11th, 2021, Jess gave birth to their miracle baby, Irelynn. And on October 22nd, that same year, their second dream became a reality, when they purchased their new home just 7 minutes from the ocean. They are so excited to grow roots and raise their child in this majestic place.

As an author, speaker, and head of Cutco's Business Gift Division for Monterey County (and the San Francisco Bay Area), Jeff is passionate about helping individuals and corporations grow in gratitude. He's happy to say this is where his family plans to grow in community, contribute, and stay indefinitely. Building long-lasting, positively impactful relationships that last for generations to come.





Many locally know **Mitchel Sawhney** as the owner of The Whisky Club in DT Monterey; He's had an elaborate career in Enterprise Applications technology and Business Strategy with the likes of Ernst & Young and a few start-ups along the way as well. While Whiskies is one of Mitchel's many passions, his career began in Bombay India as a currency trader and a sub-broker on the Bombay Stock exchange after his graduation with a Master's in Business from NMIMS School of Management at the University of Bombay. Mitchel was the youngest of 3 and attended Catholic schools in his formative years and he and his wife, LisAnne are parishioners of Carmel Mission.

Mitchel was the 3rd employee at Ernst & Young Consulting in India, he was instrumental in the firms growth to over 2,000 consultants and associates in less than 3 years at which time he departed and moved overseas. Out of the blue, an H1B work permit was mailed to his family's residence in Bombay and on a whim, and to his Mother's chagrin, he took a flight to JFK to check out the opportunity which landed him in the Silicon Valley early 2000. His extensive experience of enterprise applications and their infrastructure has afforded Mitchel unique challenges to solve very complex problems in industries as varied as automotive, defense, oil and gas, Formula 1, Movie Studios, Tel-Comm, Banking, etc.

Prior to establishing TWC as a passion and "retirement" project, Mitchel worked for Hitachi Vantara and was responsible for a global solutions line with engineering and manufacturing in Japan and France and global customers. His quarterly visits to Versailles were often a time for the Sawhney's to travel together and explore Europe as LisAnne has had her own consulting company for years. Mitchel enjoys travel—especially when not sales and work related, classical music, dogs as he is allergic to cats, attending and watching Formula 1 races, cooks a mean Chicken Marsala, reads and invests in FinnTech and other new tech industry trends. Mitchel and his wife LisAnne, as well as their 20 pound Tibetan Spaniel PanDora, have lived on the Peninsula for almost a decade now and he looks forward to being un-cogged and becoming a full member of this great 100+ year Rotary club.

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## February Membership Anniversaries

Dan O'Brien	01/21/95	34 Years
Dan Archer	02/20/97	27 Years
Ralph Keill	02/14/02	22 Years
Dan Albert Jr.	02/21/02	22 Years
Dino Pick	02/20/14	10 Years
Kiran Kamath	02/07/19	5 Years
Shyam Kamath	02/06/20	4 Years
Matt Morgan	02/27/20	4 Years
Eric Tarbox	02/09/23	1 Year
Paul Wevant	02/16/23	1 Year





## 3RD ANNUAL ALEX HUBBARD GOLF INVITATIONAL

This event will be  
our meeting on  
Thursday,  
February 29th, 2024

DEL MONTE  
GOLF COURSE

Shotgun Start:  
2:00 pm

Lunch, Golf, Post Play  
\$150

All non golfers  
can arrive at 5:00 pm

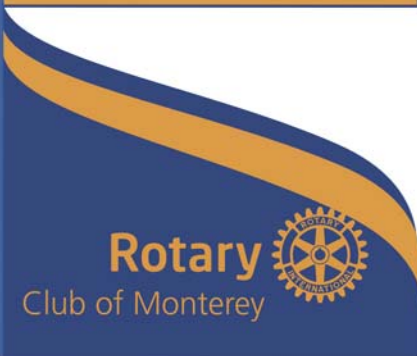
## FEBRUARY – MARCH 2024

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>– 02/22</b>	<b>Board Meeting – 10:30 AM – Hilton Garden Inn</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>– 02/22</b>	<b>Geoffrey Morgan</b> – CHISPA: Stories From A Front Line Provider Of Affordable Housing On The Central Coast
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>– 02/29</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b> – 3rd Annual Alex Hubbard Invitational Golf Tournament At Del Monte Golf Course
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>– 03/07</b>	<b>Mark Grandcolas</b> – Classic Car Restoration By Kids With Barriers And Challenges: The Rancho Cielo Program
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>– 03/14</b>	<b>Katy Castagna</b> – How We Invested \$50m To Stem Evictions During The Pandemic
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>– 03/21</b>	<b>Board Meeting – 10:30 AM – Hilton Garden Inn</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>– 03/21</b>	<b>Dr. Steven Lome</b> – Recent Developments In Cardiac Health, Lifestyle Medicine And A Cardiac Double Rescue Story
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>– 03/28</b>	<b>Dr. Susan Swick</b> – Ohana Center for Child And Adolescent Behavioral Health



**Rotary Club 633**

## CLUB EVENTS



**Thursday, February 22**

Board Meeting

10:30 AM

Hilton Garden Inn

**Thursday, February 29**

3rd Annual Alex Hubbard

Golf Invitational

Shotgun Start: 2:00 pm

Del Monte Golf Course

**Friday, March 30**

Final Friday

TBD