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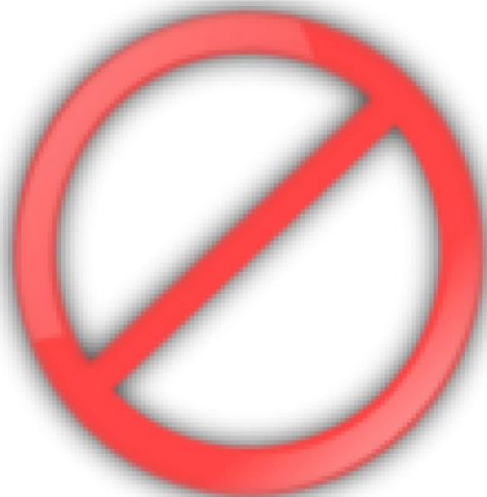
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THIS WEEK

Please reserve your spot today and join us for an unforgettable conversation
with
Astronaut Blain Hammond.

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For more information, contact **president.lagunaniguelrotary@gmail.com**

Join Us
11:30 am for Lunch
Meeting Starts at 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
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32170 Niguel Rd, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

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Stephanie Oddo Council Member

Past President, Rotary Club of Laguna Niguel

Stephanie was elected to the Laguna Niguel City Council on November 8, 2022, for a four-year term. On April 18, 2023, Council Member Oddo was selected to serve as Mayor Pro Tern, and on November 7, 2023, she was reaffirmed to continue as Mayor Pro Tern.

Stephanie has made a lifelong commitment to community service. She served as President of the Laguna Niguel Rotary Club. She spearheaded two efforts: a free local dental clinic that serves approximately 100 people a year and an effort to obtain the club's first Global Grant. This propelled her to serve as Chair of



Theresa Ford COO of B.L.E.S.S.I.N.™,

A noteworthy public-benefits non-profit organization, B.L.E.S.S.I.N. is dedicated to educating our community about the dangers and threats of lithium-ion battery storage systems in neighborhoods. This organization evolved from a grassroots citizen effort in Laguna Niguel, with a key focus on The Compass Project in San Juan Capistrano.

Throughout her life, Theresa has effectively balanced a successful career, family life, and her passion for community service. She is a strong advocate for volunteerism and community involvement, having

International Service for Rotary District 5320 (Orange County and Long Beach) and train clubs to obtain Global Grants. She has

also served as Director of Government for the League of Women Voters of Orange Coast. She launched the League's first ever Observer Corps. The Corps inspires, trains, and empowers volunteers to observe and report on local public meetings.

Stephanie also served as President of the Orange County Sheriff's Citizen Academy (2012) and was a founding member of DIVE (Diversity, Inclusion, Values, and Equity)...

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Theresa is also the president of her homeowners' association, chair of the landscape committee, neighborhood watch captain, and a volunteer for Heavenly Home.

Before focusing on her passion for volunteerism, Theresa enjoyed a distinguished career as a marketing executive in the healthcare industry. Now retired, she uses her leadership skills to improve the world.

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RIGHT HERE IN OUR BACKYARD WHAT IS THE THREAT?

Compass Energy Storage LLC proposes constructing, owning, and operating a 250-megawatt (MW) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the northern portion of San Juan Capistrano, bordering Laguna Niguel.

The project would span approximately 13 acres near Camino Capistrano and Interstate-5, involving:

- Lithium-iron phosphate batteries or similar technologies
- Inverters
- Medium-voltage transformers
- A switchyard
- A collector substation and other associated equipment

The system could store up to 1,000 megawatt hours of electricity to supply 250 MW of power over four hours.

The Compass Energy Storage Project is planned for a 13-acre site in northern San Juan Capistrano, near Camino Capistrano, Interstate-5, and active railroad tracks. Amtrak strongly opposes the project because of its proximity to the rail line, citing safety hazards such as fire risks and potential operational disruptions.

The project's location near residential neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and wildlife habitats raises serious concerns for safety and environmental impact.

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Key Concerns:

1. Fire Hazards: BESS systems have a history of high-temperature fires that can spread rapidly and are difficult to extinguish.
2. Toxic Fumes: Battery fires release harmful chemicals, potentially jeopardizing air quality and public health.
3. Environmental Risks: Potential groundwater contamination from battery waste.
4. Dangerously Near Residents: The proximity to schools, neighborhoods, and wildlife habitats potentially endangers families and ecosystems.
5. Noise Pollution: Lengthy construction and ongoing/constant equipment operation.

Join Us to Learn More...

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Are you ready to rise to the challenge?

"Each One, Reach One"

Imagine the power of doubling our community's reach, influence, and impact in just a few months. That's the goal of our "Each One, Reach One" campaign: one member, one connection, one invitation at a time. We're challenging every member to recruit at least one new member by May 1st. Whether it's a friend, colleague, or someone inspired by our mission, your outreach could be the spark that changes their life-and ours. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant network that amplifies our collective purpose.

Let's make this happen, one person at a time.
Reach out, invite, and help us grow!

Growing Connections, Expanding Impact

The "Each One, Reach One" campaign is more than just a membership drive-it's a gateway to stronger connections and more significant impact. By inviting

new members, we're not only expanding our network but also creating a ripple effect that touches the community. New members bring fresh perspectives, unique skills, and a willingness to collaborate, local partnerships; [amoiSte ioet lltitiesedu>](#)

As our membership grows, so does our ability to mobilize volunteers, fund initiatives, and address pressing local issues like hunger, education, and mental health.

These collective efforts extend beyond our borders, enabling us to contribute meaningfully to global causes, such as clean water projects, disaster relief, and international development programs.

With each new member, we gain a voice, a set of hands, and a heart dedicated to service-making us a more powerful force for good in our community and worldwide.

WE ARE READY TO GROW!

Use the QR CODE or send this link to any potential new member

<http://form.jotform.com/220541830161141>



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MAY 4, 2024

Paving the Way to Mental Wellness in South Orange County

Join us in bringing awareness of mental health issues in our south county communities by participating in the [Rotary Route](#), a 1k to 5k walk. Individual walkers or teams may contribute to the impact of the event by gaining support in the form of pledges for the distance covered in the Walk.

The Route

Outlets at San Clemente

101 W Avenida Vista Hermosa | San Clemente, CA 92672

10AM-2 PM•

Adult Entry \$25 • Child Entry \$10 • Furry Friend Entry \$5 • Children Under 3 free

Be a Walker | Be a Part of a Team

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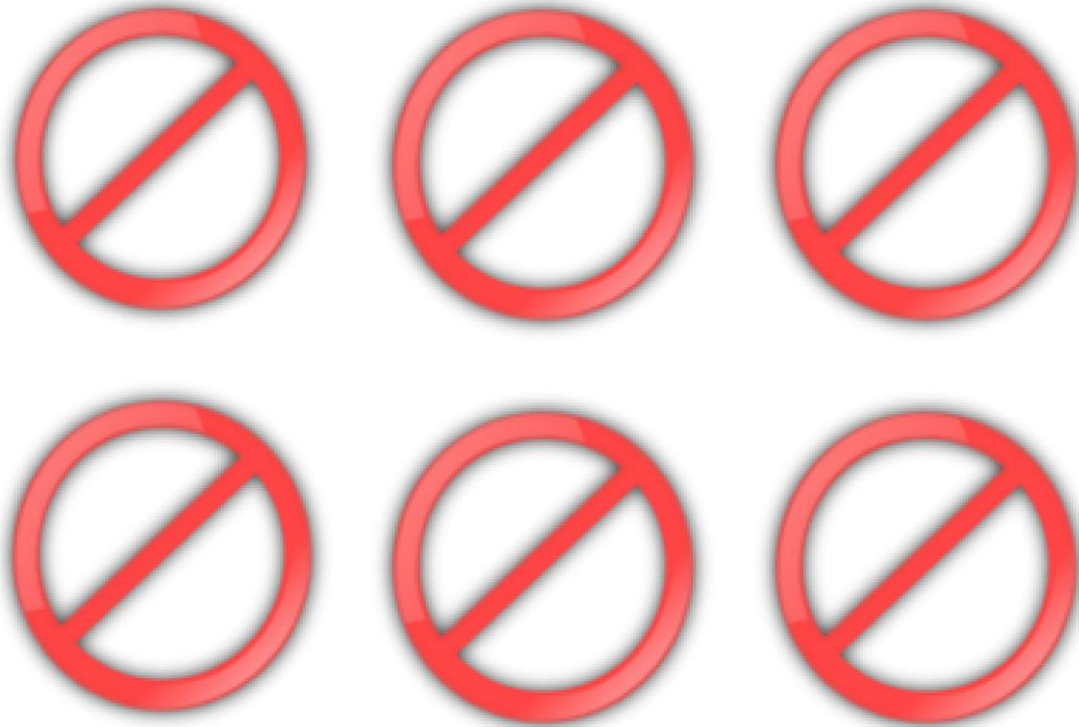
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Our calendar syncs seamlessly with your devices, helping you balance your professional and personal commitments while staying active in the Rotary community. Simplify your schedule and maximize your involvement with the **Laguna Niguel Rotary Calendar today!**

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The Four-Way Test of the Things we Think, Say or Do!

First - Is it the TRUTH?

Second - Is it FAIR to all Concerned?

Third - Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Fourth - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all Concerned?

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