

G: Hi, I'm Gene Laratonda. I work full-time as a CM and live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I'm married to this lovely lady...

S: Hi, I'm Sandra Laratonda (some may have known me as Sandra Jelmi until two years ago), and I also have a full time job that has nothing to do with 9/11. Both of our other full-time jobs, though, are 9/11 Truth.

G: Together, we run a modest weekly podcast, the 9/11 War Room, which runs every Sunday at 5pm Eastern where we cover new 9/11 news, strategy and activism. Just for the record, everyone is invited to join, whether to participate or simply to listen.

S: We've been doing this for the past five years, and 9/11 is in fact what brought us together. Turns out, a marriage or a partnership works better when both parties are passionate about the same topic. Who knew? 9/11 had become our ticket in life. We've been knee deep in the Truth Movement for years.

G: So what, exactly, is the "9/11 Truth Movement"? The "9/11 Truth Movement" is a broad term. It includes anyone who has openly questioned the official narrative of what happened that day.

It includes the big organizations, such as the trailblazing Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth, whose offshoots became RichardGage911 and the International Center for 9/11 Justice. It further includes the Lawyers' Committee for 9/11 Inquiry and Firefighters for 9/11 Truth, all of which were represented here during the Turning the Tide event. And there are and were many others - Pilots for 9/11 Truth, Military Officers for 9/11 Truth, Scholars for 9/11 Truth, even, at one time, Actors and Artists for 9/11 Truth. And every once in a while, a new one is born, such as the most recent Exposing 9/11, another outgrowth of AE911Truth.

S: It includes the local action groups, such as Boston 9/11 Truth, DC911Truth, Colorado 911Truth and the Northern California Truth Alliance.

It further includes the various grassroots activists who, each in their own way, have tried to chip away at the lies and wake people up - by peacefully protesting, reaching out to politicians, the media, university professors and their own inner circle, be it co-workers, family or friends, oftentimes at a high cost.

G: It includes the researchers - those individuals who quietly in the background go four layers deep and leave no stone unturned. Those who don't have preconceived notions or any horse in the race, just a sincere and honest desire to see where the road will take them. You have gotten to know some of them in the past 4 days - the exceptional ones like Alan Merrill, Nick Bryant, Jonathan Cole, Richard Grove, Mike Berger, Richard Ellefritz, Xander Arena, and Piers Robinson.

S: It further includes some of the heroes of the independent media who have begun to join our voices by speaking out themselves, such as Bret Weinstein, Tucker Carlson, Ian Carroll, Chris

Martenson and of course Jimmy Dore, not to mention artists like Roger Waters and Lucas Kaffenberger, aka Timeline Junkie. And sometimes, you even get a courageous politician or two, such as Dennis Kucinich.

G: The lines get a little blurry sometimes, and the 9/11 War Room is such an example - part grassroots, part networking with the other 9/11 Truth organizations, part connecting to the many individuals looking for inspiration, motivation or simply a conversation on a topic that still comes with many taboos in other circles.

S: But then, the 9/11 Truth Movement is also you - all of you sitting in this venue, all of you watching online.

You may not consider yourselves activists, but you are. You've opened your mind to considering another possibility, another reality. You've had the courage to ask uncomfortable questions, making it more comfortable for others to do the same. You've normalized and legitimized drawing a line in the sand and reclaiming your power as a thinking individual.

We were all born with a ticket in life, destination initially unknown but coming into view over time. That ticket takes us on a ride in many different directions, along many different tracks. But for all of us here, it regularly stops at a station called 9/11 Truth.

G: You have all bought a ticket to this event. You've invested time and energy to be part of this and I want to thank you for making that effort.

On Friday, we held a vigil by lighting candles for the 9/11 souls we lost that day. I would ask you to keep this in mind and to see yourselves as a candle that can light another. You don't need to become the next James Corbett or Candace Owens, and you don't need to organize a mass protest. Nobody is saying that you should take up graffiti and plaster 9/11 truth messages on your local overpass, or call your local TV station daily.

S: But you can speak to others. Maybe wear a T-shirt with a message. Ask questions. Plant a seed. Hold space for them if you see they're grappling with the implications. Don't be preachy, but stand firm in your convictions.

G: Everyone has a different idea of what evidence is the most compelling, but that's ok, just run with it and stick with what resonates. For me, for example, it's **[Lutnick etc...]**

S: If we've gotten this far in the 9/11 Truth movement, it's only because a handful of designated individuals had the courage to stand in their Truth and become that shining light for others. And as you saw on the "Early Years" panel, each such person did it differently, but authentically. And in doing so, they inspired others to join them, getting us to the tipping point we're seeing today.

Is it a matter of numbers? A matter of reaching just the right person? A matter of someone finally sharing insider information? A matter of falling on the judge who can't be bought, the

journalist who won't be silenced, the billionaire who is prepared to throw all his money at a new investigation?

It's possible, of course, and any one of those might help. But what I know with absolute certainty is that we can't outsource our own power, and that at the end of the day, we are responsible for our part in this, and accountable to ourselves for what we didn't do.

It doesn't need to be your full-time job, or even your part-time job. Just an occasional freelance gig when you find an open slot in your agenda - and you know what? The benefits make it all worth it.