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SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

APRIL 2019 - SPEAKER

- 19 Expanding the Family of Rotary - Rotary Rose Parade Float
Brett Morey
26.....Bonita Museum and Cultural Center
Wendy Wilson

MAY 2019 - SPEAKER

- 03.....Kadampa Meditation Center in Point Loma
Gen Kelsang Lhadron
10.....Open
17.....Teacher of the Year
24.....Celebrating Memorial Day
Rick Clark
31.....Steffanie Strathdee, PhD
Kim Schafer

JUNE 2019 - SPEAKER

- 07.....Open
14.....Vocational Service
21.....Women in Afghanistan
Shamayel Nikzad



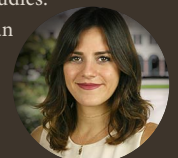
JENIFFER
RIVERA RODRIGUEZ

Jeniffer Rivera was born and raised in Puerto Rico. In the process of getting her BA in psychology, she joined local volunteering initiatives that led her to the Peace Corps. She served as a Youth Development Volunteer in Costa Rica from 2016- 2018. There, she took part in meaningful conversations and projects with the youth and community members regarding sexual education, women's rights, restorative practices, life skills, social entrepreneurship, and leadership. With her passion for social justice and mental health, she intends to work with agents of change to create resilient, and healthy communities. Jeniffer is in the MA in Peace & Justice program from the Kroc School of Peace Studies and a Coverdell Fellow & Rotary Foundation, Grillo-Marxuach Family Scholar.



VALENTINA
RIVERA MUÑOZ

Valentina is a Rotary Foundation and Grillo-Marxuach Scholar from Puerto Rico. She has lived in Madrid, Spain and Washington, D.C. She believes that learning from other cultures is the best way to learn and grow. She has always been passionate about helping communities, specifically those with mental illness. She translated her passion for social justice when she became president of a community service club that brought food to the homeless in the San Juan area. This experience opened her eyes to the reality of Puerto Rico's historic economic crisis. Valentina is graduating this May from a Masters in Peace and Justice at the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace and Studies. As a millennial, a Puerto Rican and a citizen of the world, she feels the need to do something for her island.





REPORT

from the last meeting



THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE
THINK, SAY OR DO

01

IS IT
THE TRUTH?

02

IS IT
FAIR TO ALL
CONCERNED?

03

WILL IT
BUILD GOODWILL
AND BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

04

WILL IT BE
BENEFICIAL
TO ALL
CONCERNED?

President Rick Binder rounded us up for an early start because we had a busy meeting ahead with lots to squeeze in. Rotarian of the Day, **Mike Bardin**, began with an inspiring prayer that made us feel truly thankful for the opportunity that Rotary gives us to make a difference. The theme of today's meeting is, Peace, starting with **Mike's** presentation. **Mike's** family is 6th generation Californian, dating back to his great grandfather who settled in Salinas, where there is a street, Barden Road, named after him. **Mike's** 2 daughters and spouses live and work in Silicon Valley and he and **Arlene** have 5 grandchildren. Now that he is retired, **Mike** is busier than ever, but, it is now his own choice of busy. His goal in retirement is to work with Rotary and Pathways to Peace, the program he helped create in our District. He shared with us the many ways Rotary is involved with promoting peace at the RI level, the District level and our own club level.

Garry Kachkovsky welcomed our guests today: **Lily** and **Dexter**, introduced by **Brett Morey**; **Joyce McHugh**, California Cogs vocalist, introduced by **Dave Davis**; Visiting Rotarians - **Wayne Cusick** and **Gary Schneiderman**; UCSD Rotaracts - **Bradley**, **Eden**, **Tiffany** and **Ankeeta**. Several Preuss students, faculty and family present would be introduced later in the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - **Lori Bende** reminded us that Saturday is Rotary Theater night. Those going will meet at **Emidio delConte's** house for a pot luck dinner, then head to see a play at Scripps Ranch Theater. A few could not make it, so there are some extra tickets available. **Dave Davis** presented a check for \$500, donated to the Cogs for playing at the OASIS Center Dinner and Dance sponsored by **Krishna** and **Bonnie Arora**, and a second check from Cogs musician, **Scott Wood**, who donated his share of the band's expenses.

On a sad note, **Marty Rosenstein** shared with

us that a former member of our club, **Barry Gracemen**, has passed away.

Marty then introduced the Preuss Student of the Month, **Angie Rios**. Also present were **Angie's** mother and two sisters, and, from Preuss, **Carla Petraglia**, Head of Ecology, and **Erin Patrick**, Guidance Counsellor. **Angie** has attended Preuss since 6th grade. Since her father was deported, she lives with her mother and 2 sisters. She plays on the Lacrosse team, works at a restaurant after school and volunteers at the Ocean Discovery Institute on Saturdays. She enjoys drama and plans to be a Theater Major at UCSD in the Fall. Her hope for her future is to have a life in which she loves and is loved.

Eric Mjoen announced that the 15th annual Rotary Model UN Conference, brainchild of **Marty Rosenstein** and **Dory Beatrice**, is this weekend. Our Club is sponsoring 6 students, 4 from Preuss and 2 from University City High School. **Eric** introduced the 4 students from Preuss, **Davis La** and **Kevin Vo**, representing Laos; and **Rayana Levine** and **William Wong**, representing New Zealand. They gave the speeches they have prepared for the conference, addressing the tsunami and TB outbreak in the Philippines and the persecution of the Rohingya in Myanmar.

Next **Rick Binder** addressed some club business. **Luke Ervin**, **Garry Kachkovsky** and **Jan Bernardy** have been proposed by the nominating committee as new Board Members replacing 3 whose term of office is ending. A vote was taken, without sending the nominees out of the room, and it was a unanimous, Yes. Congratulations to **Luke**, **Garry**, and **Jan**.

More announcements - **Ellen Bryson** announced that Easter basket making at the Salvation Army Door of Hope will be on April 18 at 10 AM. **Nancy Gatschet** still needs a few more volunteers for Career Day at Preuss on April 17 from 12:30 - 3:30 PM. **Ranjan**

Lahiri reminded us about Networking Night at Draft Republic, which is coming up on April 11th. **Rick Binder** says that there is still time to sign up to go to the SD Seals Lacrosse game on April 12.

Dr. Antonio Grillo-Lopez introduced our speaker of the day, **Veronica Musa**, a Human Rights lawyer from Argentina, who currently is a Grillo-Marxuach Family/Rotary International Foundation Scholar at USD where she is pursuing a master's degree in Peace and Justice. She spoke about the importance of Human Rights in our daily life, provided some history going back to **Roosevelt's** speech on the 4 essential freedoms (freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want, freedom from fear) and how our Rotary water and sanitation projects contribute to peace. Will she go back to her country? She feels that she is a citizen of the world and where she lives is less important than what she does. Her accomplishments are many and soon she will be headed to Vienna for a UN internship where she will develop curricula on Justice which will be used world-wide.

Whew! A lot was covered today but there was still time for a few more announcements - **Alex Monroe** reminded us to sign up for the Foundation Gala, a formal dinner on April 29th celebrating Rotary Foundation accomplishments. **Alex** also announced to Save the Date as planning is starting for the Promote-Demote coming up on June 29th. **Rick Binder** reminded us that there is a CSC meeting following today's club meeting. **Jim Davies** still needs more to sign up to help at the Quintessential Festival. **Alex Monroe** called Peggy Martin to the podium and presented her with a crystal in thanks for her contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

President Rick Binder ended the meeting with a few quotes made by famous people without much thought.



PHOTOS

from the last meeting



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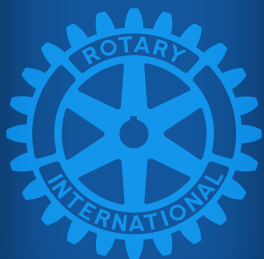
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PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION Alex Monroe

ROTARIAN
OF THE DAY



I was born in Glendale, a suburb of Los Angeles, but have lived along the coast from first grade on: Seal Beach, Dana Point, Newport Beach and now Encinitas. My wife Nancy was also born in Glendale. I met her when we were both Accounting majors at the University of Southern California. We started our careers as "bean-counters" with CPA firms, Deloitte with me and Price Waterhouse for her. I became a homebuilder in 1976 and built homes for speculation. I now have an insurance agency that specializes in Medicare, Life Insurance and Business Health Insurance. In almost any case I can show someone who has a Medicare Supplement Plan how to save money and keep the same benefits and the same providers. This is how my company has thrived in the Medicare market.

My association with Rotary began in 1984 when a "bean-counter" friend introduced me to the Del Mar (less dynamic) Rotary Club. A breakfast club was more to my liking and thanks to Steve Brown in 1995 the Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World became my club.

What's new at our home??? A few years ago, I needed hearing aids. Now last year the dog went deaf too!!!

TOMELLIOTT

A FEW YEARS AGO, I NEEDED HEARING AIDS.



LAST YEAR
THE DOG WENT DEAF TOO!



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