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DR. WILLIAM A. TWAYIGIZE

THE STRUGGLE FOR INFLUENCE - AND MINERAL RESOURCES - IN AFRICA:
CAN THE U.S. CATCH CHINA AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT



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AOS MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

1st Friday of the Month.....Community Services Committee
(follows club meeting)

2nd Friday of the Month..... International Services Committee
(follows club meeting)

3rd Friday of the Month..... Youth Services Committee
(follows club meeting)

4th Friday of the Month.....Peace Committee
(follows club meeting)



Dr. William A. Twayigize is a lecturer and Curriculum Internationalization Coordinator at San Diego State University's Office of International Affairs, where he also directs the Global Perspectives Symposium (GPS) and teaches International Security, Climate Change, Global Health, and Urban Sustainability. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Economics from the University of New England (Australia), a Master's in International Sustainable Development from Brandeis University, a business degree from Southern New Hampshire University, and a degree from Daystar University in Kenya. His experience includes research at Harvard's Department of Global Health, coordinating Boston University's African Presidential Center, and serving as a fellow at Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation. He

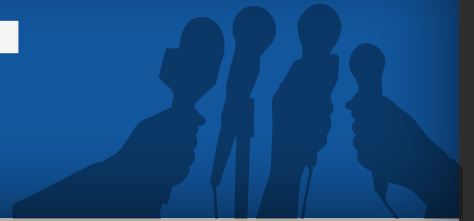
also served in the Office of the President of Kenya, his interests focus on global learning, urban planning, African geopolitics, and China-Africa relations. Dr. Twayigize is the author of two memoirs in English and French: *Refused to Die: A Refugee's Diary of Death, Abyss, and Apocalyptic Survival (Refusé de Mourir: Le Carnet d'un Réfugié sur la Mort, l'Abîme et une Survie Apocalyptique)* and *Refused to Die II: A Refugee's Diary of Apocalyptic Long Walk to the East (Refusé de Mourir II: Le Carnet d'un Réfugié sur la Longue Marche Apocalyptique vers l'Est)*. He is also the founder of ANEHOPE Ministry, which supports the education of orphans, refugees, and slum children in East Africa. He is married with four children.





REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2025

AUGUST - SPEAKER

15.....Scott Wahl
Chief of Police
San Diego Police Department

SEPTEMBER - SPEAKER

5.....Frank Urtasun
Port of San Diego
Board of Port Commissioners

The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club recently held a vibrant and engaging meeting, marked by warm welcomes, inspiring stories, and exciting updates on upcoming initiatives. This was **David's** first meeting as president and things went very smooth as the club was pleased to welcome several new members and guests.

The Rotarian of the Day, **Sam**, captivated the audience with a colorful and humorous glimpse into his personal life. He shared anecdotes from his unexpected past as a competitive eater, his fondness for the refined tradition of high tea, and highlights from his recent travels to the United Kingdom. His presentation added a delightful mix of humor and cultural appreciation to the meeting.

The club also announced a series of upcoming events and meetings. Among the highlights are in-person gatherings featuring guest speakers such as **William** and San Diego Chief of Police, **Scott Wall**. In addition, members can look forward to an insightful Zoom session with **Najat Saliba**, offering a unique virtual engagement opportunity.

Cultural enrichment continues with a special Japanese dinner scheduled for August 10, promising a night of cuisine and camaraderie. Looking ahead, the club is preparing for its impactful Ensenada project in October, which aims to benefit 300 children through service and support—continuing the Rotary tradition of meaningful international outreach.

A standout moment of the meeting was the keynote speaker, **Lex Gillette**, a five-time Paralympic medalist. Lex shared his powerful and moving story of overcoming blindness to become a world-class athlete. His message underscored the transformative power of vision, resilience, and unwavering determination, leaving a lasting impression on all in attendance.

The meeting concluded on a generous note, with the club making a donation to Oasis San Diego, further demonstrating its commitment to supporting the local community and organizations dedicated to making a difference.

~Reporter

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PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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ROTARIAN OF THE DAY



**CAMI
EISKAMP**

Cami Eiskamp, a native San Diegan, is thrilled to join Rotary. Professionally, she founded and runs a family coaching practice, called Parent Roundtables, with a mission to support parents in the inspiring, exhausting, heart-filling work of creating a wonderful family. After 25 years of leading professional development, coaching superintendents, administrators, and teachers in their own classrooms and schools, Cami felt ready to tackle the final frontier: parents. She specializes in family dynamics, best educational practices, instructional leadership, and presentation/facilitation skills.

Cami's love of Education and service began when she was a secondary educator teaching Spanish, English, English as a Second Language, and leadership in the California public school system in 1997. She has enjoyed a variety of roles from lower elementary-level instruction in private schools to teaching Master's Education courses at the University level.

Although formal Education is something Cami values, she has learned the most about herself through her commitments as a wife, mother, business owner, traveler, personal development enthusiast, and community volunteer. A San Diego State alumnus, Cami earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, a Secondary Teaching Credential, and a Master of Education degree.

When she isn't working side by side with families, she can be found cheering on her teenage daughter, Sydney, at a field hockey or lacrosse game, hiking local canyons, or scuba diving with Brett, and seeking rich experiences from her extensive bucket list. Some fun highlights from 2025 include getting married on New Year's Eve in Grand Cayman, swimming with the horses, learning to play the harp, rafting through the Grand Canyon, and adopting a foster dog.

Before finding love and forming a partnership with fellow new Rotarian Brett Cattell, Cami was a widow following the passing of her husband, George. After almost 20 years together, George passed unexpectedly from a genetic cardiac episode when their daughter was 11. Losing George taught Cami that grief and joy can live in the same exact moment. She reaches for a purpose-driven life and is guided by a favorite passage from Mary Oliver's poem, "A Summer's Day": "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"



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August 15 - Brett Cattell

SEPTEMBER 2025

September 5 - Ricky Ricardo

September 19 - Dan Kisner



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