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calendar
EVENTS
and speakers

DECEMBER 2015 - SPEAKER

11..... The Sierra Club's Proposed -
1% Land And Water Fund
• Debbie Hecht •

18..... Why Being a Rotarian Feels So Good!
• Larry Kesslin •

25..... DARK
• Christmas •

JANUARY 2016 - SPEAKER

01..... DARK
• New Year's •

AZIM KHAMISA

The Journey of Forgiveness
Destination Peace & Redemption



Azim Noordin Khamisa – an author, activist and an international inspirational speaker – was born in Kenya, Africa and had early training in mathematics, economics and international finance in the United Kingdom. A successful international investment banker with over 40 years of experience, he has conducted business in Africa, Middle East, Canada, USA, Europe and Asia.

A man always on the go, taking action for societal transformation, he is the Founder of the Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF) and Co-Founder and National Director of the Constant And Never Ending Improvement program which is housed in the National Youth Advocate Program. Presently he serves as the President of the Child Safety Network (CSN).

Committing his life to halting the continuing cycle of violence among the youth, Azim became a social activist after his 20-year-old son Tariq was senselessly murdered while delivering pizzas in January 1995 by Tony Hicks, a 14-year-old gang member. Out of unspeakable grief and despair, Khamisa was inspired to transform his loss through the

miraculous power of forgiveness. Believing that there were “victims at both ends of the gun,” Azim forgave Tony and founded the Tariq Khamisa Foundation to break the cycle of youth violence by saving lives, empowering positive choices and teaching the principles of nonviolence and peacemaking. A month after establishing the foundation, Azim invited Ples Felix, Tony's grandfather and guardian, to join him. Together, since November 1995, the two have brought their story and message through TKF's Violence Impact Assemblies. The duo has reached over a million elementary and middle school children live and over 8 million via video programs, guiding the youth to choose a peacemaker's life of non-violence and forgiveness.

In his current position as CSN President, Azim is excited to spearhead the creation of the National Center for Child Safety & Parenting with CSN's founder Ward Leber. Azim believes that while no single nonprofit has the complete solution, collectively they do. To support collaboration of nonprofits – a present challenge for many – the center will provide free services to various selected nonprofits that have world-class

programs – such as TKF and CANEL – targeting children safety and parenting, thus inspiring collaboration to not only provide the complete solution but also to impact public policy.

Azim's story is featured in an upcoming feature film, as well as documentaries such as The Power of Forgiveness, Unlikely Friends, Azim Khamisa - The Tool of Forgiveness and The Truth.

Says Azim, *“We continuously confront defining moments in life. Sometimes these events are joyous; sometimes they are tragedies. At these moments it's important to make the right choices. When we do, we're able to manifest miracles and produce transformation in ourselves and others.”*

For more information or to order Azim Khamisa's books, DVDs or CDs, see AzimKhamisa.com. For information on Child Safety Network see CSN.org. For information on the Tariq Khamisa Foundation, see TKF.org. For CANEL, see NYAP/CANEL.org.



Dave Wiegman
Reporter



Susan Schwarz
Coordinator

UPCOMING REPORTER

DECEMBER 2015

11..... Tom Elliott
18..... Dr. Denny Jacobs
25..... DARK

THE FOUR-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1 | IS IT THE
TRUTH?

2 | IS IT
FAIR
TO ALL
CONCERNED?

3 | WILL IT BUILD
GOODWILL
AND BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

4 | WILL IT BE
BENEFICIAL
TO ALL
CONCERNED?

~Herbert J. Taylor

REPORT

from last meeting

On the Next Episode

Antonio Grillo-Lopez



The Great, Magnificent Antonio Grillo-Lopez was the ROTD. **Antonio** had another first as I believe he now has the record for the fewest spoken words as ROTD. With strained vocal cords **Antonio** did his presentation with slides and printed text. **Antonio** also donated two paintings to the club. He described his technique as "Watching Paint Dry". After we all read from the monitor his Grace and Pledge **Antonio** showed us slides of beautiful cars. Some of which he owns and some cars which he may own soon. It felt a little like I was watching an episode of "Jay Leno's Garage". Although he has the Driving School certificates as proof my hope is he will stick to just owning the race team with his Corvettes, Porsches, Ferraris, and Mercedes just like **David Letterman**. I believe we wrapped up his presentation with singing Happy Birthday to the very young 76 year old.

Next up was **Tom Stocking** introducing guests who included some daughters, better halves, and even some SDSU Rotaract students. The club was than presented with some information for the well-organized work project on the Police Department to be held the next day thanks to **Kevin Carlson**. Several events were listed. We are feeding the VA on 12/1, and "trumpet please" **Jim Davies** decorating Oz on 12/12. The annual holiday party is 12/12.

Ryan Albrecht received his Blue Badge in record time. I like **Ryan** so get a loan from him but make sure you pay it back. We

also recognized a new member **Ana Sambold**. The Club read her the Four Way Test which I am amazed how bad we are at reciting the Four Way Test. **Ron** made us practice all year, there is a Banner directly behind **Ana** and we still butcher it. Perhaps we need to change it because even the acronym is not easy to remember, TFGBFB!

Steve Brown honored people that have been very generous with their donations to Rotary. My apologies if I have left out a few people but some of those honored were **Mike** and **Susan Schwarz**, **Linda Stouffer**, **Peter Griffith**, **The Great and Magnificent Antonio** and **Maria**, and **Louis Andres** to name just a few. It is important to note that Pete is worth more dead than alive. **Tom Stocking** got up and did some fining and listing birthdays and anniversaries for the last month. We also did Happy \$5's. **Antonio** had a 51st wedding anniversary, **Father Wayne** daughter is working for a General, **Alan Galgut** for the love and support to his wife, **Louis Andres** for being a foster parent for 6 years and the children returning to their parents (Are you kidding me! How many superstars do we have in this club?). **Alex Monroe** than auctioned off **Antonio's** two paintings. **Bruce Geier** was the successful bidder. You have to love a painting titled "Amazing Grace".

Our speaker **Richard Arroyo** spoke to us about Juvenile, Criminal Defense. **Richard** outlined some of the steps and processes involved. As he spoke to us it was evident to me the value of family and having involved parents. They have something called Diversion Programs that can avoid Juvenile Hall. He mentioned honor students breaking windows of girlfriends and others egging joggers. **Brett** admitted he had done these things. When I was a teenager I dressed up as **Friar Tuck**. I had pillows under my robe with my bald head. I got egged! I tried to waddle after the people that egged me with egg dripping on my bald head. I say throw them in the slammer! In all seriousness we learned about the different levels, paperwork, and terminology involved and significant efforts at rehabilitation and avoiding Juvenile Hall. With juveniles they don't use the words guilty or not guilty, only admits or denies. **Richard** said the apple doesn't fall far from the tree and don't antagonize the social worker. I think in summary, stay involved and be a good boy or girl if you want your kids to be good boys and girls.

Okay I am done writing notes and the Tryptophan in the turkey is working its magic. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. May 2016 be filled with Thanks and Giving. Over and Out.



Bill Keane
Photographer

PHOTOS

from last meeting



Bev Fritschner
President

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December 12 |
Holiday Party
Details to Follow



January 15-16
Rotary World Peace
Conference
Ontario, CA



January 17-23
International Assembly



January 20
International District
Governors Elect Dinner
Details to Follow



February 6
Road Rally
Contact Linda
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18.....Gloria Harris
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DAVID TANSEY

I was raised in Los Angeles, where my parents both had large extended families. Contact with them was frequent and as the oldest grandchild (of 25) I was given a lot of TLC.

I did my undergraduate work at Caltech then earned an MS in Chemical Engineering at Stanford. While in Palo Alto, I married and had my first child, **Lisa**. **Lisa** is now a data base manager for Amgen. She splits her time telecommuting from San Diego and working in Thousand Oaks.

After I worked for FMC for a couple of years manufacturing detergent builders, my father invited me to join the business he was purchasing in Los Angeles to make aircraft control pulleys. He died soon after we took over and I ran the business for 12 years.

Early in that time my son, **Ben** was born. He is now a writer and energy consultant and knows more about the electricity business in the Northwest than most anyone.

During the last couple of years as CEO of the pulley company, I started a doctoral program in psychology. I graduated as a Ph.D. in 1974 and was licensed as a psychologist in 1977.

I moved to San Diego and married **Kathleen**. We live in Solana Beach and it has been 40 years since our first date.

I have practiced psychology in San Diego since 1977 with special interests in CEO's, family business, leadership training, sexual harassment prevention, peace officer candidates, clinical supervision, treatment outcomes, and severely mentally ill individuals.

For over twelve years, I was Clinical Director at Hanbleceya, a therapeutic community for treatment of seriously emotionally disturbed adults. Seven years ago I purchased the business with partners and continue to serve as Clinical Consultant.

I joined our Club as a charter

member in 1986, served on the first Board of Directors, and have been chair of the International Service Committees and the Fine Master. My wife, **Kathleen**, has been very active in Sister Cities International where she is now a State Coordinator. Over the years we worked jointly on RI and SCI projects and matching grants.

We are members of the Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians and the Rotary International Travel and Hosting Fellowship. We enjoy hosting Rotarians from all over the world in our home. We travel extensively and I have had the privilege of making-up in 35 countries and visiting in 50 more. I have played senior slow-pitch softball twice weekly for 23 years. I enjoy gourmet cooking, movies, theater, ballroom dance, and Sudoku. I recently discovered the challenge of Extreme Wellness that includes rowing, climbing, and other activities to push my limits. I appreciate the Family of Rotary and being a member of "The Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World."

ROTARIAN OF THE DAY