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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

### DECEMBER 2016 - SPEAKER

16.....Dave Davies  
Holiday party

23.....DARK

30.....DARK

### JANUARY 2017 - SPEAKER

06.....Peter Chodzko  
Gompers Preparatory Academy

06.....Nate Ellis



## PETER RIPA

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Peter Ripa joined the Century Club of San Diego, a 501 c(3) nonprofit organization, as Chief Executive Officer in July 2011. The Century Club is responsible for planning and executing the Farmers Insurance Open, San Diego's PGA TOUR Event. The organization is composed of 12 staff and more than 45 San Diego business and community leaders dedicated to the mission of uplifting San Diego and local charities. This is achieved through the Event's broad economic impact and programs that utilize the profile and magnitude of the Event to provide fundraising, engagement, awareness and experiences for charities, local military families, community organizations and schools.

### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- More than \$25 million economic impact for the City of San Diego including more than \$6 million in local hotel revenue
- Excess of \$3 million in funding and in-kind value delivered to charitable partners annually
- Unmatched exposure for San Diego to 227 countries and over 1 billion households globally through nearly 20 hours of live broadcast on CBS and Golf Channel delivers unmatched
- In 2015, one of The Century Club's long-standing partners, Monarch School, was recognized as the PGA TOUR's Charity of the Year. The Monarch School is the only comprehensive K-12 school in the country developed specifically to serve homeless students. As PGA TOUR Charity of the Year, Monarch School received a \$30,000 grant, as well as a 30-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) to be aired throughout the PGA TOUR season, bringing awareness to the issue of youth affected by homelessness and inspiring a call to action to become part of the "village" that it takes to end the problem.

It is Peter's belief that our success is borne from a collaborative community striving toward a common goal. He believes each individual; Century Club members, Tournament volunteers, sponsors, community partners and the public, play a significant role in achieving the mission of hosting a world-class PGA TOUR event to maximize support for the San Diego community and local youth programs. ••• Peter previously served as the Tournament Director at the PGA TOUR's Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial in Fort Worth, Texas for five years. Colonial was recognized with four PGA TOUR "Best of Awards" – Most Engaged Community, Best Marketing/Sales Plan (twice) and Best Use of Players. ••• Prior to his role at the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial, Peter served as Assistant Executive Director of the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA), Georgia PGA, Florida State Golf Association and Innisbrook Resort over the last 30 years. ••• Peter is a graduate of University of South Florida, B.A. Finance and Kennesaw State University, M.B.A. Marketing. He currently serves on the Board for the San Diego Tourism Authority and completed two terms on the Board for the PGA TOUR Tournament Advisory Council (TAC).

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# REPORT

from 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?

HERBERT J. TAYLOR



FROM ROTARY CLUB

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

**ROMIK KESIAN** opened the meeting as the stand-in for President **ANTONIO GRILLO-LOPEZ**. **DR. KELLY PRICE NOBLE** was our Rotarian of the Day and told us of her interesting and wide-ranging career. Guests were introduced by **RICK BINDER**. We had two SDSU Rotaractor's and three from UCSD. I guess that means that UCSD wins the weekly free breakfast for youngsters contest. We're so proud. **RICH PAPIKE** introduced a variety of guests at his table. The turned out to be all **PAPIKE** family and included our speaker. More about him later.

**ANDREA BRANNAN** was our Finemaster this morning and entertained a number of Hi-5's. These included a Hi-5 from herself for having had her cast removed from her left hand. Once day we'll have to hear how it got there to begin with. **LINDA ANDREWS** offered a Hi-10 in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Red Rose Run in Del Mar taking place that very morning. **BRETT MOREY** gave a Hi-5 in honor of his son turning 21 and both kids being home soon for the holidays.

**ALEX MONROE** acted as our auctioneer and auctioned off a two bottle box set of "BOTTOM OF

THE BARREL" whiskeys donated by **ANTONIO GRILLO**.

Thanks, Tony..... Your generosity is appreciated. The winning bid came from **LOUIS SCOTTI**.

There were a variety of announcements including **DAVE WIEGMAN** who needs **ROTARIANS OF THE DAY** for a number of upcoming meetings. **LORI BENDE** announced that the Road Rally was coming up on February 11, 2017. The destination will be in Los Angeles and hotel reservations need to be made as soon as possible. The hotel is offering a preferred rate but once they run out – they're gone. **KIM SCHAFER** reminded us of the holiday party on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The deadline has now passed so if you signed up and can't go, you're still going to need to pay your cost since food has been ordered based on the sign-ups. **JIM DAVIES** announced that he needs participants for the OZ House decorating project and **GLORIA HARRIS** announced a new networking project. **DORY BEATRICE** announced an International Service Committee party and **KATHLEEN ROCHE-TANSEY** talked about the International Service Committee and pitched for attendees. **FATHER**

**WAYNE SANDERS** talked about the baskets that will be filled with love and **STEVD BROWN** put out a call for speakers about the club and our projects for retirement home presentations. **BILL BUSH** presented the club with a check for \$232.00 that represents royalties from the sale of his book. Our thanks to **BILL** for his generosity.

**RICH PAPIKE** then introduced our speaker who was his nephew **JESSE PAPIKE** talked about his struggles with alcoholism and his experience with an organization called **PATHFINDERS**, a residential recovery home for alcoholic men. **JESSE'S** father **LARRY PAPIKE** also spoke.

Everyone was moved by Jesse's presentation and **ROMIK** was moved enough to forego the usual joke at the end of the meeting but offered a Hi-5 for the **PAPIKE** family instead. As the meeting adjourned, it was announced that the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting (the last meeting of the calendar year) would be for **UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATERS**. Those of us who don't own Christmas sweaters will just have to dress normally.





# PHOTOS

from the last meeting





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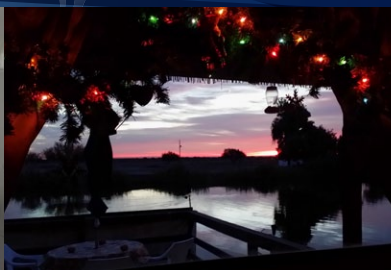
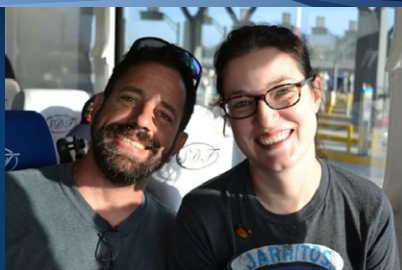
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### UPCOMING ROTD

#### DECEMBER 2016

16.....Bob Rohrbach  
23.....DARK  
30.....DARK  
JANUARY 2017  
06.....Krishna Arora  
13.....OPEN  
20.....OPEN



## ANDREABRANNAN

**W**riting a bio for ROTD is perhaps the reason I never did on line dating- I mean where does one begin and how do I not bore you to tears???

I was born a Bi-Centennial baby in Seattle Washington. I left Seattle and moved to California in my Jr. Year of high school and graduated from Mission Bay. I am perhaps more San Diegan than a Seattleite, but I still cling to my Pacific Northwest roots. An only child, which may have been even more challenging in a wet climate, I found myself being a rather independent person, who loved reading, music, doing art, cooking, and watching Warner Bro Cartoons, British television and Classic Movies. When I was younger my childhood idols were **Shirley Temple** and **Judy Garland**. For a while I was disappointed to realize that life was not a musical.

I wanted to be a strong, kind and spunky young woman, like the writers and characters **Louisa May Alcott** (**Jo March** of Little Women), **Laura Ingalls Wilder**, and **Anne**

**Shirley** in **Anne** of Green Gables. Not much has changed since then. Now I find myself inspired by women like our club members. I lack discipline in a great many things, one of which is carving time to read more and pursue the arts and such. I am an introvert and extravert. Love socializing and love being a home body.

When I first joined Rotary about 12 years ago (I have had some breaks in between) I was working for Ben Bridge Jewelers, a Seattle based, family run business. I have always loved beautiful things, history and for the most part people, so this along with the fact that my Mother had worked in the jewelry industry most of my lifetime was a natural fit.

I have taken some breaks from Ben Bridge- trying Real Estate, and as of earlier this year, full time working for former Rotarian **Paul Jester** at Miramar Sign Works, but even now I still choose to stay on with Ben Bridge as the past 20 years has bonded me to them and I love the people, the

company and the products.

Learning the Sign Business is a new adventure. The staff at MSW is fun and creative. It reminds me of my Theater time where all hands contribute to put on a show. I have much to learn and no day is the same. I am grateful for the opportunity it has allowed me to have a more flexible work schedule. I now have weekends off which allows me more time to spend with my boyfriend of 3 years, **Thomas**.

Earlier this year **Thomas** and I were extremely blessed to be gifted a trailer that we have spent this past year fixing up on the Rio Hardy, about 40 minutes south of Mexicali in Mexico. It has become our get away "Happy Place". We enjoy the friends we have made there and the natural beauty that surrounds us there.

I always feel fortunate to be a part of this club and feel blessed by the friendships I have made with you all and look forward to the ones to come.

ROTARIAN  
OF THE DAY