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calendar
EVENTS
and speakers

DECEMBER 2015 - SPEAKER

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

25..... DARK
• Christmas •

JANUARY 2016 - SPEAKER

01..... DARK
• New Year's •

08..... San Diego State Athletics
• Drew St. Aubin •



DEBBIE
HECHT

San Diego Steering Committee

Sierra Club San Diego's Proposed 1% Land Fund



Debbie was elected chair of the Sierra Club San Diego Steering Committee in May of 2014. Previously, she served on the Executive Committee of the Moku Loa Group on the Big Island of Hawaii from 2008-2011 where she did some preliminary work on Open Ocean Aquaculture.

Debbie lived in Tucson, Arizona, 35 years where she finished college at the University of Arizona and taught school for a few years before pursuing a career in real estate selling land and apartment buildings. She was a Board member with the Tucson Mountains Association (TMA) for 2 years, and President for 6 years. During her tenure, TMA partnered with the Trust for Public Lands to save 880 acres (partly critical habitat) as a county park and helped to pass an Open Space Bond. She led the TMA group that proposed legislation, which is now part of the Pima County Code to protect the peaks and ridges, planned a 300-acre sports park, collaborated with 18 homeowners groups to plan a 12-mile long roadway with 3 different governments and organized

political forums. She represented TMA on the 85-member Steering Committee for 4 years that wrote the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (a multi-species habitat conservation plan). She collaborated on a recommendation for automatic property tax reductions for Conservation Easements. She sat on a Board for Judicial Appointments and was appointed to the Bond Advisory Board.

She lived on the Big Island of Hawaii for 10 years and was the campaign coordinator for a petition initiative drive to pass the charter amendment that created the 2% Land Fund that sets aside 2% of property taxes each year for Open Space acquisition in Hawaii County. So far, \$27 million of land totaling almost 2,000 acres has been preserved. She was appointed by the Mayor to the Public Access, Open Space Natural Resources Commission. She was the legislative aide to Council member Brenda Ford and helped to research and write legislation. She served as a board member and secretary for 4 years with the Hawaii Pacific Parks Association (HPPA). HPPA is a large non-

profit which runs the bookstores at the National Parks in the state of Hawaii, provides interpretive staff and makes grants to the National Parks from profits. She worked as a member of the League of Women Voters to re-write the Initiative and Referendum article in the Hawaii County Charter. She proposed several changes to the Hawaii County charter during the charter review on 2010. She brings many years of establishing non-profits, facilitating groups, creating mission and vision statements, facilitating public forums and debates on political issues, negotiating with groups on diverse issues to reach agreements and conservation land planning in Tucson and Hawaii. She is an avid swimmer, snorkeler, hiker, gardener and tennis player. She lives close to the beach and is interested in water quality.

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**SIERRA
CLUB**



Dory Beatrice
Reporter

REPORT

from last meeting



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

we **LAUGHED**
we **CRIED**



This was a meeting where we laughed, we cried.

First, for ROTD, **Dave T.** was replaced by **Dave W.** **David Tansey** was recuperating from a nasal condition not to be described in detail here, and **David Wiegman** graciously stepped up to recount a moving tale of wanting a wonderful painting that most-esteemed club member **Dr. Antonio Grillo** had previously donated for auction, but **Dave** was not the winner. The painting meant a lot to him personally, so he shared his disappointment with said **Dr. AG.** Then said **Dr. AG** appeared with another painting for **Dave** as a gift! The very same **Dr. AG** also helped **Dave's** daughter get her first job. **Dave W.** is deeply grateful for the special ties to each other in our club.

We were happy to welcome **Bonnie** and **Krishna Arora** back from a highly successful Youth Exchange project in India that they designed. Apparently everyone had a wonderful and meaningful experience.

Next we were thrilled to meet our newest and youngest member: **Tucker**, age 2 months, son of **Sarah** and

Jeff Hogue came to visit, and **Pete Griffith** suggested passing him around. (©).

Marty Rosenstein was proud to honor **Jenely Villanueva** of Preuss School as Student of the Month. She has worked hard to bring her grades up, and loves volunteering to help veterans.

UCSD Rotaractor Dimitri Gonzalez and friend told us about the fund-raiser they are planning: a 5K to raise funds for Camp Kesem, a great program for children with cancer. They need help finding sponsors.

Jacquie Reilly then introduced our speaker: **Azim Khamisa**, founder of the Tariq Khamisa Foundation. **Azim** has been through one of the most painful experiences a human being can have: the killing of your child. His 20 year old son **Tariq** was senselessly murdered while delivering pizzas in Jan. 1995 by **Tony Hicks**, a 14 year old gang member, as part of gang initiation rites. Many people would feel that they wanted the murderer locked up for life. But **Azim** came to feel that both boys were victims.

He eventually came to meet **Ples Felix**, grandfather of **Tony**, and to everyone's great surprise they decided to work together to decrease violence. **Azim** 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.

Today, after 20 years, their story has reached over a million elementary and middle school children live and over 8 million via video programs. They also look at the broader society where so much violence takes place: "What kind of society do we have where 14 year olds are playing with guns?! They should be playing with toys." He feels that violence is a learned behavior, and non-violence must be taught instead. He posed the question: "Where are our kids learning non-violence?"

In a newer development, **Azim** has kept in touch with **Tony**, serving his sentence in prison. **Tony** has been working hard on himself, and will join the work of the Khamisa Foundation when he is released!



Bill Keane
Photographer

PHOTOS

from last meeting



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Bardin is chief public policy officer for Scripps Health leading Scripps' role in the development of health care policy on federal, state and local levels. In his 30+ years with Scripps, he previously headed Scripps' public relations and marketing communications. Previously he was public relations VP with **Phillips-Ramsey** and was a Navy public affairs officer.

Rotary: A Charter Member and Past President of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club, Bardin co-founded the Rotary District 5340 Pathways to Peace initiative in 2004 and he continues to chair the District Pathways to Peace Steering Committee. He was named Rotary District 5340 Rotarian of the Year in 2014. **Bardin** is a Major Donor and Bequest Society and Paul Harris Society Member of Rotary International.

Boards and Committees: San Diego Chamber's Public Policy and Health Care Committees; California Hospital Association

Political Advisory, Advocacy Communications, Political Action Committees; Alliance of Catholic Health Care and Private Essential Access Community Hospitals. He is part of the Government Relations Officers Network for the American Hospital Association Public Policy Committees; San Diego County Taxpayers Association Executive Committee; San Diego's Community Health Improvement Partners Board, Past Chair and Public Policy Committee. Accredited by the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), Bardin is a past member of the Society's national Board of Directors. He is past chairman and board member of PRSA's Health Academy.

Among awards: American Hospital Association Grassroots Advocacy Champion Award for California (2007); PRSA Health Academy's Frank Weaver Lifetime Achievement Award (2002); PRSA San Diego Otto Bos Lifetime Achievement Award (2004); San Diego Health Care Communicators

Communicator of the Year (2002); San Diego Press Club Public Relations Professional of the Year (1993); Public Relations Club of San Diego PR Professional of Year (1979); plus more than 25 awards and commendations for public relations and public affairs programs.

Persnial: A communication and journalism graduate of Stanford University, **Bardin** also did postgraduate studies in radio-TV-film at San Francisco State University. Much of his family is in the San Francisco Bay Area – mother (99 years) in Moraga, Sister in Oakland, two daughters and families (five grandchildren) in Silicon Valley. My wife **Arlene** and I will celebrated our 49th anniversary in October. (We met in San Francisco in the middle '60s in the Haight-Ashbury on Halloween night.) I am a fourth generation Californian; my great, great grandfather traveled to California on the Oregon Trail in 1852, settling in the Salinas Valley.

ROTARIAN
OF THE DAY