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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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SPEAKERS AND EVENTS



FEBRUARY 2019 - SPEAKER

08..... Grant Barrett
A Way With Words

15..... Linda Canada
Japanese Americans in SD

22..... Dan Chong
Peace

MARCH 2019 - SPEAKER

01..... Dianne Day & Louise Anders
4 Way Speech Contest

Jose L. Cruz

CEO, San Diego Council on Literacy



Jose Cruz is the chief executive officer for the San Diego Council on Literacy, a model urban literacy coalition. He has 34 years of experience in the literacy field and is in his 13th year as his organization's CEO. He is the recipient of the 2003 Union-Tribune, "Educator of the Year" award and past-president of the National Alliance of Urban Literacy Coalitions. In 2014, he was recognized by The Union-Tribune as the Latino Civic Leader of the Year. Jose also serves as a board officer for ProLiteracy, the largest literacy organization in the world. He is the host of wsRadio's "Literacy For All Radio" show, which is broadcast live from San Diego to support literacy efforts across the nation.



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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?

HERBERT J. TAYLOR

Las week's meeting was our annual Club Assembly, during which the club was updated on the efforts of our various committees and how our club was working to expand our various Avenues of Service. **Sandi Rimer** MC'd the meeting and, with the help of clock watcher/director, **Rick Clark**, kept the meeting on track.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GUESTS

Melanie, a third time returning visitor, as well as our usual group of esteemed Rotoractors, joined us.

Rick Clark reminded the club that Operation Camp Pendleton was scheduled for March 16, 2019. The Quintessential Festival is also on track for April 27, 2019 and tickets will be going out soon. A page on Eventbrite.com will also be set up for ticket purchases.

Bradley and Eden reminded us that they are still looking for mentors for UCSD Rotoractors. Those interested can sign up online or request a paper form to fill out. **Sheila Henry** is working on a homeless pet food drive and **Brett Morey** gave us an update on the upcoming Road Rally.

CLUB ASSEMBLY

CLUB SERVICE

Sandi Rimer gave us an update on recent activities, including the updating of the club's website. The website has been updated to provide more information to visitors about the various Avenues of Service and more detail about club activities and events. We are hoping that the new website will help people learn

more about our club and want to become more involved in what makes our club unique.

FOUNDATION

Steve Brown provided an overview of the Rotary Foundation, which provides financial support for Rotary International. Those who make a contribution of \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation are recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. Contributions to the Rotary Foundation can be made on a recurring basis or in a lump sum. Contributions can also be made directly to our own La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club Foundation. Funds donated to our club foundation are used to directly fund our own programs and endowments. Currently our club foundation contributes \$25,000 per year to support our local programs and events.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Steve Brown also gave us an update on the International Service Committee, whose goal is to facilitate and promote international understanding, goodwill and peace. Vocational Committee. **Steve** presented a video that described one of the committee's projects, which is sponsoring seven global grant scholars who are working in a cross-regional water cooperation diplomacy program involving the Aral Sea.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Nancy Gatschet reminded us that one of the principles upon which Rotary was that one can serve others and the community through their vocation. It is the intersection between our Rotary lives and professional lives that allow

each of us to better serve others and make an impact on the world around us. The Vocational Committee is involved in Preuss Career Day, the Educator of the Year program, and the Uptown Community Center.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Jacquie Reilly provided an update on the Community Service committee and their array of projects. Some of the more notable projects include the Red Shoe Day for the Ronald McDonald House, our recent painting project at the San Diego Police Tactical Training facility, YMCA OZ house, and the Christian Community Services Association, for which our members have prepare holiday baskets and backpacks for needy school children.

YOUTH SERVICE

Erik Mjoen provided an update on the Youth Service Committee, whose goal is to help foster youth education and leadership development. Some examples of the committee's work include their work with the Model United Nations and our Interact and Rotoract Clubs. Other programs include the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), the Salk Mobile Science Lab, the Four Way Speech Contest, and the LEAD Program.

After all was said and done, **Dory Beatrice** reminded us that she counted 55 projects in which the club is involved and that she is not aware of any club that has the number of projects that we do. Another reminder that is the hard work of our members that truly makes us the most dynamic Rotary club in the world.





PHOTOS

from the last meeting



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BARBRO KIRKPATRICK



Barbro was born in Helsinki, Finland at the end of World War II. She spent her childhood winters skiing and ice skating, summers fishing, sailing, and blueberry picking.



ROTARIAN OF THE DAY

Barbro attended French elementary school, and Swedish-speaking high school. Her dad, a family doc made clear to his daughters that they better get educated because he had no plans to support them. **Barbro** entered business school. Student debates and riots were sweeping Europe at the time, the Vietnam war a major target. A professor suggested Barbro run for the Helsinki City Council in 1968. She became the youngest member of the council at 21.

In 1971 she accepted a Masters Degree Scholarship at Princeton. **Barbro's** passion for foreign affairs and diplomacy led her to be hired by the State Department as a Foreign Service officer in 1980. She served in 15 jobs in 24 years, many of them in violent, high-intensity, danger-pay posts. She was a liaison with the 82nd

and 101st Airborne Divisions when we invaded Grenada in 1984, just before the Russians and Cubans turned the island into a military base. She studied Spanish and spent two years in El Salvador, that was ravaged by guerrilla warfare and a huge earthquake. In 1986, she was assigned to the Army War College in Carlisle, PA. As the only civilian and the only woman in her group, this was a chance to learn about civil/military cooperation and debate the merits/downsides of the use of force.

Then off to the Caribbean as deputy at our regional Embassy in Barbados. This is where **Barbro** met Alex and got married surrounded by parents and palm trees. Next was DC and the Bureau of Political Military Affairs, grappling with horrid human rights crimes in former Yugoslavia and U.S. intervention in Somalia. Then, the

National Security Council on Latin American Affairs and on to Mexico City for 3 years with **Alex** and their newly adopted Russian kids, **Maria** and **Alexander**, sister and brother, 3 and 5 years old. The greatest gift imaginable!

A job as head of the NATO office followed, and then off to the most fascinating, challenging job of them all, Ambassador to the Republic of Niger — the worlds poorest country, and a major uranium producer. The President had just been assassinated and a military junta taken charge. The goal was peaceful transition back to democracy. The rumored Niger/Iraq uranium deal surfaced at this time. **Barbro** remains engaged in women's health, and poverty reduction efforts since retiring.

