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VOICES FOR CHILDREN: SPEAK UP FOR A FOSTER CHILD

Sharon M. Lawrence, Esq., President/CEO, Voices for Children



SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2017 - SPEAKER

10..... Gitanjali and Priyanka Multani, TPHS seniors
Ovarian Cancer Research

17..... Ellen Citrano
Navy Nurse Corps Assoc. So. Calif., Veterans' services

24..... Maria Lopez-Bonilla
Melanoma

MARCH 2017 - SPEAKER

03..... CLUB

10..... Priscilla Lister
Take a Hike: San Diego County

For 20 years, Sharon Lawrence has served as the President/CEO of Voices for Children (VFC), the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program for San Diego and Riverside Counties. During her tenure, the agency has experienced extraordinary growth and recognition. VFC is now the third oldest California CASA program, the largest in the state, and one of the top five CASA organizations in the nation. VFC has received numerous honors, most recently the prestigious "Angels in

Adoption" Award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute in Washington, DC (2013 and 2016) and the University of San Diego Kaleidoscope Award for Exceptional Board Governance (January 2014).

Ms. Lawrence is a member of the Fostering Futures Initiative, and she serves on the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee for the California Judicial Council, the San Diego Juvenile Court Dependency Policy Group, and the San Diego

Blue Ribbon Commission. She is also a Board member for the California CASA Association. Prior to joining Voices for Children in 1997, Ms. Lawrence specialized in medical malpractice defense work as an attorney with the law firm of Lewis, D'Amato, Brisbois, and Bisgaard in San Diego. She received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Speech Communications, and Political Science from the University of Denver and her law degree from the University of Texas.



FEBRUARY 2017

03..... Reporter

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

JAY HATFIELD	01
WILL MOORE	02
BONNIE ARORA.....	10
CARLSON KEVIN	12
ELLEN BRYSON.....	14
SANDI RIMER.....	14
ERIC FULLER.....	18
LINDA ANDREWS	19
SARA HOGUE.....	23
JAN PERCIVAL-LIPSCOMB	25

President **Antonio Grillo-López** introduced our Rotarian of the Day, **Dianne Day**. Dianne, a Canadian, talked about being one of the first females in our club. She served as the club historian for a time and had a fulfilling career at the Salk Institute. Diane presented some Fundraiser pictures from 1992. We learned many things: **Rich Papike** had hair, **Mike Bardin's** hair was brown, **Frank McGrath** enjoyed the bar, **Dave Weigman** won a computer in the lottery, toilet-dunking **Steve Brown** raised a lot of money, and **Lisa Galstian** and **John Stephan** never aged.

Charlie MacKay then introduced our visiting Rotarians and other guests. We had a visiting Rotarian from the Carlsbad High Noon Club and **Luke Erwin's** parents from Atlanta. Two UCSD Rotaractors and two SDSU Rotaractors were present. **Erik Mjoen** introduced his neighbor and friend, **Zac and Fary** introduced prospective member **Connie**, who works as a nurse.

Barbro Kirkpatrick introduced **Carlos**, a student at Preuss School who played two songs on the bass guitar. He was the first of two students who will vie to represent LJGT Rotary Club in the District Musical Competition for a \$2500 grand prize.

Alex Monroe our President-Elect, complimented everyone who worked on the International District Governor-Elect dinner

at **Ana Sambold's** house. He particularly enjoyed meeting the first woman DGE from Pakistan and presented banners to Antonio from several countries whose DGEs were at the dinner – New Zealand, Pakistan, Indonesia, and Switzerland.

Antonio presented a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to **Kim Schafer** for the month of December for the great work she did on the Holiday party.

Finemaster, **Will Moore** had no fines, but **Luke** fined himself for not being at the meeting next week because he is going to the Super Bowl in Houston to cheer on Atlanta. **Lee Ann Cusick** had a \$50 High Five for her forty-ninth plus one anniversary. **Denny Jacobs** had a High Five for all the tennis players in the Australian Open finals who are over 30. **Dennis Bucko** also had a 51-year anniversary which he and his wife spent in Ethiopia. Finally, **Dave Weigman's** High Five was for **Luke's** parents attending Duke and his winning the Fundraiser lottery in 1992.

Bev Frischner presented two Rotary Foundation Paul Harris awards. Past President, **Jay Hatfield** received his fourth award and **Luke Erwin** received his first with his parents by his side. **Luke's** father invited everyone to come to Atlanta for the annual conference and spoke warmly about Rotary.

Alex Monroe auctioned two tickets to a concert for the Chinese

New Year, donated by **Kathleen** and **David**. They were won by **Ina Von Ber**. There were several announcements: **Gloria Harris** reminded everyone to stop by the Networking table after the meeting to learn about the work of other Rotarians. **Antonio** read **Frank McGrath's** request for 10-12 volunteers to serve dinner at Ronald McDonald House on Wednesday, February 15 from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Frank said, "You're going to love it." **Kim** invited everyone to attend the International Service Committee on February 1.

Alex Monroe discussed the Quintessential Festival Fundraiser. He asked all Rotarians to do their part and reach out to at least three organizations to be Corporate Sponsors, which is the key to success. Some tips from members were to approach anyone we have a business relationship with like lawyers and insurance companies, and talk about our projects and emphasize that 100% of money raised goes to projects. Attendance can be promoted by reaching out to program speakers, project partners and their board of directors, as well as posting on social media sites to save the date, April 22. Also, restaurants could be asked to contribute a voucher that we could sell.

President **Antonio** closed out the meeting with a joke about cell phone etiquette.



PHOTOS

from the last meeting



ROTARY auction

STARTING BID
\$100



The painting is an original, one of a kind, oil on canvas (unvarnished) painted in 2016. It is untitled. It measures 12X12 in. and the wooden frame is finished in a silver color.

María S. Marxuach-Grillo

Maria was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico and has been a resident of San Diego for the past 23 years. She has associate degrees in Secretarial Science and in Interior Decoration and earned a BS (Interior Design and Space Planning, minor in Fine Arts) from Eastern Michigan University. She has been a Certified Professional Member of the American Society of Interior Design (ASID) and of the College of Interior Design of Puerto Rico (CODDI).

Maria has studied art and related subjects in San Juan, Madrid, Ann Arbor, Geneva, and San Diego. She has studied with noted artists including Arana, Goldman, Sureda, Seargent, Gaye, Cardwell, Cohan, Grawin, and others. Maria worked as an Interior Designer at the VA Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan; ICI Americas, Pharmaceutical Research Division, Wilmington Delaware; and also as an Interior Design consultant in San Diego, California. She is now retired.

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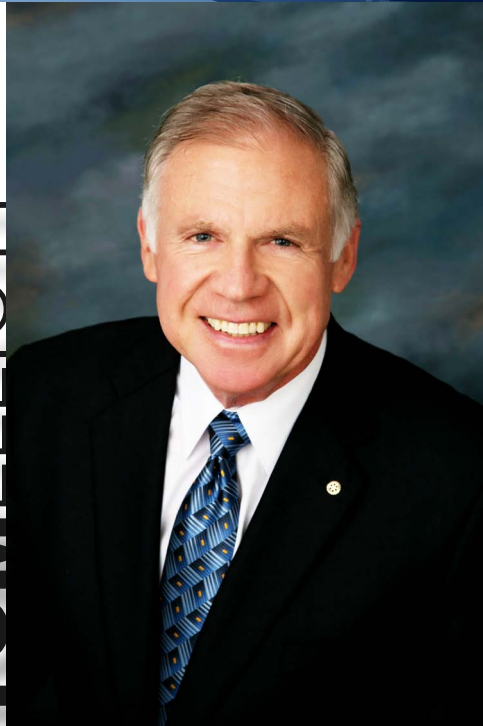
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- PRESIDENT ELECT (2017-18) Alex Monroe
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- TREASURER Sharon Council
- SECRETARY Rick Binder
- PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION Beverly Fritschner



UPCOMING
ROTD

- FEBRUARY** 2017
- 10.....Ellen Bryson,
 - 17.....Sheila Henry,
 - 24.....Jan Percival Lipscomb.
- MARCH** 2017
- 03..... CLUB
 - 10..... David Tansey,
 - 17..... Susan Schwarz,

TOMELLIOTT



My Rotary activities have included a significant role in many of the “hands-on” projects we have done annually fixing up many homes for the elderly with the “Christmas-In-April” group and recently projects with the Marines. I conducted the BMW Raffle in the 2000/2001 Rotary year when Bonnie Brunner was President. We sold approximately 700 tickets at \$100.00 each thanks to the participation of our club members. In one of the Christmas-In-April projects we did in the 1990’s the 80 year old lady who owned the house re fixed up asked Rick Clark if I was married ... Rick said that she was looking for a husband!!!

My wife, Nancy, and I live in Encinitas Ranch and have lived in the same house for more almost 14 years. That’s a record for us. When I was a home-builder my wife would often “fall in love” with the newest home or the newest lot I was building on and every few years we would move.

I own and operate an Insurance Agency that specializes in Life Insurance, Medicare Plans and Health Insurance Plans. I “Shop the Market” to help Individuals and Small Companies with their needs with an effort toward saving them money.

My first association with Rotary was in 1984 when I became a member of the Del Mar Rotary Club that meets at lunchtime. The breakfast meetings were a better fit for me so in 1995 the “Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World” became my Rotary Club.

Nancy and I like to cruise and usually in January go on a two week cruise in the Caribbean. We just got back from one and had warm weather, cold beer and cocktails, crystal clear waters and too much great food. In meeting people from all around the world when they are told we are from San Diego, the response is always “We love San Diego.”

From time-to-time I meet other San Diego County Rotarians, they all know about our club and its “Dynamic” reputation. I am pleased to be a part of it.

**ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY**



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