

THE GOLDEN rotarian

LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 19, 2018

ROTARY MEETING @ BRAILLE - 7am

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ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

RI President 2017-18
IAN H.S. RISELEY

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SCOTT C. CARR

LJGT Rotary President 2017-18
ALEXANDER S. MONROE



JOHN MATTHEWS
Rotary International Director
Zones 25/26 for the years 2017-19

John has been a Rotarian since 1988 and is a currently a member of the Rotary Club of Mercer Island, Washington. He served as District Governor for District 5030 in 2010-11 and has been selected to serve as the Rotary International Director for Zones 25/26 for the years 2017-19.

In addition to his work with Rotary, John has completed two successful careers. The first with the U.S. Navy for 20 years, retiring as a Commander in the Supply Corps. The second where he recently completed 25 years as a

Senior Vice President with Costco Wholesale. Costco is a \$110B company with 180,000 employees worldwide. While with Costco, John had responsibilities for all of the Human Resource and Risk Management functions.

While living in Seattle, John has been active in both corporate and community boards, including the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, The Advisory Board for the University of Washington Bothell, Mercer Island Presbyterian Church, Rotary First Harvest and NW Reinsurance.

John and his wife Mary Ellen, who is also a Rotarian have been active supporters of the Rotary Foundation. They have travelled internationally in support of foundation grants and polio immunization. They believe that some of the greatest gifts that Rotary brings to the world are our Peace Programs and the scholars that graduate from them. In support of those efforts, John and Mary Ellen have established the John and Mary Ellen Matthews Endowed Rotary Peace Fellowship.



SPEAKERS
AND EVENTS



JANUARY 2018 - SPEAKER
26.....AJ MacQuarrie
Pivot to Success! (Are you a "Wantrepreneur" -
an entrepreneur with an idea, business, or goal that is slipping further out of reach?)

FEBRUARY 2018 - SPEAKER
02.....Ted Owen
Founding Father, The Golden Triangle

09.....Kathryn Ely
Clean Water for Schools in Uganda

We welcome our friends from...

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JANUARY 2018

19.....Tony Grillo

26.....Alex Kirkpatrick

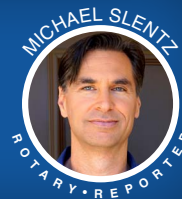
FEBRUARY 2017

02.....Janine Pack



REPORT

from the last meeting



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**MOJI
EBRAHIMI**

Born in Tehran, I moved to Germany for a year then to Washington DC where I completed high school. Moving to San Diego in 1981, I continued my education by earning a Bachelor's degree in Interior Design from San Diego State University.

I moved to San Francisco after graduation where I launched my career specializing in Interior Design and Architectural Graphics. I began my real estate career shortly after in the Bay Area around the early nine-ties. I eventually moved back to San Diego in 2006 to continue helping and representing clients with interests in both selling and buying homes. Over the years, I have been involved with Military Relocation Professional Certification, Toys for Tots, and Marine Corps Reserves.

The meeting started off with the pledge and a moment of silence for the people suffering from the mudslides in northern California. Then new member **Gary Kachkovsky** spoke as Rotarian of the day. **Gary** had an interesting upbringing as his family immigrated from Russia in 1985. They settled in Chicago and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in Economics and Russian. **Gary** talked about the culture differences he experienced as he adapted to life in the United States. He started work in 1997 as a financial planning in Phoenix, Az. **Gary** met his wife **Emily** and started a family, he now has two daughters; **Ava** who is five and **Elle** who is two. They moved to San Diego in April of 2017 to be closer to **Emily's** family.

Gary then started Kachkovsky & Fisher with a partner in 2001. They specialize in helping uniquely successful individuals and families by coordinating the different aspects of their financial lives and act as long-term stewards of their assets through comprehensive financial planning, sophisticated wealth management and strategic legacy planning. They now have offices in Phoenix, Arizona, in Evergreen, Colorado and in San Diego, California.

Gary is a natural fit as a Rotarian with his volunteer work with such organizations as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Arizona, Habitat for Humanity

and he coaches youth basketball as well.

Gary has many hobbies including trail running, hiking, mountain biking, snowboarding, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, and spending time with family and the dog.

Alex then open the floor to announcements. **Rick Clark** reminded everyone that the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna beach would be held on August 18th, 2018 and for those interested to save the date. **Jim Davies** thanked those that helped with taking down the Christmas decorations at the OZ project in Kerney Mesa. He read sweet thank you cards from the children. **Ron Kohl** had a save the date for the annual Camp Pendleton project on March 17th, 2018. **Rick Binder** reminded everyone of the 5th Annual Quintessential Craft Beer & Wine Festival (formerly Golden Triangle Arts & Craft Beer Festival) will be held on April 28th, 2018. We are still short of our \$40,000 fund raising goal. **Susan Lee** asked for help and donations for the Jan 13th project in Tijuana. The Rotaract club would be building a house in a day for a family in need.

Guests included **Sustill Gupta** and **Ramesh Aggarwal** from a dynamic Rotary club in Afghanistan who thanked **Steve Brown** and **Fari Moini** for their hard work in improving the lives of the people of Afghanistan. The

student of the month, **Adelia Gonzalez** had an uplifting story about her work to improve her grades and her projects to bring robotics and STEM career awareness to children in troubled home environments. Rotarian **Mohamad Jalabad** thanked our Rotary club for help in the flight against Polio in Afghanistan. He gave a vest to **Alex** with the symbol of his Rotary club on the back. Finally, **Michael McQuary** brought **Jessica Censotti** from the non-profit My Chosen Vessel which is working to bring clean water to the Massai of Kenya. **Jessica** brought **Ole Sankale** a Massai warrior and poet that graced us with a beautiful tribal song.

Jenni Prisk from the San Diego Rotary club was the guest speaker and had a wonderful talk about the group Better Angels of our Natures. This group seeks to close the Red-Blue divide in the country by holding mediated group sessions between people with different political philosophies. These sessions encourage respectful debate and help the participants see the other side as fellow countrymen and neighbors rather than enemies. It was an engaging and uplifting talk and several members stated their interest in joining one of these sessions if one comes to San Diego.





PHOTOS

from the last meeting



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UPCOMING
ROTD

JANUARY 2018
26..... Dory Beatrice

FEBRUARY 2018
02..... Kevin Carlson
09..... Lori Bende
17..... Sandi Rimer

Rotary International Convention 2018 Toronto, Canada June 23-27



WHY ATTEND?

- Learn best practices from successful projects
- Share unforgettable experiences at exhibits and events
- Immerse yourself in diverse cultures and develop rich relationships

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Unparalleled lineup of speakers, entertainment, and events
- Preconvention events, including the Young Leaders Summit
- House of Friendship
- Breakout sessions



DISCOVER TORONTO

- Tour Casa Loma, Toronto's renowned Gothic castle
- Explore Kensington Market, the legendary outdoor market
- Delight in traditional bakeries and delis in Roncesvalles Village



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