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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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### Beth & Brad Thorp

Co-Founders of the Mitchell Thorp Foundation have created incredible blessings for children and families in need. A public 501 (c)(3) organization whose mission is to "Support families whose children suffer from life-threatening illnesses, diseases and disorders by providing financial, emotional and resources to their desperate situation"



### Mitchell Thorp Foundation mission and purpose in the community.



Supporting families whose children suffer from life-threatening illnesses, diseases and disorders

### SPEAKERS AND EVENTS



#### JUNE 2017 - SPEAKER

16..... Laura Mello  
Oasis Haven, South Africa - our response to the orphan crisis

23..... Dr. Bruce Kahn  
Mobile ODT and Rotary Teaming an Innovation to prevent cervical cancer

30..... Brad Costanzo  
Building A Global Workforce From Your Laptop

PILLARS OF HOPE

# TENNIS SMASH

- E V E N T -

**JULY 16, 2017**

### Join in on the fun.

MTF along with the San Diego Aviators present: "Pillars of Hope Tennis Smash" charity event. Enjoy this smashing event with dinner, live entertainment, silent & live auction and tickets to watch this fan interactive tennis event. Top professionals Shelby Rogers, Darija Jurak, Raven Klaasen and more....





JUNE 2017

09.....Jim Frost  
16.....Dave Wiegman  
23.....Pam Russell

# 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

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

KRISHNA ARORA .... 04

PETE GRIFFITH ..... 05

BILL KEANE..... 08

RON KOHL..... 08

MIKE SCHWARZ..... 12

STEVE BROWN..... 24

LISA GALSTIAN..... 29

DREW HAMILTON. 30

Our meeting started with **Pete Griffith** reminding us that we were meeting in the Hallowed Halls - basement is his norm! (or the Dungeon as many of us refer to it). He became a charter member of our Club when Mike Bardin invited him to join ...their first speaker was Bill Marriott, the founder of Marriott Hotels! (Pete had been rejected from another club because there were already 2 insurance members-hmmm?). Their first project was providing an outdoor comfort station near a bus stop. One of our clubs international projects that Pete saw when we visited Bali was the need for bathrooms in a small school...are bathroom facilities high on Pete's list :-)? His advice to new members was to investigate opportunities to serve at district levels as well as club service..go to International functions as well.

**Rick Binder** introduced many guests, including the lovely Sharon, Marty's wife as well as Jessica, student of the month and her grandmother/mother and sister. **Brett's** guest Emmy is a regular visitor with her Mom Ida. Michael Slentz joined us again. **Rich Papike** invited his co-worker Thomas - **Beverly** introduced her guest Nancy - and from UCSD Susan Lee, Benjamin and Maximilian joined

us. Great to have so many young people in attendance!

### Announcements:

**Alex** announced Governors Dinner on June 26 at the Marriott at 5:30 P.M. See him for details. Update on David Chong - he was up walking this week, baby steps towards recovery.

**Beverly** announced the Promote Demote on June 22 at the Braille Institute. It will be black tie and we all hope that Denny will wear more than just a black tie (don't do that to us, Denny!!) Rotary Foundation donations still due from some members.

**Charlie** and **Andrea** received their Blue Badges - now they are full fledged members, yeah!

**Erik Mjoen** requested help at the Preuss School on June 7 and 8 to score Seniors Presentation - see Antonios message on 6/31. Jessica, the student of the month, gave us a glimpse into her life to date..with many thanks to Preuss.

**Eric Freeberg** informed us that **Pete** has actually learned to be graceful over time - thanks **Dory!** **Eric** discussed the La Jolla Foundation, a brainchild of **Steve Brown** with a current value of \$470,000. Soon to

increase almost two-fold thru a generous donation from Jean McGrath's family. We re-elected **Steve Brown, Pam Russell** and **Eric Freeberg** as foundation members. To be eligible for membership, you must have a Paul Harris, give \$500.00 and be a member in good standing.

**Brett** asked for signups for McDonalds Red Shoe event on June 22. He also gave a BIG large check to Emmy Ibrahimovic, to her complete surprise. **Brett** also announced his latest venture, SURF - Surfers Unite Rotary Fellowship with a brief overview - with **Charlie** acting as Vanna White!

**Jacquie** announced a visit to the VA Hospital Spinal Cord unit to serve dinner on June 21.

Our speaker, Dave Rosenberg, CPBA, gave an informative presentation showing how practical tactical leadership skills can yield results. Visit [www.LockedOnLeadership.com](http://www.LockedOnLeadership.com) for more info. He came to us thru his friendship with Ron Kohl (but we won't hold that against him!)

No time left for a joke - Antonio adjourned the meeting at 8:36 AM.



# PHOTOS

from the last meeting



## ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT CONFERENCE

# 2017



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**LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2016 - 2017**

PRESIDENT ..... Antonio J. Grillo-López, MD  
 PRESIDENT ELECT (2017-18) ..... Alex Monroe  
 PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT (2018-19) ..... Rick Binder  
 TREASURER ..... Sharon Council  
 SECRETARY ..... Rick Binder  
 PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION ..... Beverly Fritschner



UPCOMING  
**ROTD**

**JUNE 2017**

- Father Wayne Sanders ..... 16
- Rich Papike ..... 23
- David Chong ..... 30



**BONNIE ARORA**

**ROTARIAN  
 OF THE DAY**

I grew up in Stockton, California, and attended San Jose State University where I got my Bachelor's Degree in Economics. My passion was intercultural study and after always being involved in every intercultural program on campus and knowing all the foreign students I was finally hired by the Foreign Student Advisor to do what I loved to do and get paid for it. There I met **Krishna Arora**, a grad student from India, studying Electrical Engineering. We decided to get married, had a Catholic wedding ceremony in Stockton and then flew to India for a Hindu ceremony. Then we moved to Chicago where **Krishna** had his first job. I completed my Master's Degree at Northeastern Illinois University and soon after that **Krishna** received a job offer from General Dynamics in San Diego.

After a number of years of flexible jobs so I could focus on family activities I began working at General Dynamics in Quality Assurance and then joined Qualcomm's International Marketing Department. I later transferred to Configuration Management before retiring from Qualcomm in 1999.

We have three children and five grandchildren. Our oldest son, **Rajiv**, is an allergist and lives in Lexington, Kentucky, with his wife and 3 sons. Our daughter, **Shamily**, lives in San Diego and has 2 daughters. Our youngest son, **Rishi**, is currently living in London and working for a growing New York based start-up company. By night he is a musician.

We spend much of our time working on non-profit projects in India and Peru and with organizations we belong to locally. I'm a member of the San Diego Women's Foundation through which I've grown to appreciate the power of pooled philanthropy. We belong to the San Diego Indian American Society which has been giving out Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Scholarships to San Diego high school students for the past 25 years and which co-sponsors, with the Mingei Museum, a Festival of Lights program held each October in Balboa Park.



When we retired we planned to make one Hindu pilgrimage and one Catholic pilgrimage to draw us closer to our cultures. The Hindu pilgrimage took us to the 4 corners of India, including the Himalayas, the origination of India's sacred rivers. The Catholic pilgrimage has taken us on continuous treks along Spain's Camino de Santiago.

Because of these two journeys our lives have evolved in ways unexpected. We've become deeply involved with projects for two NGOs in India and for an isolated community in Peru, and we've been able to trace our roots leading us to unbelievable discoveries. In the process we were also introduced to the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club. *We feel so fortunate!*