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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

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TRANSFORMATIONAL
BOARDING SCHOOL
SOLVING
SAN • DIEGO
DISENGAGED
YOUTH PROBLEM

San Diego County has over 40,000 disengaged youth not in school or working. This presentation will cover bold solutions addressing the needs of underserved children in San Diego.

JABEZ **LEBRET**

Jabez LeBret has been homeless, is a high school dropout, and was on a path to nowhere. After getting his GED, Jabez studied finance and marketing at Gonzaga University. He went on to become a financial analyst at Nordstrom, an international public speaker, author, and Forbes Contributor.



He recently sold his award-winning marketing agency to free up time to pursue his passion in education as co-founder of Sisu Academy, a new education model. Jabez is a coffee lover and Gin enthusiast.

SPEAKERS AND EVENTS



JUNE 2018 - SPEAKER

22.....Col Stephen Keane
Camp Pendleton, Security and Emergency Services Battalion

29.....Alex & Rick show
Passing the Gavel

JULY 2018 - SPEAKER

06.....DARK

13.....Sal Mariscal
Living a fantastic life after cancer



JUNE 2018

15..... Krishna Arora
22..... Dennis Bucko
29..... Jacque Reilly

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?

With the gong of the bell, **Alex Monroe** opens our meeting at 7:30, "Good Morning to the Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World!" ... **Alex** awarded a bottle of wine to **Lisa Galstian**, as the first person to reply correctly to the following questions:

1. Name the biggest island in the world?

2. How many bones are in the human body?

3. Name three novels of Shakespeare?

... **Rotarian of the Day, Pete Griffith** After 32-years, as well as a Founding Member, Pete is still here, sharing his wit, love, and knowledge. As he walked up front, Pete noted, "I swim downstream with all the salmon going up stream; I'm a fisherman. **Denny** is supposed to agree, as he too, is a Fisherman". Making certain we knew who Pete was/is, he read aloud his story from the back of the newsletter. As an Insurance Broker, he covered lots of territory, including houses of *interesting* repute! "When **Connie** passed, due to cancer, my life changed and then I met **Dory**...

We dated, got engaged, in a snow storm, in Anchorage ... married in Coronado". Pete closed by saying, Friday morning just would not be the same if we were not eating breakfast together. ... **Michael Slentz** announces visiting Rotarians and guests: **Matt Classer, Cliff Girard, Tamika Franklin**, Development Director from The Preuss School, and Guest Speaker: **Roger Mignosa, D. O.** Visiting Rotarians: **Steve Andres** and **Clarissa Tabosa**. Rotaractors: **Maritsa Martinez, David Solis, Susan Lee, and Joseph Villarreal**.

... **ANNOUNCEMENTS** ... Men's Clothing Drive: Looks like they filled up the cars and trucks! Good job! ... **Antonio J. Grillo-Lopez, M. D.** - Closing the books on the funds collected and donated

for Puerto Rico by the end of June. Grateful for the generosity. Nearly one quarter of a million dollars was raised from auctions and fundraisers. Major donations came from Andres Cuban & Puerto Rican Restaurant on Morena Blvd and The House of Puerto Rico in San Diego. Remaining funds will be sent to the YWCA and Rotary Club in Puerto Rico, District 7000. Antonio continues to read a letter of thanks, donning those who donated, as Honorary Doctorate Degrees in Humanities. ... Next on the list was the celebration *Demoting Alex* and *Promoting Rick Binder*. "Guess who is the happiest"? ... **Sara Hogue** reminded everyone about the Fourth of July party at her house. Please be mindful of SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES. No carrots, peanuts, unbaked eggs. Should you have any questions, please contact Sara. ... **Jacquie Reilly** announced the Ronald McDonald House Project Sunday, 24 June, which should be easy to get to as there should be no traffic. She will bring sign-up sheet next, Friday. ... **Allan Galgut** reminded us 13 June at the VA Spinal Cord Injury Center, this coming Wednesday. "We" will meet at CA Pizza Kitchen at 4:30. Dinner begins at 5:00 and should last until 6:30. ... **Antonio Grillo** and his family hosted, Clarissa, a student from Slovakia. She presented a Banner from her home, Rotary Club Martin. She arrived in January, and the family has done everything to immerse her into San Diego's culture. She even participated in the Volleyball match against UCSD, assisted at Camp Pendleton, and graduates next May. ... **HIGH FIVES!** ... **Bill Busch** announced the birth of beautiful grandbaby girl - mother and baby are doing well ... **David Chong** brought his son, **Danny**, noting he finished his middle school portfolio and when he

graduates will be called **Dr. Danny**, thanks to the Aid Puerto Rico effort! Additionally, a year ago today, David was in coma and is thankful to be here, today. ... **Kim Schafer** announced she's been with UCSD since the 1800s and is now moving to a new position with the Alzheimer's cooperative study. Congrats! ... **Jim Davies'** daughter Kylie turns 20! ... **Michael Schwarz** has a daughter turning 50 and her daughter is graduating from Los Altos High School, joining her sister in Boulder College. ... **Irwin Rubenstein's** son works for PBS Antique Road Show. They got to go behind the scenes and had a great experience. You may even get to see us on the show, next year. ... **Dennis Bucko's** did model airplanes with his grandson when he was young. It has come full circle now as he got a drone for Christmas. The grandson is graduating from Bishops, today ... **Tony Grillo's** oldest daughter tuned 20 last night ... **(Sharon) Alex Monroe** owes \$20! ☺ ... **Roger Mignosa, D. O.** originally brought in by **Fary Moini** ... Dr. Mignosa asked, "Who has a problem?" Everyone raised his or her hands ... Slide show: *Disabled Person vs. Person with a Disability* ... Alex present Dr. Mignosa with Rotary gifts and said a donation in his name was given to Just in Time Foster Youth. ... Alex attempted some Adult Game Night Charades. He is off to Las Vegas and will see Beatles Love. This should be a more responsible trip as he figures he will get to bed by 1100pm and will be hanging out with folks ages 50-70. ... There are three meetings left in the Rotary year. Alex closed saying that he has had so much fun and is extremely thankful to have Rotary in my life. Let's go make a difference.

Sincerely and hopefully correct, Kelly





PHOTOS

from the last meeting



HONORARY DOCTORATE HUMANITIES

*Sacred Heart University
Puerto Rico*



GILBERTO MARXUACH-TORRES



A momentous, unexpected and unprecedented event occurred in Puerto Rico in the past few days. As part of the graduation ceremonies, the President of Sacred Heart University made the following announcement. Many on the island have selflessly given of their time and effort, many times at great personal sacrifice, to help their fellow Puerto Ricans survive following the catastrophic events of September 20 2018 when Hurricane Maria devastated the island. Likewise Puerto Rico has received aid

from many outside the island whose contributions have been so important in addressing the immediate effects of the hurricane. As President of Sacred Heart University and with the unanimous approval of our Board of directors and the entire faculty, I am privileged to award to all of these humanitarians the title of Doctor of Humanities (Honoris Causa) as the most meaningful way of acknowledging their humanitarian work, efforts and contributions to Puerto Ricans in their time of greatest need.

Simply stated, all in our club who contributed to the efforts of the Repair Puerto Rico Committee are now Doctors of Humanities (HC).

Thank you all for your understanding of the gravity of the situation, of the dire need of a humanitarian approach, and for your kindness and generosity.



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UPCOMING
ROTD

JUNE 2018

22..... Wayne Davis

29..... Michael McQuary



STEVE BROWN



I spent the first thirteen years of my life in Colfax, a small farming community in Eastern Washington—population 2000. Thereafter, we moved to Spokane and I attended a high school with a student body much larger than the population of Colfax. Our family became good friends with the **Schafers** who lived across the street. I started dating **Susan**—one of the **Schafer** twins—during my last year of high school. I went to Washington State University and **Susan** followed the next year at WSU. I graduated a semester early and traveled by myself on a Eurail pass throughout Europe for four months arriving home in time for our wedding June 14, 1969.

We then started our lives together in the Bay Area. **Susan** taught elementary school and I went to law school at Stanford. In those days **Susan's** teaching salary and my part time work covered all the costs for the three years of law school. Upon graduation I accepted a job at the San Diego law firm of Luce Forward. But before starting work **Susan** and I traveled in Europe for close to 4 months in a Renault station wagon where we could sleep most of the nights.

Upon arrival at Luce Forward I was the 44th attorney and the firm grew to something like 125 attorneys counting **Eric Freeberg**. I specialized in debt restructuring. I became a partner in the firm and took advantage of the firm's sabbatical program taking off the full year of 1984. I traveled with my father for six weeks in South American and Africa. **Susan** and I moved to Australia for four months and put our daughters **Abby** and **Rebecca** in School while there. Sabbatical did permanent damage to my attitude about the practice of law. In 1990 I resigned as partner and become "of counsel" to the firm. As of counsel I worked about two thirds time for about five more years until Rotary took over my life. I have held some leadership positions in Rotary and have addressed Rotary audiences in more than 20 countries and been worked with Rotary Foundation programs involving more than 30 countries. **Susan** and I have lived in San Diego over 45 years. **Susan** has supported/tolerated my Rotary activities over the years. We have two grown daughters and two grandchildren all of who remain our priorities in life.