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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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## 4 WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE



The 4 Way Test Speech Contest is a Rotary District 5340 Program designed to promote information about and awareness of the 4 Way Test among high school students, teachers and administrators. The contest is administered on a District Level through individual Rotary Club contests. Students are nominated by their respective teachers. This year, students from University City High School will be presenting to our Club. Their topic, chosen by them, should describe how it applies to:

### The Four Way Test

**IS IT THE TRUTH?**

**IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?**

**WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

**WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?**

Speeches should be 5 to 7 minutes in length and also speak to Rotary's motto "Service above Self" or this year's Rotary theme "Be the Inspiration". Four Rotarians will act as judges and the winner, if deemed outstanding, will go on to speak in competitions at the Sub-Regional contest. Participating students at the Club level will be given a cash award. *Thanks to Louise Andres and Dianne Day for chairing this event.*



## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS



### MARCH 2019 - SPEAKER

08.....Wendy Wilson-Gibson  
Bonita Museum and Cultural Center Executive Director

15.....Ranjan  
Community Service

22.....Dr. Steven Snyder  
CEO and President; Fleet Science Center





MARCH 2019

01.....Linda Andrews  
08.....Denny Jacobs

# 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

### ROTARIAN OF THE DAY

Our Rotarian of the Day was Peace Chairman **David Tansey**. David started out with the song *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”* a song written in 1955. David talked to us about the role that Rotary has played in the peace process, including the creation of the Rotary Peace Forum, the establishment of Rotary Peace Centers, the Pathways to Peace committee, and the Rotary Action Group for Peace.

After becoming a retiring psychologist, **David** became more focused on Rotary’s peace-building mission and involved in the club’s activities as a Peace Builder Club. **David** shows how all Rotarians can work towards building peace in our communities and across the world.

### GUESTS

**Michael Slentz** introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. **Dr. Gary Schneiderman**, a guest of **Brett Morey** and a lifetime Surfers Unite member, joined us. **Alex Nowacki** joined us again and our trusted UCSD Rotoractors, **Xochi, Jeannine, Eden, and Bradley**. **Sara Chong** also was a guest, who has helped in starting our very first Early Act Club.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rick Binder** advised that our

club was sponsoring lunch at the District Conference on Friday at the Catamaran Hotel.

**Rick Clark** reminded us of our upcoming Pendleton project. We are going to be working on a chapel building, including redoing pavers, a kitchen, and prayer rooms. One of the major problems is that there is not enough *“unskilled”* work for the number of volunteers that we have.

**Lori Bende** gave us an update on **Jan Percival** and her husband, both of whom are doing well. She also reminded us about the upcoming Rotary Theatre night. **Kimberly Schafer** reminded us all to come to the District Conference. The Quintessential Festival is also progressing and the call was made for volunteers to help.

**Brett Morey** gave us an update on the Road Rally that is upcoming on March 9-10. Plans are almost finalized for a fun and memorable event.

Our UCSD Rotoractors reminded us of their upcoming WAPI (Water Pasteurization Indicator) project. In addition, they told us about a new fundraising project, Karma Koins. They are collecting coins and funds to fund a home building project in Tijuana with

Casa de Luz. The home build is in May and their goal is to raise \$6,000.

**Bruce Geier** was awarded an award for contributions to the Rotary Foundation of over \$50,000. **Bruce** reminded us that this is something that is accomplished over time and encouraged us all to be like **Bruce**.

### SPEAKER OF THE DAY

Our speaker of the day was **Dr. Dan Chong**, an Arthur Vining Davis Fellow at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. **Dan** is an assistant professor of Political Science and teaches courses in international human rights, global poverty, and peace and conflict resolution. **Dr. Chong** provided us with an overview of the current global poverty problem and the role that foreign aid plays in alleviating global poverty. **Dr. Chong** taught us that many of us overestimate the percentage of aid funds that the United States government contributes to foreign countries and other organizations to combat global poverty. While global poverty has decreased as a whole, there are still a number of challenges to be overcome in ensuring that aid is distributed equitably in a manner that provides the greatest impact on those in need.





# PHOTOS

from the last meeting



## U.S. VS GLOBAL POVERTY

- Poverty line in USA: \$12,000
- Under \$1/day:



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**LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2018 - 2019**

PRESIDENT .....	Rick Binder
PRESIDENT ELECT (2019-20) .....	Kimberly Schafer
PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT (2020-21) .....	
TREASURER .....	Sharon Council
SECRETARY .....	Nancy Gatschet
PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION .....	Alex Monroe



**MARCH 2019**

- 08.....Erik Mjoen
- 15.....Open
- 22.....Melanie Geschwind
- 29.....Eric Freeberg



**ROTARIAN**  
 OF THE DAY



**BONNIE ARORA**

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 in Stockton, and then flew to India for a Hindu ceremony. We moved to Chicago, where **Krishna** had his first job. I completed my Masters's Degree at Northeastern Illinois University, and soon after, **Krishna** received a job offer from General Dynamics in San Diego.

After a number of years of flexible jobs that allowed me to focus on family activities, I began working at General Dynamics in Quality Assurance. I eventually joined Qualcomm's

International Marketing department and later transferred to Configuration Management, before retiring from Qualcomm in 1999.

We have 3 children and 5 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**, recently got married, lives in London, and works for a growing New York-based start-up company. By night, he is a musician and artist.

*A few years ago, we downsized from a house in Tierrasanta to a condo in a downtown high-rise to simplify life.*

We are lucky to be able to spend much of our time working on non-profit projects, locally and overseas, and traveling. We recently returned from India where, among other activities, we were able to spend time at SAKSHAM, an NGO in Dewas, and present them with a check for \$3,000, a District Grant from our Rotary Club. SAKSHAM provides education and physical therapy to severely handicapped children who are not able to attend regular school.

