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calendar  
**EVENTS**  
and speakers

## APRIL 2016 - SPEAKER

01..... CCA TedX  
• Name •

08.....Podcasting ON FIRE  
• John Lee Dumas •

15..... Why Being a Rotarian Feels So Good!  
• Larry Kesslin •

22..... Host for Real Talk San Diego ESPN  
• Lindsay Chilson •

29..... Deafness in the Developing World:  
Two Years of Working with and



## Afghan Youth Connect



### Abdul Qaum Almas

Currently, Mr. Almas is the In-Country Director for the Afghan Youth Connect Project (AYC) which is based in Nangarhar Province of Afghanistan. He oversees program and technical operation of the project, supervises and follows up on implementation of the project activities in Nangarhar High Schools, Education Faculty.

Mr. Almas has established computer labs in Nangarhar High Schools, Nangarhar Education Faculty, Medical School, Nangarhar Hospitals, Orphan Schools, and other entities. He trained thousands of males and females' students and youth with computer knowledge, provided access to the internet resources and the opportunity to communicate with their peers around the globe, more importantly involve students in community based projects and volunteerism.

He maintains a productive and positive relationship with the Provincial Director of Education, Chancellor of Nangarhar University and other partner organizations in the region. He is in charge of the daily project management, development, coordination, monitoring and reporting.



### Ahmad Haroon Ahmadi

is a software engineer, a web developer an average poet, and script writer of stage dramas, well known for his tireless work ethic, presentation skills, effective public speaking, volunteer activities, public awareness, Seminars, workshops, Conferences, campaigns, leadership qualities and delivering lectures on various youth oriented topics especially in computer science field. ... As a software engineer and web developer Ahmadi has help the faculty of education learning center, faculty of language and literature, departments of English and Pashto of Nangarhar university, Afghan Youth connect project and many other private institutes with his own software's which he created for the facilities of university professors. ... Ahmadi is also a painter and teaches painting art to the students of Afghan youth connect on weekly bases where he is working as an IT Coordinator. ... He also runs a YouTube channel uploading informative videos on different issues for the youth to see some of his clips in youtube.

#### Youtube

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jck3Yh6AWJo&index=3&list=PLS6rVfyfalmel4MIPVF6d\\_Cy-J-Jyfe0B](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jck3Yh6AWJo&index=3&list=PLS6rVfyfalmel4MIPVF6d_Cy-J-Jyfe0B)

#### Wikipedia page

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/User\\_talk:Ahmad\\_Haroon\\_Ahmadi](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/User_talk:Ahmad_Haroon_Ahmadi)



### AYC Afghanistan

Afghan Youth Connect Online Network of Teachers and Students

[www.afghanyouthconnect.com](http://www.afghanyouthconnect.com)





**MARCH** 2016  
25..... Will Moore  
**APRIL** 2016  
01..... Pam Russell  
08..... Sandi Rimer

# REPORT

from last meeting



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**APRIL • 23**  
12:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

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**President Bev** started the meeting by introducing our Rotarian of the Day, **Ryan Albrecht**. **Ryan** led us in the pledge of allegiance and shared that he is an Assistant Basketball Coach for the Preuss UCSD High School Tritons. He has been in the mortgage business for 5 years and is currently a mortgage advisor with C2 Financial Corporation. He mentioned that interest rates are phenomenal right now in regards to mortgages and that he takes a holistic approach to give knowledge to his clients about the different options available. There are negatives and positives to reverse mortgages. When in doubt, ask yourself, "What would Travolta do?"

Our own **George Mannschreck**, at 91 years young, shared that the paramedics are having fun driving him to the hospital on a regular basis. (3 times so far this year.) He is having some blood pressure issues that cause his pressure to drop substantially when he stands. It is fine when he is seated, so of course he is planning another boat trip soon to watch porpoises rather than standing on deck with a fishing pole in his hand.

**Tom Stocking** introduced our guests: **Joel Napalan** from Citizens Business Bank (guest of **Linda Stouffer**); our UCSD Rotaractor's **Elizabeth Lee** and **Dimitri Gonzales**, and our very own **Linnea Mjoen**. **Jim Davies** introduced his guests who included his wife **Pam**, daughter **Krista**, and niece **Audra** (recent R. N. graduate) who is visiting from Wisconsin. A Club flag was presented to her to share with her father who is a Rotarian. **Tom** will be moving in a couple weeks and this soon-to-be-engaged bachelor will be dearly missed by our Club. Best of luck in everything **Tom**!

Get ready for a very "fine" performance from our upcoming fine mistress, **Andrea Brannan**.

**Ellen Bryson** and team will be

assembling 91 Easter baskets directly after today's meeting.

**Rick Binder** has organized a FREE Club scavenger hunt to be held in Old Town on Saturday, April 16 at 10AM. Participants will meet at The Living Room in Old Town. Arrive early and have breakfast before the event. You will be competing for the newly created and highly coveted "Sombrero of Champions" award. Wear comfortable shoes, bring a couple bucks in your pocket and be prepared to have some fun. A no-host luncheon will follow at La Pinata.

**Lisa Galstian** announced that next week we will be auctioning a 2-night stay at the Erwin Hotel, with \$75 food credit, graciously donated by Steve & Susan Brown. The Erwin Hotel overlooks the Venice Beach boardwalk. Value of this package is \$675.

**Bev** reminded people to sign up for Preuss School Career Day. See **Barbro Kirkpatrick** or **Tom Hinton** for more details.

**Wayne Davis** announced that he needs 18 morning volunteers for setting up the space layout and tents for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Quintessential Festival on April 23. He also needs 16 afternoon volunteers for breaking down the event afterwards.

**Alex Monroe** reported that we now have \$27,800 in sponsorships for the event, but implored us to seek additional sponsorship funding to reach our \$30,000 goal. We are on a full court press to market the event. We have beautiful posters (thanks to **Ajay**) for members to take and distribute. If anyone bought tickets the first day processed by our credit card machine, please notify **Sharon Council**.

UCSD Rotaract members and college student volunteers, **Elizabeth Lee** & **Dimitri Gonzales** shared information regarding Camp Kesem, a camp

designed for children of parents who are ill with cancer. They are hoping to raise \$130,000 to be able to send 186 campers this year to this supportive and impactful camp. A Fundraiser dinner is being held on April 2, 2016 starting at 5PM at the Moniker Warehouse downtown San Diego. Ticket price for the event is \$65/person. They are hoping for 200 guests to attend. For more information contact: [donate.kesek.org/ucsandiegomtm2016](http://donate.kesek.org/ucsandiegomtm2016).

**Ajay Asher** then introduced a long time friend and our speaker, **Harish Babla**. **Mr. Babla** had been a resident of San Diego, but moved to Singapore a year and a half ago to start a new venture. He has a background in franchising and currently runs two companies; Global Franchise Masters headquartered in Singapore, and Franchise Mind USA where he trains and mentors franchise companies around the world.

His topic today - **Chaos & Leadership**. There is a lot of chaos going on in the world. Our world is a canvas of chaos. According to the urban dictionary, whenever you have intelligence, energy, and freedom of choice, you will have chaos. There is no chance to eliminate it, it is inevitable. We need to rise above it. In the midst of chaos, there will be creativity and solutions will appear.

Chaos demands a new type of leader. The traditional role of the business leader needs to keep pace with this chaos. The past is a good place to visit, but a dangerous place to live. The new business leader needs to be forward thinking, unconventional, tech savvy, have a global outlook, vanguard, daring and smart. This new leader is Avant Garde, with the ability to have great confidence, have a shared sense of purpose, be innovative, have ripple intelligence, and be a good global citizen.

**Bev** closed the meeting with another one of her side-splitting hilarious jokes. This one was about a friend with chocolate!

**MARCH  
BIRTHDAYS**



<b>Ryan Albrecht</b> .....	05
<b>Dennis Jacobs</b> .....	08
<b>John Stephan</b> .....	08
<b>Kim Schafer</b> .....	12
<b>Lori Bende</b> .....	30



# PHOTOS

from last meeting



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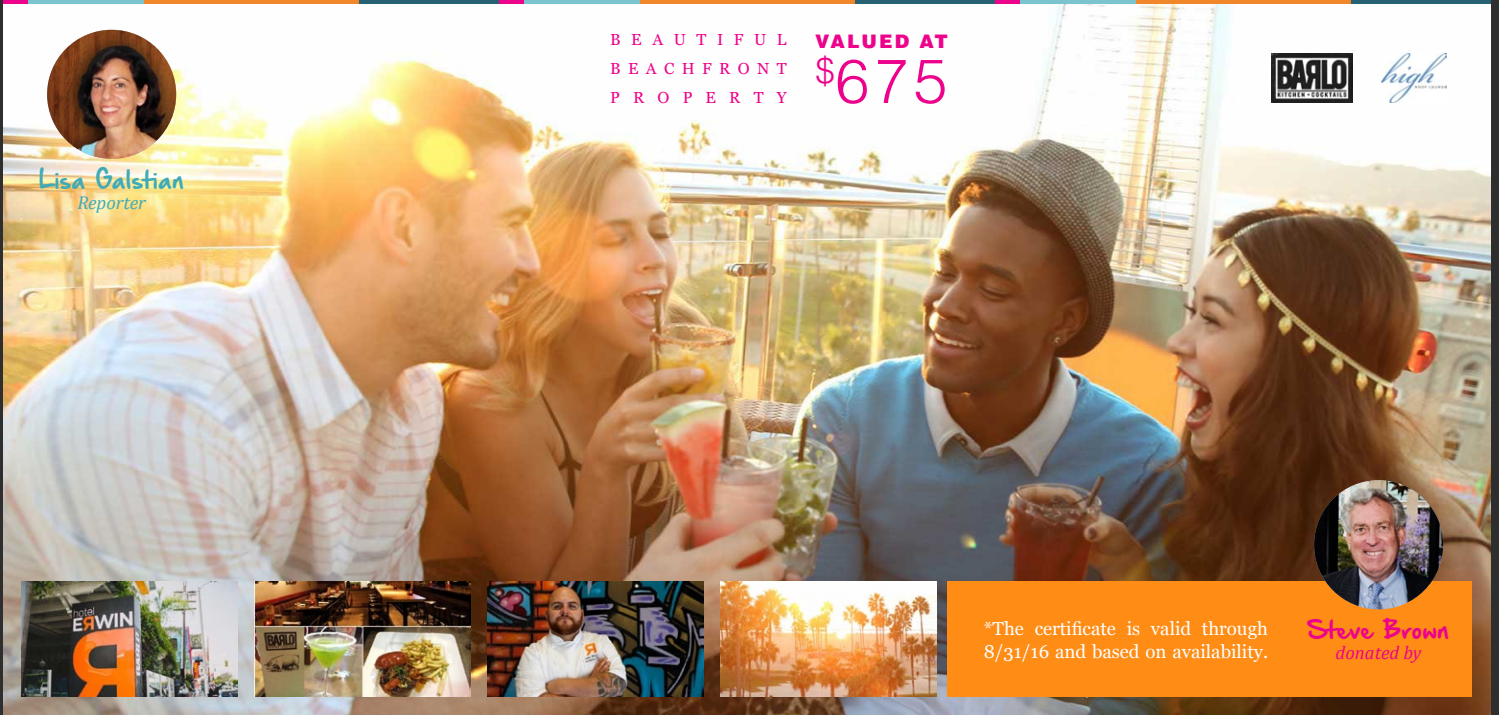
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**Lisa Galstian**  
Reporter

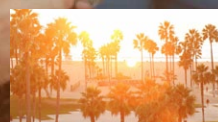
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SECRETARY .....Rick Binder  
PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION .....Ron Kohl



### UPCOMING ROTD

#### APRIL 2016

01.....Kelly Price Noble  
08.....David Chong  
15.....Jim Davies  
22.....Louis Scotti  
29.....Jim Frost

ROTARIAN  
OF THE DAY

## TOM ELLIOTT

I was born in Glendale, California in 1943 as a 4th generation Southern Californian. My wife, **Nancy**, also was born in Glendale. Although we lived about a half-mile from each other for 3 years, we didn't meet until we were Accounting majors at the University of Southern California. When we met it was "love-at-first-sight" for me. With an on-and-off relationship it took her the next 3-1/2 years to warm up to the idea of marrying me. We have now been married 48 years.

We moved to Cardiff from LA with our first child in 1971. We later had 3 more children, three of the four are fellow USC Trojans. The other, Ted, is a USD Torero. Our children knew we would pay their tuition to most any college, but if they wanted to go to UCLA they could pay for it on their own.

Upon graduation we both worked for CPA firms in Los Angeles Nancy was with Price Waterhouse and I was with the firm that is now known as Deloitte. My main business after leaving public accounting has been in home building and investing in real estate. Over the years we have lived in Olivenhain, Carlsbad, and Rancho Santa Fe and now live in En-

cinitas. Our home in Encinitas is the only one out of a dozen homes we have lived in that I have not built. It was great. It was "turn-key". No decisions, no arguments, no selections, no colors to choose from except new flooring.

In 2000 I started an Insurance Agency specializing in Life Insurance, Health Insurance and Medicare Plans. I have many clients in San Diego and elsewhere. Unfortunately, ObamaCare has taken a big "bite" out of my Health Insurance business for a number of reasons including a huge reductions in commissions by all companies.

A CPA friend of mine introduced me to Rotary at the Del Mar Club in 1984. After 10 years in that club it seemed appropriate to join this club with the many people I knew when I joined: **Carl Lower** (since 1958), **Dick Engelberg** (since 1971), **Steve Brown** (since 1974), **Jim Williams** (since 1972), **Linda Stouffer** (since 1973) and **Wayne Davis** (since 1976).

I have run and been involved in many "hands-on" projects with the club. The ones that stand-out most are the "Christmas In April" home repair and renovation projects and the Camp Pendleton projects. In 2001 I was in charge of the club's fundraiser consisting of a Raffle of a new BMW Roadster. As I recall the Club netted \$35,000 from that Raffle. The winner had the option of taking the vehicle or the equivalent value of \$32,000 Cash. The winner took the Cash. Looking back it is now my thought that the proposition should have been the vehicle or \$22,000 in Cash. The propensity of winners is to take the Cash. We could possibly have increased the Club's take to \$45,000.

I appreciate being a part of the "Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World" and appreciate knowing all of you.



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