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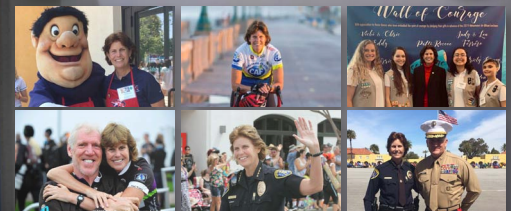
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SHELLEY  
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Chancellor Appointed Professor  
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## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

### APRIL 2019 - SPEAKER

05..... Veroncia Musa  
12..... Open  
19..... Open  
26..... Wendy Wilson-Gibson  
Executive Director, Bonita Museum and Cultural Center

### MAY 2019 - SPEAKER

03..... Gen Kelsang Lhadron  
Kadampa Meditation Center in Point Loma  
10..... Open  
17..... Teacher of the Year  
24..... Open  
31..... Open

### JUNE 2019 - SPEAKER

07..... Open  
14..... Community Service  
21..... Open  
28..... Open

**Shelley Zimmerman** joined National University in January of 2019 as a Chancellor appointed professor focusing on public safety and leadership.

Prior to this appointment **Chief Shelley Zimmerman** was hired by the San Diego Police Department in October of 1982. She was promoted to Chief of Police on March 4, 2014 and retired on March 2, 2018 after an illustrious thirty-five-year career. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio and is a graduate of The Ohio State University, with a degree in Criminal Justice. She is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, FBINA #241.

During **Chief Zimmerman's** tenure as Chief (2014-2018) San Diego experienced historic low crime rates, including the lowest homicide rate per capita of any of the largest cities in the country. In 2017, the City of San Diego had the

lowest overall crime in the past 49 years and was named the safest large city in America.

**Chief Zimmerman** received numerous awards and citations throughout her career which included; the San Diego Press Club Headliner of the year award for her undercover work, the San Diego Business Journal's Woman Who Mean Business Exemplary Award for her civic involvement with both the business and residential communities, the San Diego Police Foundation Women in Blue Award for her commitment to making San Diego one of the safest large cities in the United States and the Gold Key Award from the Hotel/Motel Association for her commitment to the Hospitality and Tourism Industry.

*Chief Zimmerman is an avid sports fan and often participates in athletic charity fundraisers.*

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# 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?

Prez Rick brought the meeting alive by encouraging a rousing vocalization that we are "the Most Dynamic Rotary Club the World." He then invited ROD **Melanie Geschwind** to the podium, where before the pledge, she consolidated her inspirational thought for the day into three powerful words – *peace, love and harmony*. A native San Diegan, **Melanie** told of her love of working with small rescue dogs when she's not plying her profession as a CPA at Eakes & Company. In addition to fostering 2 little 'rescues' at a time, she finds time for fun activities which include being out with her boyfriend, cycling and travel. Of special note to dog lovers, **Melanie** pointed out that California now has laws pertaining to pets in divorce cases. ... **Michael Slentz** welcomed our guests – UCSD Rotaractors **Tiffany, Eden and Bradley**, and our newest LJGTRC applicant **Alex Nowacki** ... as well as our speaker **Dr. Steve Snyder**.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Prez Rick reminded us of upcoming special events: the **March 30<sup>th</sup>** District Training Assembly to be held at USD; the **March 30<sup>th</sup>** dinner dance (featuring Greek food) at OASIS hosted by **Krishna and Bonnie Arora**; and the **April 12<sup>th</sup>** *Rotary Night at the Sport Arena* sponsored by SEALS San Diego – cost \$20, of which \$10 returns to our LJGTRC. President-Elect **Kim Shafer** reminded us that sign-up sheets were on the tables for our **April 27<sup>th</sup>** Quintessential Festival. ... The 'original' (past prez) **Rick Clark** took over the mike at that point to express his abundant praise and gratitude for the tremendous effort and successes carried out by 4+ dozen participating members and the renovations they accomplished at Camp Pendleton last Saturday. Rick gave special recognition for section leadership

– including even when on their knees – to **Brett Morey, Charlie Mackay and Mike Slentz**, as well as to **Kevin Carlson, Alex Kirkpatrick, Ranjan Lahiri, Jim Davies, Garry Kachkovsky, Tony Grillo and Jim Frost**. Rick explained that while the team had had items of value contributed by companies, the majority of funds expended on this major effort came from the financial gift earmarked 'for the military' and left in the estate of the late **David Copley** (which clever Rick was able to access). **Jim Davies** pointed out that not only did the Marines receive a new kitchen from this effort, they also benefited by learning from members certain basic and necessary life skills – i.e. how to open a paint can. ... Rotaractor **Tiffany** pointed out our opportunity to volunteer with them at the **Jacobs & Cushman Food Bank** on **April 13<sup>th</sup>** from 12:30– 2:30; **Kevin Carlson** gave a high shundred for having received a large, flashy gold 911 medal from the San Diego Police Dept in honor of his 7 years of work effort championing our LJGTRC members in carrying out various renovation projects at the Police Station; **Tom Elliott** continued with high \$\$ for his son's successful brain tumor surgery; **Brett** for the days ahead of surfing with his son, now home from Cal Poly. **Pete Griffith** announced that **Dory** is progressing well in her recovery from a broken femur. ... Apparently our mighty leader in charge of arranging and managing all 9000 pieces of the puzzle to make Operation Pendleton such a great success had trouble managing his own actions that day, and lost his car keys! Wha' happened? He passed them out to someone as part of the work tools he was distributing! Yes, he did get them back – accidentally -- when asking that person for a ride home!! So now we know, Rick

not only flunked as a pilot having lost his drone to the skies, but now he's flunked Driver's Ed 101 by losing his car keys.. ... **Jim Frost** told of his experience last Saturday at Camp Pendleton where he spent time in Detention! He had arrived late for the work party without the issued entry card, and the guard on duty had left his station taking the approved list of names with him. Glad to see they let you out Jim! **PROGRAM:** **Dr. Steven Snyder** – a Rotarian in Club 33 and CEO of the Fleet Science Center – presented a fascinating program relative to how the current educational philosophy of the Fleet Science Center has been designed toward the goal of growing more scientific innovators in today's society. Citing multiple research records and disturbing figures, such as the fact that our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students rank way down at 47<sup>th</sup> in the country in science, **Dr. Snyder** discussed the fact that schools can't do it all, that parents need to be involved in motivating their young toward scientific achievement and scientific identity. He concluded with enlightening us on the positive results being realized by the Fleet Science Center's involvement in quarterly gatherings they have been hosting at 25 bars, where 50 members connect with people via a sign reading "I'm a scientist, ask me anything' ... Sounds like something one of us might look into when out for a drink after work ....

The meeting wound up with boo's, whoa's and laughter at Prez Rick's attempt to entertain us with *sayings on cards you'll never see at Hallmark* --

Your once-a-year reporter,  
**Peggy Martin**







# PHOTOS

from the last meeting



## KARMA KOINS FUNDRAISER

**Karma Koins Fundraiser-Help the UCSD Rotaractors and get some Good Karma along the way!**

During the month of March, UCSD Rotaract Club will be collecting our change or if you have no change they will accept paper money or venmo too! ☺. Fill up a baggy or your piggy banks and bring it in or just put your coins or dollars into the piggy banks on your table at the meeting.

This karma koins fundraiser will help raise money for the Rotaractors home build in Tijuana in May. The house costs about \$6000.

*Thank you  
for Supporting our Rotaractors!!!*

*~ Lisa ~*



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### APRIL 2019

05..... Michael Bardin  
12..... Open  
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ROTARIAN  
OF THE DAY



I was one 12 HS seniors who spent June 1969 in Japan, and 10 Japanese HS Seniors spent July in LA. Neither group went to school, but instead were hosted by Rotarians and travelled throughout Japan and California. That summer changed my life. We watched **Neil Armstrong** land on the moon on a tiny BW TV in Kyoto. In 1969 Americans in Japan were still rare and Japan was a far more insular country than now. I was exposed to a religion other than Lutheranism and realized most of the world actually worships different Gods and speak languages other than English. What inspired me was the sincere desire of our Japanese Rotarian hosts to be nice, expose us to their world and culture and treat us with respect and kindness despite our being dumb clueless HS students, and to realize how big the world was but also folks are not that different if you open your eyes and listen. After that summer, I realized that the United States was not the center of the universe and our country was only a young upstart to the ancient cultures of Asia, and Americans are generally shockingly ignorant about history, geography and sadly many times xenophobic. I came away from that trip with a profound desire to learn more (and to do more) to promote among all people of this earth understanding and respect for other countries and their people, cultures, and their religions. I found that Rotary is the perfect place to attempt to try and realize that goal. I fail frequently, but I try. *I still maintain a busy law practice, am married to Sandy for 47 years this August, and am blessed by 3 great children and 3 better grandchildren, and 2 crazy huge Golden Doodles.*

# ERIC FREEBERG

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