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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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**ROTARY
SERVING
HUMANITY**



ERIKMJOEN



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YOUTH SERVICES

The Youth Services Committee under the leadership of Erik Mjoen and Dianne Day funded some 20 projects this past Rotary year. A few of them are highlighted below and we are pleased that you will be hearing from some of the students who benefited from participating in these projects.

Model UN:

At the Model UN weekend event, teams of 2 student ambassadors and a Rotary or teacher advisor represent a country at a mock General Assembly and debate and resolve real life UN resolutions.

Students learn conflict resolution, debating skills, critical & analytical thinking, and presentation skills. Students are exposed to different cultures, political ideologies, and the art of making peace.

Service Above Self Awards:

A Preuss school counselor selects a senior student of the month to present at one of the LGTRC meetings. The criteria for awards includes a noted improvement in grades, few or no opportunities for other scholarships and demonstrating over and above community service. By the end of the year there are 8 winners who

are then interviewed by a team of Rotarians to determine the top two. The winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to the school of his/her choice and the runner up will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to the school of his/her choice. All of the students are very impressive and worthy of financial support which makes this a difficult selection process.

RYLA:

This year four Juniors from the Preuss School and two from University High School attended RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). Interested students write an essay, are interviewed and ranked by members of the Youth Services Committee and the top students are selected to participate in a weekend camp with other students in the District to listen and exchange ideas with outstanding community and student leaders. They learn about fundamentals of leadership, ethics of positive leadership, conflict management and problem solving. This is a very rewarding experience for the students and it initiates many friendships. This year, Fary Moini attended and presented to the students.

SPEAKERS AND EVENTS



MAY 2017 - SPEAKER

- 12.....Educator of the Year
- 19..... Laura Mello
Oasis Haven, South Africa - our response to the orphan crisis
- 26.....Krishna Arora
A District Grant that Transformed me to Become a Rotarian for Life



MAY 2017

05..... Dennis Bucko

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?

President Antonio opened the meeting while photos from the Quintessential Festival were on view in the background. He noted that the members were getting better in their "Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World" response from meeting to meeting and challenged that "by the end of (his) Presidency, they would be shouting".

President Antonio shared the sad news that former member **John Peak** had died. His memorial service was announced for 3 pm, Tuesday, May 2, at La Jolla Presbyterian Church.

Michael Bardin, ROTD, opened with an inspirational message about how in Rotary we can make a difference in the world. **Michael** directed us to the Golden Rotarian to read his bio (Wow, what a bio!) and then gave us recent updates on his past year. His mother died at age 100. **Michael** and **Arleen** celebrated their 50th anniversary with a European river cruise and a stay in his favorite city, Paris. Having the first of his five grandchildren graduating from the University of Colorado, Boulder, caused him to reflect on having a grandchild of that age. A big surprise was his announcement that he would be retiring from Scripps Health after 33 years, unless they twist his arm to consult a little. A big part of his retirement will be increased focus on Rotary, helping to grow Rotary as a Peace Building organization. **President Antonio** commented on **Michael's** presentation and on how important ROTD is to our meeting. He humorously indicated that **Dave Wiegman** could use help in his recruitment of ROTD by more members volunteering for the opportunity.

Club Secretary Rick Binder introduced Rotarians and guests. **Brett** introduced returning guest **Tim Barnes**, who

organizes tours to Baja. **Tim** is already assisting LJTGRC by bringing Baja wineries to the Festival as well as donating a piñata to a University City Roteract event. **Erik Mjoen** brought his returning "short guests".

Kelly introduced **Amber** visiting us for the second time.

Pres Antonio acknowledged **Fary's** birthday today: the Club immediately sang a rousing *Happy Birthday*.

The Club received a warm thank-you letter from the Commanding General of Camp Pendleton expressing his appreciation for our gift of time, labor, and money for the Base.

Eschewing fines, **President Antonio** welcomed high-\$5's to increase the Club coffers. Numerous members responded. Both **Pam** and **Steve** acknowledged **John Peak** for his wisdom offered both as a construction superintendent measuring hole depth on a Rotary project in Mexico and as a retirement counselor advising on expenses. Led by **Antonio** we all applauded the memory of **John Dennis Jacobs** gave a high-\$5 for the Rotarian who posted a Quintessential poster above a men's urinal as reported by a visitor at the Maui Brew booth. **Susan** gave \$5 for Brett who recruited on a Southwest Airlines flight as reported by passenger Laura who showed up at the Rotary booth. **Linda Andrews** gave a high-\$5 to honor **Jim Frost** after his family business was highlighted on a KPBS Ken Kramer feature. Founded in 1911, Frost Lumber provided material for both the original and Aerospace Museum copy of the Spirit of St Louis.

Alex Monroe and **Jim Davies**, the passionate Chairs of the '17 Quintessential Festival, thanked their support teams for the successful fundraiser and acknowledged one-another. In a "lovefest", **Alex** told **Jim**

"You are what I want to be when I grow up!" **Jim** in turn lauded **Frank McGrath** as his mentor. 650 people attended, \$25-\$27,000 was netted.

Speaker **Nancy Gatschet**, dressed in a turquoise sweater of the Lung Force with logo pin, shared her inspiring story of her diagnosis of lung cancer 11 years ago, followed by successful treatment and personally overcoming the stigma of lung cancer. We were amazed to learn that the mortality rate for lung cancer surpasses the next four (breast, colon, prostate, melanoma) combined. Lung cancer causes 28% of the cancer deaths nationwide yet receives only 5% of the funding for research. She was told, "We fund the best research proposals." There is hope that blood tests to provide early diagnosis may be on the horizon. Of those who contract lung cancer, 16% never smoked, 50% formerly smoked, and 35% currently smoke. The fact is that "If you have lungs, you can have lung cancer." In the Q&A, **Erik's** 8-year old brought down the house with her question, "What is marijuana?" We were invited to get a table for the Lung Force Gala on Friday, June 9, and form a team for the Lung Force Walk on November 12, 2017. **President Antonio** spoke for all of us in wanting **Nancy** to consider joining our Club. She responded she would join if we form a team for the Walk. Several members rushed to **Kelly** to sign up for a team.

Denny yells, "Joke, joke". **Antonio** follows with Tee Shirts and Saying, I like Part II, amazing tales of unclear physics". His tales were met with laughter by the physicist-punsters in the Club.

What a higher than usual high energy LJTGRC meeting!

Kathleen Roche Tansey Scribe



PHOTOS

from the last meeting



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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

MAY 2017
 Bill Busch 12
 Jan Percival 19
 Erik Mjoen 26
JUNE 2017
 Pete Griffith 02

**ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY**

FARY MOINI



PROFESSION EXPERIENCE

Moini International Consulting (MIC),
 President-- Recent Contracts in
 Afghanistan included:

- Contract with San Diego State University Research Foundation (SDSU) to provide consulting services to SDSU Partnership with Nangarhar University (NU) to build English language capacity at NU funded by World Bank
- Contract with NATO for Networking Infrastructure Grant to distribute broadband internet connectivity throughout NU's main campus and four satellite locations

Rotary International's representative to U.S. National Commission to UNESCO 2005-2010
 Rotary Foundation Volunteer --Jalalabad, Afghanistan 11/2003—3/2004

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

Rotary Foundation Peshawar, Pakistan
 01/2002 – 05/2002
 Rotary Foundation Volunteer --Jalalabad, Afghanistan 11/2002— present
 Rotary Foundation -Don Bosco Boys School Nairobi, Kenya, Ethiopia, Adana Turkey
 Former Business Interests
 VIP Formal Wear--San Diego Owner/
 Operator
 Dubai Medical Center Dubai, UAE 02/79
 – 04/82 Chief Nurse

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ESL teacher Nangarhar, University, Jalalabad, Afghanistan 12/04-3/04
 Espand-Mehr School of nursing Kerman, Iran 03/76 – 08/80 Assistant-Dean

EDUCATION

San Diego State University-American Language Institute
 Bachelors of Science in Nursing 12/1971
 University of Tehran, Tehran Iran Board Member, La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club.
 Co-chair Community Services, La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club.
 Board Member of Sister City San Diego/ Jalalabad sister cities Foundation

AWARDS

Recognition by the White house, champion of change 2012
 Life-time Achievement Award- Hometown hero-- Lifetime Channel
 One of Fifty People to watch in San Diego—San Diego Magazine
 Recognition Award, Lt. Governor State of California.
 Recognition Award, San Diego Press Club.



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