

THE GOLDEN rotarian

LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

MAY 15, 2015



IS SAN DIEGO A GOOD PLACE FOR YOUR START-UP TO END UP?

~ Barbara Bry

Barbara Bry has been a successful entrepreneur in both the for-profit and non-profit sectors. She recently announced that she will be a candidate for *San Diego City Council District 1* which includes La Jolla, University City and Carmel Valley.

Currently, she is the chief operating officer of *Blackbird Ventures* that invests in and incubates early stage tech companies, and she and her husband **Neil Senturia** have written a weekly column on innovation and entrepreneurship for *U-T San Diego*. In 2014, they were recognized by the

SBA as "*Small Business Journalists of the Year*" for San Diego and Imperial Counties. Last year, **Barbara** was appointed by *Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker* to the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship. She is the first San Diegan to be selected.

Barbara was on the founding team of *ProFlowers.com* that started in 1998 in a small office in La Jolla. She was the first Associate Director of *CONNECT*, which has been recognized internationally for its role in nurturing early stage companies, and she is the founder of San Diego Athena, that has be-

come the leading organization for women in the San Diego tech and life science community. **Barbara** has served on many non-profit boards including *Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest*, and she has been a member of many community organizations including *Rotary Club 33*. Her numerous awards include selection as "*Woman of the Year*" by **Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins**, the *CONNECT* Distinguished Contribution Award for Technology Innovation, and induction into the *San Diego Women's Hall of Fame*.

MAY 2015 - SPEAKER

22..... small HR Mistakes That Can Cost You BIG • Jennifer Jacobus

REPORT

from last meeting



Rick Binder
Reporter

a big

thank you

to

LINDA STOUFFER

and her committee
for organizing
such a wonderful
Art and Craft
Beer Festival



President Ron kicked off another exciting meeting of the “Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World” and introduced our own Dennis Jacobs as Rotarian of the Day. Dennis introduced his guests **Ron Rosenblatt** and **EJ McDuffy** and informed us all that he would be serving as **Bev’s “Joke Therapist”** so we all have that to look forward to.

Tom Hinton announced our upcoming Mixer on Tuesday at **Joel Candib’s** office

Linda Andrews is requesting we all bring childrens books to donate to the Literacy Foundation

Bev Fritscher encouraged everyone to RSVP for the June 22 District Conference to support and celebrate **Louise Andres** as she passes the District Governor baton.

Joel Candib - our Rally Master - gave details about tomorrows Car Rally. It looks like it ill be a small but highly competitive field.

Finemaster Rich Papike oversaw a handful of High 5’s and unleashed a barrage of fines upon the villagers. Even **President Ron** was not exempt from the **Papike** tirade, and the madness became even more exciting when our fearless President drew a line in the sand. “I will NOT be bullied and I will NOT be fined” were his words. Very exciting stuff.

Finally, our speaker was **Rotary Scholar Naumana Suleman** gave a wonderful about Freedom of Religion in Pakistan.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE Rotary Club Foundation—May 29, 2015



Eric O. Freseberg
Reporter

At the regular meeting of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club on May 29, 2014, The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club Foundation will hold its annual meeting of the Membership of the Foundation. • *The only item of business will be the election of directors to replace the expiring terms of **Bruce Geier** and **Pete Griffith**, whose terms will expire as of **June 30, 2015**. **Bruce Geier** desires to continue his long tradition of service as a Director, and requests that he be reelected, but **Pete Griffith** will not be running for reelection.*



PHOTOS

from last meeting



Bill Keane
Photographer



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SECRETARY	Sara Hogue
PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION	Brett Morey



ROTD

rotarian of the day



I am privileged to be a part of the most dynamic rotary club in the world. I look forward to working alongside everyone.

Ivan Mwanja

I was born and raised in a small town called Mbale in the eastern part of Uganda - East Africa. As a teenager, my mother sent me to attend high school in the city, Kampala, because there was a belief in our community that the education in the city was better than what we had in my town. Indeed, *I got an all-inclusive merit scholarship to engineering school* where I graduated with a Bachelor of engineering specializing in telecommunications engineering. In my final year, I got a job offer from the biggest wireless carrier in my country. I never went back to my hometown except for regular visits.

Approximately 4 years ago, my fiancée (ex) won a lottery - the diversity visa lottery - from the US

government *(the US government gives up to 50,000 green cards to random people from countries with low immigrants in the US)*. We were suddenly faced *with a life changing decision to make*; to move or not to move. We had a pretty established life there, which made it a little hard to decide. But at the end of the day, being the optimist I am, I believed things would work out for the best. They did.

Life in the US has been interesting, and enlightening. When we first got here, *I thought I would use my African superhero powers to adjust quickly*, so I hit the ground running by starting my own company doing private work as a consultant. The realities were a little different than I had hoped. So I took a step back

and accepted a job offer from one of my clients at the time. I still work for Ericsson Inc. as a Consultant specializing in business assurance. *I have also managed to become a Certified Information Systems Auditor and an MBA specializing in Finance & HiTech Management* in the 3 years I've been here.

I first came to San Diego for work that ended up lasting a little longer than expected. *I loved the city and decided to move*. I've recently managed to convince my two siblings to move here too from different parts of the US. *They love it* - at least that's what they tell me. My parents and a few more siblings still live in Africa though.

~Ivan Mwanja

MAY 2015 - ROTARIAN OF THE DAY

22.....Sheila Henry