

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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**SEPTEMBER** 2017 - SPEAKER

Corey Polant
Zahn Innovation Platform Launchpad

Andrew Lowy
Pancreatic cancer: Are we making progress?

**Dr. Barón**, a psychologist with more than 29 years of clinical and administrative experience, joined the San Diego Center for Children as President and CEO in September of 2014.

Moisés Barón, Ph.D.
President and CEO, San Diego Center for Children

Prior to joining the Center, he served for 11 years as the first Assistant Vice President (AVP) for Student Wellness at the University of San Diego. Dr. Barón conceptualized and implemented a plan to restructure, expand and integrate health and wellness services, remodel facilities, and established integrated clinical, preventive and educational programs for undergraduate and graduate students. His responsibilities included general oversight of operations, budget and strategic development, and leading the efforts to achieve national accreditations of the wellness area units.

He also provided ongoing leadership and guidance to university students, faculty and administration on issues related to diversity, inclusion, wellness, health, mental health and crisis response.

Prior to this, **Dr. Barón** was Director of the Counseling Center from 1997 to 2006 where he managed all of the center's operations and budget. He has been Adjunct Faculty at the School of Leadership and Education Sciences for over 20 years, and is the Founder of the COMPASS

Academic Center at USD where he led a team that developed multidisciplinary and innovative programs to help and support families of children with special needs. He also served as Executive Director of the services arm of COMPASS in the community until 2012.

In addition to his experience at USD, **Dr. Barón** also worked in private practice as a clinician and in different supervisory and leadership positions in community mental clinics and inpatient facilities in San Diego including: The Center for Counseling at Catholic Charities, Southwood Hospital and Vista Hill Hospital, where he served as Director of Psychology.





## REPORT from the last meeting





IS IT THE TRUTH?

IS IT
FAIR TO ALL
CONCERNED?

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WILL IT
BUILD GOODWILL
AND BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

WILL IT BE
BENEFICIAL
TO ALL
CONCERNED?

HERBERT J. TAYLOR

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DAVID TANSEY......02

IRWIN RUBENSTEIN ..... 06

CRAIG CLARK.....11

JIM FROST......16

GEORGE MANNSCHRECK... 20

President **Alex Monroe** called the meeting to order at 7:30AM.

Tom Elliot was the Rotarian of the Day and he gave a heart felt prayer and invocation that included all of those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas. Tom owns a successful insurance company and made a Superman joke which was ironic because Tom is a Superman himself. Tom's church supports a ministry in Tecate, Mexico and he loves to work on military and hands on Rotary projects. Christmas in April is one of his favorite hands on service projects.

Our visitors included: Wayne Cusick, Skylar Lane, Kylie Morey, Katie Rehnberg, visiting Rotarian Sharon Bay and prospective new member Dancey Gatshet. Katie was a guest of **Brett Morey's** as he met her father at a Rotary Club meeting in Freemont and Katie works for a local catering company. **Brett** invited his 20 vear old daughter Kylie who's in her third vear at Chapman University and Skylar Lane who graduated from UCSD in June and will be moving to Australia in 2018. We also had a number of Rotaract students from SDSU & UCSD along with a family from Germany (Pia and Uwe Querfeld and their son Julien). Uwe belongs to a Rotary Club in Berlin and visited our club few years ago. They were very excited to be here again and they will be visiting our club for the next 5 months.

Announcements included Jan Percival-Lipscomb talking about a Better Angels event on Saturday, September 16th, 2017 at Manpower Office. They rescued 66 dogs and transported them to Washington State. David Wigman reminded us about our October 14-15 project in Mexico. Brett Morey presented flags from the Rotary Club of Birmingham (Largest Rotary Club in the world with over 600 members) and the Rotaract Club of Birmingham (Largest Rotaract Club in the world with over 300 members).

He also told us about two upcoming events through Surfers Unite Rotarian Fellowship: First event, Life Rolls On September 10 at La Jolla Shores to work with 120 disabled kids and adults. He encouraged members to come cheer on "Team Pink!" The second event is the 100 Wave Challenge – Boys to Men Mentoring on September 23 at Mission Beach. His team goal is to raise over \$20,000 as the organization raised over \$300,000 last year and serves Middle School students in over 31 local San Diego schools.

Michael Slentz asked fellow Rotarians for a purple squirrel job for his wife Michelle. Everyone was wondering what a "purple squirrel" job might be but basically if you can think of a job you would rather pay someone else to do then apparently Michelle is "nuts enough to go for it!"

Jim Davies auctioned off tickets \$180 value (with premium parking included) for the Little Mermaid show for Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Civic Center. **Lee Ann Cusick** bought them for \$140 and I'm sure Wayne is excited about going.

Our Finemaster Master was the one and only **Rich Papike**. High 5's to **Antonio Grillo's** wife Maria for her birthday on the 29th. **Rich Papike's** 50 year wedding anniversary is Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> so he offered a \$50 instead of a \$5. What a guy! Then, **Rich** showed us the photo of **Fairy Moini** and **Steve Brown** with a group of Persian girls in Afghanistan. **Fairy** explained how the girls were talking about **Steve Brown** saying "He is good looking but why is he wearing that shirt?" Not sure if that fit the four-way test but that's the story and we're sticking to it.

Our speaker was fellow Rotarian Don Willis from the Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo. Don's

presentation was focused on his experiences with Apollo Missions 6-12 and taking people to the moon and back. Fortunately he gave our club the kids version of his presentation so most of the technological aspects didn't go straight over our heads. Don was 23 when he started to work on the Apollo programs. Don stated that, "The Fire changed everything." After three astronauts died the attitude of the whole program changed for the better.

It was President John F. Kennedy who said concerning space exploration "...It will be done. And it will be done before the end of this decade." JFK inspired an entire generation. In the midst of the cold war, it was a lot of pressure because the Russians were ahead of the U.S. in the space race. According to Don it was an incredible blend of people. While many know about the miraculous recovery of Apollo 13 thanks to the Ron Howard film staring Tom Hanks Don focused his presentation on some of the technical challenges earlier missions produced. The Saturn V Rocket utilized multiple parts to propel the rocket into space, orbit the moon slowly and deploy the lunar module capable of landing on the moon. Don gave a tremendous recap of each of the Apollo Missions and ended his talk by asking:

Will the U.S. ever do something like Apollo again?

Will you participate in it?

These are questions for all of us to ponder but Don's major lesson was: "Don't dream too small"

**Alex Monroe** closed the meeting with a trivia question as to what day U.S. Astronauts landed on the moon? Answer: July 20, 1969

Our next club meeting is Friday, September 8th.



## PHOTOS from the last meeting







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## **LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP** 2017 - 2018





UPCOMING ROTD

SEPTEMBER 2017

15.....Rick Clark

22.....Michael Slentz

29.....Michael Schwarz



Igrew up in mid-western Canada and moved to the US in the late sixties after graduating as a Registered Nurse. I started my career in San Diego, working at Hillside Hospital in North Park, which is no longer there. I met my soon to be husband in San Diego and became step mom to his son and daughter. He was soon transferred to Atlanta, Georgia and I began working as a Nurse Clinician on an orthopedic floor at Emory University Hospital. After 6 years, we longed to go back to California, and he was transferred to Newbury Park, CA. Here he became a charter member of the Newbury Park Rotary and I was introduced to the all- male club at this time.

This move transitioned my career into the most remarkable and fulfilling time of my life. Not Knowing anything about dialysis, I was asked at the local hospital in Thousand Oaks if I would consider working in this unit. Since I wanted a day shift, I decided to give it a shot. We remained in the hospital for a year and then the unit was sold to Fresenius Medical Care (FMC), formerly National Medical Care, and was moved out of the hospital to a free standing unit on the hospital campus. I was Clinic Manager of this clinic and soon had a second clinic in Camarillo.

In 1989, I was asked to take a regional position as a clinical and regulatory manager with FMC and I was transferred to Phoenix, AZ. I assisted in opening and managing all of the FMC clinics from El Paso north to Minneapolis and as far west as Hawaii. I remained in this position until the summer of 2000. I also took the position of Secretary of the California Dialysis Council, a position that I held for over 10 years.

In 2000, I was asked by 5 former FMC corporate executives, if I would join them in starting

a new dialysis company called American Renal Associates (ARA) located on the north shore area of Boston. I accepted and was the first clinical and regulatory person hired. This company did joint ventures with nephrologists and we opened and managed clinics throughout the United States. During this time, I bought a small condo in Manchester-by-the Sea and we still maintained our home in Scottsdale, AZ. My husband spent the winters in Manchester and the summers in Scottsdale. Kind of a reversal on how it should have been but he loved the snow having been born and raised in Glendale, CA. I stayed with ARA until April of this year when I finally retired. We had opened about 240 clinics nationwide and were the 5th largest provider of dialysis. In April 2016, we took the company public. I had the honor of being at the NYSE for the ringing of the bell. I also became an US citizen in 2008 at the distinguished Faneuil Hall in Boston. These last 17 years of my career were unbelievable and the highlight of my career.

In 2010 we had a life changing event; our daughter gave birth to our first and only grandson in San Diego. In 2013, we sold our house in Scottsdale and bought a home in the UTC area of San Diego so we could be close to him. I continued to work out of the corporate office but was eventually allowed to work out of my home and only commuted to Boston once a quarter.

I am now retired and so grateful to have met **Dianne Day**, who is my neighbor and good friend who introduced me to LGTR. I love helping people so this to me was a perfect fit. I like gardening and I am a member of the Horticultural Society. I also like crocheting, traveling and most of all being with my 7 year old grandson.

## ROTARIAN OF THE DAY

