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SPEAKERS
AND EVENTS

OCTOBER 2016 - SPEAKER

07..... Rotary Foundation
• Bev Fritschner, Pam Russell •

14..... President, SD Food Bank
• Jim Floros •

21..... UC San Diego Health - Jacobs
• Brendan Kremer •

28..... Election Preview with Carl DeMaio
• Carl DeMaio •

James Harris, DEd

President, University of San Diego

DEd, Penn State University, Higher Education Administration

MEd, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Educational Administration

BEEd, University of Toledo, Secondary Education/Comprehensive Social Sciences

James T. Harris III, D.Ed., became the University of San Diego's fourth president on August 3, 2015. With more than 8,000 students from 77 countries and 44 states, USD is the youngest, independent institution on the U.S. News & World Report list of top 100 universities in the United States and was recognized by Forbes magazine as one of America's most entrepreneurial research universities. The University of San Diego is one of only 36 universities in the world designated as an Ashoka U Changemaker campus.

The span of his career includes volunteer leadership service in numerous local, state, and national roles. Examples of his leadership include his service as Chair of Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania, Chair of the Pennsylvania Campus Compact, and as Vice Chair of National Campus Compact, a national coalition of 1,200 college and university presidents dedicated to promoting civic engagement among college students. He also served on the executive committee of the NCAA and as Chair of the NCAA Division III Presidents Council. Currently, he serves as Chair-elect of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Board of Trustees, one of the largest educational associations in the world.

In recognition of his considerable contributions to education and the communities he has served, President Harris is the recipient of many awards and honors, including leadership awards from the NAACP for his work on defending civil rights. Earlier in his career, he was named by the John Templeton Foundation as one of the Top 50 Character-Building Presidents in America, and in 2011, he received the Chief Executive Leadership Award from CASE. Defiance College recognized him in 2002 with its highest recognition, the Pilgrim Award; and Widener University bestowed upon him the lifetime title of President Emeritus in 2015. In 2014, he was recognized with the College and University Public Relations and Associated Professionals' Ciervo Award, presented to one who exemplifies the association's fundamental purposes of supporting and advancing the understanding of higher education.

President Harris believes in the transformative power of education. "Education can change individuals and society for the better and it's one of the great forces in the world today," he said. President Harris was a first-generation college student whose life was transformed through three profound experiences during his college years. First, he found his Catholic faith, inspired in part by the charismatic spiritual leadership of Pope St. John Paul II. Secondly, he found his vocation and fell in love with the idea of teaching and of being an educator. And third, he found the love of his life, his wife, Mary. President Harris and his wife Mary have been married for 35 years and have two adult sons, Zachary and Braden.

With an authentic leadership style and engaging personality, President Harris creates meaningful connections with students and surrounds himself with student activities. For the past 21 years, he has annually traveled with students and small groups internationally. "I think global exposure for students is one of the most important experiences they can have while they're in college," he said. "The University of San Diego consistently ranks among the top three universities in the nation for the percentage of undergraduate students participating in a study abroad program. Last year, more than 70 percent of our students shared in an international experience. The challenge will be to make sure that every student at USD has equal opportunity for those experiences."

Contributing to a transparent and fun campus environment, President Harris initiated "President for a Day," where he switches places with a student. He regularly hosts President Forums, where he and other members of his leadership team update the campus on the progress of various initiatives. From ice cream socials to fireside chats, President Harris spends quality time with members of the campus community. At dawn, he can be found walking the trails of Tecolote Canyon with students, faculty, and staff. He regularly hosts students and faculty at his home for dinner, and will show up unexpectedly to student-sponsored events. He has a reputation at USD for being visible across the campus and always accessible to members of the campus community.

President Harris earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Toledo, a master's degree in educational administration from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, and his doctorate in education from Pennsylvania State University. All three of his alma maters have recognized him for his leadership in education and in 2013, The Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees named him a Distinguished Alumnus, the highest honor the university bestows upon a graduate.

He remains an active scholar and teacher. In 2013, he co-authored a book titled Academic Leadership and Governance in Higher Education that was published by Stylus and was on their higher education best sellers list. Other recent writings include a chapter featured in the thought leadership series Presidential Perspectives titled "Convene, Cooperate and Collaborate: How Six Colleges and Universities Came Together to Address Issues of College Access for Urban Youth," and an essay on "There is Value in Every Person" for the book This I Believe Philadelphia.



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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?

HERBERT J. TAYLOR

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jacquie Reilly 11

Brett Morey..... 13

Frank McGrath 15

Tom Hinton 25

Romik Kesian 30



I am the scribe for our meeting on September 23, 2016 but I am also the facilitator of our ROTD program. Our meeting started with a very special ROTD presentation by our very own JoJo Ito. I like to think of JoJo has superwoman. So many talents! I really appreciate JoJo being ROTD. She just started a new job and it was difficult for her to arrange her schedule but she did it for me and humored me with my request that she sing the National Anthem. I don't know about you but I thought it was a special treat for all of us. Besides being a great singer, JoJo is a great athlete, sushi chef, career program manager at SAIC and now at INTUIT. JoJo loves being the Mom of a two year old daughter. She also comes from a great Rotarian family. Thank you JoJo for taking the time to be ROTD.

Guests were introduced next. Michael McQuary is joining our club. Michael is a Berkeley graduate and doctorate at USC which makes Rich and Krishna happy. Michael is the President of the School Board. This could make me very happy as it seems to me that he is the right guy to take over the Educator of the Year award program from me!

The great work of Jan Percival and her daughter bringing back 67 cats and dogs from Louisiana was mentioned. Of course Brett Morey also deserves mention for his hard work on homes destroyed by the

floods and monies raised to help the local community recover. I am attaching a photo taken from the local news that shows Jan and her daughter receiving the pets. These are lives saved!

Ron Kohl and others got up to discuss our hands on project on October 1. We are travelling to Ensenada. We were going to paint orphans but now are going to paint school children, I mean schools. Jim Davies said we are painting two colors which I think is kind of risky. When more than one color is involved in my opinion we are more of a tie dye group. The wonderful and amazing Dave Wiegman reminded us to give him a check for any amounts owed for the trip as next Friday is the last day before the trip to pay.

Linda Stouffer mentioned the Camino Fundraiser trip that is being planned. Besides raising money this is an opportunity to participate in a life changing experience as you encounter the magic of walking the Camino. Just ask Krishna!

Steve Brown mentioned that our beloved John Peak is struggling with health issues but is still the smartest guy in the room. I back Steve in that opinion. Dr. Peak is a brilliant man. He can't express himself that well right now but Steve thinks if you know John well that a visit would be appreciated. Kathleen mentioned a 30th year anniversary welcome woman tea party. Sorry I day dreamed at this point. I was thinking wine might get more women to attend. See Kathleen for details.

If you weren't here you missed a great presentation. It started a little rough for me because our speaker started by saying that when she joined rotary she thought it was just an organization of old guys that play golf! Those of you who know me know at that point I lost interest in taking

notes. Just kidding!

Nancy Hughes, with great humor and storytelling led us on a great journey on how rotary can really work. With that rare touch that people like Nancy and our very own Fary and Steve Brown have in my opinion magic can occur. Sometimes in rotary a project is so great and brilliant in its solution and simplicity it just takes a life of its own and grows to something very special. Of course I think a little modesty is at play here with our speaker.

What Nancy did was create factories producing fuel efficient stoves for indigenous people of Guatemala and other Countries that were using indoor cooking fires. These fires were or are causing great harm to the environment and health of people. She told us of babies choked by creosote buildup in their throats and restoring hands 16 years after camp fires had destroyed them from fires inside their home. This has not been without challenge and I can't repeat the entire journey Nancy took us on but she did mention 24 volcanoes and 24 Mayan languages. Jumping forward to where we are now in the journey and you will find Nancy and others have improved the lives of over 422,000 people and put in place over 56,000 stoves. Congratulations Nancy! Your husband would be very proud of you and maybe in ways we don't know was a guiding hand.

Antonia finished the meeting with the required joke. Antonio is getting much better at joke telling. He likes to post the word JOKE on the screen and I noticed every time people laugh. Perhaps that is all he needs to do.

"On page 2 of the Golden Rotarian published on September 9th, there was graphic that depicted Donald Trump holding the puppet strings of a Donald Trump doll. This was out of context and not related to the content of the newsletter. Political statements or graphics have no place in our publications. We regret this unfortunate incident and those responsible have been admonished."

PHOTOS

from the last meeting



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UPCOMING ROTD

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ROTARIAN OF THE DAY



Lisa was born and raised in Queens, New York. She met her husband, John in Optometry school in Manhattan. Upon graduation, John wanted to move back to upstate New York and live in Buffalo. Lisa wanted to move to Long Island. San Diego was their compromise. The same day they got married, September 21st, they both found out they passed California State boards. After their honeymoon it was off to San Diego. Lisa and John currently have an office in the Golden Triangle.

They have two daughters, Lindsey and Geena. Lindsey is 17 and enjoys performing in theatre. She also enjoys helping children with disabilities

and volunteers with Miracle League, as well being involved with Rotary sponsored Interact Club at her high school. Geena is 15 and enjoys horseback riding, basketball, soccer and boys. Geena has autism and continues to grow with lots of wonderful support through her school and numerous activities and therapies. There is so much that Lisa and John have learned and continue to learn about autism.

As a family they enjoy spending time together in the great outdoors. They love to bike, hike and travel together. Over the years they have traveled to many National Parks including Glacier National Park, which they visited in June. They enjoy

Lisa Galstian

each one for its unique beauty and landscape.

Lisa feels very fortunate to be an optometrist. She enjoys her work helping people and educating them on how to preserve their vision. What's new at the office? There are so many new contact lenses and eyeglasses to help people see better than ever before. Gartner & Galstian Vision Care has an instrument called Spectral Domain Optical Coherence Tomography or OCT which helps to rule out and detect eye conditions earlier.

Thought for the day: No one ever injured their eyesight by looking on the bright side.