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SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

AUGUST 2022 - SPEAKER

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GUILLERMO ("GIL") CABRERA



BOARD CHAIR SAN DIEGO AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Gil Cabrera has been an attorney in San Diego for over twenty years, starting his legal career in San Diego right out of law school. He met his wife, Krista, here in San Diego and they have two daughters.

Mr. Cabrera has been an engaged member of the San Diego community serving as a wish granter and on the Board of Directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of San Diego and ultimately on the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America National Board of Directors. He began his public service in the late 1990s when he co-chaired Chief David Bejarano's San Diego Police Department Use of Force Task Force, which reviewed the department's use of force procedures and made one hundred recommendations to improve police interaction with the public. In 2005, Mr. Cabrera was appointed to the San Diego Ethics Commission where he served for five years, two as its Chair. During his chairmanship, the Commission ushered in the largest overhaul of the City's lobbying laws increasing transparency of lobbyist activity. Between 2013 and 2020, he served on the San Diego Convention Center board of directors, serving as Chair in 2017 and 2018. Between 2013-2018, he served on the San Diego LGBT Community Center Board of Directors. Since 2017, Mr. Cabrera has served on the Alliance for Hope International Board of Directors. Since 2018, he has served on the Sharp Healthcare Board of Directors, currently serving as its Vice Chair.

Mr. Cabrera started practicing at Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP - one of the then oldest law firms in the City. From Luce Forward, he was recruited to Cooley Godward, one of the top law firms in the country. At Cooley Godward, he specialized in securities litigation and complex business litigation. Since 2007, he has run his own law firm, The Cabrera Firm. Presently, Mr. Cabrera specializes in business and employment litigation and serves as general outside counsel to a number of local and regional businesses. He has been named one of the top attorneys in San Diego since 2012 by the San Diego Daily Transcript, San Diego Business Journal and Super Lawyers.

The Mayor of San Diego appointed Mr. Cabrera to the Board for a term ending on January 31, 2024.



REPORT

from the last meeting



THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

01

IS IT THE TRUTH?

All systems were a go today as **President Nancy** opened the meeting and introduced **Dr. Antonio Grillo-Lopez** as Rotarian of the Day.

Always inspiring, Antonio shared with us the many miracles in his life starting with a classmate who portended he would find a cure for cancer.

Next miracle was meeting the love of his life, Maria, followed by the birth of their three sons.

Lastly was, in fact, developing a drug for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma where he led the trials and brought the drug to market.

• **Nancy** welcomed Past President Jacque back from her travels.

• **Brian** reminded us of the upcoming social at the Standley Park Concert

• Thursday, August 18 will be a **social meeting** at the Embassy Suites beginning at 5:00pm.

• **Marty** announced that Preuss School is unable to provide bus service for their students. They will now have to take buses and the trolley to Preuss. **Jenny Parker** of Club 33 and the PTA are coordinating individuals to help ensure that the students get on the right trolley and learn how to read the trolley maps. Please contact Marty if you can help.

• **Susan Schwarz**, Family of Rotary Chair, is coordinating ride service for **Louise Andres** who lives in the Muirlands; an easy hop to the Embassy

Suites. Please contact Susan to help.

• **Bill Bush** has gone back to the classroom.

• **Nancy** shared the results of the recent survey about our new location.

On the scale,

The Venue: **GOOD**,

Parking: **NEEDS HELP**,

Meeting Room: **NOT SO BAD**,

Food: **GOOD VALUE FOR THE COST**.

The parking situation is resolved as we can now pay when we enter the hotel or upon leaving.

It is hard to describe, in a short amount of space, the amazing work that **Shawn VanDiver**, founder of **#AfghanEvac** is doing to help get Afghanistan families.

After Shawn and Lucky met, Lucky told stories about families and friends who had stood by the United States and were still trying to get out of the country. It was after Lucky returned from seeing his sick mother (who has since passed) and sharing the horror stories that he asked Shawn for help.

Shawn is one of thousands of people who also received calls asking for the same type of assistance. Today over 200 organizations are involved.

These groups are asking for three things;

1.) for the government to do their job.

2.) increase capacity faster.

3.) designate someone to manage the processes.

Given a 6 month leave of absence from Deloitte, he and a handful of people have created a network and are in collaboration with the DoD, VA, State Department and Homeland Security to bring military and their families out of Afghanistan. To date, over 30,000 individuals are safely out of the country. As Shawn told us, they have large extended families of cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, as well as spouses and children who are at risk if a member of their family leaves the country.

Today, the organization is in constant contact with the authorities in Washington to get help and to get it now.

A comment from Shawn that particularly struck me was that Americans care because we are known for being true to our word and in this case, we failed.

I am not sure I did justice to the full context of Shawn's program.

Nancy recorded the meeting; I strongly suggest you listen to it to better understand the situation and what **#AfghanEvac** is doing.

~Reporter

Beverly Fritschner

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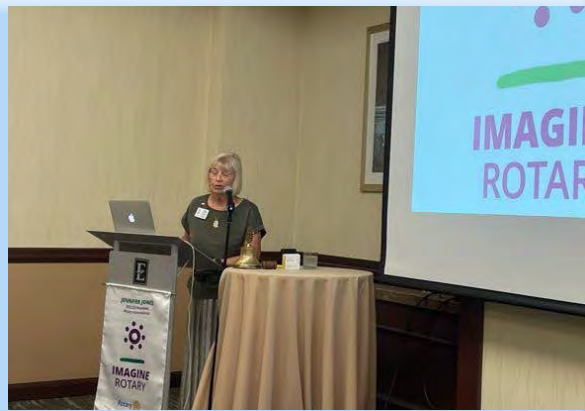
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PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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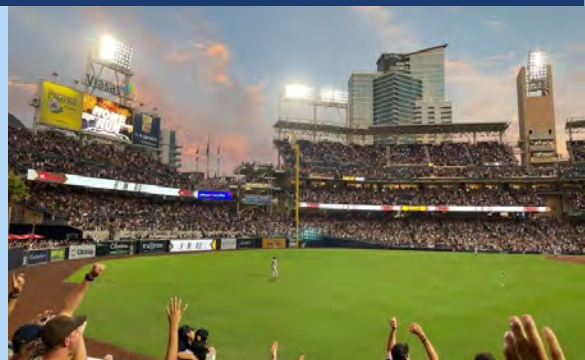
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Rotary Social Evening

Petco Park - Padres vs Giants



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August 26 - Linda Andrews

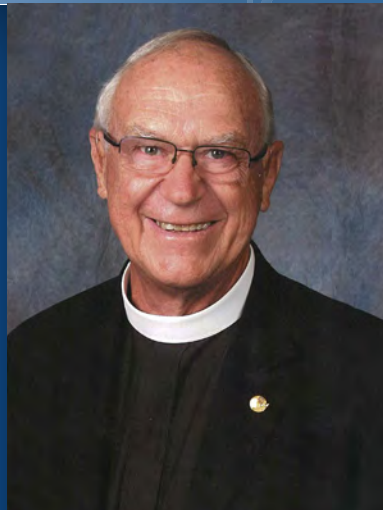
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September 2 - Lori Bende



ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY

FATHER WAYNE SANDERS



On a very rainy day on the northside of Chicago, Ill on April 3, 1940.

My Dad told me he was soaking wet because of the surprise rain that poured like cats and dogs as he entered the Ravenswood Hospital that afternoon to see his wife Irene who just gave birth to her second child, a 9 pound 3 ounce baby boy, Wayne!

So the first baby was my sister Carole, I was the second and my baby sister Marygail was number three. My mother always thought I would be like her father, a carpenter working on very

expensive furniture. Or a Roman Catholic Priest like the Priest in our Parish who was very special to my Dad and her.

My Baby sister came along seven years after I came and she, of course was the youngest and most worthy of being the spoiled one, but she wasn't. She grew up to be the Saint of the children because she was always the nicest of us all and most loved by all.

As Wayne grew he of course he wanted to be like grandpa and since Jesus was a carpenter. Wayne wanted to be like grandpa because he could fix anything that was broken and a healer if anyone was sick.

The Jesus part came when Wayne saw how popular and genuine Father John was at school and with the people at church and whoever he met. I could go on with a lot of stories that were a part of Wayne's life. He finally became a Navy Chaplain and his first Orders were to Camp Pendelton, CA.

A lot of connections were made and grew out of his Navy and Marine Corps days. His family and friends connections drew him to be a Roman Catholic priest and a little later an Episcopal Priest.

I would like to continue with a little article I wrote after I became a Rotarian and Senior Citizen.