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SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

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THE CALIFORNIA COGS ROTARY BAND

CALIFORNIA COGS BAND Hits of the 50's, 60's, 70's, Country, R&B, Jazz, Blues and more! Affordable musical entertainment for Rotary, other groups, parties, fundraisers, community & corporate events in San Diego County. Featuring musician members of Rotary Clubs of La Jolla Golden Triangle and Camp Pendleton Net proceeds donated to The Rotary Foundation. Bookings: Dave Davis (819) 548-5000

The California Cogs Rotary Band was formed in 2009 and the band played its first gig in January 2010 (Rotary International Conference at the Hyatt downtown). The California Cogs offer musical entertainment at a reduced rate with all net proceeds going to the Rotary Foundation. To date, the band has raised over \$7,500 for charity, comprised of over 70% for our Club and approximately 30% for other organizations. This does not include the significant benefit of the savings that accrue to our Club by not having to hire musical entertainment for its events. The band performs classic hits from the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s Pop, Rock, Country, R&B, Jazz, Blues and more.

To book the band, call Dave Davis @ 619-548-5000



REPORT





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WILL IT **BUILD GOODWILL** AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

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Rotarian of the day

Our Rotarian of the Day was Dr. Dennis Bucko. Dr. Bucko recently retired from practicing plastic surgery. He will also be celebrating his 80th birthday next month, another major milestone. We hope that, regardless of how he gets to spend his birthday, he gets to spend it the people that he loves and that he get's more than mittens and a pair of socks for his big birthday.

Dr. Brian Eichenberg announced the Club's upcoming social trip to the San Diego Botanical Garden and Casa de Bandini. Michael Slentz announced visitors and guests. Jacquie Reilly reminded everyone of our upcoming "holiday" party on January 8th at Malahat Spirits. Chris Richards talked about the upcoming Wreaths Across America event. We have managed to sponsor 131 wreaths.

In total, 12,044 wreaths were sponsored for the entire event, so they were only short 1,600 wreaths this year. **Dory** also gave a short presentation on the origins of the holiday of Thanksgiving. Last, but not least, Nancy Gatschet announced that the silent auction was going to be extended for another week, until December 10th. To cap it off, Nancy will be presiding over next week's meeting while Jacquie is in Hawaii.

Student of the month

Alessandra Mata Pacino

was our Student of the Month. Alessandra, a senior at Preuss, is an active young woman, who cares about her community. Alessandra told us about how she fell into a deep hole after experiencing a traumatic home-life, but wanted to prove those who discounted her wrong. Her future goals include getting her degree in criminal justice, becoming an FBI agent, and

obtaining her doctorate.

Presentation of the day

Our speaker of the day was **Dr. Edith Eger**. Dr. Eger is a survivor of the Holocaust, who has been working as a psychologist for over 40 years. She reminded us that we are all unique and special, like a one of a kind diamond, and that living in the past creates our own prisons for ourselves. Forgiveness is a gift that one gives oneself and letting go of pain and guilt helps relieve the suffering that we are essentially causing ourselves. As we approach our lives and try to find meaning in who we are and what we do, she urged us to focus on what we have to do, rather than what we don't want to do, and that each of us can choose happiness over despair. Refuse to accept being a victim, focus your inner voice on the yeses, and pay attention to your thinking.

~Reporter

Danjan Lahiri

Announcements

HERBERT J. TAYLOR



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING











OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO





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LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2021 - 2022

PRESIDENT	Jacquie Reilly
PRESIDENT ELECT (2022-23)	Nancy Gatschet
PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT (2023-24)	Dennis Bucko
TREASURER	Sharon Council
SECRETARY	Nancy Gatschet
PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION	Emidio DelConte





DECEMBER 2021

December 17 - Raya Zakir

December 24 - Dark

December 31 - Dark



ROTARIAN P T H E · D A Y DAVE DAVIS

Dave Davis was born in and lived the first 18 years of his life in the mysterious cosmopolitan city of Bakersfield, California. Dave is the second of three children (brother Jeremy and sister Faith) born to Joe and Mary Davis in the 1950's.

After graduating from Bakersfield High School (go Drillers), in 1973, Dave relocated to San Diego to attend San Diego State University (go Aztecs), where he joined Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and helped establish a Chapter of Rho Epsilon, the academic real estate fraternity. While in college, he became a licensed California Real Estate Salesman in 1976.

After graduating from SDSU in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Real Estate, he began working for Union Bank as an appraiser in their major construction loan department. He became a California Real Estate Broker in 1978 and only uses his broker's license on his own behalf.

After a lateral move to Wells Fargo Bank in 1983, Dave earned his MAI designation from the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers. A 1.5-year stint with a small real estate development and syndication firm followed where he oversaw acquisitions, construction, leasing and property management.

Dave founded D.F. Davis Real Estate, Inc. in 1986 and has been an independent appraiser and consultant for the past 35 years. Dave has three children from his



first marriage and his second marriage to Susan Kinney resulted in his family growing with two stepsons. They have seven grandchildren with the most recent being born this week. Dave and Susan live in Rancho San Diego with their 21 month-old mini Goldendoodle, Gigi.

Dave's hobbies are music, politics, travel and exercise. He is busy playing his guitar with the California Cogs, classic rock band, Phil 'N The Blanks and a solo gig on Friday evenings at Ranas Mexico City Cuisine restaurant. The Cogs are Dave's ongoing Rotary project. To date, the Cogs have raised almost \$7,500 for Rotary and other charitable organizations.