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SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

MARCH 2022 - SPEAKER

18..... Steve Brown and Kim Schafer
Rotary Club International Service Committee

25..... Janusz Supernak
Explore SDSU

APRIL 2022 - SPEAKER

1..... Dr. "Bowtie" Todd Jenkins
Moving from Diversity to Inclusion



VIVI LIN, PRESIDENT OF THE SAN DIEGO STRIKE FORCE



HOW THE HIGHEST RANKING ASIAN AMERICAN WOMAN IN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL DEVELOPS CHAMPIONS, WHILE LEADING HER ATHLETES AND LEADERSHIP TEAM IN SERVING S.O.U.P. TO EARN THE NAME SAN DIEGO.

Building on the foundation of sports journalism and a futurist who pioneered marketing and storytelling on mobile devices, Vivi Lin shares her journey to becoming the highest ranking Asian American woman in professional football. Developing champions isn't just about the work on the field, court, or pitch. While the team name is Strike Force, you'll learn how Vivi is leading her athletes and leadership team in serving S.O.U.P. to earn the name San Diego.

Vivi is the first Asian American woman appointed as President of a professional football team. As the President of the San Diego Strike Force, Vivi facilitates an effective, unified team effort between the franchise's competitive sports team driven to win on the field and passionate to connect with and serve the San Diego community through its youth programs and business goals. On the field, Strike Force football is a contact sport between players; off the field, it involves meaningful contact with our community.

Through innovation and digital transformation culture, Vivi optimizes the impact of the sports franchises and athletes through lifestyle relevant programming, content and technology-based platforms. She also develops the speaker and community engagement programs that support professional athletes in their active & post athletic careers.

Vivi has been an innovative creator of lifestyle-relevant media, successful professional speaking programs and virtual educational and training programs for distribution over wireless applications and online platforms. Clients and partners have included professional athletes and executive management from the NFL, MLB, NBA, WNBA, USSF, ISA, Pro Surfers/Skaters, UCSD Birch Aquarium, KWVE radio, the San Diego Zoo/Safari Park. Digital media partners include mobile networks Sprint, Verizon, and Movistar.

Vivi also volunteers as Director of Corporate Partnerships and co-Chair of Programming for the Asian American Journalist Association Sports Task Force affiliate group supporting digital transformation training and cognitive diversity within sports media organizations.



REPORT

from the last meeting



THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

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IS IT THE TRUTH?

President Jacquie Reilly called the March 4, 2022 meeting to order at 7:30AM. She welcomed Ajay Asher and Sara Miceli back to live Rotary, and introduced Rich Papike as Rotarian of the Day.

ROTD: Rich led us in a minute of silence for the benefit of the people of Ukraine, and then in the Pledge of Allegiance.

With proper acknowledgement of Bradley Day's help, Rich showed a variety of slides about his life since his last time as ROTD including slides of: a golf trip to Ireland that included Denny Jacobs, Halloween costumes with members dressed like the crew on Gilligan's Island, Rich's weed wacking golf style at Steele Canyon, Gracie the dog, the Robinson Family winery in Napa where Rich said he could arrange private tours by his godparents, Denny and Rich enticing guests to find the poi taste in Maui beer, Frank McGrath in a Tom Stocking shirt, a gift tee shirt from his son, Alex: "World's Okayest Golfer", Denny at Torrey Pines (always with his hat backwards), Rich in Smiley Face pants in Tuscan, Rich on a mine-tour arranged by Brett, Rich and Sherry in Amsterdam, Baja, Normandy.... A fun review...

Guests: Michael Slentz introduced guests including Brett's guests, Karla, and Don Henley; Rich's wife Sherry; and Student of the Month Ileana Garcia Reynoso. Ron Kohl's girlfriend, Letty was also recognized.

Announcements: Jacquie announced there would be a Community Services Committee meeting after the meeting.

Alex announced a walk on Sunday at 10AM – meeting behind Gelson's off Via de la Valle – we will walk the Coast Crest Trail walking to dog beach, stopping for a beer.

Rick Clark said they need more people for the police project – about a dozen additional people needed on March 19th. **Tony and Jim Davies** have worked their buns off. **Tony Grillo** will be installing cabinets Thursday and Friday before the 26th.

High Fives: Ron Kohn gave a high 10 to Bonnie and Krishna Arora who are leaving Thursday for their 14th Camino walk; this time they are walking 400 miles. Ron and Letty are leaving 4/1 for 3 weeks, meeting the Aroras in Northern Portugal to walk the last 100 miles.

Brett gave a high 5 to Ron, Bonnie and Krishna for wearing the Camino tee shirts.

Brett let everyone know there are 45 non-profits and programs we support every year, and, on top of that, we support Surfers Unite. Brett provided a sign-up sheet for the following events:

- Week of April 11, Door of Hope "Easter Bunny Basket Project" (project not yet moving forward per Ellen Bryson)

- April 30: StandUp for the Cure@ Newport Back Bay for Susan G. Komen Breast cancer

- April 30, Rotarians at Work Day, Service Projects for District 5340

- TBD, City2Surf@Del Mar Train Station, Surfing with Inner City Kids

- May 7 at 5PM: Ronald McDonald House, Serving Meals to Families

- May 21, Road Rally, organized by Dr. Kaci Madden

- June 18, Switchfoot BroAM@ Moonlight Beach, Surf Contests, Surf Jousting & 5 Hours of Live Music

- June 25, Promote/Demote Event, Fun Master, Past President Bev Laursen

Student of the Month: Marty Rosenstein then introduced Dr. Leah Anderson, an advisory teacher at Preuss. He said that advisory teachers at Preuss start with the students in 6th grade and continue with them, so by the time they graduate as seniors, their advisors know the students very well.

The Student of the Month of March, 2022 is **Iliana Garcia Reynoso**, a senior at Preuss. She said that her successful transition to Preuss took time; that at first she had difficulty making friends and her grades were bad and she made no effort to change. Her family is small – a single mother raising 2 children. When they had housing insecurity, her grades were low. Finally, they had a family home, and she decided to make a change, cut off friends who were not good for her. By the 10th grade she started getting it together and in June, 2020 she had 7A's and 1B. She knew she didn't want that to be the last time people were proud of her. She went to summer school, decided to create good habits, shadowed workers in the medical field. She is now active in Lion's Club and the National Honors Society. For the last two years she has had all A's. She has been accepted to 4 universities. She hopes to major in biology and have a career in medicine.

Speaker: Stephen Tako introduced the speaker, **Dr. Sylvia Whitlock**, the first woman President worldwide, in Rotary International. A description of her background was included in the March 4, 2022 Golden Rotarian. Women in Rotary is the title of her speech.

She started by saying "We're on the edge of tomorrow." When there will no more polio, no more war, no more virus. Polio by the way only still exists in Afghanistan and Pakistan. She noted that a week or so ago 8 workers in Afghanistan were murdered when giving vaccines.

She said this is the silver anniversary of women being involved in Rotary. In the 70's she became a school principal in the small town of Duarte in the San Gabriel Valley. She went to the district superintendent who just happened to be the president of the local Rotary, and asked what she needed to do to connect to the community, and he said she didn't need to worry about it because the town had an active Rotary. She didn't know anything about Rotary.

The Rotary Club was small. It was 1976 and they needed new members. Rotary was all CEO's and manager types. Principals and teachers would make good Rotarians. The Rotary President went to the District Governor to talk about signing up teachers and principals (who were all women). The District Governor said to sign them up but said to only use their initials, not their first names. One member of the Duarte club resigned – could see the death of the club.

A 25th anniversary celebration was planned for the Duarte club and when Rotary International came to acknowledge the anniversary, they found women and were surprised. Shortly thereafter, the Duarte club got notice that women were not allowed and must be asked to leave. They said that Duarte had violated the Rotary by-laws by inviting women.

Of note: the first Rotary constitution did not specify that Rotary should be only men – it says they shall be persons of good character. At the time women weren't working much so it was not a consideration.

The Duarte club was then asked to give up their charter. So, they became the Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte.

The issue went to Federal Court which sent it to California courts. The issue went through the entire California court system, and after 11 years of wrangling, Rotary International appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. On May 4 1987, the Supreme Court found that considering the size purpose, selectivity, and exclusivity of Rotary's membership, the relationship among the club's members was neither an intimate nor private variety which warranted First Amendment protection. And there are now women in Rotary around the globe.

Jacquie noted that **next week's meeting will be in-person only (no Zoom)**. The following week will include Zoom.

In closing, Jacquie read 2017 words from former Secretary of State Rex Tillerson about why the U.S. should be interested in Ukraine.

~Reporter

Chris Richards



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

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WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

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WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2021 - 2022

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



MARCH 2022

March 18- Kevin Carlson

March 25 - Linda Stouffer-Wallis

APRIL 2022

April 1 - Dianne Day



ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY

DAVID CHONG



As I write this on Sunday March 6 I am on my way back from Chicago visiting my daughter Kira, so let's start with her...

Kira is completing her junior year at St. Mary's college and is fully dialed into her nursing program. In the photo, we're overlooking Millennium Park, after having just met New Boyfriend Casey. Yesterday we watched the dolphin show at Shedd aquarium that we last watched together 16 years ago on an RV trip here.

Her older sister Alyssa graduated from St. Mary's about a year ago, worked for a start up, and is now finding her next adventure.

On my last ROTD I brought pictures of her and I backpacking Volcanoes National Park. In January we spent 5 days backpacking on the Na Pali Coast in Kauai, which was an adventure that had been on my bucket list for many many years.

Danny and Clara are finishing their senior and junior years of high school, respectively. Danny has been exploring the worlds of dishwashing and security guarding, which has led him to set his sights on junior college in the fall. Clara has found her tribe at High Tech High Mesa, where her art flourishes and she regularly connects up with friends in the metaverse.

Our club heard from Sarah a couple weeks ago as co-recipient of our club's Peacemaker of the Year. The recent pandemic ramp down means less Crazy to manage on campus, and has opened the door to return to her favorite activity of boxing.

My fifth child is Coast Care Partners. I've now been involved in San Diego senior care for 25 years, and February marked our 10-year anniversary of the company. At the moment we're looking to get through an escrow for a new home office, and are excited to potentially move into a space of our own. I love what I do more and more every day, and am blessed with generous people and productive activity in my life.