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## AOS MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

1st Friday of the Month.....Community Services Committee  
(follows club meeting)

2nd Friday of the Month..... Youth Services Committee  
(follows club meeting)

3rd Friday of the Month.....Peace Committee  
(follows club meeting)

October 14..... Chili Cookoff!  
(hosted by Rich Papike, organized by Bev Laursen)

December 9..... Holiday Party at ZLAC  
(see Bev Laursen for details)



“L’ITALIA È FATTA. RESTANO DA FARE GLI ITALIANI!”

WE HAVE CREATED ITALY. NOW WE MUST CREATE THE ITALIANS.

Turin 1911: The World’s Fair in Italy is the first digital project devoted to the only universal exposition ever held in Italy. Though World’s fairs were among the West’s largest mass-attended events, they were also ephemeral occurrences designed to exhibit, rather than preserve, the changing world of modernity. Turin 1911 was no exception. Once the Fair was dismantled, its artifacts were scattered among institutional archives and private collectors, thus failing to be studied in a systematic manner.

The Turin 1911 project is a partnership between experts in humanities, architects, engineers, and computer scientists of the School of Arts & Humanities and the Cultural Heritage Engineering Initiative (CHEI) at the Qualcomm Institute of the Jacobs School of Engineering at UC San Diego, and the Laboratory of Geomatics for Cultural Heritage of the Polytechnic University of Turin, Italy.

CRISTINA DELLA COLETTA AND ALESSANDRA SPREAFICO



**Cristina Della Coletta**

Cristina Della Coletta is Dean of the Division of Arts and Humanities and Chancellor’s Associates Chair in Italian Studies at UC San Diego. She is the author of the books *When Stories Travel: Cross-Cultural Encounters Between Fiction and Film* (Johns Hopkins UP 2012); *World’s Fairs Italian-Style: The Great Expositions in Turin and Their Narratives* (Toronto UP, 2006); and *Plotting the Past: Metamorphoses of Historical Narrative in Modern Italian Fiction* (Purdue UP, 1996). Professor Della Coletta is the P.I. for this project.



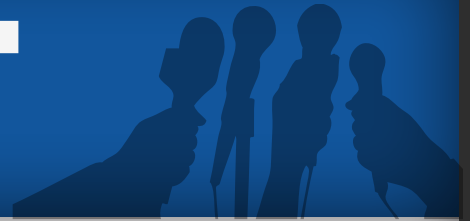
**Alessandra Spreafico**

Alessandra Spreafico is a research assistant at the Polytechnic University of Turin with a Ph.D. in Geomatics. In her studies, she focuses on the documentation of cultural heritage materials combining historical resources and Geomatics techniques to virtually reconstruct architectural structures that are no longer existing. Her research focuses on the integration of visualization systems related to historical and cultural heritage, in particular WebGIS.



# REPORT

from the last meeting



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2023

### OCTOBER - SPEAKER

- 20.....Angela Mayora  
Empowerment
- 27.....John Wood  
City of San Diego - Fire & Rescue

### NOVEMBER - SPEAKER

- 3.....Jo Dee Jacob  
Entrepreneurial class at UCSD
- 10.....Jonathan Harris  
Navy SEAL - Veteran's Day theme
- Deacon Jim Vargas
- 17...President & CEO of Father Joe's Villages  
Updates on Homelessness in San Diego
- 24.....Dark

**Christy** welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented on having a full house today. She mentioned our special guest, **Fary**, and how much we have missed her and glad she could join us today.

She then introduced the Rotarian of the Day, **Janine Pack**. She started by giving some inspirational quotes from Desmond Tutu and Helen Keller followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She spoke about her trip to Greece and Sicily. She mentioned all of the wonderful archeological structures they had seen and also the changing of the guard. They took a cruise down the Aegean Sea stopping at many little cities along the way. Going to Palermo and seeing the Valley of the Temples and Mount Etna were also a highlight. She was happy they could celebrate her husband's birthday on the cruise ship. She then mentioned besides traveling, they were delighted to have their son and daughter-in-law from Japan join them for a Christmas visit.

She then invited **Luke** to introduce our guests. Guests included **Nancy Gatschet**, past president of our Club, **John Thill**, **Dr. Brad Mozaffani**, **Eduard Arrzt**, and Prospective member **Mana Mahfoozi**. Many Rotoracts were present, **Eric DeHess**, **Evelyn Aredondo**, **Ava Relly**, **Mayah Taylor**, **Peyton Schoen**, **Ethun Tho**, **Delle Pam**, **Joey Schvail**, **Gabriela Forendez-Silva**, **Maxwell Lee** and **Noah Davis**. Student of the month, **Luviela Zacala** and her family were also in attendance. Zoom attendees were also acknowledged.

**Christy** then gave a heartwarming welcome to **Fary** who spoke briefly to us. She wanted to give special thanks to **Steve Brown**, **Jan Percival** and **Rick Clark**. She missed her family of Rotarians and is very happy and thankful to be home. This year our Rotary theme is "Create Hope in the World" and **Christy** presented **Fary** with a special rotary pin with this theme and also a LGTRC mug.

**Marty** then introduced the Student of the Month, **Luviela Zavala** and her family. **Luviela** came to Preuss in 6th grade. She talked about her efforts at Preuss to improve her grades and help with community projects. She excelled in History and English. Was also involved in the cross-country team and track and field. She is an amazing senior and we wish her the best. **Marty** has a certificate for her

which he will present to her in her Advisory class next Tuesday.

**Tim**, our Fine Master, was in his glory getting High Fives and collecting cash! **Christy** gave a high 20 to **Tim** for purchasing a computer for the Club. **Tim** gave a high 50 for the progress Mac has made and that he is home and doing well. **Tony Grillo** gave a high 20 to the organizers of the Trip to Mexico, **Ron Kohl** and **Jim Davies**. **Steve** gave a high 20 to **Eric Freeberg** for helping organize their alumni group get together last night (81 people were there). He also said that **Eric** was to pay \$20. **Krishna** gave a high 51 for 51 years of marriage to **Bonnie**. **Brett** gave a high 5 to **Fary** and to **Ron Spilsbury** for his part in the Boys to Men event.

We next addressed up-coming events: **Stephen Tako** mentioned Motivated to Act, Dance-a-thon and fundraiser on October 14th from 11am-6pm at Torry Pines Church. There are 75 students to get sponsored tickets. If anyone wants to give sponsored tickets, give \$10 to **Tim**. They will be given to Students at the Oktoberfest tomorrow. October is bullying prevention month. Proceeds will benefit a good cause. Should be a lot of fun.

**Ron Kohl**, **Jim Frost**, **Tony Grillo** spoke about the Ensenada Trip tomorrow. To meet tomorrow at Frost Lumber at 6:30am. Will be painting a grade school (K-6th grade). Bringing stuffed toys for kids. **Ron Kohl** gave special thanks to **Jim Davies**, **Tony Grillo**, **Ranjan Lahiri**, and **Gary Kochlovsky** for their contributions to this project. He also gave thanks to the International Service Committee for providing paint and supplies. Will be working with the Rotary Club of Ensenada.

On the same day, volunteers will be helping with the Oktoberfest at Standly Park. We will have a tent there to promote the Club.

**Jacquie Reilly** announced that we can purchase wreaths to honor the fallen veterans. Deadline for purchase is November 28th. Will be laying wreaths on December 16th at Miramar National Cemetery.

A reminder was given for the Chili Cookoff at Rich Papikes on the 14th. There is a sign up sheet on the tables. **Bev Laursen** mentioned a new project she thought would be fun, A Turkey

Walk on November 24th. More to come on that.

Next **Stephen Tako** introduced our speaker **Jessica Censotti**, executive director of San Diego International Sister Cities Association. **Mike McQuary** (who is on Zoom), Rotarian and Director of Sister Cities was not able to be here today. Special tribute was given to **Kathleen Tansey** who is one of the founders., **Steve Brown**, President of Jalabad project, **Fary Moini** for amazing work with Sister Cities, and **Nancy Gatchet**, service in Rotary and involvement with project in Kenja. Sister Citis is 65 years old and has diplomats from 24 cities across 23 countries. Sister Cities International is in 140 countries and has 2,000 partnerships around the world. The founder is President Eisenhauer, created to foster peace. The Project in San Diego started 66 years ago when Hiroshima happened. Japanese Peace Garden resulted. Jalabad has been amazing project. Girls are now getting an education. 2019 we did a water project in Maasai, Kenya. Drilled a well at school to provide water. Promoted growth of school and children could bring back water to their family. Now water is provided to over 7,000 people. There is now an educational center that was created primarily with Club 33. Students travel to Maasai to get education. They were provided with computers, electricity and environmental work. United Nations trip presented environmental program and advocated for Maasai, They just got their land rights back. Another project in progress is piped in water to the education center and community. Also they have put in a filtration system. Can bottle and sell bottled water. All of this provides jobs for women and gives them economic empowerment. Maasai saying " Before we have Peace, we have Conflict". Due to conflict and resolution, we have peace. **Tim Stiven**, Chairman of Sister Cities, San Diego, connects with Maasai and girls in Afghanistan. He just contracted with a school in SD for girls in Afghanistan to get a California Diploma.

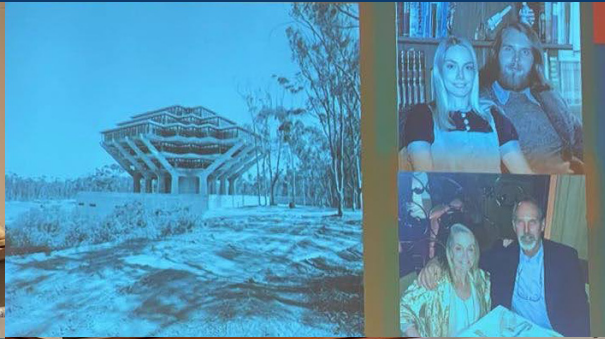
**Christy** told **Jessica** they were making a donation in her name to Just in Time for Foster Youth and also presented her with our famous mug, The meeting was then adjourned.

~Reporter

*Jan Bernardy*



# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



## Membership Tips:

IT SOUNDS SIMPLE, BUT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO GROW MEMBERS IS "ASK SOMEONE"

REPEATEDLY INVITE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS UNLESS YOU GET A DEFINITIVE "NO" FROM THEM.

ENSURE THAT PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS FEEL IMPORTANT. INTRODUCE THEM TO OTHER MEMBERS AND SIT WITH THEM.



## 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?



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**LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2023 - 2024**

- PRESIDENT .....Christy White Brook  
 VICE PRESIDENT ..... Linda Stouffer Wallis  
 PRESIDENT ELECT (2024-25) ..... Luke Ervin  
 PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT (2025-26) .....David Chong  
 TREASURER ..... Sharon Council  
 SECRETARY ..... Ranjan Lahiri



**OCTOBER 2023**

October 20 - Lori Bende

October 27 - Garry Kachkovsky

**NOVEMBER 2023**

November 3 - Ajay Asher

November 10 - Linda Andrews



**ROTARIAN**  
 OF THE DAY

**RON KOHL**

Our Club painting and sports court project at an Ensenada elementary school is complete! Early Saturday morning, we brought 52 San Diego Rotarians, Rotaractors and guests in a chartered coach to Ensenada. Many children from the school, parents, teachers, Ensenada and Tijuana Rotarians showed up to help. Our group brought over 100 donated stuffed toys that the children loved. To celebrate the completion of the project, we went to Chateau Camou Winery and had an incredible paella dinner, provided by Ensenada Todos Santos Rotary Club. We stayed in a downtown Ensenada hotel Saturday night and headed back on the coach late Sunday morning. So great for everyone to experience and help with the facelift we gave to this primary school. The teachers, parents and children were all overwhelmed with our generosity...

