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District 5340 Governor 2022-23
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SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

OCTOBER 2022 - SPEAKER

14..... Venue Selection Committee



VENUE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Members of the committee include Mike Bardin, Allan Galgut, Brian Eichenberg, Garry Kachkovsky, Janine Pack, Bev Laursen, Linda Wallis and Christy White-Brook.

Did you know that the committee explored the following locations for our permanent, Friday morning home?

- The Hilton Torrey Pines
- The Sheraton La Jolla
- The Hyatt-Aventine
- Jewish Community Center
- Westfield Mall
- Pacific Regents
- The V
- Belmont Retirement Community
- The International House at UCSD
- Joya
- Farmer and the Seahorse (and all of Alexandria)
- La Jolla Country Day
- Country Inn and Suites off Mira Mesa Blvd.
- Faculty Club at UCSD
- La Jolla Marriott



If you are curious about the results, join us for the presentation describing the features and availability for each. Learn about what proposals have been received for our meetings in the Golden Triangle market allowing everyone to make comparisons. There will be an unveiling of the ultimate, board recommended conclusions for everyone's consideration.



REPORT

from the last meeting



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Niki Brown was the Rotarian of the Day and shared a quote by Victor Hugo: "Our mind is enriched by what we receive, our heart by what we give."

Announcements

- The District 5340 Nominating Committee is accepting applications for the Governor of District 5340 for Rotary Year 2025-2026. The deadline is Oct. 10.
- The Trail Clearing project with San Diego Canyonlands and City Heights Rotaract originally scheduled for 10/22 is being rescheduled, new date TBD.
- LJGT Rotary Membership will have a booth at the EDUCATE Oktoberfest Saturday 10/8 from 2-6pm at Standley Park.
- The Rotary District 5340 Conference and Foundation Gala are being held October 29th for anyone interested in attending.
- The Holiday Party at the ZLAC Rowing Club will be held on December 10.
- At next week's meeting we will review the results of the venue search committee.
- Thank you to those who support Brett and those participating in the 100 Wave Challenge benefitting

Boys to Men Mentoring on Saturday 10/8

- If you are interested in mentoring a victim of human trafficking, please talk to Nancy.

Hermione Martinez is our Student of the Month from The Preuss School. She spoke about overcoming challenges and finding a sense of direction and purpose. She has found her passion in the Arts. She recently received a scholarship for the Otis Art Institute and hopes to be a role model to other young people and students.

Our guest speaker, **Janessa Goldbeck**, is the CEO of Vet Voice Foundation. In addition to a long history with Rotary, she has an impressive background in journalism, foreign policy advocacy, and is a Marine veteran. The Vet Voice Foundation was established in 2009, has 1.5 million members, and empowers military Veterans to become civic leaders and policy advocates by providing the support, training, and tools they need to continue their service and find new missions at home.

VVF has several active campaigns and Janessa shared 2 with us today. The first is combating disinformation with a multi-pronged approach that includes recruiting,

training, and supporting volunteers to combat conspiracy theories in real-time, educating Veterans and volunteers on how to recognize misinformation. Studies have shown that veterans have a high level of cross-partisan respect, appeal, and trust in the community making them dangerously effective messengers for disinformation coming from foreign actors and domestic extremists. There is also no regulation on social media algorithms, which are designed to promote and amplify messages of rage and radicalism.

Second, VVF advocates for legislation, policies, and funding that preserves, maintains, and protects public lands like National Parks and Monuments. Specifically, they have been advocating to make Camp Vail in Colorado a National Park, which will become a reality in the upcoming weeks. Janessa also answered questions about VVF funding sources, participation from different branches of the military, mental health and suicide prevention, and more.

The closing quote of the day: "The present moment is the substance with which the future is made." – Nhat Hanh

~Reporter

Niki Brown



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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RANJAN LAHIRI

Ranjan is a first generation American, born in Springfield, MA, and raised in Bakersfield, CA. His father, Sunil, an oncologist, was born in Ranchi, India, and came to America after completing his medical training in India and England. His mother, Vivian, was a biochemist, who came to America from England in the mid-60s. His parents met while working at Children’s Hospital in Boston, MA. He has a brother, Aurin, who is in his last year of DPT school at the University of New Mexico, and a sister, Nee-sha, who lives in Houston and is the current self-professed taxi driver for her son, Kiran.

He received a BA in History from UCSD, an MS in Environmental Management from National University, and a JD from the University of San Diego School of Law. He is currently a partner at the law firm of Wood Smith Henning & Berman, where he spends many hours of the day doing lawyer stuff.

Ranjan has been a member of The Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World, since May 2018. He was membership chair for three years and is now District Membership Chair. He is also enjoying being part of the Peace Committee and an active member of Surfers Unite.

Ranjan is a long-suffering supporter of Aston Villa Football Club (adhering to his West Midlands’ roots) and also enjoys watching test match rugby. Ranjan also enjoys English television, especially Masterpiece Mysteries and Dr. Who. He is also still trying to get better at surfing.

