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#### NOVEMBER 2021 - SPEAKER





## Jose Cruz



### A GREAT TIME FOR LITERACY IN SAN DIEGO

The above title has a double-meaning. While the data is disappointing, there are a lot of good things happening in our region that is supporting greater literacy for residents...and improving quality of life for everyone. We will look at the bad and feature the good.

Jose Cruz is the chief executive officer for the San Diego Council on Literacy, a model urban literacy coalition. He has 36 of experience in the literacy field and is known in the national literacy network for organizing collaborative efforts for literacy. He is the recipient of the 2003 San Diego Union-Tribune, "Educator of the Year" award, and in 2014, The Union-Tribune recognized him as the Civic Leader of the Year through its Latino Champions Awards. In 2015 he was named to the San Diego High School, "Hall of Honor." Cruz currently serves as vice-chair of the board of directors of ProLiteracy, the largest literacy organization in the world. He is past-president of the Downtown San Diego Lions Club (2020/2021) and is the former host of The Literacy for All Radio Show on wsRadio. He is a native San Diegan, a graduate of the University of Southern California, and a proud product of the San Diego Community College District.



# **REPORT** from the last meeting



With more people joining in person than online, President Jacquie started the meeting with a very dynamic in-person crowd and equally dynamic Zoom audience!

**Christine Muhart** was our Rotarian of the Day, sharing her journey from an interest in the Peace Corps to being guided to working successfully in the technology industry to coming to Rotary with a desire to serve. She truly is completing her Red Badge requirements at a record pace and we could not be happier to have her with us!

The full house at the Marriott included Sarah Miceli and Wayne Davis for the first time in a while, as well as several guests announced by Garry Kachkovsky, including potential new member Christy White from Club 33 and 4 UCSD Rotaractors: Clarissa Joy, Christian Goodale, Irene Panis, and Casey Lee (potential new members as well!?)!

#### Member Announcements:

• Mike Bardin announced 55 years married, congratulations!

• Brian Eichenberg also celebrated an anniversary!

• **Ranjan Lahiri** celebrated his 50th birthday with a big star balloon as the club sang "Happy Birthday" and applauded. He shared that one of his greatest decisions was joining Rotary.

#### **Event Announcements:**

 Social: The Halloween Party will be on Saturday, October 30th! Sign ups closed on Monday; nonetheless, we are excited for a spooky social and hope to see you there!

• **Social:** A Friendsgiving around the Thanksgiving weekend was proposed, though people appear to already have full schedules and thus we may not hold a Friendsgiving.

• **Social:** A Wine and Paint Night with Del Mar CeramiCafe was proposed for a future date.

• **Social:** A chocolate truffle making class on Zoom was proposed for early December (truffle making, not just eating).

• **Social:** The December party will be on Saturday, December 18th! More details to follow.

• Social: Having received the San Diego Repertory Theater as a guest speaker recently, we are excited to attend a show there! Alex Monroe announced that on Saturday, January 29th, we plan to get dinner and watch Desperate Measures, a comedy mixing Western and Shakespeare. It has good reviews! Sign up sheet to come.

• Service: Chris Richards announced service with Wreaths Across America. Our LJGT Rotary Club has received the assignment to serve the Miramar National Cemetery by sponsoring wreaths at \$15 per wreath and by assisting wreath placing the morning of December 18th. Wreaths Across America began with the Worcester Wreath Co placing wreaths on every grave at Arlington National Cemetery, and support quickly expanded from there. Please volunteer your services by visiting wreathsacrossamerica.org/ CA0678.

• Service: Nancy Gatschet announced a need for more volunteers on October 30th to help bag cat food for the San Diego Humane Society. Please sign up!

At 7:55am, it was announced that yogurt, which presumably was not available before the meeting, was now available for those who wanted it.

Stephen Tako introduced our guest speaker, Kelly Martinez, the first female undersheriff of San Diego County. Kelly has served since 1985, working as a deputy and even in the FBI. Her presentation focused on the challenges of today's law enforcement.

Employing 4,100 individuals with a budget of about 1 million dollars, the San Diego County Police Department services those cities and areas without their own police departments, including operating jails and detention facilities. Kelly shared how they strive to comply with California's Racial & Identity Profiling Act. We also saw footage of how they incorporate drones in their current work. Apart from crime, services also include some involvement in assisting the homeless and youth.

President Jacquie closed the meeting with a clever joke and an interesting story about Jeff Bezos.

~Reporter

Bradley Day

## PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING









OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO













IS IT THE TRUTH?

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IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

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

> WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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#### NOVEMBER 2021

November 05 - Kim Schafer November 12 - Luke Ervin November 19 - Bradley Day November 26 - Dark

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**RISHNA ARORA** 

Behind every service project there is a story that is as endearing, as the project itself, so is life - always full of stories. About me --- I have one wife, 3 children in US, 52 children in India, 1 godson in Peru and 5 grandchildren. Trying to put food on the table and raise our family, I worked my "butt" off for 40 years before retiring from Qualcomm, only to get transformed to become, "Rotarian for Life!"





