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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2022 - SPEAKER

30.....Kindra Hixon
San Diego Canyonlands

KINDRA HIXON



SAN DIEGO CANYONLANDS

Our club has been involved with City Heights in several ways in the past, and it is a unique area of immigrants from many countries who are trying to build their lives here.

Kindra Hixon is the Outreach Manager for San Diego Canyonlands. They are an organization that works to protect and restore our canyons and to influence policies towards their protection. They also conduct educational programs for children to learn about our unique wildlife and ecosystems with hands-on experience. Kindra started as a Restoration Technician in 2018 and eventually created the Outreach Program. She is an alumni of Southern Oregon U with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Policy. Kindra has worked for non-profit organizations in Belize, Catalina Island, Oregon and now San Diego, all within the environmental sector. She is a naturalist with many years of experience working to restore the natural landscape and educate the next generation of environment stewards. She is a nature lover and fosters her love for the outdoors by hiking with her dog, birding and enjoying San Diego's open spaces.

We are now planning a project that involves clearing trails in City Heights that are heavily used by the residents, and are often safer than the busy streets.

We are partnering with San Diego Canyonlands and Oct. 22 will be the trail clearing day, from 8 am to 11 am.





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?

Was nice to see a full room of Rotarians, visitors, guests and SDSU Rotaract members as President **Nancy Gatschet** struck the bell to call the meeting to order. **Bonnie Arora** announced the guests which included a couple ladies from the University City Community Association, **Jemma Samala & Diane Ahern**.

Mark your calendars for Educate Oct 8 as it is a fundraiser for local UC schools and our Rotary Club will have a booth there to engage with area residents. We had a guest of Ranjan's, **Brad Brunaugh** of the U.S. Coast Guard as he's doing a leadership development program with Qualcomm. We also had **Matsooma Esmaelzada** from Afghanistan, guest of Chris Muhart joining us for the first time and Past President Linda Wallis brought **Carol Vaughan** as a guest. Our table full of SDSU Rotaract students included **Ari Weisman** who is accepting a position with Google upon his graduation from State.

Our Rotarian of the Day was none other than Past President **Dory Beatrice** who started out humoring the crowd with children's letters to God. Dory reminded us all that she's a member of several villages including the LJGTRC since 2000 and she's also a member of a group of Seniors who meet in Solana Beach at Peggy Martin's home. Fun fact, this group "has no redeeming service value but it keeps our sanity" and she is also now involved with a Senior Community where she's teaching aspects of aging well. Dory closed with a video of a really great restaurant in Chandler AZ, the Heart Attack Grill which provided some good laughter.

President Nancy surprised **Karla** with a special Paul Harris presentation from Rotarians **Jimbo & Sharon Skiles**, Rotary

Club of Downtown Gainesville. This is her 2nd Paul Harris...not bad for a red badger!

Announcement was made by **President Nancy** about the Oct 27 canyon trails clean up in City Heights...more to follow.

Dr. Brian Eichenberg announced the Chili Cook off at **Rich & Cheri Papike's** home in Jamul, Nov. 5th. People can compete for their best chili recipe or simply respond on the eVite and bring a side dish to share.

Brett took a moment to thank those involved with the Life Rolls On event at La Jolla Shores headed up by Ranjan and a dozen Surfers Unite members including **Michael Slentz, Nikki Brown, Krista Davies** of PB Rotaract and others. Volunteers took over 80 disabled children and adults surfing. Surfers Unite also had volunteers assisting with the Nissan Supergirl Pro in Oceanside last weekend and now the crew is gearing up for the 100 Wave Challenge. Volunteers are needed to assist with the October 8th event at Cardiff Reef to be food runners to Pannikin in Leucadia and Board & Brew Del Mar. Those interested in assisting or being involved with Boys to Men Mentoring should contact Brett.

Rich did an awesome job as FineMaster as **Jan Percival-Lipscomb** ran around the room collecting money.

Bonnie & Krishna recently celebrated 50 years of marriage and offered several high \$50's to: **Linda & Steve** for hosting the party at their home, \$50 to **Dory** for helping with planning, \$50 to **Father Wayne** for renewing their vows for the 3rd time, \$50 to **Louise Andres** for obtaining a blessing from the Pope, \$50 to **Rick Clark** for putting together a fantastic video & \$50 to all club

members. Such a lovely and generous couple. Brett threw a high \$5 for **Jimbo & Sharon** acknowledging **Karla** with a Paul Harris and for officiating the wedding of **Nick & Vanessa Milsner** in Tahoe last Friday

Our guest speaker was **Dr. Todd Jenkins** of the Rotary Club of Fayetteville. He discussed why he wears a bowtie and what we as Rotarians can do to improve diversity & inclusion to not only better reflect our communities in which we serve but also help Rotary prosper. "Inclusion is an action that we respect these visible & invisible differences." You want to be heard, how do we create this in conversations, in our company culture?

Be mentally present
Open to new ideas
Willingness
Tie it together
Inclusion
Equity

PP **Dr. Antonio Grillo Lopez** mentioned ways we could give to support the needs in Puerto Rico by going to the House of Puerto Rico to make a direct donation.

President Nancy closed the meeting with a song which **Brett** knew immediately was the theme song to Star Wars and promptly gave **Antonio** the post it notes since that song usually precedes Antonio when walks up to a podium. Another exceptional meeting for "the Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World!"

~Reporter

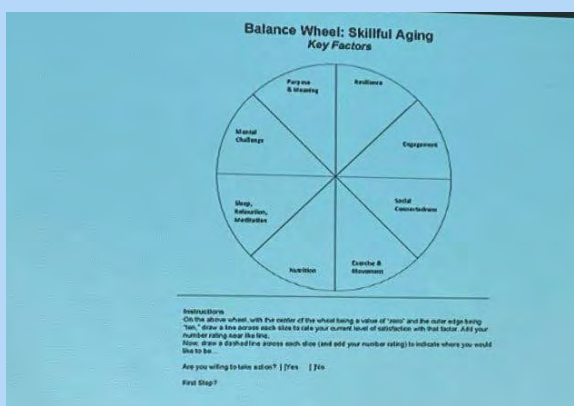
Karla Prieto Morey

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WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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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 2022 - 2023

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Stephen Tako – Author, Film Producer & Anti-Bullying Advocate

Stephen Tako is a Senior Advisor on Childhood Bullying with the Child Safety Network. Being a member of the Society of Children’s Book Writers & Illustrators, he has authored several anti-bullying themed books for adults and children. As a member of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG-AFTRA), he has produced, directed, cast and performed in films and public service announcements focusing on youth issues such as bullying, discrimination, neglect and suicide.

One of Stephen’s most ambitious projects is the development of Motivated To Act, a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to provide preventative measures to combat bullying and discrimination for children. This organization will provide services to schools and other youth organizations through the use of lesson plans, music and storytelling.

Stephen created an award-winning series of books and films based on the character Junga the Dancing Yeti®. This fictional character experiences bullying and discrimination mostly because of his appearance. Children ages 4-8 learn important life-lessons so critical for their age group regarding empathy, inclusion, overcoming age-appropriate adversity and other related issues. His third book in this series includes sportsmanship as part of the lessons children learn and the film adaptation will feature five former NFL players.

His talk show “Tako Talk” includes over 30 episodes where Stephen interviewed people who have been bullied and how they overcame their hardships. He has been featured on international podcasts, radio shows and live stages to discuss bullying prevention. Since 2010, Stephen has been the regular host of the Los Angeles Movie Awards, NYLA International Film Festival and the Los Angeles Cinema Festival of Hollywood.

Originally from the Cleveland Ohio area, he resided in Los Angeles for 30 years before moving to San Diego in 2019 with his fiancé’ and has one son in Los Angeles. He is an active member in the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club, Youth Services Committee.



OCTOBER 2022



ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY

STEPHEN TAKO

