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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTY WHITE BROOK

HIRO IWAMOTO



THE POWER OF ARIGATO

Meet Mitsuhiro (Hiro) Iwamoto, a man who has turned adversity into inspiration. In 1966, he was born on Kyushu island, Japan. Hiro faced a challenging path when he lost his sight at the age of 13, becoming totally blind by 16.

Struggling to cope, he once contemplated ending his life, but a message from his uncle in heaven changed everything he realized his blindness could inspire others. Embracing life with newfound vigor, Hiro took on various exciting pursuits, from sailing to climbing Mt Fuji.

Moving to San Diego in 2006, Hiro set his sights on sailing across the vast Pacific Ocean. In 2013, his first attempt ended in a whale collision, sinking his boat. Despite this setback, he refused to give up. Battling depression and criticism, he soon found strength in making his dreams even bigger.

He found a sailing partner in Douglas Smith, and together, they embarked on his second Pacific crossing. On April 20th, 2019, after 55 days of adventure, Hiro achieved an incredible milestone, becoming the first totally blind sailor to cross the Pacific.

His remarkable journey earned him prestigious awards, including the Japanese Prime Minister's Award. Today, Hiro is a motivational speaker, inspiring audiences at companies, organizations, and schools.

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 7.....Oktober Fest University City
(see Melanie Geschwind to volunteer)

October 7 - 8.....Ensenada Across Border Project
(see Ron Kohl for details)

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





REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2023

SEPTEMBER - SPEAKER

- 15.....Nazneen Dewji, Ph.D.
Alzheimer's Research
- 22.....Jose Cruz
The State of Literacy in San Diego:
A Change is Happening
- 29.....Linda Kurokawa
Career Advice

OCTOBER - SPEAKER

- 6.....Jessica Censotti
Report on Sister Cities and Rotary's effect
- 13.....Christina
Cultural Preservation of Turin 1911 Exposition
- 20.....Angela Mayora
Empowerment

President **Christy White Brook** started the meeting promptly at 7:30. recognizing Zoomers and ROTD, **Stephen Tako**. Stephen has had an illustrious career in Hollywood, way to go Stephen!



Our many guests included several from Club 33 and 4 prospective members! Christy "mugged" our German guest **Ed Clark**, who started his Rotary career 50 years ago as exchange student in Coral Gables, Florida.

High 5's included **Sheri** putting up with Rich P for 56 years?:-) **Eric Mjoen** recognized **Jay Hatfield's** help with his blind father-in-law, and gave **Rich P** a Norwegian passport!

David T is another year older today (Sept 2) and our speaker is one year older today too!

On Oct 7, volunteers needed for UC Octoberfest event as

well as trip to Ensenada work project. **Linda Andrews** is collecting children's books, 2 per member please. **Brett** needs volunteers for multiple surfer projects.



Christy then introduced our speaker who gave us an abridged version of his amazing story. You can read Seans's bio in this week's Golden Rotarian and watch his story on Youtube.com, True North by **Sean Swarner**.

So many inspirational stories. He gave his lucky green teeshirt to a young man with the same cancer. That shirt has been passed on at least 30 times...to 30 survivors! In a country where the cancer survival rates is 6%. Below are the stops along the climb to the top of Everest



Imagine crossing an aluminum ladder to get over a crack in a glacier and then what he had been standing on disappeared!



He challenged us...for the next 14 days when you wake up choose how your day will go. At end of day, journal 5 things that happened that you are grateful for, pick one and write about it.

His favorite quote is *"It always seems impossible until it's done."*

Thank you, Sean, for such a moving presentation and thank you Christy for bringing him to us. (BTW, I recorded his presentation if anyone wants to hear it again).

~Reporter

Jacquie Reilly



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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September 15 - Jonathan Harris

September 22 - Garry Kachkovsky

September 29 - Sandi Rimer



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FATHER WAYNE SANDERS

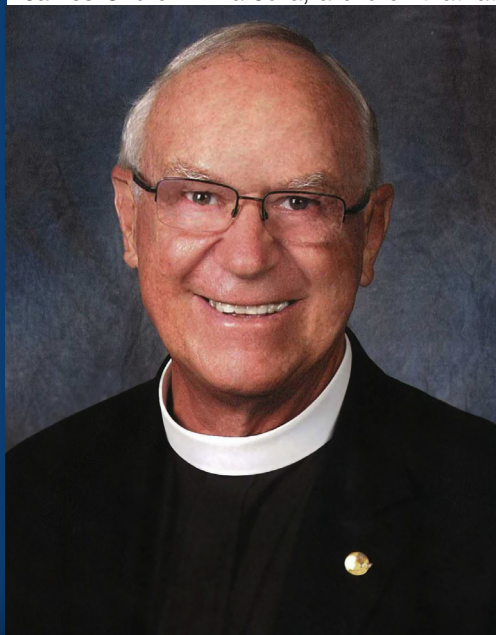
Wayne Francis Sanders, born in 1940 in Chicago, had a deeply religious upbringing in a devout Catholic family. Raised near Wrigley Field, Wayne's early life was marked by his service as an altar boy and his enthusiasm for volunteering in various church capacities. His education at Quigley Preparatory Seminary in Chicago introduced him to the study of Latin and Greek, essential for his future in the priesthood.

After his ordination as a priest, Wayne served at St. Gabriel's Parish on the South Side of Chicago. It was during this period that he crossed paths with a young teenager named Kathleen Bracken, who would later become a significant part of his life.

Wayne's journey took an unexpected turn when he joined the Navy as a chaplain. This experience exposed him to a broader spectrum of beliefs and led him to explore the Episcopal Church. In 1974, he made the decision to transition to the Episcopal faith, and he and Kathleen were married in the chapel of All Saints Episcopal Church in San Diego.

Before his appointment as clergy at All Saints, Wayne had a brief stint as a San Diego taxi driver. In addition to his role as assistant clergy, he became the headmaster of All Saints school. He and Kathleen welcomed two children, Joy Ann and Sean Wayne, into their family during this time.

As the Diocese of San Diego expanded, Wayne was called to lead the mission of Saint James Church in La Jolla, a church that later became known as Good Samaritan. Under his leadership, the church experienced significant growth and development.



Throughout his life, Wayne actively participated in various organizations and outreach efforts, including the Ecumenical Council of San Diego, Episcopal Community Services, and many more. After retiring from Good Samaritan, Wayne continued his ministry as the Cannon of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs.

Today, Wayne remains active in ministry, performing baptisms, weddings, and funeral ceremonies. He enjoys spending quality time with his grandchildren and continues to share his love of music and faith. His life journey exemplifies a profound commitment to faith, service, and the pursuit of his spiritual calling.