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The Rotary Club of Fallbrook

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Thursday's Program

Shelter to Soldiers

We meet via Zoom this week. Our guest speaker, **Kyrie Bloem**, will tell us about **Shelter to Soldier**. Shelter to Soldier rescues dogs from shelters and prepares them for lives of purpose, service, and companionship. The trained rescue dogs are paired with post-9/11 veterans facing challenges. The program creates connections that foster resilience, improve quality of life, strengthen families, and provide renewed sense of purpose for the people and the dogs.

Students of the Year

Fallbrook Union Elementary School District

At last week's meeting, we met the two students from **San Onofre School** who are being recognized as **Students of the Year**. Principal **Joe Kniseley** introduced third grader **June Polakiewicz** and eighth grader **Declan King.** The students and their families joined us for lunch and told us about their school work and goals for the future. **San Onofre School** has been recognized as a **California Distinguished School** and **Purple Star School Award** recipient. The Purple Star Award is given to military-friendly schools that demonstrate a major commitment to supporting military-connected students and families.



Upcoming Events

Nov. 19..... Club Board Meeting
Nov. 19..... Celebration and Drone Show Meeting
Nov. 20..... Impact Club Meeting
Nov. 21..... Highway Trash Pickup
Nov. 25..... Neighborhood Food Distribution
Nov. 26..... Dark for Thanksgiving

Looking Ahead

Next Week – Dark for Thanksgiving

There is no meeting next week. We are dark for **Thanksgiving**. If you're in the mood for a little Service Above Self, the **Highway Trash Pickup** is on Nov. 21 and **Neighborhood Food Distribution** is on Nov. 25. Just saying.



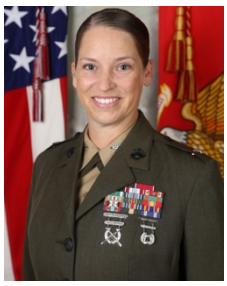
Honoring Their Service

Celebrating Our Veterans

Many thanks to all who participated in our club's celebration of **Veterans Day** at last week's meeting. We heard about the many club members and guests who have served in our country's armed forces. **Tom Buscemi** did the cake cutting honors and oversaw the passing of cake slices from one Marine Corps generation to the next. **Mike Magaldi** shared personal reflections of his time in the Army during the Vietnam war.







Topping it off was our guest speaker, **Colonel Meghan Kennerly**, Commanding Officer, Headquarters & Support Battalion at Camp Pendleton. The meeting was a fitting tribute to both our veterans and those still on active duty.

Quote of the Week

I'm suspicious of people who don't like dogs, but I trust a dog when it doesn't like a person.

Bill Murray