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Project PAINT**

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Laura Pecenco, Ph.D. is Founding Director of Project PAINT: The Prison Arts INiTiative, a visual arts program operating at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility and soon at California State Prison, Centinela, and Assistant Professor of Sociology at San Diego Miramar College. Stephanie Oldengarm is a senior at the Thurgood Marshall College of UC San Diego, majoring in Sociology, with a concentration in Law & Society. She looks forward to graduating from UCSD this March and hopes to attend law school in the fall to pursue a career in criminal law within the nonprofit sector. This presentation, by Founding Director Dr. Laura Pecenco and Program Assistant Stephanie Oldengarm, will highlight the work of Project PAINT: The Prison Arts INiTiative, a prison visual arts organization. Project PAINT has operated at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility for five years and is expanding to California State Prison, Centinela in Spring 2019. We will discuss the history and expansion of Project PAINT and Arts-in-Corrections in California, our course offerings and program operation, notable exhibitions and community events, and research and program outcomes.

Coming Soon

January 25—TBA

February 1—Past Presidents Program

February 8—Chula Vista Animal Shelter

February 15—Valentines Program



Friday January 11, 2019

CLUB BOARD MEETING
2nd Thursday of each month.
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Jasmin Harris is responsible for Development and Legislative reform for the California Innocence Project which is supported by California Western School of Law.

Their purpose is to find ways to exonerate inmates who have exhausted all their appeals and yet are innocent of the crime for which they were convicted. There have been 2,363 exonerations as a result of the Innocence Project nation wide since 1983. A study noted that approximately 4% of those on death row are innocent.. Locally, nine were exonerated in 2018 by the California Innocence Project serving Southern California.

Locally, much of the research to help inmates that qualify is done by interns from the California Western School of Law.

Jasmin noted that two of the most frequent reasons for exoneration are bad eye witness testimony (she showed common examples) and inadequate legal representation. She helped get a bill passed by the legislature that improved the process of witness identification of perpetrators.

A major concern is what happens after someone is exonerated. If the conviction is simply reversed, the person can still be tried again for the same crime and that keeps the state from paying any financial support for the wrongful incarceration. Efforts are in process to change the laws to get the funds released that are due. Because exonerations are fairly new, each state is developing its own laws to deal with the process.

The California Innocence project is financially supported by donations and grants. The lawyers are paid by the School.

News at Noon

Sponsored by: Ben Koala

The tax season is upon you and Ben Koala is ready to assist. Bonita Tax Service is a short distance from here near the Bonita Post Office and Ben Koala and his father have been directing the business since 2011. Ben is a CPA and a CFP who offers a wide range of services that include tax preparation, bookkeeping, retirement planning, wealth management, insurance and real estate. As a one-stop shop Ben is ready to offer lifelong services except that final service; although that too can be pre-arranged. See Ben Koala.

Winners



Miscellany



This is President Dan after he misidentified Laura Humphreys as Donna Moss



Dr. Bill Padelford was recognized by President Dan with a history lesson on what was happening when Bill was born 90 years ago. Bill is also very proud of his



PP Lisa Johnson was recognized for her first vacation with only her husband Eric as they toured Rome, Portugal and then crossed the Atlantic.



Take a look at chulavistarotary.org to see some changes and updates to our club's website. The changes reflect Rotary International's guidance on club website content and design. The home page uses photographs and text to be more welcoming and personal to people interested in learning about our club. Members can use the menu bar or the infographics on the home page to quickly navigate to a list of events, programs, birthdays and photo albums. The web site automatically adapts to different screen sizes, whether it be a desktop computer or a smart phone. More changes are still to come. In the meantime, take a look and feel free to let President Dan know what you think.



Gary and others visited Mark Greene in his home. The love is obvious.

