Coming Tuesday, January 23, Sarah Bowen President of the San Diego Chapter of the Gary Sinise Foundation

Sarah Bowen served twenty years in the **U.S. Nav**y, beginning as a nuclear trained **Surface Warfare Officer (SWO(N))** and then transitioning to space systems engineering and acquisitions as an **Engineering Duty Officer (EDO**). She earned a **Master of Engineering Management** from Old Dominion University **and a Master of Science in Astronautical Engineering** from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Following her military service, Sarah continues to work in the defense industry as a program manager and systems engineer. Sarah is also an industry adjunct professor at the USD Knauss School of Business, where she teaches courses in Business Analytics and Operation Management. She volunteers her time with the National Defense Industry Association NDIA and various veteran support organizations.

Report on La Jolla High School Interact Club

Homebuild #39

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"*On Saturday January 13, a group of 16 Interact students and 6 parent volunteers, went to Mexico to build home #39 for the Rotary Club. We had great weather and were able to provide a very deserving family a new home for them to enjoy for many years to come. They were freezing in their tiny hovel and were so grateful for a home. Another successful homebuild, where the students were fantastic workers and there were no injuries.*

They are looking forward to #40 this spring.” **Craig Schniepp, Youth Services Director and homebuild leader**

Students and Family members hard at work on #39

The Happy New Family of #39 and Proud LJHS Students

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Our Speaker on January 9th was **Christine Brady**, founder, and president of **The Americas Foundation**

The Americas Foundation founded in 1989 is dedicated to promoting binational community development at the US/Mexico border and giving direct aid to disadvantaged children.

Christine gave us more details of the founding of **Colonial LA Esperanza** which last week's **B*ITS*** also

described. Our Rotary Club was instrumental in getting the school underway under the leadership of **Rotary Director of International Service, John Vaughan.** Christine presented two videos showcasing the school and describe its latest program to deal with teen violence. "***More Art = Less Violence.***" *Currently the school teaches 150 students each year, and a second 150 each Saturday in the More Art = Less Violence Program.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President **Barbara Brown**

Barbara encouraged members interested in membership to attend the Zoom membership training program this Saturday, January 20. Details at:

https://rotary5340.org/Stories/membership-seminar-slated-for-january-20

Rock Star, **Bill Meanley** after receiving a ruby encrusted **Paul Harris Fellow Pin** about a month ago in recognition of his $8,000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation, once again, was formally awarded a **second Paul Harris Fellows Pin** this last week for yet another significant contribution.

 (ed note, what a handsome fellow he is!)

HAPPY $$$$

Orrin Gabsch gave our treasurer a $100.00 check after the meeting today. He was going to give it at Happy Bucks, but there was no time today. He is embarking on a 40-day cruise from Los Angeles to Sydney, Australia.

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 Your editor (THE **MARSH** ONE) neglected to include the names of the eight Tijuana Rotary Club members who came to last week's meeting to honor **David Shaw** for his 20 years of leadership in our TJ Scholars Lab.

Attending Team from Rotary of Tijuana

Arnulfo Casellas- President
Patricio Orozco- secretary
Anna Maria Fernandez- international
Enrique Luviano- president John Vaughan Laboratorio
Gerardo Brizuella- past president and Assistant Governor70
Daniel Wood- international
Lynda Wood- past president Coronado Binacional
David Cash - Director International

Our speaker in two weeks on: "Our Global Grant in Uganda", Rotarian Shabnam Miglani