



ROTARY CLUB of La Jolla

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Coming Tuesday, February 6, Dr. Mark Barry M.D. on Training the Trainers in Sub Sahara Africa.



Dr Barry is a retired **Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon**, originally from Ottawa, Canada. He received his orthopedic residency training there and did extra fellowship training in Toronto in pediatric orthopedics, scoliosis, and musculoskeletal tumor surgery.

He moved his family to Las Vegas to begin a 19-year private practice in 1993. During his time there he developed a spine implant system and several other innovations. He was able to patent a system of linked lever scoliosis derotation surgery, and eventually licensed his patents. The royalties allowed him to retire in 2014 and pursue his passion today of training in developing countries where there is a huge unmet need for orthopedic care.

Dr. Barry began doing training missions in developing countries in 2000. Over the course of 10 years and eight missions with **Health Volunteers Overseas** and other charitable service organizations he realized the

limitations and shortcomings of these educational models, so he came up with his own focused “training the trainers’ model for his subspecialty-pediatric orthopedic surgery. He introduced this subspecialty to the college of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECOSA-covering 14 countries) with his initial training program in Tanzania in 2016. The 3 surgeons trained in Tanzania are now training 4 of their own.

As a proud Rotarian, Dr Barry has received Global grant funding from **The Rotary Club of Del Mar** for two years. Part of the two-year training has been in Tanzania and recently Uganda. Our club is currently participating in that funding. It is his hope to enlarge this program to multiple other areas within in the continent of Africa.

Please RSVP to Natasha Vossen’s email re: our next luncheon on January 30th: nataschavossen@san.rr.com

Important our next luncheon will be held at the Living Room Restaurant 1205 Prospect Street.



Note: Our club is participating in the City of San Diego’s “Your Safe Place” hygiene drive for battered women and women who have been trafficked. Members are encouraged to purchase and bring women’s personal hygiene items to our next meeting.

Highlights from last week's meeting:



President Barbara Brown opened and presided over the January 30th Meeting in the beautiful garden of the La Valencia Hotel.

Kevin Gott offered the following inspirational.

“There is nothing noble to being superior to your fellow men. True nobility lies in being superior to your former self” Ernest Hemingway

Kevin then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Announcements:



Midge Coburn, the second woman to be inducted to The Rotary Club of La Jolla, announced she is returning to active participation in the Club. It will be good to have her in our midst again!

Penny Shurtleff gave a shout out of thanks to **Susan Stevens, Dave Weston, Nan Johnson, and Chuck Marsh** for their great help in providing **League House** with the Christmas Poinsettias this year. (Ed note: the **La Jolla Light** gave a full page of coverage in photos for this, our Rotary club annual event).



Penny also proudly announced she has been happily married for 53 years to her very best guy, **Gordon Shurtleff**.

Paul Harris Recipient



The **Trustees of the Rotary Foundation** have recognized former Rotary President, **Cindy Goodman** as a **Major Donor**, for contributing a cumulative amount of \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation. They awarded her a beautiful diamond encrusted Paul Harris Pin, Necklace, and Crystal to commemorate this impressive event.



Our speaker last week, Shabram Migliani



Over three years ago, our club member, **Shabram Migliani** successfully authored the Global Grant, “**Rotary Vijana Poa MobaleTechnology Hub Project**” with the **Club of Mbale in Uganda**. The Project started in late 1991 with a grant of \$85,000 and ended in late 2023. The objective of this project was to provide technology skills and employment education to the youth and women of Mbale Uganda ,for advancing economic empowerment within that community.

Uganda is a country of the young. 77% of the population is 25 and under. **Shabram** spoke of how the applicants walked for days, without eating to register for the programs. A total of 381 Ugandians applied, 308 were women and 73 were men. From the beginning the program was challenging as the students needed to develop the mindset and professionalism of work as well as the training in technology and the other educational programs offered.

The programs provided Communications and Technologies Computer training using **Microsoft Digital Literacy Curriculum** and internet access as well as a **Women’s Empowerment Curriculum** offering classes in women’s rights, gender based violence, harmful effects of early child marriages, self esteem, public speaking, entrepreneurial skills, and vocational skills such as tailoring, hairdressing handicrafts and catering.

Thus far 129 students have graduated, with 117 waiting to graduate. With the requisite skills, employment and income the graduates will not only be able to provide a livelihood for themselves but also for their families and their community. It is anticipated these programs will continue, as they were designed to be self sustaining thus allowing for the future training of many more Mbale students.

We proudly thank our fellow club member **Shabram Migliani** for undertaking and overseeing this challenging **3 year Global Grant**. Because of her gift of time, talent and devotion, the program will continue to be life altering for the impoverished youth of Mbale and their community.



Coming in two weeks

Rev. Dr. Mark Hargreaves from St James by the Sea, on
**“Irving Gill and the 14 Southern California Churches that
reflect Gill’s Architecture”**.