

ROTARY CLUB of La Jolla *News Bulletin*

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Our Program in two weeks: April 29th, Craig Schniepp and this year's RYLA Students



RYLA, (**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**) began in Rotary District 5340 in 1972 with 100 participants and has since grown to include more than 350 participants annually. Rotary clubs in District 5340 look each year for high school juniors who are outstanding school and/or community leaders with a strong service background to apply for RYLA.

It is an intense and incredibly challenging program designed to engender passion, resilience, determination, mental toughness, gratitude, and compassion in addition the program will instill in the participants the value of Service a core Rotary belief.

These select young people attend an all-expenses-paid 3-day experience where they are inspired by a diverse group of exceptional speakers, make life-long friends through fellowship activities, and discuss the ethical and social issues of today. These activities are conducted in an atmosphere of trust and respect. The result is that these students return to their schools and communities motivated to take on additional leadership roles and to find additional ways to serve.

This year we have funded 11 exceptional students from La Jolla High School. They will be attending our meeting, with their parents. to tell us of their adventures at RYLA, which is being held in Idyllwild. this year. This is a meeting you will not want to miss.

Please RSVP to Natasha Vossen's email re: our next luncheon on April 29, 2025, <u>nataschavossen@san.rr.com</u>

Hi-lights from last week's Meeting:



President Bob Teaff promptly called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.



Edna Pines offered the following quote from Vincent Van Gogh, who provided inspiration for her recent painting (see below)

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together "

Edna commented that all great paintings are made up of many, many small strokes of a brush, and similarly, our Rotary club consists of not one great act, but of many with a view of enriching our society. Edna then led us in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.





Rotarian Guests

Haley Londen, a guest of Edna Pines





Mel Segal, a guest of Barbara Brown

Darlene Disney, a guest of **Penny Shurtleff**





Dick Dahlberg, retired nuclear scientist and engineer

Stan Mendoza, a former Rotarian of our club and a guest of **Anya Kirk**



Announcements



The Fourth Reading of the Proposed Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs, 2025-2026.

Past President Chuck Dick gave the fourth Reading of the proposed Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs for the Rotary Club Of La Jolla Board 2025-2026, followed by a short business meeting President - Russell King Treasurer - Pat Russell Secretary – Barbara Brown Past President – Bob Teaff

Avenues of Service

Club Service – Penny Shurtleff Community Service- Denise McGuire International Service - Anya Singleton Membership Chair - Midge Coburn New Generation/Youth Service - Craig Schiepp Vocational Service- Vince Glorioso Senior Citizens - Penny Shurtleff Scholarship – Natascha Vossen

Florence Riford La Jolla Community fund – Bob Teaff Rotary Foundation President – Bill Burch

President Elect 2026- 2027 - Denise McGuire

Business Meeting of the Club

Chuck Dick called for objections or additions to the Slate

Hearing none, A vote was taken, and the proposed slate was voted in by Acclimation,



Our Colleagues from Sasebo Japan



Bob Teaff announced 6 of our good friends, from Sasebo will be visiting us on May 13th. We have a strong bond with them, as they have been extraordinarily hospitable to us when we visited them in their country. He urged club members to attend the meeting to show our appreciation for their friendship.

Importance of RSVPs to our Luncheons

Penny Shurtleff and **Natasha Vossen** asked that those who planned to attend our luncheons **PLEASE RSVP** on the sheet sent out every week by Natascha. Our attendance for this meeting was 40. Only 27 RSVP'd. This is a great inconvenience to the hotel staff, who have had to set up addition tables and provide unplanned additional meals. If you have difficulty with the attendance sheet, email Natasha or call her, just let her know if you will be attending.



Scholarship Interviews at Garfield High

Bob Pecora, chair of the STRIVE Committee, announced this year's interviews were held at the school on Friday the 11th. 11 Rotarians (see below) arrived to interview 19 students. Scholarships between 1 and \$2,000 were awarded to 9 students. The scholarships were given to help with the expenses of City College, Community College as well as vocational and trade schools. It was an honor to participate in these student interviews.





The interview Team at Garfield, minus one¹

¹ The photographer, Denise McGuire

Happy Buck's \$\$\$



\$\$20.00: Barbara Brown happy to announce her daughter Alison Brown has come out with a new song with Steve Martin, "*5 days Out, 2 days back* ". Additionally, Alison will be performing at the Hollywood Bowl this summer.

\$\$\$100: Courtney Snyder, happy, to have her boss **Don Kent** and teammate Janine here with us today! Courtney is also celebrating 11 months at **Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute**—and especially excited about our big event next week celebrating the NRG land donation at our hatchery.





\$\$\$55: John Hoss, happy to be retiring from his practice of Orthodontics after 55 years.

\$\$\$100: Denise McGuire, happy to have participated in the interviews at **Garfield High School**, a school like few others, that turns at risk teens around academically: providing them with second chances, caring teachers, small classes and an environment where they can and do flourish.



Auction Item:



Lance Bridges and Natascha Vossen traveled to Charleston last week, bringing back a handsome hotel water bottle to auction. Sold to maybe Bill Burch of \$30.00?



Our Speaker from Last Week, Don Kent: On Sustainable Seafood solutions in response to our Global Food Challenges today

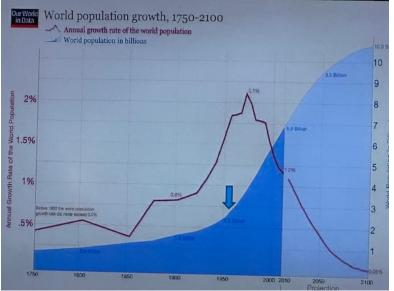


Don B. Kent, a member of Rotary Club 33, is the President/CEO at Hubbs Sea World Research Institute (HSWRI). Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute (HSWRI) is a non-profit scientific research organization committed to conserving and renewing marine life to ensure a healthier planet. Their team of experts provides innovative and objective scientific solutions to challenges threatening ocean health and marine life in our rapidly changing world. HSWRI operates out of three locations, San Diego, CA, Carlsbad, CA and Melbourne Beach, FL.

Don Kent came to the Institute in 1977 as a San Diego State University graduate student working on the growth characteristics of striped bass. ("Donald B. Kent, M.S. I Home - HSWRI") He has participated on numerous Institute programs studying gray whales, assessing noise effects on animals, minimizing killer whale impacts on fishing operations and, closest to his interest, the development of marine finfish aquaculture. Don has led the Institute since 1996.

In his presentation to our club this week, he highlighted the present need for sustainable seafood solution in response to food challenges felt worldwide globally.

During Don's lifetime, he pointed out our population has tripled. In the next 10-20 years it is projected that we can expect an additional 30-50% increase. The question is, how do we deal with this increased demand for water, energy and food.



Looking forward to ideal solutions for feeding our populations today and tomorrow, we look at the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The term sustainability is defined as:

Environmentally non-degrading,

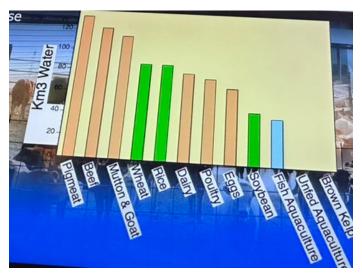
technologically appropriate,

economically viable and

socially acceptable.

Aquaculture falls squarely within those categories.

Unlike meat production, Aquaculture is far more efficient. Aquaculture is also lower in greenhouse gas emissions, lower water usage and importantly higher in protein conversion rates.



Water usage in the development of various food sources

In the US, Kent emphasized, America has the talent and resources but thus far lacks the policy and investment to lead in Aquaculture, as some European and Asian countries do presently.

Tomorrow may be different. HSWRI' has currently become heavily invested in studying Aquaculture. Their vision for the future through the Center of Excellence in Marine Aquaculture (CEMA) Oceans offer vast potential vs. limited land/freshwater for terrestrial farming.

The HSWRI's Vision is for Offshore Aquaculture in SoCal. Their proposal: An Offshore model fish farm near San Diego to produce California yellowtail. The

advantages are many. Proximity to markets, favorable climate and an existing infrastructure. The plans include A new research facility and a production hatchery. CEMA will serve as a collaborative hub for government, academia, and industry in the continued development and study of Aquaculture. We await news of further developments.



Next Week: Stay Home, or go for a Frolic and Detour, but don't come, As We will Be Dark.

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