



ROTARY CLUB of La Jolla

BITS of News

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Coming Next Tuesday, July 23, Ron Hutsel, The Vision and the Plan for the San Diego River Park



Rob Hutsel is the President & CEO of the San Diego River Park Foundation. The River Park was found in 2001. Since that time Rob has served as a catalyst in creating a 52-mile system of parks, trails and open spaces along the San Diego River.

As lead staff for the River Park foundation, he was instrumental in creating a coalition of 78 non-governmental organizations to partner with and help secure legislation to create a new state agency dedicated to the San Diego river as well as securing monies allowing him to purchase over 20 plots of land along the riverbed.

He has been honored over the years by numerous environmental groups and is fondly known by many as “***River Bob***” for his passion and dedication to improve the San Diego River and create a better future for all San Diegans.

Please RSVP to Natasha Vossen's email re: our next luncheon on July 23: nataschavossen@san.rr.com

July 16th Meeting Highlights



Pledge of Allegiance and Inspiration

President Barbara Brown led the membership in the **Pledge of Allegiance**

and offered the following words of reflection,

"To talk well and eloquently is a very great art, but an equally great one is to know the right moment to stop"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Visiting Rotarians:

Gordon Shurtleff, husband of **Penny Shurtleff**, **Carlos Malamud** and **Max Brumbaugh**



Carlos Malamud our longtime member and great supporter of La Jolla Rotary Club with **Bill Meanley**

Guests:

Dr. Jane Reldan welcomed UCSD 4th year Medical Student **Donya Mazdeyasn**



Chuck Dick welcomed his grandson, George from Denver, who is happily spending 2 weeks with his La Jolla grandpa.

Photos of other Rotarians who also attended the meeting.



Happy Bucks \$\$\$:

Max Brumbaugh

Jane Reldan

George Wahab, in honor of graduation his 4 grandchildren

Announcements:

David Shaw attended the 20th graduation of the John Vaughan Tijuana Rotary Scholars Lab on Saturday, July 13th. Four students graduated.



Students and teachers including Leonel, Yahir, teacher Kathy McClelland, Katie, Gail, teacher Mindy Donner and teacher David Shaw.

Tuesday, July 30th is **Rotary Night** and the padres: **Padres vs LA Dodgers**. The next Rotary Night will be August 20: Padres vs Minnesota Twins.

The Zevely Zone segment featuring the interview **Alison Brown** and our **President Barbara Brown** will air next Tuesday, July 23rd on CBS 8 at 6 a.m. 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.



Our Speaker Last Week, Larry Turner, Candidate for Mayor of San Diego



Larry Turner is a native Californian with roots throughout the state. At a very young age his family taught him the importance of service to our community and country. Immediately following college Larry joined the **US Marine Corps** where he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in 1992. Larry served in numerous commands throughout the world during his 22-year career until his retirement in 2015 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Larry served in combat and humanitarian operations and is a recipient of the Bronze Star

Larry chose to continue his life of service immediately upon his military retirement by joining the San Diego Police Department

where he is still an active police officer and served over eight years on our streets. Larry has served as a patrol officer throughout the city, he was a member of the SWAT team, a field training officer for new officers, and is currently a community relations officer.

Larry knows the city from inside the homeless encampments to city hall and has developed relationships at all levels throughout the city. He has a unique perspective as a leader and lifelong servant who can see the dire need of a new direction to return San Diego to the finest city which it can be again. He is married to Cynthia Turner and together they have two young children.

As an independent, Larry has been able to bring together people who have differing political points of view, yet with the same objective, to make San Diegans proud of their city due to sound decisions that represent the needs of its constituents. With years of experience of serving the people, he will initiate a culture within the city that embraces common sense, transparency, and an alignment with all communities within the City of San Diego.

Larry said that his top three issues are:

1. The homeless crisis in San Diego: He said that he believes the public safety issue is related to homelessness and its threat to folks on the street. He said that 85% of police issues are related to homelessness. He believes that mandatory placement of homeless folks in shelters will result in better outcomes for both the homeless and the city.
2. Infrastructure: He believes that improving infrastructure in the city will improve its fortunes in the future.
3. The drug problem: He believes that the city is providing bad

data to the public, that the drug problem is much worse than is portrayed (including both fentanyl and methamphetamine). This is based on his observations as a community relations officer with the San Diego Police Department.

He believes that the city needs an audit of money spent. He also believes that money is being spent without accountability and is wasting taxpayer resources. Larry then opened the floor to questions from the audience, of which there were many.



Coming in about two weeks, our **Rotary Social** on the evening of July 31st, 5:30 to 8PM at **Natascha Vossen** and **Lance Bridges** home at 1396 Muirlands Vista Way in La Jolla.

Be sure to sign up for the party on the Google sheet we send around weekly.



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