

# ROTARY CLUB of La Jolla

## ***BITS of News***

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**At our upcoming meeting October 24<sup>th</sup>, Scripps  
Oceanography Scientist Deborah Kilb  
An expert on Earthquake Preparedness**



**Dr. Kilb** will talk about the evolution of thinking about the value of early warning technology and the role the social sciences have played in developing the warning systems currently deployed across the three western states of Washington, Oregon, and California. Dr. Kilb can help us all be better prepared for an earthquake.

Born in Schenectady, New York, **Dr. Kilb** received a B.A. in mathematics and computer science, with a minor in music, from UCSD. She received a master's degree in applied mathematics from UCLA, and a Ph.D. from the University of Memphis, studying at the Center for Earthquake Research and Information (CERI) and specializing in seismology. She served as a graduate intern at the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, Calif., completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Princeton University, and then joined Scripps, initially as a postdoctoral fellow.

**IMPORTANT: Please RSVP to Natasha Vossen's email  
re: our next luncheon on October 17th:  
[nataschavossen@san.rr.com](mailto:nataschavossen@san.rr.com)**

## October 17th Meeting Highlights:

### Inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance Kevin Gott



#### **Kevin Offered the following wisdom.**

"The price of greatness is responsibility" Winston Churchill

"A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on." Winston Churchill.

"If you want something said, ask a man. If you want something done ask a woman." Margaret Thatcher

**Happy Bucks \$\$\$ Davis Cracroft offered \$50.00** to celebrate his good news. After a recent checkup, his Arizona doc told him, his months and months of wearing a cervical collar was coming to an end. The Doc predicted; Davis would only have to wear his cervical collar a mere six weeks longer!





**Cindy Goodman** spontaneously **offered \$100.00 in Happy Bucks**, after listening to our talented six **LEAD** kids and the overall success of our **LEAD** program at Muirlands Junior High.

## Auction Item

**Chuck Marsh**, having just returned from a bicycling trip in Portugal, offered a Portuguese Delicacy...a tin of Portuguese Sardines (also known as smoked salmon) for auction. Bidding flew from \$10.00 to \$70.00 with **Chuck** giving the final bid and winning back his beloved Sardines.



## Happy Birthday John Donaldson!

We all sang “Happy Birthday” to **John**, who had just turned 39. **Chuck Marsh** was so moved, he proudly gifted John his prized tin of sardines.





## The Kids and our LEAD Program last week

**Craig Schniepp**, Chair of Youth Service introduced us to the **LEAD** Program at Muirlands, our 6 **LEAD** Students who went to Camp Cuyamaca this year, and their parents. Questions abounded. Did they like the program? Yes, they loved it! They only wished it could have lasted longer. Their favorites were the Inspirational speakers, finding new friends, the ethical questions, the games, and their mentor, **Craig Schniepp**, who was always with them, cheering them on. The food wasn't the best, but then there were the brownies, and the breakfasts of pancakes and sausages. Their cell phones didn't work up in the Cuyamacas, but it didn't matter, as they just spent more time playing. They fully intend to stay active in **Interact** and participate in **RYLA** when they are in high school.



These 6 **LEAD** Students were chosen by their **Muirlands counselor Christian**, who said they were the leaders and standout kids in their class. In all, this was a win for everyone involved, including we Rotary members who had the fun of meeting them, and hearing about their experiences.



**Craig Schniepp** told us they had 150 students sign up for our **Interact Club** at LJHS this year. He works at the school with these kids every week. Their current project is building 4 homes in Mexico before Thanksgiving this year. Later this year, District Rotary 5340 will sponsor a Musical competition, offering \$2500 as a prize. **Craig** also has plans to set up a model UN Program later in the year. In Spring, our Club will sponsor 8 Students from La Jolla High and Bishops for **RYLA** which will be in Idyllwild. As their presentation ended, **Barbara Brown** told the LEAD students to

stay involved. Our Rotary Club gives \$220,000 in college scholarships to local high school students each year.

## In Two Weeks, October 31, Halloween Social!

It's happening between 6 and 8:30 PM at the **Cracrofts'** home. Regular folks as well as dogs and their masters, in costume or not, are all welcome!



# ARE YOU READY?

