



The La Jolla Rotary

News Bulletin

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**Coming on Tuesday, December 17th, Our
Annual Holiday Evening Party at the La
Valencia...**



Plus, the Changing of the Guard, The
"Demotion" of President Barbara Brown



**Please RSVP to Natasha Vossen's email re:
our Christmas Evening Soiree at the La
Valencia on December 17th:
nataschavossen@san.rr.com**

Highlights From Last Week's Meeting

The meeting was called to order by **President Barbara Brown** at 12:30 p.m.



The Inspiration and Poem by Robert Frost and Pledge of Allegiance was
offered by
Lance Bridges



Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake,
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

These woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
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GUESTS



Troy Longwith, New General Manager of La Valencia, joined us and announced that La Valencia will celebrate its 96th Anniversary on December 15.

Visiting Rotarian:

Gordan Shurtleff husband of **Penny Shurtleff**

Guest of Rotarians:

Midge Coburn welcomed graduate student Dania Taki who is interested in joining our club,

Happy Bucks: \$\$\$

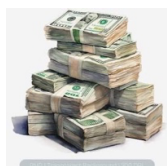
David Shaw, \$100 in honor of trip to Australia.

Cindy Goodman, \$25: in hopes the long-awaited new Rotary signage will be installed soon after the first of the year.



Dave Weston, \$100 in honor of former La Valencia Manager and a great guy, Richard, (Dick) Irwin.

Penny Shurtleff, \$20, honoring our Speaker, Amy Forsythe who attended the same Girls Catholic High School in Santa Rosa that Penny did.



Announcements

Penny Shurtleff: Reports **Our League House Brunch**, held on December 5th was a huge success. Penny thanked our Rotary volunteers **Courtney Snyder, Taylssa D'Avila, Vince Glorioso, Chuck Marsh, Nan Johnson, Denise McGuire, Pat Stouffer, Anya Singleton, Susan Stevens, Dave Weston** and of course, her guy, **Gordon Shurtleff**.

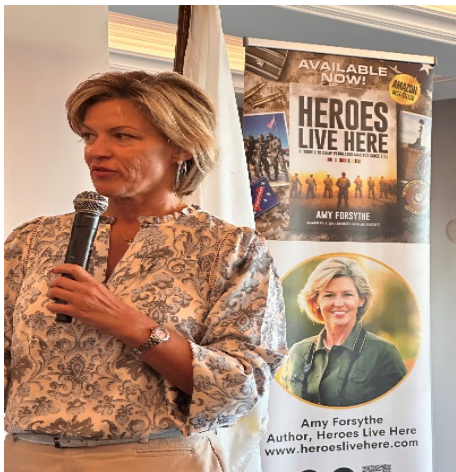
She gave a well-deserved shout out to **Dave Weston** and **Susan Stevens**, who gifted the League House, with a **\$10,000 check** the day of the party.



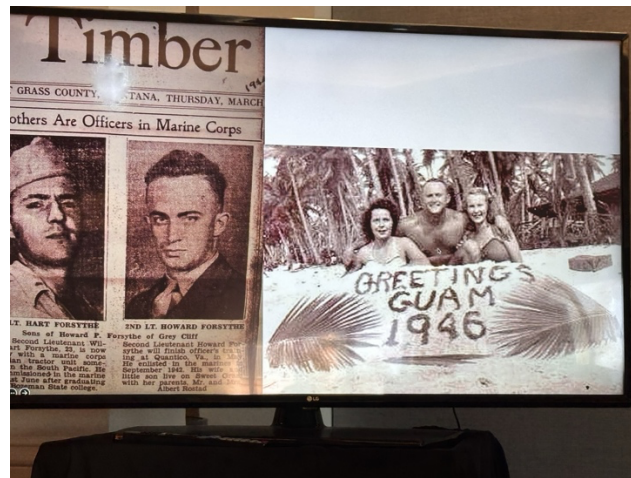
What is the League House? Originally built as low-income housing for widows of World War II veterans killed in action. Today the League House is owned and operated by the **Social Service League of La Jolla** and provides affordable housing for seniors who have lived and worked in the San Diego area and cannot otherwise afford housing after retirement.

Penny Shurtleff, husband Gordon and the La Jolla Rotary have been holding yearly parties for the residents there since 2002.

Last Week's Speaker, Amy Forsythe

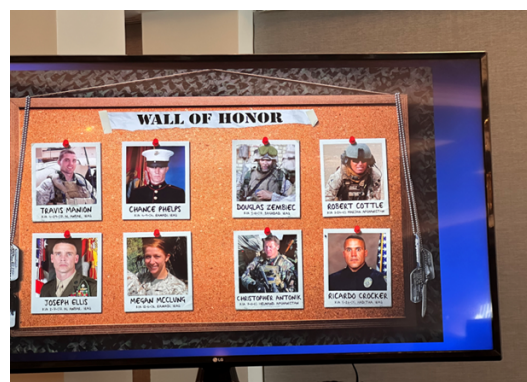


Amy Forsythe is a Marine who served 18 years active duty and now is in the Reserves. She is also an award-winning Journalist. She has written a book about the Marines, “**Heroes Live Here**”, the story of the Marines of Camp Pendleton since 9/11. Amy is a graduate of Cal State University San Marcos and University of San Diego graduate school. During her service she was deployed twice to Iraq and three times to Afghanistan! Many of her family members were in the Armed Services. In 2020 she became the Public Affairs Officer at Camp Pendleton.



Camp Pendleton is home to 45,000 Marines and Sailors at any one time. It is named for General Joseph Henry Pendleton, (1860-1942), a Graduate of the Naval Academy, who served in the Marines and Navy from 1884 to 1924.

Camp Pendleton sent the first troops that deployed to Afghanistan and there is a memorial for fallen Marines at Camp Pendleton.



During Q and A, Amy fielded a question about women's role in combat, which she supports. She herself has served in combat as a combat journalist on multiple deployments.

Future Rotary Events

Following our Holiday Party on the 17th of December, our Club will remain dark until January 7th, 2025, when we will present **Barbara Bry** and her husband, **Neil Senturia** as they discuss their book,

"I Did It" The biggest Woman Led Ponzi scheme in History

The story of **Gina Champion-Cain**, the mastermind behind the largest woman-led Ponzi scheme in US history—\$400 million.

Merry Christmas All!



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