

# Reaching for the Stars

Celebrating La Jolla Rotary's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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## *Letter from Ken*

Rotary Club of La Jolla stands tall among Rotary clubs around the globe. Our 70 years of active and strategic contributions have changed the lives of so many people here in the U.S. as well as in many other countries. Weekly meetings bring us together not just to discuss on-going projects but also for information via great speakers and friendship as we enjoy a delicious lunch together.

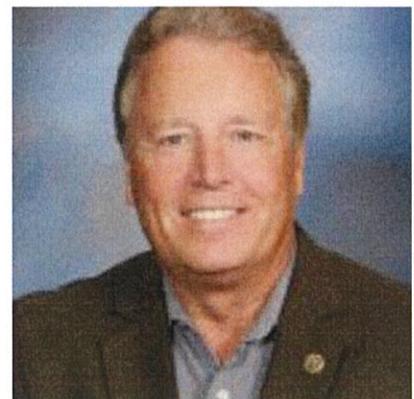
Our scholarship endowments are one of many ways we support young people here in the San Diego area. Each year in May high school students apply then participate in a selection process that results in significant financial help for those most qualified.

Last year among our many contributions, Club members took part in building a 600 egg laying chicken coop in Haiti, built homes in Mexico and sent disaster relief help to several countries. These examples are just a few of the hundreds of international projects from Mexico to Africa Rotary Club of La Jolla has initiated or been a participant.

Our meetings each Tuesday for lunch at La Valencia Hotel in La Jolla are exciting and fun, not to mention the world class view and food. Meeting motto: Best view—Best food—Best friends

Join us; your life will never be the same.

Ken King  
President



# Rotary Club of La Jolla

Promoting peace, preventing diseases, improving basic education and literacy, and helping communities develop.

We are your neighbors, community leaders, global citizens working. We share a passion for community service and friendship, diseases, improving primary education and literacy, and helping communities develop.

We join with other Rotary groups around the globe in promoting peace, eradicating disease, improving literacy and helping communities develop. La Valencia brims with excitement Tuesdays at noon as members of the Rotary Club of La Jolla gather.

The Rotary motto is “Service above Self,” High ethical standards are emphasized, and club members follow the Four-Way Test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

No project large or small deemed worthy of pursuit is ignored. Club members have contributed funds to such international projects, and they’ve promoted clean water goals in Third World countries. Local scholarships are given, and much is done for Tijuana, only 20 miles away.

The energetic group of men and women labor diligently at a variety of activities to fulfill the Rotary motto of “Service above Self.” What the mission of the Rotary Club of La Jolla aligns with Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

It is a tall order, but one that has been successfully carried out since Rotary Club of La Jolla was chartered here in 1946.

Attending a Rotary meeting is refreshing – a step back in time in this era where each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation? Members tout their triumphs of the week – a winning sports team or a goal attained. Guest speakers cover a wide array of topics that allow members to stay knowledgeable about what is happening in the area. Since its inception in 1946 the Club has grown and prospered, and throughout the year, Rotarians work to improve their community, either through various fund-raising projects or via area service projects. Area students vie for Rotary scholarships to help them further their education. We honor the achievements of area students while the Club’s student-led RYLA, Rotaract and Model UN Clubs provides a mechanism for area youth to have their own service club – getting an early view of how responsible citizens work together to improve their communities.

Rotary Clubs throughout the world join together to impact health and humanity across the globe. Hats off to all Rotary Club of La Jolla Rotarians past and present as we celebrate 70 years of service!



#### HOW IT BEGAN

In the spring of 1947 La Jolla was a sleeping beauty. It had one traffic light, two drugstores, and three service stations. It also had a dramatic coastline, a gold-plated climate and an exceptional citizenry. These attributes had put their stamp on the community from the beginning.

The beginning came in 1886 when an enterprising real estate investor by the name of Frank Botsford bought the land for \$1.25 an acre. If that seems ridiculous, the circumstances were not. In 1886 California had been in the Union barely 40 years. Older people vividly remembered the war when the Mexicans crushed the Army of the West while Commodore Stockton gave a victory ball in San Diego.

In the 40 years since California passed into American hands, San Diego had largely been bypassed. Basically, it remained an outpost. When Frank Botsford bought La Jolla, he bought a barren slope on Mount Soledad, unknown, untouched, unloved. Even the name was a bafflement. How to pronounce it? Much later Harriet Condict supplied the clue.

#### LA JOLLA HOYS

Joyful spot beside the sea  
Jow thy lovers dote on thee  
Jappy junting ground for all  
Those who jeed old ocean's call.

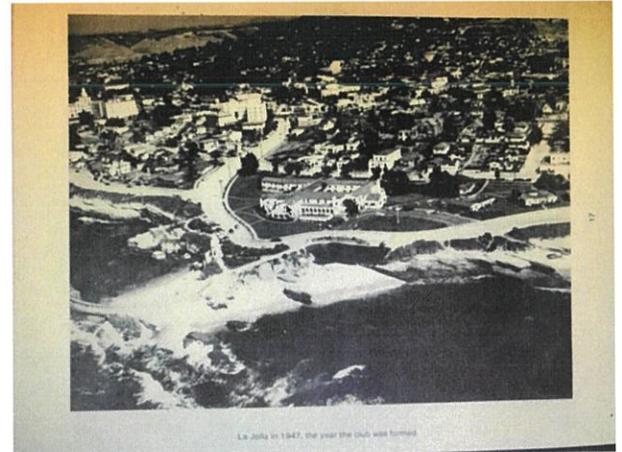
Jere the brides of many Junes  
Spend enchanted joneymoons  
On the beach a holly throng  
Bathe and swim the whole day long.

Jop and hump in costumes gay  
Jush! In costumes did you say?  
While the thirsty artist soul  
Finds to quaff a brimming bowl.

## 1947 to 1949

1947 Gordon Gray

Gordon was born in 1877 on a farm near Niles, Michigan. He graduated Harvard Law School in 1900 and practiced law in Chicago, where he first joined a Rotary Club. He came to San Diego in 1910 and got the San Diego club off the ground in 1911. In 1947, at the age of 70, he started La Jolla Rotary club.



1948 Otto Bradshaw

Otto came to La Jolla in 1934 and joined our club when it was formed. Under his presidency the membership nearly doubled (from 20-36). The club contributed to the Red Cross, sponsored a Boy Scout camp, helped the club in Palm Springs, organized an orchid show in La Jolla, partnered with the Soroptimists and held a ladies night.

1949 Kenneth Glazebrook

Kenneth came to La Jolla during the war, and after formed the Glazebrook Nelson Real Estate Company. Under his presidency the club established a fund for underprivileged children at Scripps Hospital, gave money for the Boy Scout home in Balboa Park, and contributed to La Jolla elementary school. The Surfbeat was started, one of the more permanent attainments.



## 1950 to 1960

1950 Kenneth Rearwin

Under Ken the La Jolla Rotary continued to grow. The major project was furniture for a room in the new wing of the hospital, raising \$1000. Club membership grew from 35 to 51. The committees began to function and visiting Rotarians showed up in increasing numbers.

1951 Emery Armacost

Buz was a charter member of our club. During his year as president, the club awarded its first scholarship. The VISA program (Visiting International Students Association) became a highly visible and rewarding enterprise.

1952 Paul Spillane

Under Paul the Rotary club did many things: helped students, supported the Crusade for Freedom, held joint parties with Old Mission and Tijuana, and contributed to the Brownies, and much more. He lived up to his pledge that the club should have some money in the till.

1953 Howard Rowe

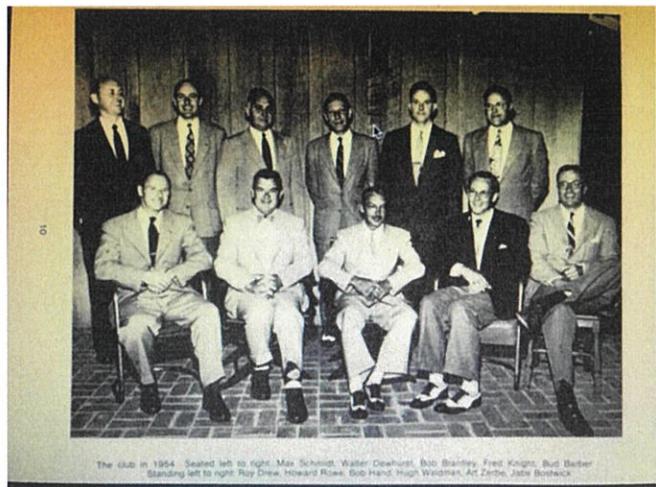
A military man, Howard was born in the Midwest and raised in La Jolla. After his service he came back to La Jolla and became the best insurance man on Prospect street. He joined the club soon after it was formed.

1954 Hugh Waldman

Hugh was the owner of a car agency in La Jolla. His love for cars and motorcycles started at the age of 12. He and his wife were tragically killed in a car accident.

1955 Bob Brantley

It was during Bob's presidency that the four-way test which has become Rotary motto. Bob distributed the plaques to many local offices. He also went on to serve 20 years as Rotary information chairman.



1956 Walter Dewhurst

Walter Dewhurst was a contractor who was noted particularly for his work with unstable houses. During his term Walter hauled out his heavy equipment to make a baseball diamond at the high school, gratis. He also had a 30 year plus record of perfect attendance.

1957 Bob Hand

Bob was a decorated military man, the most notable a Purple Heart. After the war he moved to La Jolla. As president he got Pop Warner football started and paid for the uniforms out of his own pocket.

1958 Fred Knight

Fred joined Rotary at the age of 21, and joined our club in 1948. He became the Surfbeat editor and it was always letter perfect. Fred's advice to the club was "get more young members".

1959 Gene Schniepp

Gene was owner of Cole's Moving and Storage Company. Gene had great affection for the club and he was in charge of the scholarship program for many years.

## **1960-1970**

1960 Bob Boughton

Bob's notable project was to create a youth hostel on wheels for traveling bicyclist. The Rotary bought a second hand bus for \$3000 and revamped it. When is was finished it was a vehicle that could carry 25 people and 25 bicycles plus camping equipment. It was a resounding success.

1961 Cameron McDonald

Cameron was an electrical contractor in La Jolla. He stayed very active in the VISA program, planning activities and providing hospitality for the visitors.

1962 Charles Tischoff

Charles was in Real Estate in La Jolla who loved sailing. As Rotary president he conducted himself with vim and vigor, and was known as one of our livelier presidents.

1963 Athos Sada

Pino went into police work and became a Rotarian when he was captain of the northern division. His office was on Herschel where the Firehouse now resides.

1964 Marion Karrh

Marion worked as a mail carrier in Phoenix and then Mart, Texas. He eventually became postmaster of La Jolla.

1965 Karl ZoBell

Karl is probably better known for his work on the Town Council and with La Jollans, Inc. He was a senior partner in the law firm Gray, Cary, Ames and Frye. His specialty was estate planning and land use.

1966 Charles Robison

As president Chuck was responsible for the show-the-flag campaign. The club joined the Stamp Out Crime drive, supported the Northwest Y, and sponsored an explorer post. Junior Achievement blossomed under Chuck.

1967 Bob Herrick

Bob was a Dartmouth scholar until the war interrupted his education. After the war he finished his education and then moved his family to La Jolla where he became a food broker.

1968 Tom Watson

Tom may be the only Rotarian who started two clubs and headed three. He also became district governor. He came to La Jolla and bought the TravelLodge on Silverado in 1961.



1969 Everett Stunz

Everett was in the sleeping business and opened a store in La Jolla featuring the electric bed. During his presidency he pushed the Rotary International Foundation. He also put great stress on the four way test.

## 1970-1980

1970 Bob Stader

Bob was a veterinarian and moved to La Jolla in 1961. He eventually sold his practice and became an avid golfer.

1971 Ray Howard

After graduating from Berkley Ray became a salesman of industrial products. He worked for Luck Line and has a thriving business which outgrew its Bird Rock home and moved to La Mesa.

1972 Paul Bremner

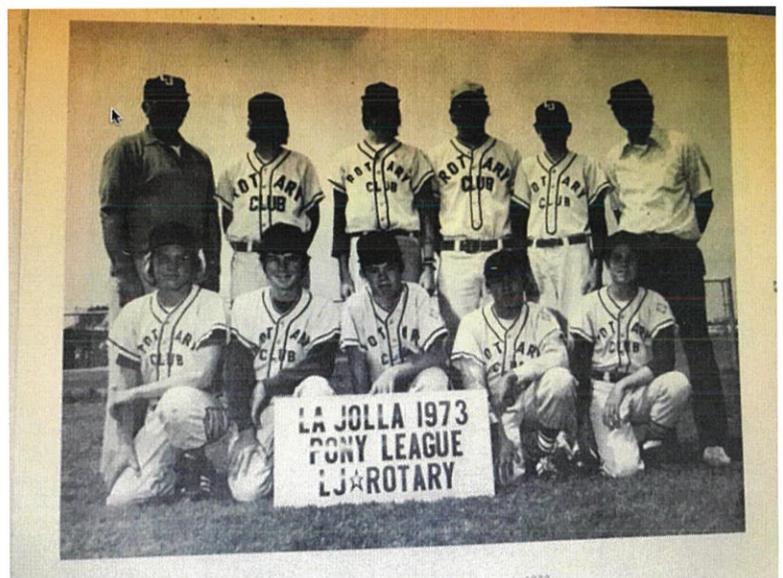
Under Paul's presidency the club formed Interact at La Jolla High and Bishops schools. We also installed a drinking fountain at the library as well as donated playground equipment for SOFA. And formed a women's auxiliary called the Rotaryanns. This year we received the governor's trophy for best club.

1973 Clifford Graves

Clifford was born in the Netherlands. He went to Columbia and received his MD, and made his way to La Jolla.

1974 Percy Allen

Percy was a principal at La Jolla High school from 1954 to 1956. As a Rotarian he gave a great deal of time to the little league and our sponsored team.



1975 Virgil Watters

Under Virgil's leadership the club gave a \$1000 scholarship to a high school student, loaned \$1500 to a needy college student, supported baseball and underwrote the Y Vikings and many more meaningful projects.

1976 Bill Beamer

Under president Bill, the club gave generously to various good causes including the Boy Scouts, the local White House conference, United Nations conference, Boys State in Sacramento, Northwest Y, the La Jolla ambulance and many more.

1977 James Moir

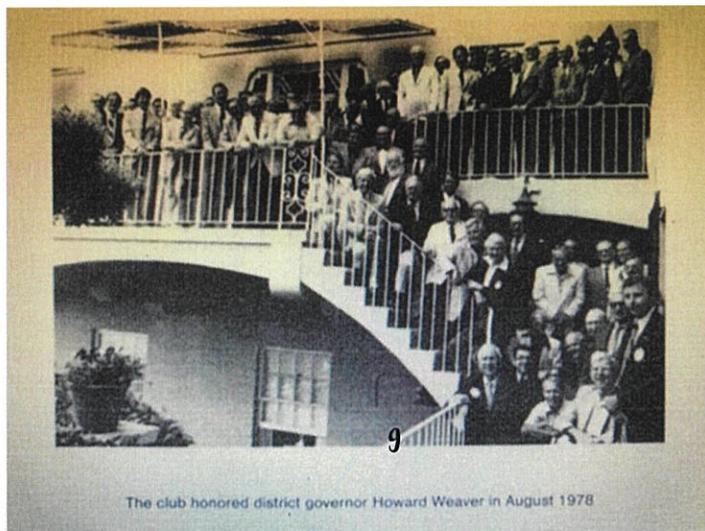
Jim came to La Jolla and took over the Mufax billing system local operation. Jim's presidency included a \$1500 tree planting and landscaping program at La Jolla High, scholarships and grants to Youth for Christ.

1978 Don Fox

Don started his career as a play actor in New York. He was sidetracked by the war and after returned and went to work for Saks Fifth Avenue, and other large department stores. He eventually bought the Eva Jon shop in La Jolla. Under Don, the Rotary gave \$8000 worth of used clothing to Project Concern, \$3000 to scholarships, \$1500 for the Tijuana La Mesa Clinic and \$1000 to victims for the Baja flood.

1979 Rim Madsen

In his year as president, Rim raised more money than had ever been collected before, nearly \$8000. Of this \$3000 went to the 3-H program. In recognition, our club got the international service award.



## 1980

1980 Gareth Clark

Gareth was a banker who worked as an estate planner with Crocker. It was during Gareth's term that we celebrated the Rotary's 75 anniversary.

1981- James S. Triolo

1982- Robert H. Cleary

1983- W. Ian Anderson

1984- J. Berk Walters

1985- Pieter D. Speyer

1986- Alan R. Toffler

1987- Roy M. Drew

1988- Charles D. Burges

1989- James Kendrick

## 1989-1990

Charles Dick -Enjoy Rotary

Reestablished Relations with Sasebo Rotary.  
Initiated Employee Recognition Award Program.  
Adopted Colonia Esperanza School in Tijuana as  
object of Financial Support. Began Practice of  
President Greeting arriving members and  
introduction all guest from Tableside in the Room.

1991- James G Tapp

1992- David Weston

I was President of La Jolla Rotary in 1991-92, which is just long enough ago to cause my memories of specific events to be dim.

"My" Rotary year followed several years of fairly active fundraising within the Club, so my Club Board decided to go easy on fundraising within the Club, and rather focus on having the best possible Club meetings and activities not principally intended to generate income. For me, presiding at Club meetings not only was the highlight of the year, but was one of the real highlights of my life. During President's time we always seemed to have great fun... our members were (and are) sophisticated, good humored, bright and well informed, and our exchanges of good natured ripostes and badinage resulted in considerable laughter (all the while raising a few dollars for Avenues of Service) and in my opinion contributed meaningfully to strong bonds of fellowship among Club members.

Our weekly speakers were consistently strong, and as befitted our well informed and inquisitive members, the Q&A part of "speaker's time" always seemed to be stimulating and enjoyable (both to members and speakers.)

One of our best speakers was the late Sig Mickelson, former (and rather legendary within his professional realm) President of CBS News. To me, sitting next to Mickelson as he spoke was a real privilege, something like a being Little Leaguer in the presence of his/her sports hero.

Perhaps my most distinct memory relates to the 900+ mile bike ride I made (in 9 days), from Eureka to La Jolla. Club members were kind enough to give me an excused absence to make the ride, provided I contribute to Club coffers in penance (in the end Club members matched the amount of my penance, so the ride generated a few bucks for the Club scholarship fund.)

Other Club activities included participation in the building of a beautiful new school in Tijuana (this effort was spearheaded by our late -- a very much esteemed -- Club member John Vaughn), a notably enjoyable Christmas party (gads, we, our significant others and our children/grandchildren are a good looking bunch when we're decked out in Holiday red and green!), and a stimulating and enjoyable "off site" Tuesday meeting at Scripps Memorial Hospital.

Like most (perhaps all) of La Jolla Rotary's Past Presidents, I consider my Rotary Year to be among the very finest, most energizing, and most uplifting as I have had in my life. I was highly privileged to serve as President, as I now continue to be privileged to be a Club member.

Dave Weston

## 1993

"Zeke" Knight's Highlights -What Can I do?

Fresh from an all expense paid trip to the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, I was ready to serve and lead. Included in that trip was a stop over to visit our sister club in Sasebo, Japan. Burton Housman prepared me well in the Japanese language and culture to properly represent our club. All went well. Japanese hospitality is exceptional!



At home, our club had just completed a year-long renovation hiatus from the La Valencia Hotel. President Claire Berry weathered this separation at three different temporary locations before finding our “home away from home” at The La Jolla Women’s Club.

The international theme for this new Rotary year was “What Can I do?” Our first major program was directed inwardly to strengthen our club’s participation and support of Rotary International. Members were asked to become a Paul Harris Fellow and/or increase their financial support. We came close to 100% support and the top club in District 5340.

We sponsored Village Banking in Mexico and Nicaragua to help women in these countries find a way out of poverty by starting their own business and realizing their self worth.

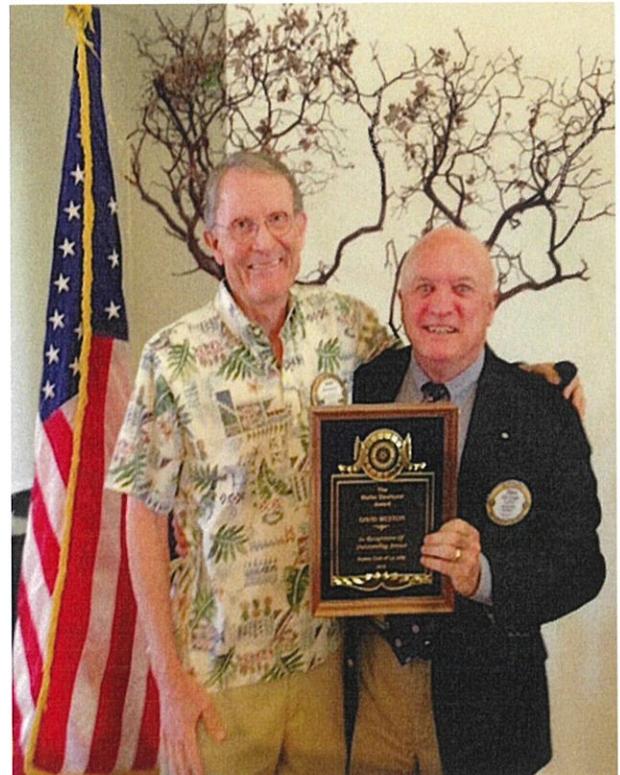
Dr, John Vaughn was instrumental in securing a matching grant from Rotary International for \$50,000 to begin construction of our school, Colonia Esperanza in Tijuana. This was the largest single matching grant made by Rotary during 1993-1994.

Continuing with our club’s emphasis on educational outreach, we transferred playground equipment from The Gillespie School in La Jolla to Colonia Esperanza. Thanks to Walter Dewhurst and his construction team, we moved, painted and installed the “like new” equipment to its new location. The faces of the children were full of joy.

Chuck Dick led a Rotary Study Group to Belgium. This team of young business professionals met with their Rotarian counterparts to exchange ideas and discuss business opportunities over an occasional glass of good Belgium beer. A similar group visited La Jolla to witness and participate in the San Diego experience. With the enthusiastic leadership of Bob Rubel, we continued to help the music program at La Jolla High School. The band grew to 60 students and we helped hire a new conductor.

Additionally, we continued our strong scholarship program by awarding over \$100,000 to graduating seniors from The Bishop’s School, La Jolla Country Day and La Jolla High School.

We embraced “What Can I Do?” by celebrating “What We Did Do!”. With heartfelt thanks to the members of our Board of Directors: Claire Berry, Henry



Branstetter, Ed Danenhauer, Bob Fehlman, Melitta Fleck, Orrin Gabsch, David Gill, Burton Housman, Doug McKnight and Mel Phillips, we had a great year; while welcoming 19 new members into the club.

- 1995- David B. Gillig
- 1996- Melitta Fleck
- 1997- Ed Danenhauer
- 1998- Robert Fehlman
- 1999- Sonja Gietz-Kijora



**1999**

John Brown

As we approach the new millennium we survey our club's current level of success, the product of a fruitful fifty-two year tradition of service above self- and we consider our club's course for the future.

We acknowledge with profound gratitude the many fine Rotarians who have served us as officers, directors and committee members over our 52-year history.

We acknowledge too our membership, each of them a leader, who have helped to forge ideas into action. Their collective hard work and their wisdom, gained from diverse life experience, has been the critical component of our success. We honor as well as our special Rotarians and community friends, whose personal generosity and shared vision enable us so dramatically to aid our community, youth, the deserving, and the needy of the world.

We stand today on the shoulders of those we acknowledge and honor as we look ahead to the opportunities for meaningful service in the years to come. Our talented and highly committed Board is pledged to critically review the club's existing financial commitments and projects in order to maximize effectiveness and impact on those we seek to help. As new projects are developed they too will be evaluated by these tests.

The membership will also be high on our list of priorities. To a real degree we are an extended family. Let each of us, therefore, make a personal commitment to get to know our other members better. Each of our members is outstanding; be a friend and make a friend. Our limited time during club meetings is not adequate for this. So join in the planned social events. To paraphrase a long-standing Rotary motto: Acquaintance creates the Opportunity for Service. We must serve our membership as well as others.

As we approach the new millennium, therefore, let us together rededicate ourselves to the Rotary ideals. Together we can accomplish truly great things--and have a memorable time doing so.

## 2001

Richard P. Woltman

On September 11, 2001, two months after I became President, the United States experienced its first ever military attack on its homeland. Islamic terrorists hijacked four American Airlines jets and deliberately flew them into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington DC, and a fourth plane intended to



destroy the White House. That plan failed when the plane fell short of its target and landed on farmland in Eastern Pennsylvania.

La Jolla Rotary Club held its regularly scheduled Tuesday meeting on that tragic day. The entire meeting was devoted to the tragedy. The experience was sad, shocking, somber and the dialog was about the concern for what's next. It was the first time Americans had heard the word al Qaeda. In my opening comments I said, "Our world will never be the same". Over the next several meetings terrorism dominated all conversation. La Jolla Rotary had a tradition wherein the incoming president selected a project for the club. My concept was to select a project which would have continuity. I consulted my good friend and past president Zeke Knight. We created a project called "Stars in Our Eyes".

We created a talent show. Performers would represent four La Jolla High Schools. We supported and produced a performing arts stage show. The goal was to raise money for the Club's Scholarship Fund, provide a showcase for student talent and create a community inclusive event and attract support from each schools performing arts department. The concept proved highly successfully and continued for 10 years. Russell King played a vital role as production manager and many Rotarians gave their support. Each show raised \$30,000 or more which added to our Scholarship Fund. My late wife Kaye was particularly helpful in the fund raising activity.

For me personally my term as president has been a highlight of my life.

## 2002-2003

Robert Teaff

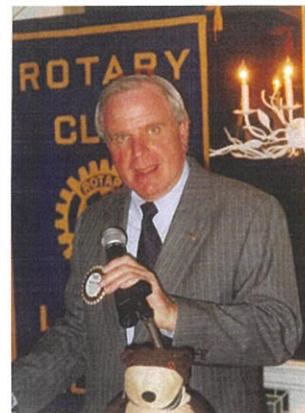
Rotary International theme and logo: SEW THE SEEDS OF LOVE

We continued the pattern of the Club's personal involvement in community projects, such as: Financial support for Concerts by the Sea and members working the concession stand for several concerts that summer; Financial support for and conducting a Children's Halloween Party and Costume Contest at the LJ Rec Center; Financial support and member participation in the USO Thanksgiving Dinner; Financial support for and participation in the LJ Christmas Parade, and hosting and staffing a cookies and punch reception at the LJ Rec Center following the Parade; and Rotarians at Work annual Spring project.

We initiated in February the first *Stars in Our Eyes*, a talent show for students at the four La Jolla High Schools, with students performing on stage and by exhibiting their works in the visual arts--leadership for developing the concept and marshaling the assets and participation came from Immediate Past President Dick Woltman and Past President Zeke Knight.

We continued the Club's commitment to funding education by supporting and administering the Club's Rotary Scholarships and Riford Scholarships for the local high schools, the Garfield Scholarships for challenged students going on to Community Colleges, and the Tijuana Scholars under a program started by members John Vaughan and Henry Branstetter. We supported purchasing musical instruments for La Jolla High School, as orchestrated by member Bob Rubel. We connected with our District- and world-wide Rotary community with the example of Past President Ed Danenhauer.

These activities benefitted from extensive member support and personal involvement. Our members cared about our community and showed it with their club-wide participation. And they knew how to party, with the 55<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary and the Woltman's hosting the year-end Demotion Party.



President Bob Teaff



2002-2003 RCLJ Board: Claudia Laird, Alan Aiello, Rosemary Wood, Steve Riddle, Blair Blum, Maureen Schwartz, Davis Cracroft, Lurnie Durisoe, Tony Buonsante. (seated) Geoff Schwartz, John Vaughan, Bob Teaff and Dick Woltman.

2004

Marc Lanci

I was president for the rotary year 2004/2005 my rotary theme was "Celebrating 100 years of Rotary" since it was the 100th year of rotary from 1905 thru 2005. We had approximately 140 members and I was preceded by Blair Bloom and followed by Lee Vida(one of the greatest Rotarians I ever knew). The rotary international convention I attended was in Osaka Japan where we were invited to visit Sasebo Japan and our sister club. Dick and Kaye Woltman were with us and the hospitality from our Sasebo members was something I will never forget. Visiting the western bar and having our faces painted, wearing cowboy hats and singing karaoke was great fun. In addition the Sasebo club hosted a dinner event at "Huis Ten Bosch" that was out of this world.

In my year we began the Walter Dewhurst Rotarian of the Year award and one other proud milestone of our club was reaching 1 million dollars given to scholarship recipients through the years. Also we as a club donated defibrillators to the La Jolla recreation center.



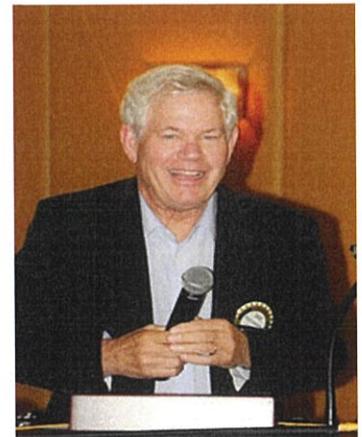
I would also thank to thank in memory, Gilbert Martin who introduced me to the La Jolla Rotary Club. ce vediamo presto!

2006- Lee Vida

2007- Kaye Woltman

2008- Davis Cracoft

Perhaps as an omen of things to come before my reigning year began I was generously sent by our club to the International Rotary Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Originally scheduled for New Orleans, the devastation of Hurricane Katrina rendered that locale unsuitable for such a grand endeavor. Salt Lake is a fine town, but pioneer handcars and hordes of locusts devoured by seagulls can't possibly compete with the charm, excitement, cultural diversity and storied heritage of New Orleans. Having been born, reared, and educated primarily in Salt Lake, spending three more days in the Salt Lake valley was a busman's holiday at best. Staying with my brother and visiting with my hordes of relatives was not the cultural experience I was seeking. Shortly before my presidential year began I went through a rather painful and prolonged divorce. Given the heartache and emotional stress of my divorce, I had second thoughts and grave concerns about taking on the responsibilities of the presidential office. The support of our wonderful, caring, fun loving and savvy club and the enjoyment of presiding over our weekly meetings led to a miraculous emotional turnaround. I am forever grateful to our wonderful members who played such an important role in my life. I had great fun creating a weekly standup routine and greatly enjoyed the many projects our club was engaged in. I remember so fondly my relationship with Dr John Vaughn who became a trusted friend and mentor through our Rotary club. John and I became the webmasters of our club during the infancy of the World Wide Web. At age 80 he taught me how to design and change our website and at times he was rightfully frustrated that my much younger mind lacked the alacrity and agility of his. One of my fondest and frightening moments came during my demotion party coordinated so deftly by Kaye Woltman. I enjoyed the freedom that my divorce afforded me, and appropriately Kaye staged a "Dating Game" contest in which I chose the ideal woman to go out with. The choices were all tough and each of the two women I turned down were smart, clever and drop dead gorgeous. Finally, my chosen dream date turned out to be Dame Edna, aka Dick Woltman in drag. What a fun disappointment! Hopefully the club still has a picture of Edna and me looking longingly at each other..... Thanks for a great year!



Davis

2009 - 2010

Bill Burch- The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands  
La Jolla Rotary theme Make it Meaningful  
My "President's Project" was creating a micro-credit bank in a remote & impoverished district of Liberia. The country having been founded by repatriated



Africans recently freed from slavery in the US, we thought our investment in Liberia most appropriate. We raised money by selling coffee from beans grown by other micro-credit bank clients. At \$50 / lb, we raised over \$30,000. The sum exceeding our goal enabled us to also drill a fresh water well in the district which

has improved health and made more productive use of time. Talk about Making it Meaningful !

## **2010**

Mark Leinenweber – Building Communities – Building Continents

Major Project was Stars in Our Eyes Successes included generating interest in our scholarship and other educational programs.

## **2012- Kate Adams**

The year that was such a surprise! That’s my memory of 2012-2013. The word survival comes to mind.

As the La Valencia’s new Owners decided to renovate, many of the “regulars” were asked/told to leave. Even an established career in real estate did not prepare me for finding a new home for Rotary. My committee and I looked all over La Jolla to find a place that was not very expensive, could accommodate our numbers, and was available weekly in a village neighborhood with some parking. Among others, we looked at Darlington, Women’s Center, several Churches, Beach Club, some restaurants....and The Cuvier Club which had a kitchen with a chef and their own furniture so we didn’t need a separate caterer, rental company, and they were negotiable on price as we had a regular weekly schedule – plus a board room!! Sadly no storage was available so the flag, banner and bell resided in my trunk for weekly trips to meetings. Thank Leanne MacDougall, Sally Fuller and others who helped in the search. Betty Dow was kind enough to offer her garage to store Club Banners/Flags and archival materials.



Our Club Members are the most supportive, flexible, creative individuals who pitched in to fill voids and problem solve. We discovered ourselves, in the era of print, with no Membership Directory from the previous year, no weekly newsletter, and no staff support. It provided a true learning experience and team building experience!! There is nothing that a team of volunteers cannot accomplish – with enthusiasm and joy and creativity and fun. Our Club is full of the most intelligent and generous (in every way) members. Pat Stouffer, Ken King, Russell King, Lora

Fisher, Kevin Quinn, Eleanor Ellsworth, Camille McKinnie, Marc Lanci, and more – everyone was positive, responsible and creative. Even Maureen Schwartz laughed through the challenges!

Three days after my fun demotion party, I had a concussion which took me out of commission for a few months, so imagine my surprise when I returned to LJ Rotary, now back at the La Valencia – like a dream that the whole last year had never happened!!

## 2013

Pat Stouffer – Engage Rotary

Moved Back to a Valencia

Club Social at Pantai Inn

Orin Gabsch sponsored two western art dinners at his home. Alison Brown Concert at the Athenaeum. Club tour of the Salk Institute. Second year of the “chicken” speaker gifts. International Convention in Lisbon Portugal. Funds Raised in excess of \$100,000.00

## 2014

Russell King- Light up Rotary

It was truly my pleasure to serve as President of this great club. It’s wonderful to learn about its past and the great things it has achieved throughout the years. Rotary is also about the future; making lives better for the people around us in our world and local community. It is truly amazing what the Board and club members can achieve year after year.

- Rotary International Conference was held in Sydney Australia
- Established the “Pint Size” Rotary social event for Rotarians and their friends
- Provided seed funding to upgrade the public facilities at the La Jolla Cove
- Built 3 homes in Tijuana
- Established a written agreement with the Rotario de Tijuana to continue the English/computer lab program
- Established a friendly club competition with the Kiwanis Club of La Jolla to compete in the La Jolla



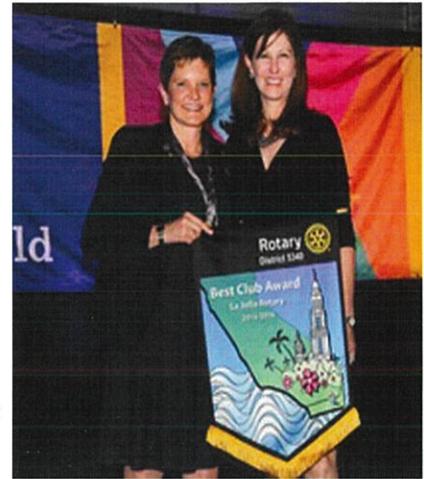
### Half Marathon

- Reestablished the joint La Jolla Rotary club meeting
- Achieved EREY Status; Every Rotarian Every Year making contributions to Rotary International.
- Awarded roughly \$160,000 in student scholarships.
- Partnered with downtown Salvation Army to feed the homeless in Pacific Beach
- And many more .....

### 2015-2016

Lora Fisher –

Rotary International’s motto was “Be a Gift to the World,” and our club truly was a gift to many locally and around the world. Locally, our motto was while we work hard to do good in the world we should have fun too. First the hard work, we continued with many of the past projects such as Tijuana Scholars, League House, and our scholarship programs. We added a few new projects too:



Dia de Reyes (Day of the Kings) event hosted Tijuana Rotary Club that focuses on projects for children with disabilities. Our club and several members took supplies including wheelchairs and gave them to the children.

We had 11 members, relatives, and friends travel to Jeremie, Haiti to build a chicken coop to accommodate egg laying chickens. The chickens provided a much-needed source of protein to a children’s home and school children. We had fun raising money, and instead of fining members they would spin the “Wheel of Misfortune” if their cell phone rang during a meeting or they were spotted in the local paper. It was a great way to raise money and the club members as well as guests enjoyed the fun. The icing on the cake was to be named “Club of the Year” out of 60+ clubs in our District. It was an honor and pleasure to be President of the Rotary Club of La Jolla.



**2016**

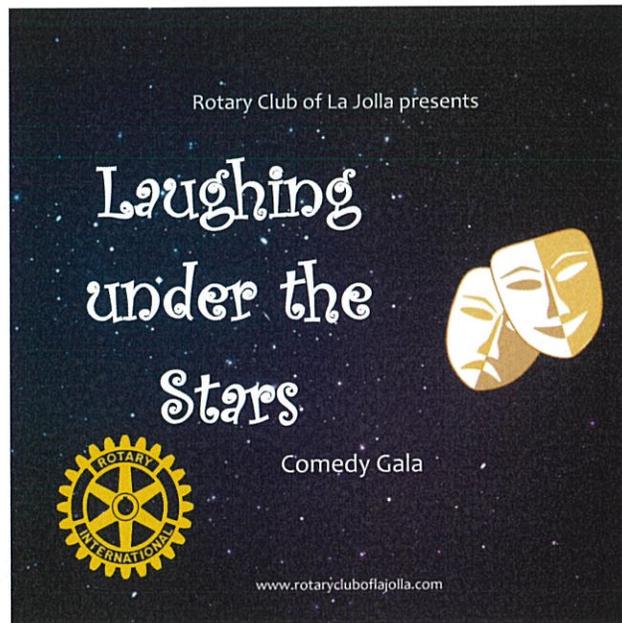
Ken King -

Rotary Club of La Jolla is a long established Rotary club with quality programs and traditions, some of which go back decades. My decision to accept nomination to become president of such a prestigious organization was based on the belief that through additional fund raising and “member” focus the Club could significantly increase its impact locally and around the world and increase membership.

“Laughing Under the Stars” was a huge success yielding a significant financial windfall to our fledgling service and project endowment. Hopefully it is the first of an annual event. Diamond pin sales, and other member spotlights also yielded funds for this year’s service and projects.

Warm welcome awaits all members and any visitor as our new “piano man” fills the meeting room with music. Great food and a great speaker each week top off a fun filled 90 minutes.

It has been and is an honor to serve as president of Rotary Club of La Jolla



***Do to printing deadlines, a number of our past presidents were unable to make contributions to this history. We remain grateful to their many contributions to the club.***

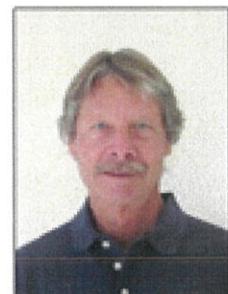
## Memories of Rotary

My passion for La Jolla Rotary has always been the scholarship program. From way back when Scholarship Chair Dick Freeman proclaimed his job to be the best the club had to offer, I was hooked. Our scholarship program got a large boost with the gift of Florence Riford although it was kind of a blessing and a curse. We now had two quite different programs to administer as Miss Riford limited her scholarships to certain scientific majors at California colleges without consideration of financial need while our club program allowed study in any major at any US college and financial need was a large consideration. The thing was, her endowment was much larger than ours so we had lots of money available to a limited number of applicants while we had quite limited funds for most of the rest, many with significant financial need.

I remember back around the time I was chairman we would interview maybe 36 students with three teams, 12 applicants for each team, one every half hour. It would seem like a daunting all day task but each successive student would impress and inspire us so much that by the end of the day we had more energy than at the beginning. The teams would review and rank their candidates at the end of the day but wait and meet a week later to make final decisions. We loved those follow-up meetings, bartering and horse trading on behalf of our favorite candidates. One year Ron Spelman was particularly enamored with an applicant his team had interviewed. The student was planning to attend an out of state college with an unscientific major and our Rotary Scholarship funds were so limited at the time that it looked like we would have to make a very painful decision. I'll never forget - Ron said "darn it" (or something to that effect), pulled out his checkbook and paid for that scholarship on the spot.

Thanks to the inspiration of Dick Woltman and Zeke Knight, plus the hard work of Patricia Lynch and Russel King, the "Stars in our Eyes" programs over the years added substantially to our Rotary Scholarship endowment. And with the careful investment guidance of Mark Leinenweber and the La Jolla Rotary Foundation, it's now one of the largest, if not the largest, scholarship programs in San Diego - fully endowed with annual grants in the range of \$150,000.

We also make available continuing scholarship assistance to previous scholarship awardees for each of their college years if they continue to qualify. These re-application scholarships amount to maybe 1/3 of the total annual awards and are another fascinating part of our program in that we are potentially able to follow the progress of students we have previously assisted for their entire college career and even beyond. I shared administering this part of our program for many years with Dave Weston. We would meet at his place or mine, review a stack of letters from amazing students that we already knew from previous interviews, read of their challenges, accomplishments and dreams and consider how we could help and encourage their future progress. What a wonderful scholarship program our club has and what a privilege it's been to be a part of it - Bill Meanley



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My favorite memory of La Jolla Rotary is joining our club jointly with my wife Karla in 2014.

BUT my favorite all time Rotary memory is from the University Rotary Club of Palo Alto. Karla, a new member, had organized a Saturday workday with Habitat for Humanity. She committed 20 Rotarians and as of Friday night only had 19. She called me and said I had to join in. (When a Rotarian firmly asks you to do something you have to do it!). Karla and I ended up painting the same side of the new house. We got talking, one event lead to another, we went on a Club work trip to El Salvador ..., and in due course marriage followed. Our wedding counted as a make up for the Rotarians attending. Good things happen in Rotary! -  
Chuck Marsh



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I have been a Rotarian for 30 years. I was one of the first woman to be asked to join my Rotary Club in Santa Rosa, CA in 1987. I joined because I wanted to be part of an amazing international service organization that has given so much to help others throughout the world and locally as well. Around 2002 I joined the Rotary Club of La Jolla. I have been fortunate to have worked with our many Rotarians, presidents and committee heads ever since I joined.

My proudest accomplishment: In September 2003, then President Blair Blum felt there was a need for our Rotary Club to create a project involving low income senior citizens. I was asked to chair and create a low income senior project. We then established a Senior Citizens Committee. We went out i to find a need in the La Jolla community that would involve low income seniors.

In March 2004, through extensive research and visits our Senior Citizens committee located a low income senior residence in La Jolla which was the League House. The League House has 55 senior residents who must meet certain income, age and health requirements. Each resident is provided with a studio apartment and five dinners a week. It should be noted that many of these wonderful seniors have had bad luck financially and are on very limited incomes.

The League House is financially supported and run by the Social Service League of La Jolla. The Social Service League receives no governmental support whatsoever. They own and operate the Darlington House where they rent out their facilities for weddings and other special events to raise funds to support the League House. We established a partnership with the Social Service League and the League House residents to put on special events for the senior residents living there.

Each year our two main events are a Holiday Sing-A-Long in December and a summer picnic in the summer. Starting in 2004 our picnic themes each year have been as follows: Beach Picnic (2004); Tropical Paradise (2005); Country Carnival (2006); Western Hoedown (2007); 50's Rock Around the Clock (2008); A Taste of Italy (2009); Copa Havana (2010); A Day at The Races (2011); League House Summer Olympics (2012); "Surfin USA" (2013);' USAA League House (Cruise Ship) 2014; Baseball (2015); Sea-Esta (2016).

We have also donated a large flat TV for their recreation room, outdoor carpeting, tickets to baseball games, etc., and our many caring Rotary members have donated gifts and money each year so we can offer the League House senior residents door prizes at these two special yearly events.

This year will be our 14th year that we have run this worthwhile senior project. The wonderful members of our Rotary club have generously supported this project during these past years. We have truly made a difference in the League House senior residents lives. They, in turn, are grateful for our friendship and care and concern for them.

I still help with this project but do not chair this project anymore,. However, I am very proud to have been a part along with many dedicated committee members to have originally established and headed such a meaningful project. It should be noted that our club has never had a senior project before which has made this project more worthwhile.  
-Penny Shurtleff



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My favorite event being in La Jolla Rotary is really a number of events in which I have been involved for many years. The experiences participating in the interviewing of the students from La Jolla High , Bishops, La Jolla Country Day and Preuss.. The kids articulating not only the college they wish to go to but also in many case what they want to do with their lives is amazing. Each time I am just blown away and pleased by their ability and maturity. - John Todd



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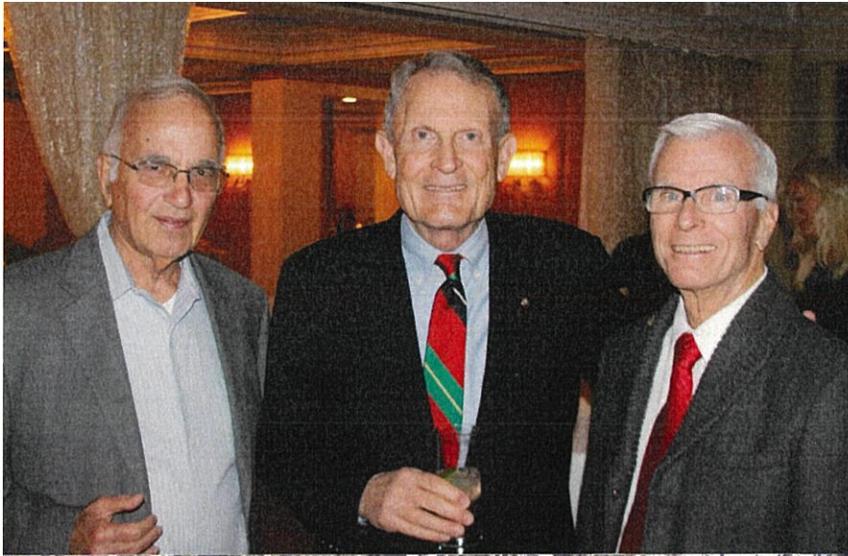
The joy of watching our Rotary Tijuana Scholars blossom and move from poverty and limited life chances to mature young high school graduates who are going to University and facing a much brighter future! - David Shaw



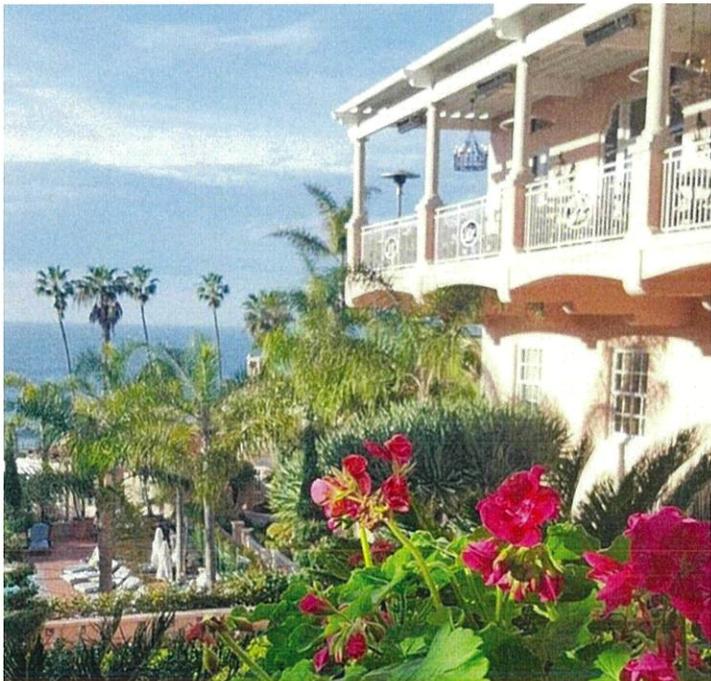
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I enjoy being a member of the Rotary Club of La Jolla. One of the moments that impacted me the most was when I watched Dr. Dave Brockett giving a dental exam to a young child in Haiti.











## The Bishops School

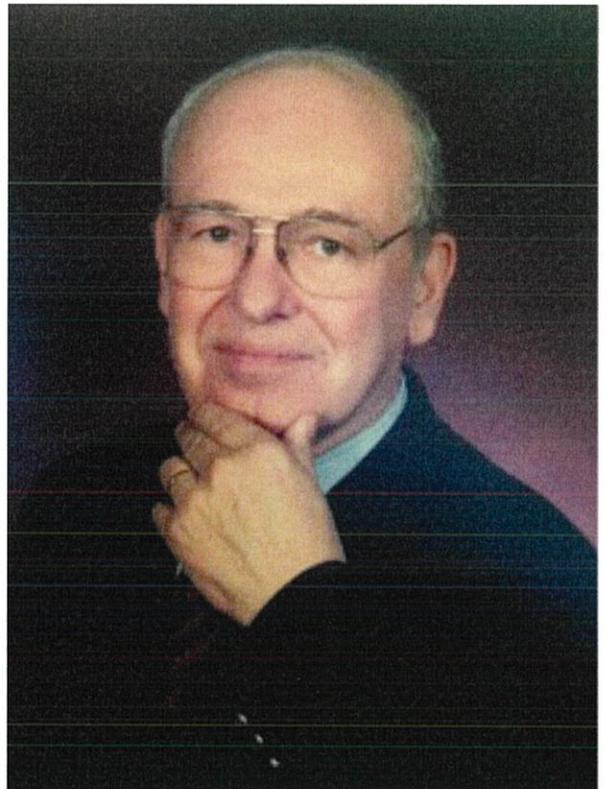
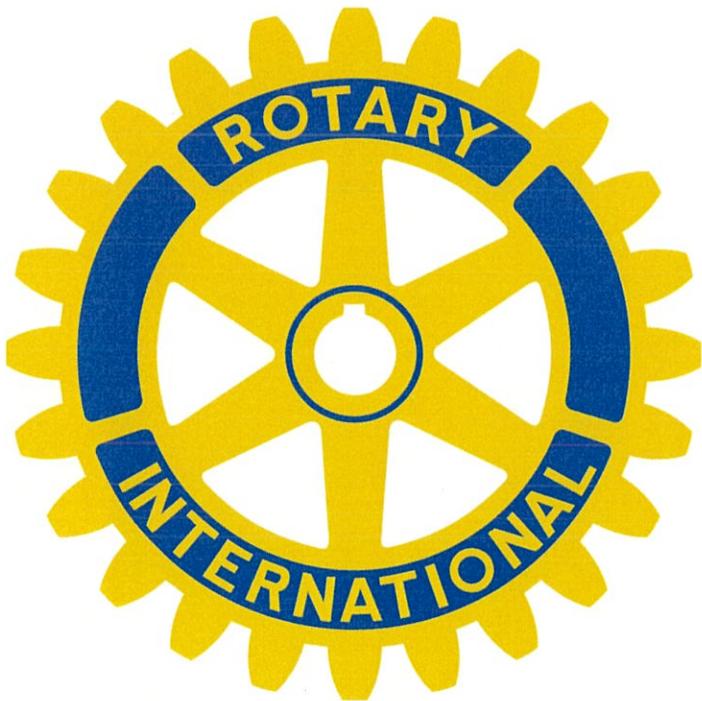
The Bishop's Community raises a glass to the Rotary Club of La Jolla. Happy 70<sup>th</sup>. Aimeclairre Roche, Head of School

The Bishop's School



## Don Lincoln

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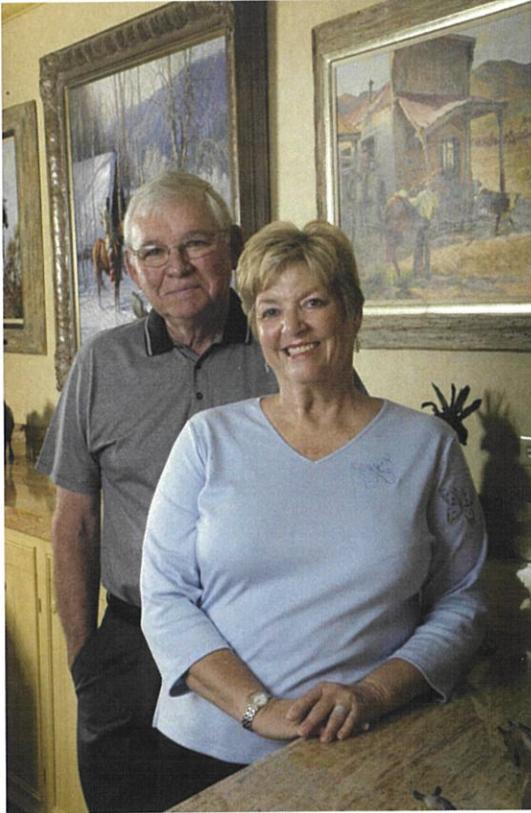
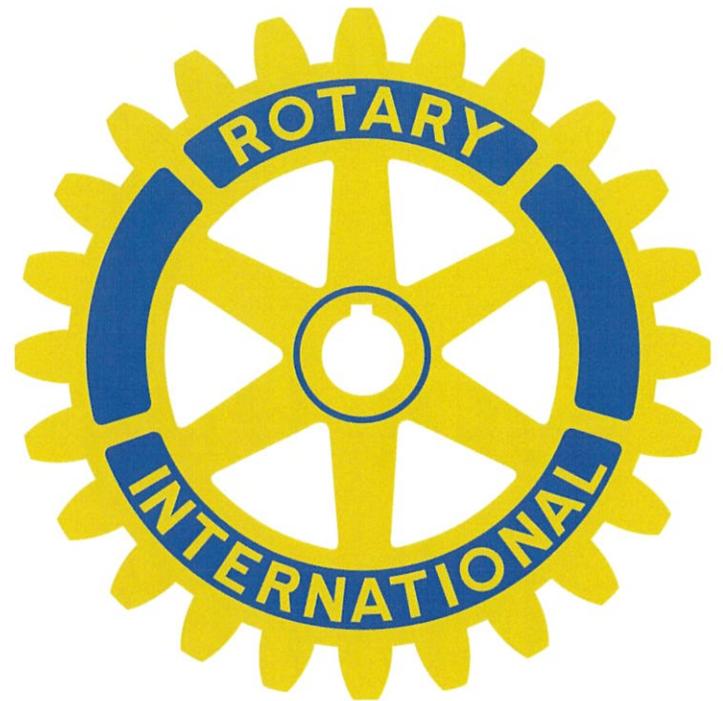


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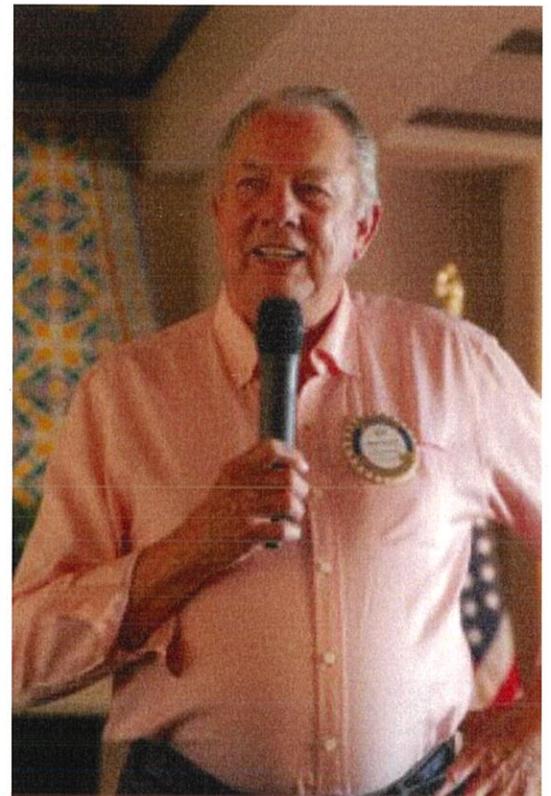
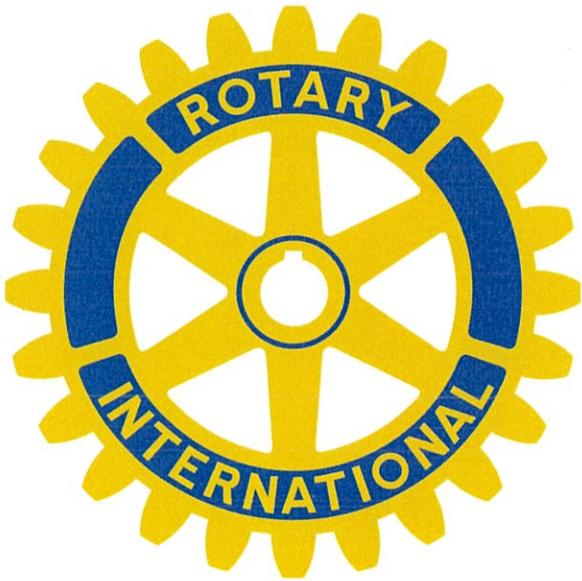


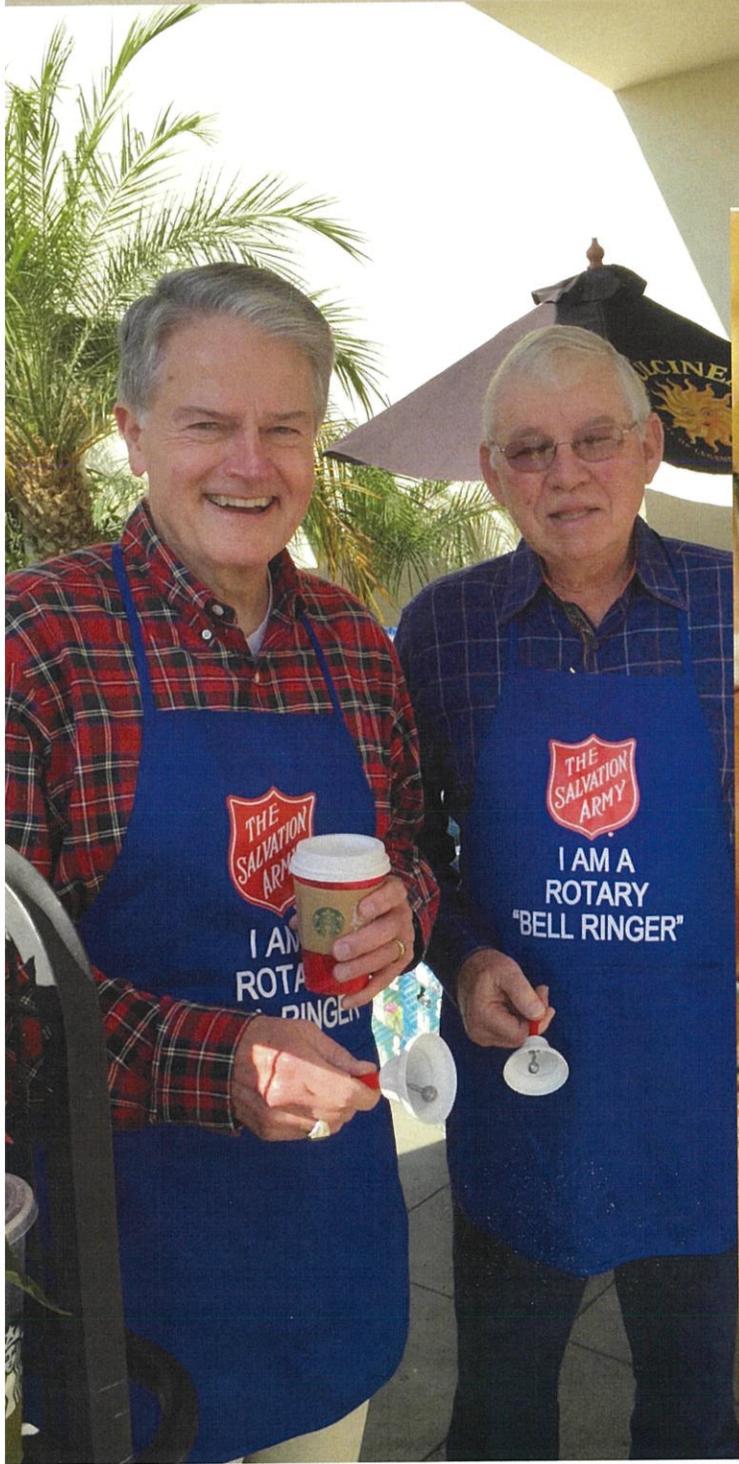
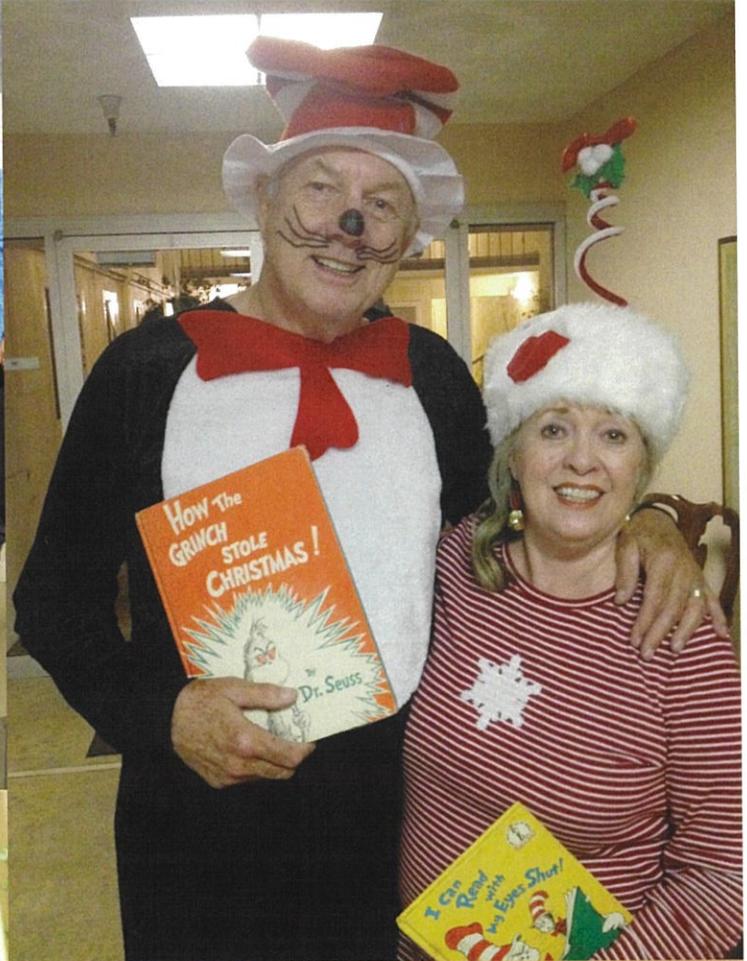
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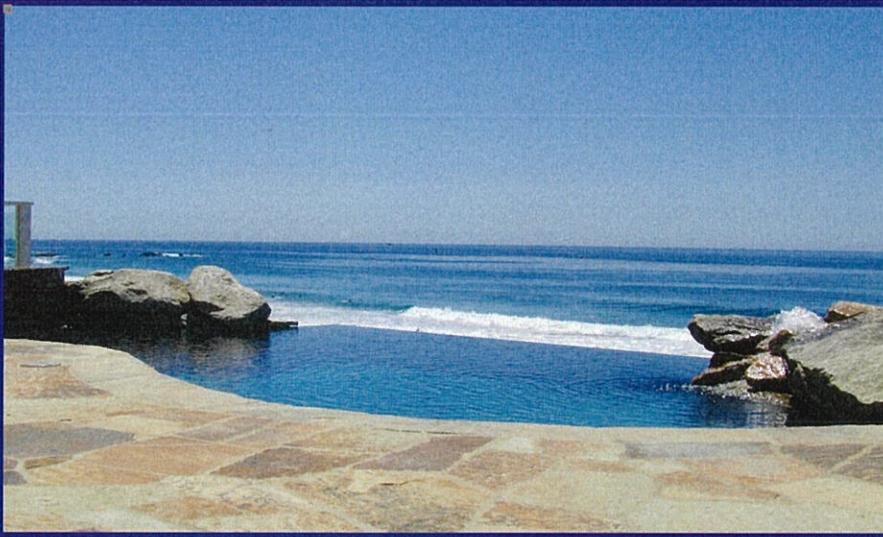
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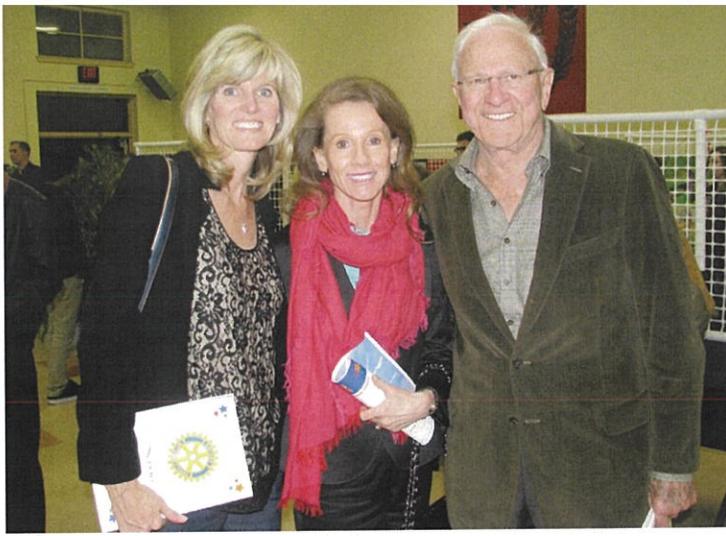
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