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## From Governor DJ...

**W**e are entering the final two month period of the 2015-2016 Rotary year. This is a time when we should look back at what we achieved during the last 10 months. It is also a time to look at what we can still achieve in the next two months.

This is the first time that the Presidential Citation is being awarded based on club achievements as reported through Rotary Club Central. The areas that are measured are increased membership, contribution to The Rotary Foundation, service projects, and use of the new online tools to report accomplishments. In our District two clubs received the Gold Citation, six clubs the Silver Citation and three clubs the Bronze Citation. Congratulations for a job well done. **Input your goals as soon as possible into Rotary Club Central and update your accomplishments as soon as possible when completed.** I hope all clubs in our District receive a Gold Citation next year.

A historical change has been adopted by Rotary International. Drew Frolich, PDG, represented our District at the Council on Legislation (*see page 6*). The Council has determined that the clubs need greater flexibility in attendance, management and membership recruitment. Clubs now have the flexibility as to when and how often they meet as long as it is not less than two times per month.

May is *Promote International Convention Month*. More than 100 Rotarians from our District are registered to attend the Convention in Seoul, Korea. It is also an opportunity to meet and experience fellowship with Rotarians from all over the world. In 2017 the Rotary International Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. In 2018 it will be hosted in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. In 2019 we will gather in Hamburg, Germany. In 2020 it will be in Hawaii. In 2021 it will be Taipei, Taiwan. It is never too early to make plans to attend.

On April 9th we conducted an Ethics Forum at Loyola Marymount University. The Rotaract teams from District 5280 and 5320 competed on different topics based on the Rotary Four Way Test. The event was very successful. First place went to California State University Fullerton, second place to USC and third to UCLA. Great thanks to event chair, John Green from the LA5 Rotary Club.

The Rotary Day of Service Project occurred on April 16th when our District joined with the Friends of LA River in a cleanup of the Sepulveda Basin. More than 200 Rotarians and Rotaractors participated in the cleanup effort. Great thanks to event chair, Kelly Bevan Spierer from the Rotary Club Hollywood.



## Membership

Rotary is membership organization. We share the common core values of fellowship, integrity, diversity, service and leadership. We have a story: Polio eradication, basic education and literacy, clean water and sanitation, peace and conflict resolution and prevention, economic and community development, and maternity and child health. During the last 10 months the clubs and the District engaged in various youth events and programs in the community, many international global grant projects and many community humanitarian projects including reverse global grant projects. We have a story. In the next two months share this story to reach out to new members. I am available to induct new members. Just let me know and I will be delighted to attend your club meeting.

During this period of historical change to Rotary, I encourage all clubs in our District to stay focused, remain effective, be productive, and utilize this new flexibility to achieve the best results for your club.

*Let's be a gift  
to the world.*

*DJ Sun*

# Transforming Our World

By Michael Turner, SAG Communications, Rotary Club of Woodland Hills

## O ur Youth Can Play a Vital Role in Transforming the World

“You are not the future generation, you are the present generation, said, Ramu Damodaran, the deputy director for Partnerships and Public Engagement in the United Nations’ Department of Public Information’s Outreach Division, at the April District Breakfast. The event was fully coordinated by Rotaractors and Interactors and so Damodaran speech was directed to them.

“As Rotarians you are making individual connections with others,” said Damodaran. Rotaractors and Interactors need to assist Rotary recapture its vibrancy and to refashion the organization for the future. One of the UN’s mission is to touch “the horror and fear that is part of the world, but at the same time, seeking out opportunities and managing change.”

He described our youth as idealists and because of this they are not cynical like most adults. “Our youth’s idealism can play a meaningful role in shaping the world,” said Damodaran. As part of his role in the UN, Damodaran focuses on outreach to and establishing partnerships with non-governmental organizations, academic and private sector constituencies as well as the general public.

The UN has created an agenda for transforming the world. “Our youth can aid us in in our quest by flying the flag of what they believe in and what they can do,” he said. The UN has established five goals and targets that will stimulate action over the next 15 years:

### People

We are determined to end poverty and hunger and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment.

### Planet

We are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations.

### Prosperity

We are determined to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature.



Ramu Damodaran

### Peace

We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development.

### Partnership

We are determined to mobilize the means required to implement this agenda through a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

In realizing these goals, the youth of the world must create partnerships and set their sights on establishing meaningful partnerships with other stakeholders to ensure that the need of the poorest and most vulnerable are fulfilled, said Damodaran.

For more information on the UN’s initiative visit: [www.sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld](http://www.sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld)



Michael Turner



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- Funding projects with available grants
- Club 501c3 Foundations
- Membership recruitment & retention
- Communications/public image
- District-coordinated events
- Assistant Governor training
- ...and much more!

**Click here for the Program and Agenda**



## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Club Presidents & PEs
- Secretaries
- Treasurers
- Foundation Chairs
- Communications/PR
- Avenues of Service Chairs:
  - Club Service
  - Community Service
  - International Service
  - Youth Service
  - Membership
- District leaders

## 2016 RI Council on Legislation: Most Innovative and Progressive in Years

By Drew Frohlich, Past District Governor, District 5280 Representative, Rotary Club of Granada Hills

**T**he Council on Legislation (COL) is Rotary's legislature and meets every three years to consider changes to the policies that govern Rotary International and its member clubs, and holds the authority to amend Rotary's constitution. The Council is made up of one representative from every Rotary district in the Rotary world and they are the voting members of the Council. I had the honor to serve as the District's 2016 voting representative.

How does it work? The Council considers proposals by Rotary clubs, districts, RI officers and the RI Board for changes in the way Rotary operates at every level of the organization. At the district level, legislation may be proposed by a club or at a district conference. Club proposals must be endorsed by the district before they can be forwarded to the Council. Proposed legislation is submitted in the form of enactments or resolutions.

181 Enactments and Resolutions were proposed to the 2016 COL. Here are some of the major significant change that made were:

- Two key measures would give clubs greater flexibility in their meetings and membership. These were passed overwhelmingly after lively debate. The first measure gives clubs greater leeway in when and how often they meet, how often they cancel meetings, and what constitutes a meeting. The second grants clubs flexibility to experiment with membership models.
- Continuing on flexibility, COL approved simplifying the qualifications for membership in a Rotary Club. The Council rejected several alternate membership types.
- The RI Treasurer presented financial projections for the future. These showed major erosion of reserves even with RI's ongoing significant cuts in costs and expenses. Extensive debate ensued. The COL finally approved increasing the RI dues to \$30 per semiannual billing in 2017-18, \$32 per semiannual in 2018-19 and \$34 per semiannual invoice in 2019-20.

- A separate governing body was created, "Council on Resolutions," that will meet annually, leaving the COL to deal exclusively with enactments, which change the Rotary's governing documents

- Representatives also voted to allow Rotaractors to simultaneously be members of a Rotary club.

We reviewed and discussed the 400+ pages of proposed enactments and resolutions over five days. The meeting was never boring and some of the discussions and debates were intense. I came to appreciate the internationality of Rotary listening to proposals that were germane or important because of cultures or traditions in other parts of the world. A special thanks to those of you who notified me of issues of which you had a special interest or knowledge

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your representative





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by Kelly Bevan Spierer, Day of Service Chair 2015 - 16, Rotary Club of Hollywood  
Photos courtesy of Paul St. John, Rotary Club of LA5

About 200 Rotarians signed up to help on our District's Day of Service on April 16 in conjunction with Friends of the LA River (FoLAR).



It was a beautiful day filled with Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, friends, family and community members joining together for a good cause – cleaning the trash from the LA River and its beds at the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex area. We were so glad that Governor



DJ Sun and PDG Elsa Gillham, DG Nominee Elect Joe Vasquez and former city councilman Tom LaBonge were able to come out to help. There was a strolling band of minstrels entertaining us while we toiled and a wonderful group of hydration folk led by our own SAGCommunity Service, Melody St. John. This event



brought together Rotarians from all over the district and we look forward to keeping the tradition alive next year. Watch for more news in the new Rotary year. Thank you for making this such a rewarding experience for me and for making our city, river and ocean a cleaner better place.



Reminder to send photos you took at this or any other Day of Service in which your club participated to: [kbspierer@me.com](mailto:kbspierer@me.com).



## District Youth Services Recap!

By Bette Hall, SAG Youth Service, Rotary Club of Calabasas

When I look and listen to our young people, albeit Rotaractors or Interactors, all I can do is smile and think our world is in good hands with these incredible young people. From the 3,2,1 Race to End Polio to the District Breakfast, to the Rotaract Ethics Forum, and everything that came before and will come after, our Rotaractors and Interactors shine in all they do! Not only do they work on their own club projects, but they are there, supporting our District events, turning up in droves when we need them, to make sure all runs smoothly.

**3, 2, 1 Race to End Polio, March 12:** Our Interactors and Rotaractors arrived bright and early at Griffith Park, ready and willing to help out wherever they could – setting up tents, tables, games, handing out the t-shirts and bags, cheering along the route, providing water to the runners and walkers, and trying to make sure no-one wandered off the marked paths – yes I know some did, running/walking further than they intended—just think of all those good steps you all took! Many of our youth also participated, running and or walking in support of the event. Then it was time to run the games, help with food and whatever else they were asked to do, finishing up by making sure all was taken down and the park cleaned up before leaving for home, tired but happy to have been of service!

**The District Breakfast, April 5** – 6 a.m. – again here they all were, some taking buses to get there, so many ready to help, again both Rotaractors and Interactors, making sure all was set up for such a big meeting! How amazing were they there? Whether it was their presentations, videos, or confidence and clarity as they spoke to the very large crowd of Rotarians AND representatives from so many Interact Clubs! Rotary Clubs, great job all of you, showing your support and bringing our young people together! Congratulations to the new Co-Op Upward Interact Club! How great was it to be

able to induct our newest Interact Club, and how eloquently their President, Passion Lord, spoke—I have the feeling we will all be saying “I knew her when...Hearing all the projects they are already doing—the sharing of their projects—these are ideas for projects for other Interact clubs to do (see photo below).

Recognition is a must, especially to District Rotaract Representative (DRR) Victoria Perez for leading the Rotaractors this year! Congratulations on a banner year, with the addition of five new Rotaract Clubs, quite a coup! Additional congratulations to next year’s DRR Edwin Maldonado and to Christopher Reyes as his aide as they prepare to take over the lead for the 2016–17. You have both done so much this year to support the District’s Rotaract Clubs and we look forward to an equally great new Rotaract year!

A big thank you also goes out to District Interact Representative (DIR) Wallace Liew for his leadership of the Interactors this year! The Interact Clubs continue to grow, it seems we are adding a new club each month, sometimes more than one, and we have seen a very big increase of Interactors in the support of Rotary District events this year. We also need to recognize and congratulate the 2016–17 DIR Sarah Adebabay and her aide Zerrick Payne, who will be carrying the torch during the next Rotary year.

We cannot go without recognizing the hard work of Chris Becerra for the Rotaract video and slide show, and to Sarah Adebabay and Zerrick Payne



for putting together the Interact program! So much hard work, beautifully presented. I think all who went to the District Breakfast can agree, great job by our youth, and to have the opportunity to listen to such an incredible speaker, Ramu Damadoran. I watched mouths drop open as he mentioned them by name during his presentation, so impressive that he had listened to what was happening and recognized the people responsible! A truly remarkable speaker, thank you DG DJ for persuading him to come.

It really was “That was the Week that Was” as we ended with The Ethics Forum on April 9—seven teams competing for first, second, and third places—hard to place anyone as a winner with the high caliber of presentations from all! Great job all who participated in this event, you certainly did us proud! Thank you to Chair John Green for all the hard work, and to our Rotaractors who rallied around, came to support and volunteered to help even when not participating! A very successful event!

As this Rotary year draws to a close, we still have more adventures to go. The Rotaract Ciao luncheon was held on April 23 when the current Board said farewell and the incoming Board was inaugurated! The same happens at the Interact Aloha Lunch on May 15 when they recognize this year’s board and welcomes the 2016–17 Board.

Let’s recognize all of our Youth, for all they do and continue to do, and their respective Boards for their leadership and hard work! And to you, Rotary Club Presidents, Youth Chairs and/or Advisors, you have been so instrumental in making this such a successful year with our Youth Clubs with your support and enthusiasm. Our young people truly are a “Gift to the World” and you are all making sure they are given that chance!

*What a wonderful year!*



Bette Hall, Rotary Club of Calabasas



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# Rotaract Ethics Forum

By Lorine Parks, Senior Correspondent, Rotary Club of Downey

How would you, as a Rotarian who has pledged to abide by the 4-Way Test, take a stand on these issues? Affirmative Action; Ethical Implications of the Syrian Refugee Crisis; Capital Punishment; Is There Such a Thing as a Just War? Gun Control; Genetic Engineering; Global Warming. These were the topics chosen for debate by the seven competing Rotaract teams.

Before Chair John Green of the LA Five, announced the winners, Debate Forum Judge Bob Kawahara commented, "I think all topics were excellent. They were current hot button issues that at some time we all have thought about and for which both sides have well-reasoned arguments." As Pat Brainerd, of the Rotary Club of Newport-Irvine, co-Chair for the event said, "All the values stressed were humanitarian in scope."



Judge Robert Kawahara

Seven colleges sent Rotaract Teams to the Rotary's Ethics Debate, an all-day Forum held on Saturday, April 9 at Loyola Marymount University. Hosted by Districts 5280 and 5320, which cover most of the Western states, this annual event brings out the best in debaters. The best intellectual effort, that is, to strategize winning arguments, but also the best in hard-pressed thinking on ethical issues. And the winners were able to justify their decisions in terms of Rotary's 4-way Test.



Judges and DGs JD Sun and Kevin Padilla with Co-chairs Pat Brainerd and John Green



When Chair John Green, of the Rotary Club of LA Five, announced that the team from Cal State Fullerton, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fullerton (Main), had won, team member David Zamarripa-Shippa, had this to say. "What it meant to choose this topic? Affirmative action has a lot of personal importance to me. What I want people to take away from this performance is that equality of opportunity does not exist everywhere in America."



The First Place Team from Cal State Fullerton

Anita Huor, of the Fullerton team, and Vice President of Technology, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, expressed it this way, "We discussed affirmative action in hopes that people see we need better metrics to determine affirmative action policies since times have changed."

"Whether it be the small border town I grew up in, inner cities around the country, rural areas in the South, or poorer Asian enclaves, not everyone gets a fair shot. Even though it is explicitly prohibited in California's public universities." David went on to say, "It still impacts private colleges. It is a hot topic being debated everywhere, whether it be the classroom or our country's highest courts. It is inescapable. It simply needed to be addressed."

Fellow debate champion Tiffany Bowman added, "It was important to discuss affirmative action because it is a divisive topic that affects students like us. We each come from unique backgrounds and had different experiences, and this ultimately gave us the opportunity to thoroughly discuss affirmative action and come to an ethical conclusion." The names of the winners show their ethnic diversity: Coach, Zoot Velasco; Tiffany Bowman, Anita Huor, Daniel Lim, and David Zamarripa-Shippa.

David felt strongly that Rotary values mean a great deal: "What does Rotaract mean to me? Rotaract, is the underlying spirit

driving affirmative action, its locomotive, its essence, its core. But implemented successfully in a way that truly abides by the Four-Way Test.

Rotaract is affirmative action done in a truthful way that is both fair to all concerned and beneficial to all concerned, all while building goodwill and better friendships!”

The Rotary Club of Fullerton lives by the organization’s objectives of encouraging and fostering the idea of service, and over the years, Cal State Fullerton has been the beneficiary of that philosophy. “The University’s future helps build on the foundation of a literate society,” said Allyn Lean, past president of the Rotary Club of Fullerton. “There is a freedom of expression that transcends borders, religious beliefs, racial prejudice, and local and national politics.”

Other Rotaract teams who placed were USC in Second (Global Warming) and Third, UCLA (Genetic Engineering).

Why did the judges pick CSU Fullerton? Judge Bob, who explained that he is a court commissioner, like a superior court judge but not actually a “judge,” gave an insightful tip for future debaters: “For me these issues have no clear right or wrong sides. One could not possibly discuss all the pros and cons in the allotted time. So it was interesting to see how each group handled this. Some tried to fit as much as possible into the ten minutes. Others, including the winning team focused on the more prominent and well-known issues.”

Winning CSU Fullerton Coach Zoot Velasco has a background in theatrics, as Co-Chair Pat mentioned. “He has expertise in other areas as well but the drama, the pacing, and the acting of the team in delivering the Affirmative Action presentation appealed the most. They won last year too.”

Zoot’s said, “It means a lot to me personally to show our students that they can compete with elite colleges and that they are at that level. As a coach, I am very proud of our students and know they have gained confidence from the experience. I have seen leaders develop in front of my eyes, and that is magical!”

As Chair John put it, what really counted was, “a provocative and insightful discussion of an extremely important ethical issue, affirmative action. They discussed it in a very intriguing, engaging, thorough, balanced, and occasionally, unexpected way.”

Chair John also described the myriad responsibilities in putting on a big multi-district event like this one: “While I listened to each team, my mind frequently wandered to the mechanics of the day itself: have the lunches arrived, has this or that person arrived? How is the room temperature?”

“At the end of lunch, my Co-Chair Pat Brainerd (who always has an astute eye for important details) looked around the tables in the atrium and pointed out that most of the competitors were quietly conferring with one another and typing on their laptops, reorganizing their presentations for the afternoon session, in light of the helpful, constructive evaluations that the judges had provided in the morning. The scene graphically portrayed how very successful the day was.”



*Second Place USC*

Why did the winning presentation appeal? “The judges commented that it was extremely difficult to select the winner and winners,” John said. “All the Rotaractors spoke from the perspective of highly intelligent, engaged, interested college students and young professionals committed to improving society.”

*Third Place UCLA with DG DJ Sun, Cozette Vergari, DG Kevin Padilla, and Co-chairs Pat Brainerd and John Green*



“A few groups appear to default to one side in their presentations,” John added. “But most teams, including the winning team, provided rational arguments on both side of the issue and came to a conclusion based upon their arguments.”

John’s suggestions for next year: “The event was very successful in what we accomplished and perhaps in what we almost achieved. Last year, we were able to open the competition to any Rotaract team in Zones 25 and 26—essentially the western states. This year we came close to actually getting teams from beyond District 5320 and 5280.

Next year’s chairs should decide whether it is worth the effort to seek teams from other districts. “I believe it is,” John said, “but I spent significant energy seeking distant teams that never materialized, in spite of their sincere efforts to join us.”

“I got to know many dedicated Rotarians and Rotaractors. There were a few difficult moments over the past year for my super-talented and super-dedicated Co-Chair Pat Brainerd of 5320 and me. At various stages we needed help—and people came through! Many of them had important Rotary titles. I also realized that in Rotary, as in most things in life, friends matter. My friends in LA5 and beyond really came through when we needed them.”

“The event itself went extremely well,” John continued. “It was obvious that each of the teams had prepared extensively. Their topics were all extremely important ethical issues. Each of the teams was able to present good reasons for both sides of an ethical issue—not just the side that they favored. Our keynote speaker, attorney Bob Brewer, from San Diego, did a fabulous job. I was also so impressed with our three truly exceptional judges.”

One last thought from Bob, “To put so much time and effort into a project that was not part of their school curriculum was very impressive. I hope all of them understand that even if their groups did not ‘win,’ their efforts were not wasted as they are honing skills that will serve them well in their careers.”



Debating the issues



Lorine Parks, Rotary Club of Downey





## When Immigration Goes Right, Everyone Benefits and Prospers, Including Rotary

By Lorine Parks, Senior Correspondent, Rotary Club of Downey

The three generations of an Italian immigrant family living in Downey, was the last thing on Rotarian Bill Kirkwood's mind. He was attending a Rotary 'happy hour' mixer and struck up a conversation with "special guest" and soon-to-be member Nathan Mahony. Just by chance Bill mentioned that Nathan's induction was going to be administered by a very special Rotarian, Angelo Cardono, who is a Downey treasure, with 68 years of perfect attendance with the club. His category is manufacturer of precious jewelry and he is president of Jewels by Angelo.

"Small world" doesn't begin to describe their sensation as the facts unrolled.

Angelo Cardono lights up when you talk to him about his industry, but he will tell you that he would rather be at his workbench designing the next Jewels by Angelo creation. And it is at the workbench that this story takes place.

Nathan's grandfather, Nunzio Barone, has worked with Angelo for 45 years, ever since Angelo sponsored him for immigration to the United States.

In the 1960s sponsorship in immigration was a serious matter. Then as now, one could not apply for immigration to the United States without a sponsor, who guarantees that the person will have continuous employment upon arrival, so the newcomer will not become a burden on society.

Under U.S. law, every person who immigrates based on a relative petition must have a financial

sponsor. If you choose to sponsor your relative's immigration by filing a Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, you must agree to be the financial sponsor and file an affidavit of support. The affidavit of support helps ensure that new immigrants will not need to rely on public benefits such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.

Forty-five years ago, close friends telephoned Angelo during their trip to Italy, saying they had met a relative there, a young Italian jewelry maker who wanted to come to the United States, but needed a sponsor. Angelo was interested in helping, so he reviewed Nunzio Barone's work history and experience, and decided to sponsor him.

"That's how we built our country," Angelo says. "People came here and brought their trades and that's how we became great."

Fascinating as this story is, of how well legal immigration works, the story behind it is Angelo Cardono himself. In 2010 this Downey jeweler, World War II Navy veteran, aviator and community leader received his industry's prestigious "service in excellence" award. Angelo's own parents came to New York from Italy in the years before World War I, and met, years after their families had been sponsored and came to America on the legal path to citizenship.

"My parents were adamant," Angelo says, "that we get an education. And no speaking Italian in the home. When relatives came for a visit, we got a kiss and were put

outside." "That's why," he continues, "I speak only pigeon Italian."

But he and Nunzio can communicate on creating original prototypes for his line of jewelry because they have techniques in common and have worked side by side for so many years. "Every morning Nunzio comes in at seven and he leaves at four," Angelo says. "We know each other so well that we can create any bracelet or a necklace that I design."

Of his profession, Angelo likes to say that jewelry is not a luxury, but a badge of achievement. He explains that when a couple is engaged and marries it is the exchange of wedding rings that symbolizes their love for each other; when an athlete is a champion at his or her sport it is usually a ring that shows that they have won the championship.

For many years Angelo entertained the Downey Club on Secretary's Day, now called Administrative Assistant Day. He would bring fabulous rings and earrings, necklaces and bracelets to the meeting, carrying them in small brown paper bags. Women Rotarians would get the opportunity to model the creations, gold jewelry set with pearls, diamonds and precious stones, during his presentation. Angelo would recount anecdotes, such as how the fad for tennis bracelets in the 1980s saved the fine jewelry business during a tight economy.

Angelo is also famous in the Downey Club for having started the Pancake Breakfast tradition, to benefit the Downey Family YMCA, 60 years ago. Among his other distinctions, Angelo is famed for his

Mickey Mouse pancakes, which he makes for his fans with a jeweler's precision.

And Angelo always invites all his employees to come, gives them tickets and sees that they have plenty to eat. Nunzio has a large family, and his five children and grandchildren are always guests. But whether the grandchild Nathan, son of Nunzio's youngest daughter, who married a Mahoney, has ever come, is a moot question.

Angelo also held a private pilot's license for many years and flew around the country on business, going to jewelry shows in Dallas, New York and Chicago, taking his assistant and his samples. Only two years ago, at age 90 did Angelo figuratively turn in his pilot's license and sell his twin-engine plane.

As a seasoned flyer, Angelo served as a member of the Los Angeles County Airport Commission for 40 years. This is a ten-member group which advises the County Board of Supervisors regarding the operation and development of the county's five-airport system. Angelo's good friend and fellow Downey Rotarian Judge Charlie Frisco often had the pleasure of swearing him in.

Angelo also flew—by commercial jets—around the world to buy gemstones, to Brazil for amethysts and Thailand for sapphires, to Hong Kong to see about getting the gem stones cut. And it is this phase of Angelo's life that clicked with Nathan. "You mean Angelo Cardono? Jewels by Angelo?" he asked Bill at the wine and hors d'oeuvres Happy Hour at the Downey Embassy Suites, managed by another Downey Rotarian, Maurice Casaus.

"But he brought my grandfather

over here from Italy," Nathan said. "He sponsored him 45 years ago, so he and his family could come here for a better life." Going back to the beginning, Angelo opened his store on Downey Avenue on January 3, 1947 after his service in the Navy. At that time gold was only \$35 an ounce. Fast forward to 1970, when the story of Nunzio originally came to his attention with that fateful phone call from Italy.

For many years Jewels by Angelo was located in a landmark high rise building in Downey, which Angelo designed. It bore the jeweler's trademark, its bronzed-tinted windows set expertly in the pavé style, flush with the walls. "My industry is based on trust, more so than any other," Angelo remarked. "I have the 4 Way Test on the wall for all to see."

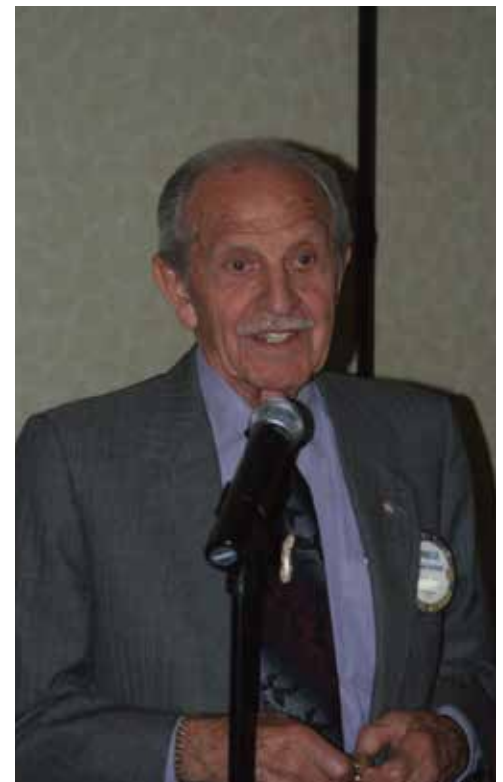
The path to legal immigration for Nunzio and then citizenship was a long one, but he stuck to it. On Tuesday, he sat proudly as Nathan's guest, at a luncheon table with his boss, Angelo Cardono, and watched his grandson Nathan promise to run his professional life by the 4-Way Test.



*Nathan Mahoney, newest member of Rotary Club of Downey, a 2003 graduate of Downey High School*

Now 45 years after his family came to America, because of Angelo's kindhearted willingness to "stick his neck out," as he put it, Nathan has the chance to pay back to the community and to Angelo's own Rotary Club of Downey, by becoming a Downey Rotarian. As Rotarian Rich Strayer said, "Rotarian sponsors a legal immigrant, he works and contributes to the US society for 45 years – then his grandson pays him back by joining Rotary – inspiring."

In picture below, Angelo is wearing the baroque pearl tie pin which he designed.



*Angelo Cardono*



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Students-of-the-month brought sunshine to the club! President Val Hatley (far left) honors Angelica Arias from Mary Star, Diana Hernandez from SPHS, Mika Vemer from POLAHS, and Isabella Berouty from Rolling Hills Prep.