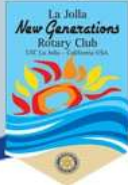




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Our weekly meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Kourtney Kennedy**.

Visiting Rotarians/Guests:

Randy Stoops from Granite Bay, with wife **Marilyn Stoops** (parents of **Chris Stoops**). From Escondido; **Dan Sundquist** (with wife **Verve Sundquist**), **Sydney Kirkland** and **John Boruff**. From Lake Arrowhead **Barry Robinson**. From Temecula Noon **David Thompson**, **Walt Allen**, **Bruce Cripe**, **Adam A. Ruiz**, **Julie Njo**, **Valerie Church**, **Jon Atweed** and **Steve Yagen**. From Lake Elsinor **Vicky and Steve Wallace**. From RB Sunrise **Carol Prendergast** and **Mark Evans Kirkpatrick**. From La Jolla Golden Triangle **Will Moore**. From various clubs in Ecuador **Beatriz de Plaza**, **Gabriela, Maria, Rosa and Alegria**. **Jaleisha Jackson** (**Kourtney Kennedy**). **Zane Woodard** (**Jennifer Woodard**).

Moment of Silence:

Alan Cox shared with us his relationship with **Chelsea King**, the teen who recently went missing in Poway and whose remains have now been found. Last night at his church there was a gathering for her; the atmosphere of the community was great. Tonight we had a moment of silence for this senseless death.

Happy Bucks:

Jackie Cooper had a couple of dollars for the great support she has been getting at work and also to celebrate all the guests we have tonight. **Shannon Bateman** had \$5 for a great trip to Wisconsin to visit her friend Jason where she went sledding and got to walk on water. **Zane Woodard** had \$1 to celebrate he was done with Spanish for the year. One of our visitors, **Steve**, had \$5 because his Grandmother-in-law just turned 101. **Paul Pierce** had a few dollars to celebrate the fact our club had just turned in our paperwork for a Presidential Citation. **Kourtney Kennedy** had a happy buck because she was happy to see **Jaleisha** here and to congratulate her on her upcoming wedding, and to also thank all of our many guests for all of their support. **Amanda Wirtz** had \$3 because she got to go to a party for a firefighter who was reelected today. **Dan Sundquist** had a few bucks because he was happy that when we are old enough we can all join his club. **Alan Cox** was happy because he is going to Vegas for the weekend and even though he gave up beer for lent, his monsieur said what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas. **Eddy Miller** was happy because Friday is going to be his last day at work. **Aleah** from Ecuador was happy to be here. **Mark Dewey** had a buck to celebrate the great fundraiser they had for his friend. Someone also had \$5 just for being in such a happy place! (Sorry for the lack of financial data tonight...to many happy people ☺).

Kourtney Kennedy let us know tonight that we have surpassed our collection goals with our Polio Pig. From now on he will be the Chilean Pig. **David Detwiler** will be taking this money down to clubs in Chile.

Bob James Jr. couldn't be with us tonight, but he passed on a list of "100 Ideas of Kindness" that **Kourtney Kennedy** shared with us. It was a list of really great ideas for daily good deeds. Feel free to celebrate any of your random acts of kindness for the week with Happy Bucks.

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- Club Happy Hour this Friday at Arterra
- March 7 we are volunteering with the Helen Woodward Animal Shelter's Ugly Dog Contest. If you plan on volunteering, get together with **Gary Mevorah** to get your volunteer release forms and parking passes.
- March 20 is the District Assembly. Make sure you are signed up on the web site if you plan on attending. We will be helping with registration. All elected board members for 2010-2011 should be there to attend valuable training sessions.
- March 25 we are going to the Symphony instead of our weekly meeting. *An American in Paris* is the program and Alan announced the 40 tickets we had are now all sold out. We will be meeting for happy hour at 5pm across the street at the Sixth Avenue Bistro.
- April 7 is the next Pub Quiz

GSE Team from Ecuador

Dale Barnes introduced our visiting GSE team. **Beatrice** was the team leader. All of the members were educators from district 4004. In Ecuador there are many problems with education. Our district has a very special place in their hearts because we have been helping them for 12 years. Members of the team introduced themselves: **Gabriela** is an elementary teacher and artist. **Maria** works with two-year-old preschoolers. **Rosa** is also a preschool teacher. **Alegria** was very happy to be here, she teaches preschool and college. All of them presented our club with their club flags.

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Liz Raines let us know that the Pub Quiz date has been changed for fear that attendance might be low due to St. Patrick's day. The new date is April 7. Cost will be \$15 per person. We are still looking for raffle prizes for both the Pub Quiz and the Bowling Tournament in May.

Foundation Minute:

Eddy Miller let us know that our club made the *Rotarian* magazine this week with our great use of social networking to help spread the work about our club and Rotary.

Guest Speaker:

Brian Kirk introduced our guest speaker for the evening. Tonight's program is Friends of the San Diego Public Library presented by **Vickie Church**. The mission of the San Diego Public Library Foundation is to actively work to advance the library system by raising public awareness and financial support to expand library access, broaden its scope of services, enhance its community impact, and raise its operating standards. **Vickie Church** is on the Board of Trustees for the Public Library Foundation; she is the Immediate Past President of the Friends of the San Diego Public Library, coordinating 31 Friends Chapters across the City of San Diego; a board member of the Montezuma Economic Development Corporation, a nonprofit organization focusing on empowerment of community groups for nine neighborhoods near SDSU; a motivational instructor for the National Environmental Health Association, presenting to public health professionals in more than 10 states; previously she worked as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist with the County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health. She is a retired US Naval Reservist Medical Services Corps officer and a SDSU Alumnus.



Vickie was happy to be here. She started off with a contest to see who in the room could present their library card the fastest. **Mark Adams** won a free bag for pulling out his library card first. The library system is composed of the central structure downtown and 35 branch libraries. A number of new libraries have been built recently. Each branch has its own theme and displays, like the periscope in the Point Loma. There are programs for everyone, mostly free. The technology is available for everyone as are the collections of books and literacy programs. The system gets 6 million visitors in one year, has 3.4 million books and audiovisual materials, 1.6 million internet users, 4012 periodicals, 1.6 million government documents, and 265,000 foreign language books.

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Last summer 27,000 kids participated in literacy programs. Literacy skill building classes are offered for those who want to learn more, read better, and speak better. Families for Literacy trains parents on how to read to their children. Shon Center for Spanish Books in Serra Mesa has a huge Spanish book collection. If you want anything available at your local library that is available in the system you can request it to be transferred to the branch closest to you.

There is a teen reader essay contest, where teens compose 2-3 page essays on various topics. The top 10-12 readers read their essays at a presentation. Medals are given to the top essays. Great stories come out of contest. Children walk away with great experiences. There is also live homework help where kids can get help on topics through the library using catalogs and databases to help find the real resources, instead of Wikipedia and Google.

For adult readers, READ San Diego helps adults with training so that they can work with people with literacy problems (440,000 individual in San Diego are challenged with literacy). One Book, One San Diego is a regional book club with KPBS. The book right now is *Outcasts United*. It is always a book that anyone can read and discuss with anyone in the community. It encourages dialogue in the community.

How can we make a difference? Physically we can help out. The Friends of the San Diego Public Library work in the individual branches with various library programs. Fiscally we can donate. The San Diego Public Library Foundation raises the money. There are lots of matching funds, which go not only to the library receiving the donation, but also help spread the money over the county. People can also specify where their donation goes. Politically lots of people go and speak to the politicians. Everyone has to decide what the best way for them to help is.

Libraries change lives.

Raffle:

Raffle tickets were sold this week by **David Detwiler**, with the help of **Zane Woodard**. Visiting Rotarian, **Dan Sundquist** was the lucky winner this week, winning \$2!

Next Raffle Jackpot Amount = over \$1100!!

Barry Robinson concluded the meeting with a toast.

March Birthdays:

March 13 - **Danny Michael**

March 14 - **Shannon Bateman** and **Charlotte Smith**

March 30 - **Michael Hime**

Next Week's Program: U.S. Census Bureau

The Census Bureau serves as the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy. We honor privacy, protect confidentiality, share our expertise globally, and conduct our work openly. We are guided on this mission by our strong and capable workforce, our readiness to innovate, and our abiding commitment to our customers.

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<http://picasaweb.google.com/LaJollaNewGenerationsRotary>

