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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

2016 Women PeaceMakers

Next Meeting



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Editor

President **John Morrell** called the meeting to order by rooting for the Cubs and playing a clip of Bill Murray singing "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" at Wrigley Field. **Larry Showley** gave the Inspirational Moment and **Mark Burgess** presented the news, courtesy of **Mike Conner** of Phoenix Water

Management.

Mark Allan requested that the club bring in new winter clothes for the Senior Services Warm Clothes Drive to be held at Liberty Station on November 3rd.

Nancy Scott spoke on behalf of the upcoming auction, with **Chuck Pretto** dressed as an impressive zombie to help drive the message home to our club--please bring in your donated wine with you name on the bottle.

We had two new members introduce themselves. First, **Megan Pogue**, the Executive Director of the Timken Museum in Balboa Park, and then **Nicholas Westendorf** whose grandfather from Chicago, a 103-year old navy Veteran who fought in WW2, told him that once the Chicago Cubs win the World Series, he would have seen *everything* in his lifetime.

The Chair of the Day was our favorite (and only) Kiwi, **Jenni Prisk**. There were no visiting Rotarians, so our favorite club zombie, Chuck Pretto, received Jenni's bottle o' wine.

Jenni first Introduced Katie Zaroni, the Program Officer for Women PeaceMakers at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. The Women PeaceMakers share their stories of peacebuilding and defending human rights with a selected group of peace writers. In addition to documenting their stories, the women give presentations on their work at the institute and in the San Diego community. Katie went on to introduce this year's exemplary PeaceMakers winners to share their stories.

Hamsatu Allamin of Nigeria is a trusted negotiator and peacemaker between militants and security forces in her country's

conflict-ridden and impoverished North East region. She serves as the regional manager of the North East section of the Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme (NSRP), and is a national executive member of the Federation of Muslim Women's Associations in Nigeria.

Mrs. Allamin speaks and teaches internationally, presenting scores of well researched papers on conflict and gender issues in national and international events and consults for a number of international civil society organizations working in Africa.

Khurshid Bano of Pakistan spoke of the myriad of problems in her country. Women have very few rights, and domestic violence is at a shocking 92%. The Taliban is very active in the Swat Valley, where Bano lives, works and dodges death threats. Encouraging dialogue and co-existence between different religious groups is risky in her region and so is promoting girls' education and women's rights. Yet Bano does all of this as the founder and CEO of Da Hawwa Lur or "Daughters of Eve." Bano says they want peace and are fighting against terrorism. Many women are mentally, physically ill and sexually abused. Women are not allowed to go to school or college. Bano urges us to please invest in education and hospitals, as 70% of them have been destroyed by the war.

Next we heard from **Fatma Mehdi Hassam**, from Western Sahara. She is the president of the National Union of Saharawi Women and chair of the Women and Gender Cluster of the African Union's Economic, Social and Cultural Council. Mehdi is a woman without a country, having lived nearly 40 years in an Algerian refugee camp after fleeing the fighting in her western Sahara homeland. "We are not refugees of hunger, we are refugees of a political situation," Mehdi said. "Algeria is not our country, not our land. What we need is to go back to our land."

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Elizabeth Brown,
Chief Commercial Officer
Cross Border Xpress

Cross Border Xpress: A One of a Kind Landmark Project

After decades of discussion, years of negotiation and months of construction, Cross Border Xpress (CBX) is finally a reality and it is changing how people cross the US/Mexico Border.

CBX is an enclosed pedestrian bridge for Tijuana Airport passengers crossing the border. It opened for business in December 2015. Spanning 390 feet, the CBX skywalk is the first ever to connect a facility in the U.S. directly into a foreign airport terminal.

Learn about the journey to reality, how the operation works and the opportunities it opens for the future.

Guest Speaker Elizabeth Brown is the Chief Commercial Officer for the Cross Border Xpress. She is an airport specialist, with over 20 years experience in business development, human resources, communications, marketing and air service development.



Stephanie Saathoff
Chair of the Day

AUCTION



Giving Thanks & Giving Back

ANNUAL AUCTION NOVEMBER 17

Plans are under way for our annual **Giving Thanks, Giving Back auction on November 17**. If you would like to make a donation towards our silent or live auction, please complete the [donation form](#) and return it to the Rotary office. Donations of wine for our Wall of Wine need to be at least 91 points or better and cost a minimum of \$25. Don't forget to ask friends, neighbors, family and co-workers for auction items, or simply invite them to the event to shop! **The silent auction will begin at 11:00 am**. Any questions? Contact Auction Chair [Diana Mar-Jip Chuh](#). *If you will be bringing guests to this event, please register them [online](#).*

BIRTHDAYS

November

Dick Baxter	1
Nikki Clay	1
Carl Hilliard, Jr.	1
Tom Mosher	2
Sandy Purdon	3
Steve Hubbard	3
Lisa Miller	5
Linda Crogan	6

2016 Women PeaceMakers Continued continued

Mehdi says, "Young people don't understand their role in peacemaking. They are an important part of process. Young people think that going back to the war is the best solution. They think violence will make them more visible, and still fighting our rights for our liberties." She continues, "Women don't want war." Sadly, Mehdi shared there are 6 men in her family who have died in this war.

What's the solution? "We don't know. We are waiting. We are working hard to make them understand peace. Working peacefully is a very powerful weapon. They need to understand and get that concept and work in the peace process."

Jane Anyango of Kenya is a grassroots peacemaker and the founding director of the Polycorn Development Project, based in Africa's largest informal settlement, Kibera.

There is a lot of poverty in Kenya with a high number of unemployed youth who are hired by politicians or rich people to do bad things—kill people, commit crimes, fight for Islam." Some of the biggest attacks have been by "our own boys", Anyango explains. "They do this for money gains, because they are poor and need money for their families." She went on to tell us how a school was attacked and 147 people were killed. There are stories about people who are asked to recite the Koran, and if they can't, they kill you—in front of everyone including their families.

"Women don't want violence. Women have a voice, and need to talk about their issues." Anyango helps empower women to start their own businesses and ask for help so they don't have to resort to the streets. She helps empower young girls by going to school in order to break the cycle of poverty. She is devoted to solution strategies. "We don't have as many resources, but we're not too primitive for business. Solutions are with the people. Whatever they want to do, my aim is to help you and do better. To trust people in the community."

Upcoming Election

Check your inbox on November 14 for the ballot and candidate information for this year's election. You will have until December 9 to submit your vote electronically. If you normally receive a printed copy of the Rotator via mail, you will be mailed a ballot and voting information. Results will be announced at the Holiday Party on December 15.

CALENDAR

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT LIBERTY STATION CONFERENCE CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

November

3 Elizabeth Brown, Chief Commercial Officer, Cross Border Xpress

10 Annual Salute to Military Guest speaker: Kris Peterson, M.D., COL (Ret), MC

17 Giving Thanks & Giving Back Auction

GROTARIAN EVENTS

**Wednesday, November 30
American Red Cross San Diego
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Cost: \$20**

Join Grotarians and Rotarians in visiting our local Red Cross and see for yourself the state-of-the-art Disaster Operations Center, learn hands-only CPR, hear from Red Cross responders and get tips on becoming better prepared for the next disaster or emergency! At the end of the event, we will enjoy wine, beer and appetizers.

[Click here](#) to register.



**Join the Carouse & Commerce Committee at their next event!
Thursday, Nov. 3
at 5:00 pm at Bay City Brewing. Prospective members are welcome! We hope to see you!**

Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106

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WARM CLOTHES DRIVE

Don't forget to bring your donations with you to Liberty Station on Thursday!



SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB
"SENIOR SERVICES" COMMITTEE

WARM CLOTHES DRIVE November 3, 2016

(Sizes XS – XXXL)

Donation Suggestions

Socks (white crew)

Gloves

Beanies

Sweatshirts

Undershirts

Warm neck scarves

Jackets

Slippers

Blankets

Throw blankets

Rain Ponchos



Idea – Ask your favorite store for a donation.

Note: NEW items only.

MEMBERSHIP

Greetings all! Your Membership Committee has been hard at work this year and we wanted to share with you on how we're doing. The Membership Committee (and by the way, you are all members of this committee) has a goal of bringing in 60 new members this year. For the first 4 months of this Rotary year, 22 new members have been recommended to the board by the Review and Membership committees. Some have already been introduced and you can look forward to many more in the coming meetings. If we can keep up that pace, we'll reach our goal of 60 or more new members!

So please help us reach that goal! The next **New Member Prospective Reception** will be held before lunch at Liberty Station on **January 5th**. Start thinking about who you might like to invite and bring them along to our first program of 2017, our annual Economic Forecast program. You can [click here](#) to register yourself and your guest for the reception.

The Membership Committee meets just after lunch on the third Thursday each month. Please join us when you can. We'd love to see you there.

Sincerely,
Divya, Rachel and Lynn
Membership Committee Co-Chairs

Please welcome our newest members to the club:



Megan Pogue- "Museum-Art." Megan has been the Executive Director of the Timken Museum of Art in Balboa Park for 2 years. Before joining the museum, she was the VP of Business Development for the San Diego Symphony for over 11 years.

She is an SDSU graduate, was Team Manager for the Torrey Pines High School Girls Water Polo Team, a Girl Scout Leader and enjoys golf, music, fitness and travel.

Pat Crowell, John Morrell and Mel Katz were her sponsors.
Email: mpogue@timkenmuseum.org Business phone: 619-239-5548



Nicholas Westendorf- "Investment-Wealth Management, Additional Active." Nicholas is a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley.

He was born in Galway, Ireland and has lived all over the United States. He prides himself on his involvement with the San Diego community and giving back to a city he truly loves. He enjoys soccer, surfing, road biking and swimming.

David Oates, Todd Struyk and Ben Wood were his sponsors.
Email: nicholas.westendorf@morganstanley.com Business phone: 619-544-6554

The following applicants were recommended to the Board of Directors by the Membership Committee and will be approved for membership unless objections are received at the Rotary office by **November 9**.

- Kathleen Carroll - "Retired-Psychotherapy"
- Andre Jiminez - Windvest Corporation - "Real Estate-Private Equity"
- Monica Page-Allen - Monica Page Logistics Corp. - "Freight Forwarding"
- Stacy Park - Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP - "Law-Patent Practice, A.A."
- Kurt Volker - Morgan Stanley - "Investment-Wealth Management, A.A."
- Erin Zlotnik - Voice of San Diego - "News Media-Online"

FACES IN OUR CROWD

Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor



Some of our members got into the Halloween spirit.



Chuck Pretto as “what ultimately happens to past presidents.”



Cheryl Wilson held up examples of donations for the November 3 Warm Clothes Drive.



Guest speaker Jane Anyango sold merchandise handmade by women from Kibera, Nairobi.



Lee Ben-Yehuda, wife of **Amnon Ben-Yehuda**, joined us for lunch today.



President John, Jenni Prisk, and the Women PeaceMakers of 2016.

