

4-WAY SPEECH CONTEST



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Editor

“We start with A?” The always unflappable **Jack Berkman** served up some comedy as he introduced the first of six finalists in Rotary District 5340’s 4-Way Speech Contest. To be “fair to all,” student contestants were anonymous to judges and audience alike, introduced only as speakers A, B, C, D, E and F. Their identities were protected until well after the 1:30 pm adjournment.

Over 200 regional students participated in a four-month journey of research, writing, rehearsing, and elimination rounds culminating in the District’s 4-Way Speech competition finals hosted at our Club. The six finalists impressed everyone with their preparation, poise, and polished presentations. No wonder the graduating seniors have been accepted to attend top universities like CSU San Francisco, UCLA, UC Davis, Boston University and Harvard!
In ascending order of merit:

- **Valerie Craig** spoke passionately about the detrimental impact of Social Media on youth. Why does a 13-year old post sexually suggestive pictures of herself? She responds, “That’s how to get the most (Facebook) likes.”
- **Joshua Tran** called on America to put Genocide at the top of the national agenda. According to Stalin, “A single death is a tragedy; a million deaths is a statistic.” Joshua challenged us to be outraged, too.
- **Nicole Gonzales** confessed to a shocking story of being bullied, remembering vividly, “My first day in High School and I’m already crying.” She indicts teens wasting time on Social Media and encourages them to be who they are.
- **Angela Ahern** shared how she helped 14-year-old Zenaida escape a forced marriage to a 37-year-old man in the Dominican Republic. The power to say no to Child Marriage is a human right Angela is committed to.
- **Owen Schafer** reported on his innovative STEM Sailing program launched for middle schoolers. Observing the principle of torque led an otherwise unengaged student to understand and love

physics. “That’s so cool! Can we arm wrestle again?”

- The \$1,000 contest winner, **Alyssa Maloney**, earned top honors with a speech about her Adulthood Club, which prepares teens to transition to adulthood after High School. They learn life skills like financial literacy, changing a tire, and sewing. The stuff most of us learned in Scouting.

Thanks to Judges **Tyler Cramer**, **Phil Blair** and **Craig Brown** for their deliberations and selections, considering objective criterion of content, organization, delivery and application of the 4-Way test. 4-Way Speech committee Co-Chair **Jan McDonough**’s exceptional leadership, tenacity, and organizational skills were instrumental to the contest’s overwhelming success. Thank you and congratulations, Jan!

Chair of the Day **Jack Berkman** wrapped up the session with appropriate acknowledgement of Prez **John Morrell** who elevated our club’s support of this signature Rotary District 5340 program.

Please thank the following Rotarians who supported our program today:

- **Greg Zinser** on the keyboard, accompanying **Brandon Horrocks** for the Patriotic moment
- **Bonnie Schwartz**’s (wearing an awesome pink suit!) delivering the Inspirational Moment
- Professional photography donated by **Paul Nestor**
- Badge: **Bill Herrin**
- Registration: **James Buley, Stephanie Bozzuto, Mike Conner, Dean Crowder, Rich DeBolt**
- Greeters: **Nancy Scott, Chris Sichel, Tom Wilson**

The Video of the Week featured Adele in “Carpool Karaoke” with James Corden. Millennials in the club appreciated it. No one at my table recognized the singer-songwriter and Late Late Show host.

Stan Lawrence’s News joke: “The Devil challenged the Lord to a baseball game. Smiling, the Lord said, “You don’t have a chance. I have Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, Jackie Robinson, and all the greatest players up here.” The Devil said, “Yeah, but I have all the umpires.”

Next Meeting

April 27, 2017
OFFSITE MEETING

SAN DIEGO
HISTORY
CENTER

We are having an offsite evening meeting at the San Diego History Center in Balboa Park from 5:30 pm –7:30 pm.

There will **NOT** be a lunch meeting at Liberty Station.

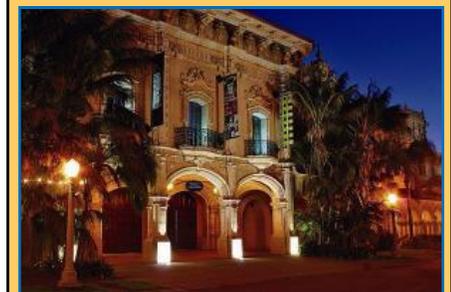
Hors d’oeuvres will be provided by **Culinary Concepts** and dessert by **Sensational Treats**. (Note: this is not a sit down dinner.)

We will get to tour and visit the History Center’s current exhibitions, including “The History & Heritage of San Diego’s Jewish Community,” “Irving J. Gill: New Architecture for a Great Country,” and “The Lore Behind The Roar! 100 Years Of The San Diego Zoo.” Guided tours to see their research library and archives will also be available.

Guests are welcome (Regular \$32 lunch cost applies).

If you plan on bringing a guest, [please register on our website](#).

See you there!



QUICK BITS

Annual Member Survey

Our annual club survey was emailed out to you last week on April 18. If you haven't yet done so, we hope that you will take a few minutes to provide us with your input. All replies are completely anonymous. The deadline to submit the survey is April 30. For your convenience, here is the link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017RotarySurvey>

Do you have a change of address? Changed jobs recently or have a new title?

If there are any changes in your contact information that you would like to make for the new membership directory, please contact the [Rotary office](#) no later than April 28, to ensure its inclusion.

BIRTHDAYS

	April
Suzanne LaTour	24
Dom Addario	24
Katie Fulhorst	25
Laura Buckley	26
Roy Bell	27
Terry Moore	28
Darlene Davies	28
Judy Thompson	28
Mark Allan	29
Dodie Rotherham	29
Jen Weissman	29
Larry Showley	30
Dick Jackson	30
Bob Kelly	30
Duke Sobek	30
Budd Rubin	30

ROTARIANS AT WORK

JOIN US FOR ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29

This year's available projects are at the locations below. [Click here for more detailed information and to register.](#)

San Diego Zoo Enrichment

Time: 9:00 am – Noon
of volunteers needed: 70-80

Balboa Park Nursery

Time: 8:00 am – Noon
of volunteers needed: 20-25

Hoover High School

Time: 9:00 am – Noon
of volunteers needed: 20 (to work with 50 Hoover Interacts)

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery—FULL

Time: 8:00 am – Noon
of volunteers needed: 25-40

St. Paul's Senior Center

Time: 8:30 am – 11:30 am (lunch 11:30 am-1:30 pm at the annual volunteer's picnic)
of volunteers needed: 8-15

Reminders and any further instructions about the projects will be sent out to you on Friday, April 28. Don't forget to wear your RAW t-shirt and to take photos!



CALENDAR

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

April

27 *Offsite meeting at the SD History Center 5:30 pm*

May

4 *Phil Blair and Jenni Prisk-Brush Up Your 30-Second Elevator Pitch*

11 *Peter Yarrow*

18 *Emergency Preparedness and Response For Seniors*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, May 23rd

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Event: The Junipero Serra Museum in Presidio Park
2727 Presido Drive
San Diego, CA 92103

More details coming soon

Operated by the San Diego History Center, the Junipero Serra Museum is an iconic regional landmark. Located just above Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, the Serra sits on one of the most significant historical sites on the West Coast, the site of the first permanent European settlement in what is today the State of California.

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

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FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) Chair of the Day and contest host Jack Berkman; (center) A very large group of Rotary Club of Coronado members came out to support two of the contestants from Coronado High; (right) Past President Bonnie Schwartz delivered our Inspirational Moment.



Our contestants (from left to right) Angela Ahern, Owen Schafer, Nicole Gonzales, and Valerie Craig.



(Left) Contestant Joshua Tran; (center) contestant Alyssa Maloney; (right) Jan McDonough and Hoover High students, who had also participated in the contest preliminaries and semi-finals, came out to support the finalists.



(Left) Friends, family and visiting Rotarians from sponsoring clubs of the contestants wanted to be sure they captured every moment; (right) Contest winner Alyssa Maloney with her mother and members of the Vista High Noon Rotary Club who sponsored her.

GROTARIAN EVENT AT THE SHERIFF'S CRIME LAB

Thank you to **Sheriff Bill Gore** and his leadership team at the County Crime Lab for an incredible Grotarian event on Tuesday, April 18th. And thank you to **Ed Chaplin** for organizing this tour. It was both educational and fun!

