

# THE ROTATOR

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If you missed our **Sept. 9** program with Ted Leitner, click on the image below to watch a recording of the meeting.



Thank you to **Tom Cohen** of Barry Slatt Mortgage for sponsoring our meeting's Inspirational Moment.

In continuing our support of the Alliance for African Assistance's efforts to help the resettlement of 510 Afghan refugees here in San Diego, we hope you will consider donating some of the much needed items that are listed on **page 5**. Thank you.



**DON'T FORGET YOUR MASK!** A mask is required to enter the conference center and for the duration of our meeting, with the only exception being while you are eating. After finishing your lunch, you are expected to put your mask back on. Also, please respect your fellow Rotarians by refraining from hugs and handshakes. Thank you for your understanding and support!

### **NEXT MEETING - SEPTEMBER 16 Dan Gensler – District Governor 2021-22**

District Governor Dan Gensler will share his Rotary journey highlighting his personal experience with international projects including working with a "living angel" in South Africa, distributing 350,000 pairs of Toms Shoes and starting an artificial limb clinic in Ensenada Mexico. Dan will also discuss the impact The Rotary Foundation is making to alleviate human suffering around the globe.



Cannot attend in person? Here is the weekly recurring ZOOM LINK to tune in virtually at 12:30pm:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN x-62cFf7TDGucnK5ozdFCQ

You can also phone in to listen to the meeting: Phone: 1-669-900-6833 Password: 84903061996# (include the "pound" sign).

#### Rotary Office Job Opportunity

The San Diego Rotary office is currently hiring for a part-time Operations/Executive Assistant.

Click here for the job description.

Please share this information with any one you may know that would be interested and fit the qualifications.

Deadline to apply is September 30, 2021. Please email resumes to Executive Director, Jordan Maharaj (<u>jordan@rotary33.org</u>). Questions about this position can also be directed to the same email address or by calling the office at (619) 299-3309. The successful candidate can anticipate to begin work mid to late November.

Thank you.

## This week's BIRTHDAYS

	September
Tyler Cramer	13
Travis Anderson	13
Ben Wood	14
Betty Hubbard	14
Clara Draf	15
Richard Ledford	17
Janessa Goldbeck	17
Monty McIntyre	18
Pam Luster	18
Rick Gulley	19
Bill Lawrence	19

Donate your Rotarian Magazines ——-

Past President Jo Dee Jacob is requesting back copies of The Rotarian Magazine for her Social Entrepreneurship class at UC San Diego. She uses the magazine to introduce undergrads to Rotary International and how Rotary is making the world a better place. Save a tree! Help share the good news about Rotary!

Thanks for bringing any back-issues of The Rotarian to a Thursday meeting this fall, or you can drop off at the Rotary office.



#### **Upcoming Programs**

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

Sept 23 - pending

Sept. 30 - Shaka Johnson, Vice President & Associate General Counsel, Sony Electronics

Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106
Phil Blair, President ◆ Jordan Maharaj, Executive Director

Phone: 619/299-3309 ◆ e-mail: jordan@rotary33.org ◆ website: http://www.sandiegorotary.club

#### Atiak Hospital Update

Four and a half years ago, the community of Atiak, Uganda had a dream. With the closest major hospital about 50 miles away, the community dreamt of a hospital of their own, to care for the locals and well as the 1 million refugees from neighboring South Sudan.

Last week, that dream became a reality. The Alliance for African assistance opened a 200-bed, \$3 million hospital in Atiak, northern Uganda, the birthplace of the Alliance's founder and President, our dear Walter Lam. Named for Walter's mother, the Teresa Ayiko International Hospital began seeing its first patients yesterday.

You can see photos from opening day below. The community donated the land, the Alliance provided the construction funds, and Club 33, District 5340 and Rotary International has raised to date over half a million dollars to fund the equipment, medical supplies, solar panels and start up operating costs. The hospital is providing services ranging from surgery and anesthesiology to maternity and child health.

This is a dream come true, not just for the people of Atiak but for our club, as well. None of this would have been possible without the time, talent, and treasure of so many of our members. Thank you for making this dream a reality. In admittedly a very difficult year and a half, this is a huge win. So take a day or two to just luxuriate in this; please be proud and feel really good. We did this. We, as Rotarians, are changing the world for the better, one life at a time. On behalf of myself, Roger Haines, Walter Lam, and the many others who have made this possible, thank you thank you thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Camille Newbern
Atiak Hospital Committee Chair



#### Membership

#### Please welcome our newest members to the club!





Jim Gruny

**Peter Callstrom** 

Jim Gruny (jimmie.gruny@usmc.mil) is the Community Liaison for MCRD San Diego. Peter Callstrom (PeterCallstrom@workforce.org), a returning member of our club, is the President & CEO of the San Diego Workforce Partnership.

<u>Click here</u> to learn more about them. Or you can watch their self-introductions in our Sept. 9 meeting video on page 1.

#### It's a SDSU Rotaract & San Diego Rotary Mixer!



Our <u>Rotaracts of SDSU</u> will be hosting a social mixer and they would be honored to have you attend.

The event will be held on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:15-7:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the SDSU Student Union.

The goal of this mixer is to allow opportunities for Rotaracts and Rotarians to interact and get to know each other better, find ways to partner in service, and to create mentorship opportunities.



To RSVP, please click the link below. Cannot attend the event, but interested in the <u>mentoring a Rotaract</u>? Use the same link below to sign up.

Thank you for supporting our SDSU Rotaracts!

SIGN UP HERE: <a href="https://forms.gle/ekcCUUEfvk1mhGJq7">https://forms.gle/ekcCUUEfvk1mhGJq7</a>

In continuing our support of the Alliance for African Assistance's efforts to help the resettlement of 510 Afghan refugees here in San Diego, we hope you will consider donating some of the items that are listed below. You are welcome to deliver them at the Liberty Station Conference Center on Thursday when you arrive for our meeting, at the Rotary office (please call ahead for office hours), or you can drop off items directly at the Alliance office by first calling (619) 282-4218.

Please visit this link for more information or if you would like to make a monetary donation instead <a href="https://www.alliance-for-africa.org">https://www.alliance-for-africa.org</a>. Thank you!

Diapers (size 3-4 especially) Baby wipes Laundry detergent Large trash bags Food containers with lids Pots and Pans Plates and utensils Children's backpack for school School supplies for children 3T - 10 children clothes Women's underpants size s or m Women's socks Small women's jeans Feminine hygiene products Small /medium men's jeans Men's underwear and t-shirts, small, medium. A few large t-shirts Men Hygiene Products; shaving cream, razors Regular size shampoo/conditioner Soap **Towels** Toothbrushes and toothpaste Deodorant Hair brushes Flip flops - small, med Energy bars Dry spaghetti White rice Dried beans, lentils

> Sugar Cooking oil Spices - Turmeric, Salt, Pepper

Prepared spaghetti sauce Corn flakes Green Tea

# Faces In Our Crowd Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor





(Left) We were all happy to see Bob Fletcher Sr. and Rob Fletcher Jr. in our audience; (right) Ted Leitner with Ron Roberts.





(Left) Tracy Sundlun greets guest Julie Roland; (right) We see you, too, Past President Patti Roscoe.





(Left) **Rachel Luis y Prado** delivered our Inspirational Moment; (right) Many limed up to meet Ted and have their books autographed.