



Though 2021 still had it's share of obstacles, we are so grateful that we finally got to meet back in person and enjoy the fellowship we were all craving. And we continue to be grateful for our community's continued support for our committees and our projects despite the challenges of finding ways to serve. We persevered and continued our good work out there! Cheers to 2022 and all of the happiness, health and possibilities it will bring!!

**We will return this Thursday on January 6 for our annual Economic Forecast Program featuring special guest speakers:**

**Bob Carey – First Trust – Chief Market Strategist  
Seth Buks – Columbia Threadneedle Investments – Global Allocation  
Dolores Bamford – Eventide – Portfolio Manager Sustainable Investing**



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

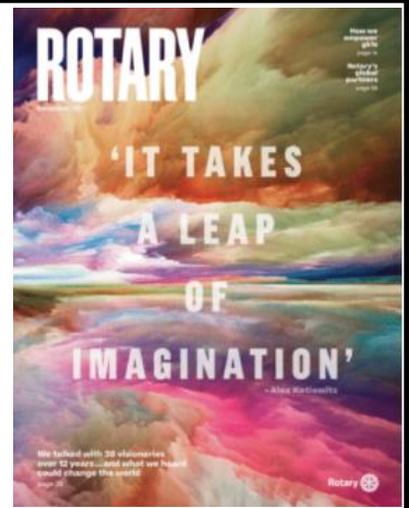
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You can also phone in to listen to the meeting: Phone: 1-669-900-6833 Password: 84903061996# (include the "pound" sign)

## Donate your Rotarian Magazines!

Past President Jo Dee Jacob is requesting back copies of the Rotary 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!

Please bring your magazines to any Thursday meeting during the month of January. Thank you!



## January 2-9 BIRTHDAYS

January 2: Mike Caruso, Joe Horiye, Steve Cushman

January 4: Jonathan Burgos, Jason Brady, Eric Beste

January 5: Leon Parma

January 7: Bob Flynn

January 8: Beatriz Valencia, Bruce Doole

January 9: Jim Hall

**In keeping with our mentorship campaign, Just in Time for Foster Youth is seeking 5 volunteers who are CPAs or tax professionals.**

As you know, the new year is just around the corner and with the start of every new year, comes the stress and confusion of filing our taxes. Many youth participants in the Just In Time For Foster Youth (JIT) program in particular find this time to be overwhelming and a difficult process of piecing their information together, learning what credits they apply for, and interpreting the information of important tax documents. In order to bridge this gap and ensure youth participants have all the resources, tools, and support they need to successfully file their taxes, JIT is seeking 5 CPA's or certified tax experts who are willing to provide pro-bono 1:1 support for these youth via appointment.



In addition to this support, JIT will be providing them with tax workshops for general filing advice, a link to community resources and helpful filing information, and showing youth how to use tax VITA sites to find locations near them for free tax filing. However, even with all of these wonderful resources, we know some youth could greatly benefit from sitting down 1:1 with a tax expert to review their records and help file as accurately as possible.

The time commitment would be 1-2 hours for each one-time meeting scheduled with youth, though we recognize this can vary by each youth's individual circumstances. Please contact Kathryn Clauzel, Volunteer Services Manager, at (619) 384-6813, or at [kathryn@jiftosteryouth.org](mailto:kathryn@jiftosteryouth.org) to discuss next steps. Thank you so much!

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

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# MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

*This as an example of what Club 33 continues to do despite Covid, Delta and Omicron!*

*Committee Chairs, please send us your write ups of your end of year accomplishments or of your December events so we can share them with the club!*

*Thank you for making lemonade out of COVID!*

*President Phil*

I hope you are all enjoying the holidays with your loved ones. I wanted to send an update on our recent committee work as we approach the end of 2021, along with a few pictures. We had a very busy December, with three different events: Build-A-Bike, the VVSD Holiday Party, and the Holiday Travelers USO Event. While we were able to hold our Build-A-Bike event in-person with great success, due to a Covid outbreak on the VVSD campus we were forced to forgo our typical in-person presence for that event. Given the close proximity of the USO event and the very large number of expected travelers in tight spaces, I felt it prudent under the circumstances to forgo the in-person portion of our USO event as well. However, that certainly did not stop us from providing the support our Club is known for.

The first picture I've attached (*see next page*) is a thank-you note from the commanding General of MCRD – which should have been addressed to our full committee or Club. We had a great day with the Single Marine Program, and his letter to us reflects how well-received that annual event continues to be. We have not yet received pictures from the VVSD Holiday Party, but were told it was a great success, and their residents very much appreciated our gifts and well-wishes as they graduate from VVSD's substance abuse and mental health programs and prepare to re-enter society as productive individuals.

For our USO event, since we could not hold our typical grill-out, I coordinated with USO management to drop off hot-food deliveries and grab-and-go snacks. Using our ~\$1,600 budget funds, we were able to cover the cost of 250 Chick-fil-A breakfast sandwiches, 38 Costco pizzas, and a wide variety of protein bars, trail mix, crackers, gummies, and other treats that military members could easily bring with them on their flights. I dropped these items off in three separate deliveries over the span of two days last Wednesday and Thursday 12/22-23, in an effort to hit the highest-traffic periods of travel and spread out the hot-food deliveries for breakfast and lunch. USO staff were our hands and feet giving out the food, and they indicated there was not a crumb left of everything we provided. The place was packed during each drop-off, with almost every square inch of space taken with a resting service member or luggage (see USO Holiday 2021 picture – every room in the building looked like this) – there were even a few guys sitting on the floor of the men's room, as that was the only place they could find space and an open electrical outlet. USO staff told me a number of stories about service members they had seen over these few days. One example: a young Marine had gotten his leave dates on short notice, and had to spend most of his savings on a very expensive flight with **four connections** to get home to his family in Florida. Given his strained budget, he was very appreciative of the hot meal and snacks we provided, which he said would get him home on a full stomach rather than toughing it out to save a few extra dollars. A nice reminder of why we maintain these events every year.

Thank you all for your support and help with our projects thus far in the Rotary year – and thank you to our Club for providing the budget funds we request to maintain these important projects. Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Best regards,  
Michael – Chair, Military Affairs

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# MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE *continued*



COMMANDING GENERAL  
MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT/WESTERN RECRUITING REGION  
1600 HENDERSON AVENUE, SUITE 238  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92140-5001

December 7, 2021

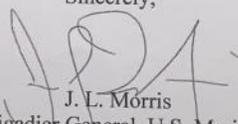
Dear Mr. LaCroix,

On behalf of the Marines, Sailors, and families of Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, please accept my sincere thanks and respect for another successful evolution of your annual Build-a-Bike program. Your dedication to service and spirit of giving were on full display as you partnered with our Single Marine Program to carefully assemble and creatively decorate 27 bicycles aboard the Depot on 6 December, 2021. The generous donation of these bicycles to the children of service members assigned to the Depot will undoubtedly bring a tremendous amount of holiday joy to many deserving children and their families, for which we are enduringly grateful.

I'm also extremely appreciative of the opportunity you provided for our Marines and Sailors to personally interact with patriotic members of the San Diego community. The Marine Corps and your Rotary Club share common values of service above self, civic leadership, and a commitment to improving the community we share. Your shining example of benevolent volunteerism has undoubtedly impacted the inclination and determination of our Marines and Sailors to follow in your footsteps.

Thanks again and Semper Fidelis.

Sincerely,

  
J. L. Morris  
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps



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# New Year, New Member Month

**Your Membership Committee is announcing that January 2022 is bring a prospective member month.**

**All members are asked to bring at least one new member candidate during the month of January.**

**The continued success of The San Diego Rotary remains strong due to everyone's commitment to sponsoring new talented people committed to the San Diego community.**





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do good, feel good



During these unprecedented times, we invite you to join the Peace Committee as we support 2 families in need of **food and groceries**.

**Help us Welcome these Families & Volunteer for a Cause you Believe In**



**Purchase 1-week-supply of food & groceries** including, diapers and formula for the three-month-old infant.  
*\* Rotarian volunteers will receive via email a shopping list*

**Balboa Intl. Market**

5905 Balboa Avenue  
San Diego California 92111  
**Only Halal** Meats, Chicken, Fish  
Fruits and vegetables, eggs, milk,  
tandoori bread

**Vons / Ralph's (or other)**

In-store or on-line  
**No Meat** Chicken or Fish  
Fruit, Vegetables, eggs, milk &  
bread **are ok** to purchase

**Delivery: No Later than 6 PM on Wednesday**

-  Downtown SD near Petco Park (2 adults, 3 children, 1 baby = 6 total)
-  Lakeside California (3 adults; 5 children – 8 total)

The money spent on food and groceries can be **donated** or **reimbursed** by the Alliance for African Assistance



These families came to the US with absolutely nothing.



The homes are clean, but very run down.  
Volunteering for this project made me feel good.  
As Rotarians we are instructed, to go out in our communities and “do good!”

The **Alliance for African Assistance** is assisting with the resettlement of **1,020 asylum seekers, individuals, and families from Afghanistan** who began arriving on September 1st with a goal of resettling all in San Diego by the end of February, 2022



Alliance for African Assistance  
Building a Brighter Future for All





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## **Afghan Refugees Food & Delivery Instructions**

Please contact Sara Anas

Sara Anas  
858 281 9978  
Sara@alliance-for-africa

Sara will Instruct you on::  
what to buy,  
where to take  
when to deliver it.

Sara will also coordinate with the receiving family so they are prepared to meet you and take in the delivery.