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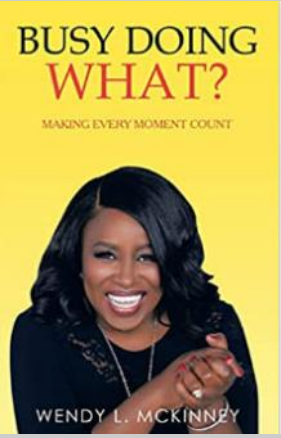
If you missed our February 16th program, Sam the Cooking Guy, you may click anywhere on the picture below to view a video of it.

How did you like this week's program? Take the survey by clicking HERE.

A special *thank you* to this week's Rotary News sponsor, Toni Giffin.

Next Meeting: February 23rd
Wendy McKinney: *Busy Doing What?*



Cannot attend in person? Here is the weekly recurring ZOOM LINK to tune in virtually at 12:30pm. You may also phone in to listen to the meeting: Phone: 1-669-900-6833

Password: 84935003462# (include the "pound" sign).

ROTARIANS WORKING WITH YOUTH

INITIATE YOUR YOUTH PROTECTION CERTIFICATION NOW!

Rotary District 5340 changed the process for Youth Protection Certification as of January 1, 2023. ALL ROTARIANS who participate in programs with youth must obtain their certification using the new process, regardless of any prior certification. DO IT NOW! Embedded in the Live Scan fingerprinting piece are checks by DOJ and the FBI. This adds time and costs a bit more, but the good news is your certification is good for 5 years, so it's overall a win-win. You can find forms and instructions on the District website here: https://rotary5340.org/sitepage/youth-protection-and-certification .

If you have any questions about whether or not you need this certification, please contact Bridget Meckley (bameckley@outlook.com or 619-886-3606), our club's Youth Protection coordinator.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Eli Ohayon
Real Estate Development
Eli is a self employed real estate developer.
To learn more about him, watch his self introduction linked in the video on the first page, or

Click Here

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

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 **February 24th.**

*Cheryl Hamer–Of Council, Pomerantz, LLP- "Law-Investor Rights"

*Tina King–San Diego Community College District- "Associations"

*Karen Sangren– Retired Art and Design Department Chair- "Retired-PLNU"

*Tim Ney-Armed Services YMCA- "Associations YMCA"

FEBRUARY 20-26 BIRTHDAYS

February 20: Bart Conn, Larry Stirling

February 23: Michelle Candland

February 26: John Ahlering, John Peelle

DONATE TO TURKEY AND SYRIA

Give to The Rotary Foundation's Disaster Response Fund. Donations help clubs and districts provide aid and support rebuilding efforts where the need is greatest. The funds are distributed to affected communities through disaster response grants. The Disaster Response Fund can accept cash contributions and District Designated Funds (DDF). Donations to the Disaster Response Fund are combined and cannot be designated for a specific disaster.

Support local initiatives. As we learn about local response efforts that are being led by clubs and districts, Rotary raises awareness about how to support them. People can then support these projects by working directly with Rotary members in the region. If you want us to publicize information about local response efforts, write to relief@rotary.org.

San Diego Rotary would like to invite you to donate to two organizations recommended by members **Serhat Pala** and **Zeynep Ilgaz**:

houseofturkiye **bridgetoturkiye**

PROJECT ALLOCATION GRANT FORMS

It is that time once again for the annual San Diego Rotary Project Allocation process to begin. If you wish to submit a grant application for next fiscal year which begins July 1, **click here** to complete the online application.

Applications are due no later than March 9th, but please submit applications as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Jordan at the Rotary office.

Please remember that funding for ongoing service projects are not automatic. Every project, whether established or new, must be reviewed for funding consideration annually.

Rotary Golf Championship, 2nd round, wraps up on a glorious San Diego day.

The 2nd round of the 2022-2023 Rotary Golf Championship was a battle which began with a (2) stroke lead owned by Richard Coutts. Conditions were perfect as a field of (12) teed off @ San Diego Country Club on Friday, February 10, 2023, but as the day wore on, Guy Maddox finished in the Clubhouse with the best round of the day, net 72, which now has him in first place with a (2) round total of 150. Richard Coutts is (6) strokes back, definitely within striking range.

The 3rd and final round is scheduled in May and is open to all Rotary 33 players and guests.

We had a fun time the course and then at the 19th hole, engaging in much conversation. We look forward to the final round of the Rotary golf. We'll let you know the date! Thanks to everyone who played and to Ellis Smith who handled all the scoring calculations.

NAMI REGISTRATION

JOIN NAMI WALKS APRIL 29

NAMI Walks

Saturday, April 29th, 2023 – Liberty Station and Imperial Valley Mall

Many of us have a friend or family member who has been impacted by mental health issues. Our District 5340 DG Chuck Pretto and Club 33 President Judy Thompson have made Adolescent Behavioral and Mental Health their primary theme of 2022-2023, and we have just learned that Gordon McInally, President Elect for Rotary International, will make mental health one of his focus areas next year.

District 5340 will have a walking team at NAMIwalk on Saturday, April 29th, 2023. NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Rotary will also be helping NAMI with volunteers. The event starts at 7:00am, the walk is from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and then the Wellness Expo will be open until 11:00 a.m. All proceeds will go in San Diego and Imperial Counties.

So how can you help?

REGISTER to join our District 5340 Team – click the "Join Our Team" button here.
INVITE your club members, your family and friends to join our team.
DONATE and support our team - use the "Support Us" button here.
VOLUNTEER - Ask your Rotary or Rotaract Club to consider making this a Rotarian at Work project. If you or your club would like to volunteer, please email alanturner.rotary@gmail.com.

Your NAMIwalk Co-Captains, Wendy Urushima-Conn and Alan Turner

FREE RAFFLE: WIN A COOKBOOK

We are raffling off a cook book signed by recent guest speaker Sam the Cooking Guy. Register here or call the office: 619-299-3309, and tell us why you love Rotary, or why you joined. All entries must be received by March 1st, 2023!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 2nd
Camp Enterprise Kickoff with Jim Stroesser, CEO of:

Cali STRONG
California U.S.A.

March 9th
Erik Greupner: CEO of the San Diego Padres!

March 16th
4-Way Speech Contest Sub-Regionals

Faces in the Crowd

Courtesy of Paul Nestor

(Left) So nice to see you again, **Larry Richman!**
(Right) **Shaneese Evans** with **Suzanne Frontz.**

(Left) An Inspirational Moment by **James Buley**.
(Right) **Suzanne Marmion** and her son Shay introduce the project he is involved in through My Chosen Vessels.

(Left) Chair of the Day **Glenn Younger**.
(Right) Guest Speaker Sam the Cooking Guy with **Paul Nestor.**