



If you missed our November 16th program, *NTC Foundation and Cygnet Theatre*, you may click on the picture below to view a video of it.



A special *thank you* to this week's Rotary News Sponsor, Wendy Urushima-Conn.

How did you like this week's program? Take the survey by clicking [HERE](#).

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! We will be dark this Thursday.



November 30th:



# LOBBYING

## Interact—San Diego High School Committee

At yesterday's meeting we recruited 6 new Rotary committee members to work with their sponsor, Josh Stepanov, who has already recruited 24 members for the Club. Its home on campus will be at the Academy of Finance where an earlier Interact Club was located 20+ years ago when member Joe Austin was involved. The current principal at SDHS is Francisca del Carmen. With strong support from our new Honorary Member, we have the perfect environment for success! Beatriz Valencia has offered to assist the new Interact Club with startup suggestions. My thanks to all 7 of the volunteer committee members who signed up yesterday.

-[Daryl Ferguson](#), Chair



The following applicants were recommended to the Board of Directors by the Membership Committee and will be approved for membership unless objections are received to the Rotary office by **November 24th**.

\*Thomas Herman– USD- “Education-Private University-Professor”

\*Kristine Smith Neighborhood House– “Social Services and Welfare-NHA”

\*Dale Gray– Institute of Reproductive Grief Care- “Associations– IRGC”

\*Mary Dawe-Retired Attorney

## NOV 20-DEC 3 BIRTHDAYS

November 20: Bridget Meckley, Gordy Lutes

November 21: Larry Kuntz

November 23: Rich DeBolt, Divya Kakaiya

November 25: Doug Paul

November 30: Megan Pogue

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**December 7th**

**Miles Levin: Documentary Film Maker**

Miles Levin is a director with epilepsy focused on changing the way we approach the social brutality facing the 1 in 26 people living with epilepsy. His feature film is *Under the Lights*.



**December 14th**

**Sylvia Whitlock: First woman to serve as president of a Rotary Club**



**December 21st**  
**Annual Holiday Program**





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Committee  
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# CHICANO FEDERATION SPARK EVENT

*Please join the I.D.E.A. Committee for our second Spark Event collaboration with the Chicano Federation.*

*We will receive a tour of their site, learn about the agency and hear about their programming to support and invest in Latina women throughout the San Diego region. To learn more about the Chicano Federation, please click [here](#).*

- Friday, December 8th, 2023  
*Kindly RSVP by December 1st*
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- 3180 University Ave #110, San Diego, CA 92104
- \$20 per person (lunch provided, please bring cash)

To RSVP: Click [Here](#) or scan:  
*Limited to 20 individuals*



RSVP by December 8th  
[HERE](#)



# FACES IN THE CROWD

*Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor*



(Lt.) **Daryl Ferguson** hosts the SDHS Interact Committee table and **Bart Conn** signs up! (Rt.) **Gil Johnson**, **Tom Vecchione** and **Lari Sheehan** welcome prospective new members to our Club.



(Lt.) Inspirational Moment **Joe da Rosa** is joined by his family members, including Rotarians **Andrea** and **Victor da Rosa**. (Rt.) **Club 33 Singers** led by **Bryan Verhoye** give us their gift of music.



(Lt.) Guest Speakers **Lisa Johnson** and **Sean Murray** with **President Michael** and Chair of the day **Marinda Peugh**. (Rt.) **Joyce Gattas** leaves us with some inspiration about the importance of the arts and then rings the bell.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

*Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor*

*Let's celebrate these Rotarians!*



**Please applaud our Rotarian of the Quarter  
Justin Rajah!**

*"Justin is ENERGY for ROTARY. His excitement and engagement have him involved in multiple committees in leadership capacities. What most excites me about Justin is his ability to bring people together, with a smile no matter what! Thank you Justin—Our club is better because of your presence! "*

**An honorable tribute to Bobby Russell for  
being a Paul Harris Fellow!**

*Bob Russell has awarded a PHF in Bobby's name in honor of Bobby's 50th birthday. He gave him the first PHF pin he received 22 years ago.  
Happy Birthday Bobby!!*



**A grateful salute to Michael LaCroix!**

**Michael is being recognized for incredible career milestones. He is the youngest Managing Director of Wealth Management for Morgan Stanley, and was also named as one of Forbes top 40 under 40 for wealth advisory in the country.**

**Thank you Michael for celebrating by becoming a Club 33  
Foundation Champion!**