



If you missed our March 28th program, *Mai Nguyen: World Design Capital*, you may click on the picture below to view a video of it.



For a link to Mai Nguyen's slide deck, [CLICK HERE](#)  
To sign up for WDC's newsletter, [CLICK HERE](#)

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

This Week: Rolf Benirschke

*Reflections of a Grateful San Diegan*



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).

# LOBBYING

## Diana Venable Mentorship Committee

The Diana Venable Scholarship and Mentorship Committee awards first generation students with scholarship funds, and also matches mentors from Club 33 with students entering college. In the five years since this mentorship program began the committee has made 14 mentor-student matches, and to date all students remain in school. Prior to adding mentors, only a fraction of these scholarship students completed their four year degrees. We can only do this by the generous commitment Rotarians make to guide students during their college experiences. Tangible ways mentors offer help include checking in regularly, seeing how classes are going, any challenges that need to be addressed, introducing students to professionals in their field of interest, as well as helping students see the big picture related to why they are working so hard to get a degree. As First Gen students, these kinds of conversations are invaluable and make a difference in a young person's life. We are looking for 4-6 new mentors for the college class of 2028.

If you are interested in knowing more about becoming a mentor, please contact Julia Holladay at [j.holladay60@gmail.com](mailto:j.holladay60@gmail.com) or 619-992-3372.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Carol Dedrich is the Chief Executive Officer for Girl Scouts San Diego. You can learn more about her by [clicking here](#) or by watching the video linked on page 1.

## APRIL 1-7 BIRTHDAYS

**April 1:** Andrea da Rosa

**April 2:** Marinda Peugh

**April 3:** Joe Watkins

**April 4:** Gary Nelson, Hugo Douge

**April 5:** Rob Fletcher, Jr.

**April 6:** Mary Dawe

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 11

SDSU Football Coach  
Sean Lewis

April 18

Mr. San Diego  
Peter Seidler

April 25

SD Chief of Police  
David Nisleit

RSVP [HERE](#) for our Off-Site May 2nd Meeting  
@ Jackie Robinson Family YMCA

# FACES IN THE CROWD

*Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor*



(Lt.) Paul Nestor with new member Carol Dedrich and Rick Brooks. (Rt.) Nancy Sasaki, Wendy Uru-shima-Conn, Tracy Sundlun, Lisa Miller, President Michael and Vicki Gee Horiye.



(Lt.) Gbanju Aruwayo-Obe, John Hill and Jim Wynkoop try upselling meals at the Check-In desk. (Rt.) Mary Dawe, Justin Rajah, Rick Brooks, Chair of the Day Tad Parzen, Susan Davis and Gil Johnson.



(Lt.) President Michael does a flag exchange while also accepting a donation form members visiting from the Valley View Rotary Club in Lacrosse, WI.  
(Rt.) Guest Speaker Mai Nguyen.