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Next Week's Program

Brendan Farley, San Diego Theaters

Location: CCYC

Upcoming:

Apr 2—CYC Frank Urtasun, Port of San Diego

Apr 9—CCYC Karl Mueller, CUSD

Apr 16—CCYC Christopher Ashley, La Jolla Playhouse

Apr 23—CYC Paloma Aguirre, Mayor

Club Events

DISTRICT 5340 YOUTH INSTRUMEN- TAL MUSIC COMPETI- TION—CARLSBAD 1 PM	22 Mar
LOW TIDE RIDE & STRIDE MEETING, 5 PM, KEVIN RUGEE'S PATIO, 1024 ISABELLA	24 Mar
DISTRICT TRAINING, 7:30 AM, LIBERTY STATION. GOOD FOR RED BADGERS	29 Mar
HOME CONSTRUCTION IN MEXICO WITH PROJECT MERCY—ALL DAY	05 Apr
ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY, 3 LOCATIONS, RONI HOSLER	26 Apr
DISTRICT INSTALLA- TION DINNER	07 Jun
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LATION DINNER;

CYC, 5:30 PM

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NOTES FROM THE SCRIBE:

President Pat welcomed us to CCYC and explained that it was National Laugh Day. **RG Head** provided our inspiration with a graphic description, complete with a photo of how fighter pilots demonstrate friendship, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Mike Jensen** introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests. **President Pat** asked the Red Badgers to tell what condiment they prefer on their hamburger: ketchup or mustard? To demonstrate National Laugh Day, we were treated to a video of a baby laughing and chuckling so much that we all joined in! And two of our newest Rotarians, **Shannon Canu** and **Josie Cushing**, brought their babies (and potential Rotarians!) to the meeting!

If you missed the meeting, you can watch it here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeEr6KpwT M

The Coronado Rotary YouTube link is: https://www.youtube.com/@rotaryclubofcoronadomeeting

Rotary Notes of Interest & Announcements

- 1. **President Pat** provided preliminary results from last Saturday's golf/swim tournament: Two drownings that weren't fatal, 6 cases of minor frostbite, 22 cases of Trench foot but no lightning strikes! 18 teams finished, including all the Navy teams; 13 teams wisely bailed. The high school teams won (again). He'll provide news of our net proceeds soon. As a reward to all the hardy golf tournament volunteers, **President Pat** has a free admission ticket to the Balboa Park Air & Space Museum. Well deserved!!
- 2. **Heidi Bergener** gave us an update on our winning speakers, Nicolas DeSena and Ysabella Barraza. They both won the regional finals and will advance to the next level. Stay tuned!
- 3. PE **Natalie Bailey** reminded us that on March 29, there will be a District Meeting at Liberty Station. Red Badgers, take note, as this provides three hours' credit and will fulfill one of your requirements!
- 4. On April 5, 2025, Project Mercy will be building homes in Mexico. **John Ovrom** will be chairing this effort. If you would like to be involved, please let **John Ovrom** know.
- 5. We will be helping out at Father Joe's Villages, and we need three volunteers to join **Bob Griffin** on April 16 at 5:30 AM at the US Bank lot. Please contact him to help.
- 6. Save the date: Rotarians at Work Day will be held April 26. You can sign up now for your preferred location using the calendar on the Coronado Rotary website. Thank you, **Roni Hosler**, for leading this important effort. **Josie Cushing** gave us an update on the landscaping needs of our local schools, so we are ready to spruce them up on our workday.
- 7. The Diva, **Mary Taylor**, reminded us that on March 22, the District Finals for the Rotary Instrumental Music Competition will take place from 1 to 3 pm at the Carlsbad City Library at 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad. You are all invited! She also mentioned that the PP **Rob Taylor** will be singing in the SD Master Chorale at the Coronado Performing Arts Center on May 31. They will be performing a "mixtape" of music for which you may vote! Let Mary know if you would like to vote for your favorite music.

 8. Low Tide Ride & Stride will be here before you know it: June 28 th to be exact, and **Steph Anderson** gave us lots of reasons to participate and volunteer. The race has its own website (lowtideride.com) and Facebook page Facebook LTR&S.

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Happy Birthday

Mar 25 Paul Corriere, III

Mar 26 Craig Clarke Gerald Kennedy

Mar 28 John Klinker



Karen Strabala tells us about the Hotel Del and Rotary Youth Summer Exchange Camp



Nadiia gives her Who Am I speech.

Announcements, con't.

- 9. **Natalie Bailey** said that the 4th of July Float committee is going to start meeting. If you would like to be on this committee please contact Natalie or **Mark Fleming**.
- 10. **Karen Strabala** gave us a short history of the Hotel Del Coronado. She encouraged everyone to visit the Ice House Museum and take a tour. See the Del's website for great photos!
- 11. **Karen Strabala** also said that host families are needed for the Youth Exchange Summer Camp from June 29th to July 13th. Let Karen know if you are interested. Karen.strabala@gmail.com.

Fines and Recognitions:

Nadiia Bagin gave us her Who Am I, comprised of her values, illustrated by wonderful photos and key phrases. She shared a touching insight that as a native Ukrainian, she understands that at this point, all Ukrainians have left is hope.

Rotary Family—Care and Concern:

PP and illustrious scribe **Dan Orr** continues his recovery. **Ron Vernetti** is recovering from a recent operation. **Pat Freeman** is also recovering from her fall. We were sorry to hear that **Lee Freeman** is under hospice care. **Phil Monroe** has received treatment for Mesothelioma and is receiving immunotherapy. We miss all of them so much!

NOTE: If you need a ride to and from meetings, please call or email **Tim Hodges**. He is happy to pick you up and take you home. 858-880-5185 or thodges53@gmail.com

Program:

Jeanmarie Bond introduced our speaker, Sandra Scheller, who is the daughter of Hol-

ocaust survivors. She is committed to raising awareness of the Holocaust and does so through speaking engagements, a book she has written, Try to Remember Never Forget and educational presentations at schools. Her speech was superbly illustrated by historic photographs of her family members before, during and after the Holocaust, as well as clothing worn by her grandmother while in Auschwitz. For more information on the Holocaust, visit the exhibit, Remember Us The Holocaust, created by San Diego Holocaust survivors, at the La Jolla Riford Library through December 14, 2025.





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RG Head gives an invocation on friendship and illustrates it with an amazing story of two F4 aviators, one of whom pushed the other via the tailhook of the plane over the border to Laos in friendly territory.

Bowl & Strike-Rotary BowlingFun, Food, & Fellowship for All

Fund raiser for Alzheimer's Research Trust—CART



When: Thursday, April 17, 5:30 to 7:00pm Where: North Island NAS - Bowling Alley What: Bowling (1.5 hours), shoes, pizza, drinks, and lots of F-U-N

Who: Rotarians, Family & Friends

Cost: \$35.00 per person (Includes donation to ALZ)

Sign up with Chris Kleber chris@klebers.com (619) 889-8337





Having practiced with his mask and snorkel in the Great Rotary Swim (Golf) Tournament, President Pat decides to swim down to CCYC for the meeting.