



The Weekly Roundup

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF RANCHO BERNARDO

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The Needs of Special Education at Poway Unified

By Tom Giles

Mindi Eutsler, a special education teacher in the Poway Unified School District, will speak to our club on Thursday.

Her topic is: Supporting special education teachers through mini-grants for materials, curriculum and special needs of students in special education. Specifically working to

raise funds this year for supplement budget cuts and give more to the supporting teachers.

She is a teacher at Highland Ranch Elementary School working with students that have autism. S

he has been teaching for seven years and is a founding board member of the foundation and am passionate about providing more opportunities and experiences for children with special needs.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

By Karen Stelman, Scribe Extraordinaire

President Barbara called the meeting to order a few minutes early as we had a full agenda for the day. As always, she was kind enough to thank all the volunteers of the day. They were Bill B., Paul D., and Ken L., for setup, Shirley N. led the pledge, Charley C. with a cute invocation from a child, Jack Mitchell leading us in song (even though he is still recovering from the flu), Dan Malloy was greeter, Arilla did the raffle and Karen was the scribe. Another thank you and job well done!

Don Lisio, Sunshine Committee, announced that our new member, Francis Blair, is recovering in a nursing facility after complications from her knee surgery. Our club signed a card last week but if any on you would like to visit her and send your own card, please contact Don for the address.

Ron Hunt received many accolades for a lovely TGIX party at his home. The idea of doing a monthly social has been so much fun and great way to get to know each other better. Our continued thanks to Jeanne Hawkins for arranging the monthly get togethers.

Karen Stelman introduced the Microcredit project and asked for a vote to approve \$1000 for this worthy cause. Several of the clubs in our district have been raising money for several years to meet a very large matching grant. Our district needs to raise \$50,000 with a match from a local philanthropist to bring the grant to \$100,000.

The Calgary District will raise \$100,000, La Jolla Noon Rotary will contribute \$20,000 and an Alaskan District is pledging \$30,000. Our hopes are that \$250,000 would be matched by Mercy Corps for a total grant of \$500,000. As you can see, this is a very ambitious project and our thanks go out to our members who supported this grant and voted yes to the \$1000 request.



Karen Stelman

President Barb gave a very nice presentation on our new club structure and the responsibilities of all those involved. She expressed her desire to

see every Rotarian in the club join a committee and serve the community.

Her words struck a cord with all of us. "The future of our Club is in OUR hands." We must work together to serve our community and its needs. And by the way, don't forget to have fun along the way! Bring in a new member and introduce them to the magic of Rotary.

Dave Brooks and Karen Stelman each have two major jobs within our organization. Dave is Secretary and in charge of Administration.

Karen has multiple projects under her title of Service Projects and is also Chair on the Rotary Club Board. Karen asked for volunteers to head up this coming years Rotarians at Work project. No

one has stepped forward yet, but we're hoping one or two Rotarians will join together to head up this great day. We will be joined by our Boy Scout Troop and two Interact Clubs so we'll have many hands to do the work.

We are also looking for a worthwhile project in the local area. With so many hands, we could paint a (small) school or building, clear and clean up brush in a park or rec area, etc. There must be lots we could do as a group. We just need to identify something. Rotarians at Work is held on Sat., April 24th. Even though that seems far off, it's not too soon to start thinking about this.

We also have the opportunity to "Adopt a Family" for the holidays like we did last year. We had some money left over to be applied this year. We not only have two families we want to sponsor through the Poway Unified School system but another family that the Rotary Foundation has adopted with a \$500 grant.

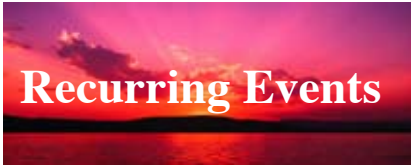
The Foundation family is a single mother with 2 young sons. The \$500 was used

for car insurance and we hoped enough money would be raised by "passing the

hat" at the last two meetings to aid her and 2 other families by providing food and gifts for the holidays. Don Lisio is our liaison with the school district and he reported that after our meeting on the 12th, over \$500 was raised!!!

BRAVO to everyone in our club that contributed! Without our efforts, these less fortunate families would have to do without. Thanks you, thank you.

Our closing minutes were filled with an extremely funny and entertaining video of a speech given by Past International President Cliff Dochterman. That man can take the dullest of topics and make you want to serve, join or give by the time he is through. I hope you all get a



Rotary Club Meetings: Weekly on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Buffet opens at 11:30 a.m. for early

birds to socialize.

Rotary Golf: Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at the Oaks North Golf Course at 10 a.m. Reservations are a must! Call Dan Malloy for information.

Rotary Board: Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the San Diego Na-

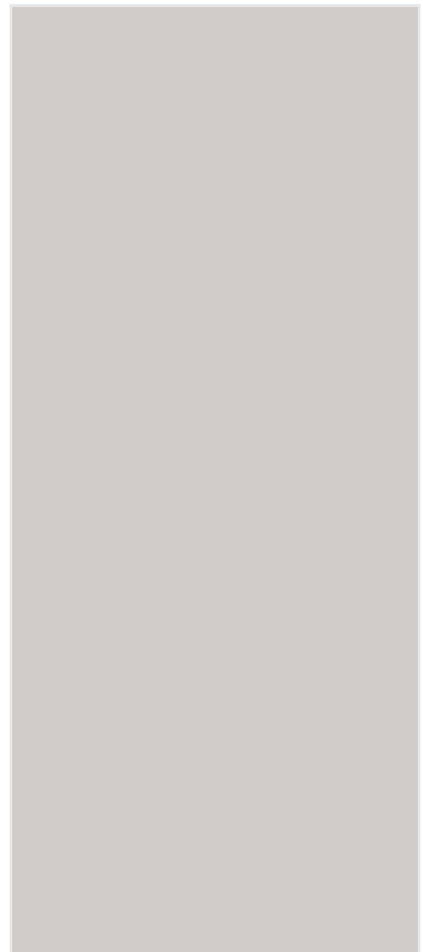
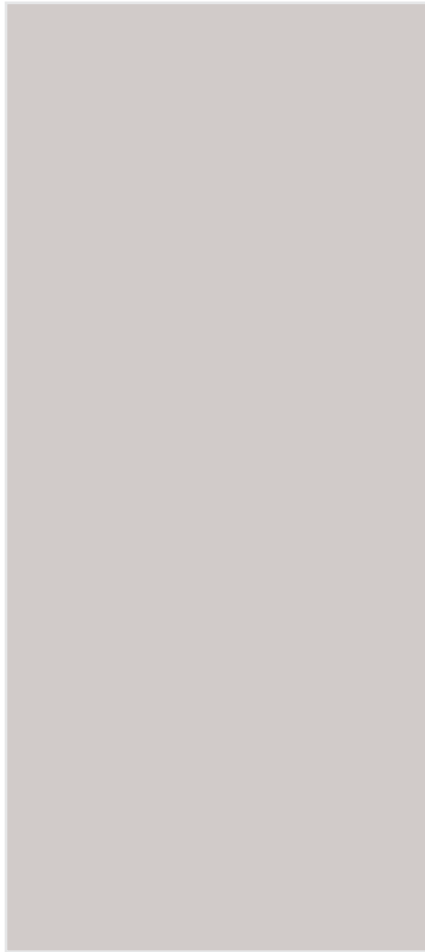
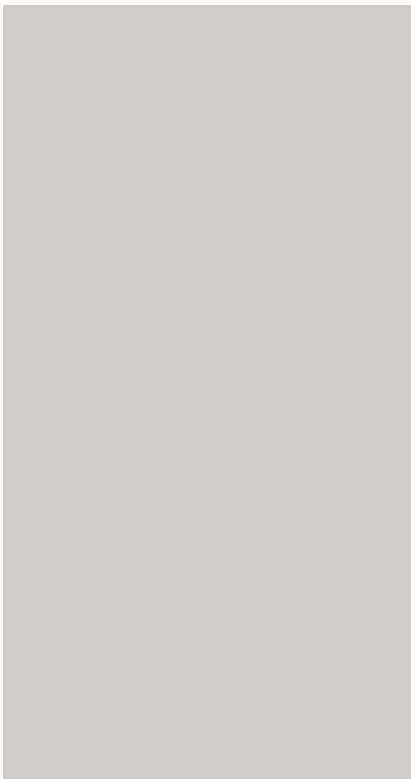
tional Bank in the upstairs conference room at 4 p.m.

Rotary Foundation Board: Meets the 4th Wednesday of every third month at 4 p.m. at Rancho Financial in the conference room.

Newsletter Deadline: Thursday 5 p.m. the week before the speaker speaks.

chance to see him in person some day. He is a true gem in the Rotary family.

Great meeting....Great ending. Thanks, Barb.



VOLUNTEERS

Greeter

11/12 Dan Malloy
11/19 Benita Page

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Shirley Napierala Gary Saks
Jason Salazar Suzie Lisio

Invocation

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