

February Issue

Rotaract

San Diego State University



Weekly Meetings

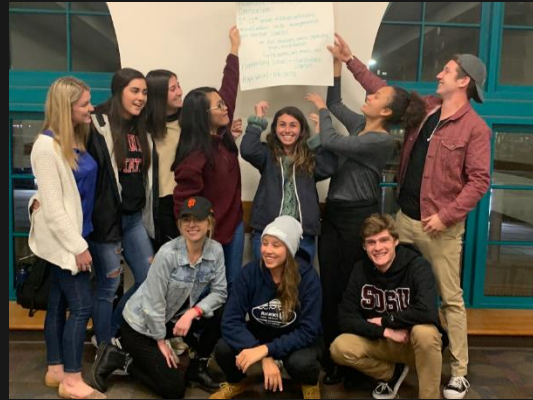
Mayor Kevin Faulkner

Mayor Faulconer delighted the members of Rotaract and he expressed his excitement to be with us, as well. Faulconer is a current member of Club 33, and his love for Rotary and Rotaract radiates as he discussed the tremendous impact the act of service and giving back have played on his career and life.



Change the World Challenge

Rotaractors break up into teams to create their own service project or nonprofit based on numerous world issues.



Rotaract Scavenger Hunt

Activities included reciting the Four Way Speech test in the elevator, finding people with a dog and telling them we have been hiding under their porch and we love them, swimming like a fish by the turtle pond, and finding our doppelganger.





Luncheons



Some of our newest members show out at La Mesa Sunrise to start the month off right!



Rotarians Jack and Beatrice with some of our Rotaractors at Club 33.



Ubaldo Martinez accepts his sponsor check from La Mesa Sunrise Rotary to help fund his upcoming Rotary International trip to Germany!



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Brianna Ruloma sings the SDSU Fight Song in front of Club 33 to celebrate the Men's Basketball win over Nevada!

More Than Music Fest

Rotaract presents the MTM Fest.

On February 8 in Montezuma Hall, Rotaract hosted our first ever MTM Fest. We hosted 37 artists, sold over 220 tickets, and sold over \$200 worth of art. In total we raised \$2,725!

Check out these awesome pictures from our event.



Latrell Powell, Brianna Ruloma, and Ubaldo Martinez celebrate the end of MTM Fest & flaunt our rockin' and poppin' shirts!



Kaila Cooper and Cat Kricorian, the two leaders who turned an idea into the most amazing Rotaract event of the year. Rotaract is lucky to have leaders like them part of our club.



Shoutout to our MTM Committee:

Kaila Cooper, Alexis Henry, Ariana Ruiz, Bri Ruloma, Cat Ji, Darren Wilson, Isaiah Hardy, Latrell Powell, Mckenna Avery, Renata Valente, Sophie Chance, and Ubaldo Martinez.



"More Than Music Fest raised \$2725 that will be donated to the Economic Crisis Response Team (ECRT) of SDSU & the Wildfire Fund of the CA Community Foundation. We hosted different genres of live music, art, dance, and poetry for a cause that really hits home for a lot of Californians. This event took a lot of optimism and hard work and Rotaract is so grateful to the MTM committee for putting this together in 5 months. The recap video will be released soon, courtesy of Ryan Du."

Quote by Kaila Cooper, Chair of the MTM Fest.

SPECIAL SHOUTOUT TO OUR ARTISTS AND PERFORMERS

Showcase Artists

Ryan Massarweh
Uyen Tran
Jordin David
Cat Kricorian
Lorin Miller
Dilaram Jabari
Jared Kennedy
Linson Huang
Holly Baker
Chesiree Katter
Megan Van Dunsen

Aryn Paysee

Performance Artists

NateyZ & Quiet Child

D. Sel

Poetic Solo

Afrique Dance

Ronald Williams

Lydon s Hi-Fi

The Galactics

Charlie Rae

Band of Gringos

EXTRA SPECIAL SHOUTOUT TO OUR SPONSORS

Trader Joe's

Woodstock's Pizza

Flavors of East Africa

Rotary Club of San Diego

Jersey Mike's

Eureka

SDSU Bookstore

858 Graphics

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Liza Pille

Jenny K. Goodman

David P. Ferguson

Linda & Randy Richmond

Dance Marathon 2019



"I don't think I've ever felt more proud to be an Aztec. Being surrounded by hundreds of selfless students that were all dancing to raise money for the Kids at Rady's Childrens Hospital was beyond amazing. By the end of the 15 hour dance marathon we collectively raised \$322,219.54! I am proud to have served as out Team Captain (Rotaragers) and would like to thank anyone who helped surpass our goal. Also, shoutout to all the Rotaractors on the Dance Marathon leadership team; the work you have done for the last six months has all paid off!"

Quote by Ubaldo Martinez, active member.



The Four-Way Speech Contest



Top Four Competitors of the Four Way Speech Contest
Sponsored by Club 33

The Four-Way Test of the things we say, think or do:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



"The Four-Way Speech Contest was like nothing I have ever experienced before. I was able to see the students of Cardinals Interact grow over the course of seven weeks by creating a speech that correlates with the elements of the Four-Way Speech test.

"To be able to see these students immerse themselves into their speeches and be completely vulnerable was so inspiring. I was so impressed with how intelligent these students were, and honestly, I was sitting in the crowd thinking to myself that I would not be able to speak as well as all these students did.

"Working with these students every Friday, helping them work through this journey, then watching them execute their speeches to their full potential was beyond rewarding. The Rotarians and students all expressed their greatest appreciation to me, but really they are all the ones I should be expressing my gratitude to. Not only did the Four-Way Speech Contest deepen my passion and love for Rotary, but it helped me realize exactly what I want to do with my future career. I want to be able to give people, the voice, the courage, the opportunity to be able to share their stories. Everyone has a story to tell, and the meaning and the power is all within how it is executed. Being able to play that role for these students, being able to encourage them to share their story, being able to listen to all they had to share helped me find my inner passion.

"I sincerely thank Jack Berkman for sharing this opportunity to get involved and to volunteer at the Four-Way Speech Contest, and I thank all the other Rotarians who help coordinate and support this event. It has hands down been the best service project I have ever experienced, and there are no words to fully describe how incredible this program is."

Brianna Ruloma, VP of Records



Why I Give



The Why I Give Event was an event put on by Associated Students in which a variety of recognized student organizations and non profits were recognized for their efforts to serve their respective communities. The event engaged students with games and activities that promoted community service and highlighted all of the wonderful work that's these service based organizations do. Rotaract of SDSU had the opportunity to inform students on the different types of civic engagement Rotaract participated in, as well as sharing with students how they can live a life of service above self.

Quote by Max Johnson, active member.

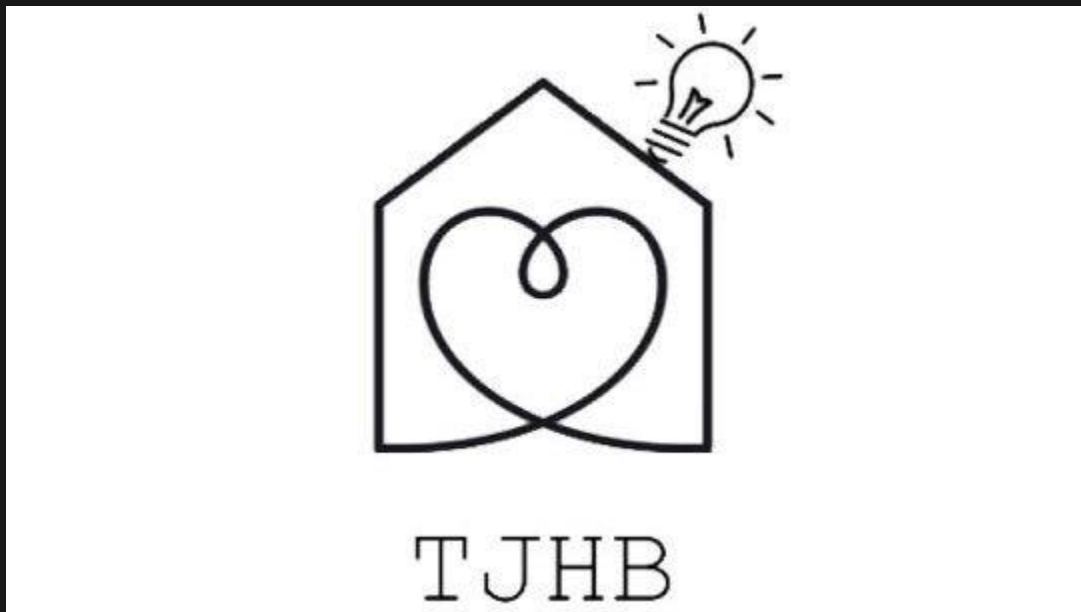
Big Bear Retreat



"Big Bear was such a fun and refreshing experience! I loved getting to hang out with fellow Rotaractors in a more relaxed and personal setting, away from school and all the worries that come with it. Spending time and talking intimately with people I haven't had the opportunity to before really ignites my passion for the club and all the work we do together. Already looking forward to next year and the shenanigans to come!"

Quote by Sophie Levi, active member.





Rotaract started a new project with many other amazing campus organizations called the TJ Home Build where we plan on fundraising \$6000 to build a home for family currently living in dire conditions in Tijuana, Mexico. Not only are we raising money for a great cause, but we are also bringing the SDSU community together through service.

Check out our awesome leadership team in the picture below!

For any support please Venmo @tjhbsdsu





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