

Rotary



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The Speaker for January 22nd: Rajiv Nagaich



Ever since graduating (cum laude) from Seattle University School of Law, Rajiv Nagaich has been committed to doing much more than just legal planning. His cultural background offered a different perspective when it came to aging issues, compared to what he experienced while caring for a loved one suffering from Alzheimers. Not finding acceptable solutions became a motivating catalyst for his entry into law. The education he received, coupled with his compelling life experiences led him to develop cutting-edge legal solutions to address this issue and provide powerful and beneficial outcomes for incapacitated seniors and their family members while protecting their assets and quality of life.

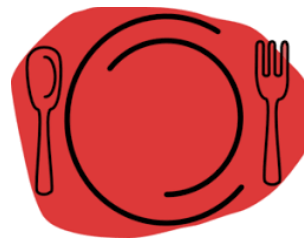
Rajiv believes that individuals do not seek elder law services to simply ensure that their ailing loved ones die with the biggest possible bank accounts. Rather, people want to ensure that loved ones live as freely as possible in their aging years without

encumbering family or friends under the weight of care-giving duties. To Rajiv, his mission centers on helping people in the four areas of healthcare, housing, financial, and legal matters *in advance*. He believes that aging is a family affair and that proper planning must involve engaging the entire family as soon as possible in the loved one's planning process. He calls this *LifePlanning*.

Today, Rajiv manages *AgingOptions*, an organization dedicated to educating the public about comprehensive, and multi-disciplinary *LifePlanning* solutions that can help everyone age in place, protect assets, and not become a burden to others. An avid Rotarian, Rajiv is passionate about providing free tools, education, seminars, and aging-related services to consumers and professionals alike.

Besides a JD, Rajiv also holds a Masters in Tax Law from the University of Washington, has been on the Elder Law Advisory Board of John Marshall Law School in Chicago, served on the board of the Center for Medicare Advocacy in Washington, D.C., and has been a board member for national and state chapters of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. He is a founding member and past president of the Life Care Planning Law Firms Associations, the founder of Washington Elder Care, a non-for-profit that serves the elderly, and the host of a popular call-in radio talk show on elder issues.

Help us gather some numbers



To prevent excessive food or food shortage, please indicate if you will purchase lunch at the Rotary meeting on January 22nd by clicking on the link below.

[Click here.](#)

The Rotary Gala - Razzmatazz Jazz Club

January 31st
**International House
Committee**
February 1st
Aspen Ski Trip
February 4th
Program Committee
February 4th
Gala Committee
February 4th
Rotaplast Committee
February 5th
**Paws to Consider
Committee**
February 6th
ELC Committee
February 6th
Los Amigos
February 10th
Rotary Book Club
February 11th
Membership Committee
February 12th
**Career Development
Committee**
February 13th
**Downtown Impact
Committee**
February 13th
Orientation Committee



MARCH 28, 2020



On March 28, 2010, The Razzmatazz Jazz Club will open for one evening of fun and Rotary friendship, along with outstanding Jazz entertainment. Join fellow Rotarians and guests for a full evening including a gourmet meal, great wine, Silent and Live auction offerings too good to miss, and great Jazz music throughout the evening. Funds raised from the evening support the club's philanthropic service projects within our community and humanitarian efforts around the world.

To reserve your table or ticket(s) you can click the Reserve Now! link or you can call the Rotary office, or you can sign up at an upcoming Wednesday meeting. A sell-out audience is expected, so purchase NOW.

**The Rotary Gala - Razzmatazz Jazz Club
Saturday, March 28, 2020 - 5:30 pm - 11:30 pm
\$200 per ticket**

*Cancellation received after noon on March 23, 2020 are non-refundable. Fair Market Value \$150 per ticket.

[Reserve Now!](#)

International Expo 2020

Rotary
District 5170

Rotarians will share their project experience and showcase their International projects in Mexico, Guatemala, India, El Salvador, etc.



Learn how Rotary volunteers and supports third world countries in the 6 Areas of Focus needs

SIX AREAS OF FOCUS



Rotary

JOIN US!
Saturday, February 1, 2020
9:00 am - Noon

**DISTRICT 5170
INTERNATIONAL
EXPO 2020**

**SHOWCASING
Rotary International Projects!**

**OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC
• ADMISSION IS FREE •**

What you will hear and learn:

- What is Rotary International?
How do they help other countries?
 - Overview of the projects
- Partnership with overseas Rotary clubs
 - The positive project outcome

... PROJECT FAIR ...

Participate in the Intl. Expo Project Fair and showcase your club project!
Network and mingle with event attendees!



Go to: www.rotarydistrict5170.org
to sign-up by January 25, 2020

LOCATION:
University of Silicon Andhra
1521 California Circle, Milpitas, CA 95035

- Continental Breakfast will be available •

Any questions contact:
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Or visit the District website at: www.rotarydistrict5170.org

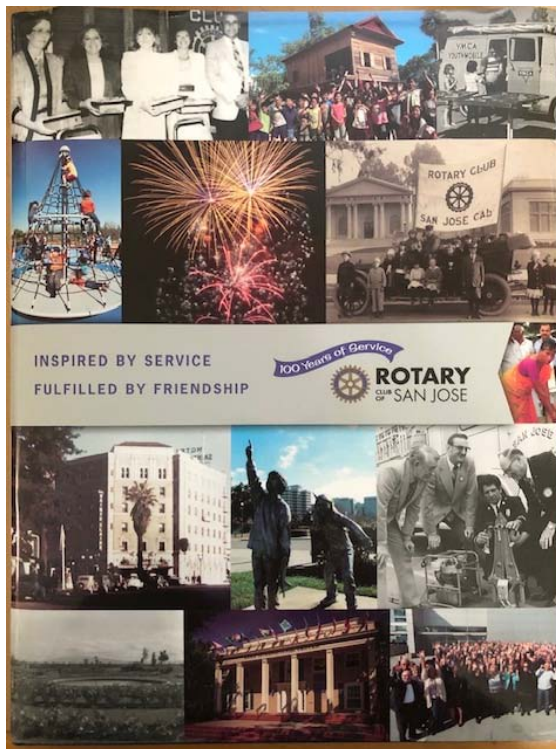
Call for Love Stories



There's power in love to help and heal when nothing else can. There's power in love to lift up and liberate when nothing else will. There's power in love to show us the way to live. - Bishop Michael Curry

In the same spirit as our Thanksgiving program, this Valentine's Day, the Rotary Meeting on February 12 will be a celebration of love. If you have a unique story of love, traditional or non-traditional, please contact [Jenny Niklaus](mailto:jenny.niklaus@rotary.org). You will be given two minutes to share your story with our Club.

History Books



John Kennett, Carl Cilker, and Mike Bohrer collaborated to produce a wonderful book celebrating our first 100 years of service. You can pick up your free copy at the next two Wednesday ♦s meeting! The first copy is free but you also have the option to purchase additional books for only \$40.

New Member Julia Casto



Casto was born and raised in Kittredge Colorado, the younger of two. After attending undergrad at Lewis and Clark College in Portland Oregon, Julia returned to Colorado to work at the Denver Art Museum. The work sparked her love of teaching as she worked with a wide range of kids and families teaching art and art history. After moving to San Jose on September 11, 2001, Julia entered Santa Clara University ♦s teaching program. Armed with her multiple subject credential she taught at Sunnyvale Middle School for 7 years. Despite first hand knowledge that babies will eventually turn into teenagers, very much like the kind she had spent 7 years teaching, Julia still had two daughters. After the second child was born she retired from teaching she became an artist. Shocked to find that art was not part of the regular school provided curriculum, Julia headed the volunteer art program at her daughters ♦ school for 7 years, ensuring that 800 students had access to art making with a variety of materials. It was volunteering at the school where she became aware of the amount of food wasted by the students, and set her off on a new quest to work with San Jose School District to recover food instead of throwing it away.

The Meeting Summary for January 15, 2020



President **Karyn Sinunu-Towery** rang the bell at 12:10 PM to begin the meeting. She started with a word of thanks to **Doug Smith** and the Fun and Friendship Committee for organizing the Bocce Ball tournament on Sunday, January 12. Karyn congratulated both the winners and the losers of the event. **Ann Ravel** then shared a video, *A Pale Blue Dot*, narrated by Carl Sagan, for the Upbeat News.



President Karyn acknowledged the Membership Committee, who served as the reception line for today's meeting. Red Badgers **Shawn Gerth** and **Cathy Galusha** handled the microphones for guest introductions.

President Karyn then thanked **Barry Cristina** and Green Waste for their efforts delivering *Inspired by Service, Fulfilled by Friendship* to the Summit Center. President Karyn also reminded members and guests about the upcoming [Rotary Gala - Razzmatazz Jazz Club](#), Saturday, March 28, 2020 - 5:30 pm - 11:30 pm.

Elizabeth Monley provided some information about disaster relief fundraising efforts. In particular, our Disaster Relief Committee recommends the following organizations for individual donations:

- [Global Relief's Australian Wildfire Relief Fund](#)
- [ShelterBox's ShelterKits](#)
- [Rotary District 5130's Disaster Relief Fund](#)



Randy Zechman introduced new member **Julia Casto**. We learned that Julia, an artist, has taught middle school for seven years and once received a standing ovation from students for exceptional math lesson; once hired a herd of twenty goats to eat weeds in her back yard; has rescued more than 1,000 lbs of food from her children's schools to donate to Second Harvest; has had artwork exhibited in the Triton Art Museum; is the vice chair of the Board of Directors for the School of Arts and Culture at the Mexican Heritage Plaza.

(**Larry Kuechler** correctly identified a false fact about Julia on the first try. But he was nevertheless fined for having been seen out in public without a Rotary pin.)

A Ring the Bell session began with **Art Lund**, member of Rotary for 52 years, who rang the bell 10 times for great grandchild #5. Others ringing the bell included **Scott Seaman**, Rotarian guest **Matt MacDonald**, **Brad Baron**, **Ann Ravel**, **Susan Ellenberg**, **Ron Zraick**, **Bert George**, and **Julia McCray Goldsmith**.

President Karyn thanked **Three Geniuses** **Mike Danberger**, **John Duhring** and **Mike O'Brien** for their continuing efforts to fix problems with the AV equipment at the Rotary Summit. She then announced that our next speaker will be **Rajiv Nagich** on **Elder Abuse**.

Randy Zechman introduced this week's speaker, **DeVone Boggan**, who shared the story of his work as CEO of [Advance Peace](#) and founding director of the Office of Neighborhood Safety for the City of Richmond, CA. Under his leadership, gun violence in Richmond fell 77% between 2007 and 2016.



Mr. Boggan explained that his key innovations in this work included successful efforts to employ as neighborhood change agents formerly incarcerated individuals with gun charges to set up an outreach and engagement strategy. After two years, the impact of this strategy hadn't yet made the positive impact that Mr. Boggan was hoping for. But, in early 2010, Mr. Boggan directed these outreach change agents to focus on the small number (fewer than 30 individuals) believed to be responsible for 70% of gunfire incidents in the area. Under his leadership, many of these individuals subsequently were invited to participate in 18-month Peacemaker Fellowships that created opportunities to create and sustain institutional support and positive mental health through internship opportunities, LifeMAP Milestone Allowances, social services assistance, transformative travel experiences, and mentorship from community elders. The high rate of success of this program in significantly reducing gun violence in Richmond has led to its adoption in Sacramento and Stockton where there has been similar early evidence of success. Additionally, during the question and answer period, Mr. Boggan said that a similar set of strategies is now being used in Birmingham, UK, to see whether these strategies can be used to reduce other forms of crime.



President Karyn closed the meeting by thanking Mr. Boggan for his talk.

Summary submitted by Jason Aleksander, Meeting Summaries Committee.
Photos taken by Harvard Sung, Photography Committee. Please [click here](#) to see the full set.

Youth Protection Bit-O-Info



Educate others who may be acting on misconceptions about abuse and harassment.

Membership Application

[Click Here](#) for the Rotary Club of San Jose's Fillable Membership Application.
