



## Next Week's Program

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**Location:** CYC

## Upcoming:

Oct 23—CCYC

Kay Ely,  
Quench & Connect

Oct 30—CYC

Phil Garn—Tales From a  
Retired Postal Worker

Nov 6—CYC

David Davenport: A  
Republic if We Can  
Teach It

Nov 13—CYC

Meagan McKissick,  
Armed Services YMCA

## Club Events

BEACH CLEANUP, **12**  
OCEAN & ISABELLA, **Oct**

FLAGS ON THE AVE., **14**  
COLUMBUS DAY/  
INDIGENOUS **Oct**  
PEOPLE'S DAY

BOD MEETING, **15**  
120 C AVE, 4:30 PM **Oct**

RI PRESIDENT **21**  
URCHICK VISIT: 7AM **Oct**  
UCSD FACULTY CTR

CHRISTMAS IN OCTO- **24**  
BER. BRING YOUR **Oct**  
FOOD DONATIONS TO  
PRES. PAT'S HOUSE

VISIT TO CLUB 33 **24**  
**Oct**

ALT MEETING 5:30PM **29**  
SHARP HOSP. AUDI- **Oct**  
TORIUM, 265 SOLE-  
DAD PLACE \$20

## COROTATOR

. **Past Pres. Bob Rutherford** opened the meeting with an invocation of famous quotes before leading us in the pledge. **Bob Weisman** announced the visiting Rotarians and all the guests of Rotarians. **Pres. Pat** called on all of the Red-Badgers to tell what their favorite outdoor activity was.

NOTES FROM THE SCRIBE:

In case you missed the meeting, you can catch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvPLdG1fiA4>

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

## Rotary Notes of Interest & Announcements

1. Regular beach clean-up will be October 12 at the same time in the same place. **LuAnn Miller** will go across the bay to visit Club 33 on October 24th. This is a good opportunity for Red-Badgers to see how other clubs work. There are still a few spots open to help out at Father Joe's on November 13th. On November 16th, there will be a trip down to Ensenada, Mexico to see Limbs of Freedom at work; there are 5 spots available.

2. Christmas in October: Rotary is attempting to partner with like-minded organizations to benefit the IB Food Bank. **President Pat** is the wagon master on this and look for more information as we get closer to October 24.

3. The newest members of TGCITU (The greatest Club in the Universe) are **Billy Canu**, sponsored by **Shannon Canu**, and **Alec** and **Nadiia Bagin**, sponsored by **John Klinker**. **Tom Mitchell** did the inductions.

4. **Amy Steward** told us about the Committee to Protect the Environment and invited all to join. She said the issue uppermost in everyone's minds is Sewage. She announced two events coming up Unite to Heal our Coast, and the Grand Caribe Planting Party. Look for more info about these below.

5. Congratulations to **Kitt Williams** for finishing her chemotherapy! **Amy Steward** recognized Kitt for her tough fight and for finishing that race. Kitt graciously accepted a medal and an orchid and thanked all in Rotary for supporting her through her journey.

6. There is going to be a big push to get our Endowment Fund up to \$1 million by our Centennial.

7. Did you know that on March 8, 2026, Coronado Rotary will be 100 years old? It's never too early to start planning as it will be a big event. **Suzanne Popp** is looking for volunteers to help put together the gift to the city, the book, the ice cream social, and everything else. 619-322-7677, [Smmppopp@yahoo.com](mailto:Smmppopp@yahoo.com)



Billy Canu, Alec Bagin, and Nadiia Bagin are inducted by Tom Mitchell.



Kitt Williams thanks all of the Rotarians for supporting her in her fight against cancer.



Oct 12 Dan McCleary

Oct 13 Heidi Bergener

## Fines and Recognitions:

**Pres. Pat** found and wore a pair of purple glasses that were left at CCYC a couple of weeks ago. If these are yours, you can get them back for \$25.

Today is National Moldy Cheese day. **President Pat** brought some blue cheese to give to **John Charles**. Pres. Pat thought he might appreciate the blue cheese since he is a gourmet spam chef. Since John was not in attendance, Pres. Pat will let it ripen a little more until John returns.

## Care and Concern:

**1. Dave Johnson's** Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at the Coronado Yacht Club. Click on the link below to RSVP.

[RSVP to Celebration of Life](#)

**2. Ron Verneti** is in the hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

**3.** For any of you who would like to donate to **Hurricane Helene Relief**, click on the link below or go to our website, [CoronadoRotary.org](http://CoronadoRotary.org) and click on the Donate button under Hurricane Helene Relief on the right-hand side. The money will be sent to Zones 33/34 where the hurricane did so much damage last month.

[Hurricane Helene Relief](#)

School Board  
Candidates

## Program

Jeanmarie Bond introduced our moderator for the candidate forum, Helen Anderson Cruz. Helen announced the candidates: Bill Sandke, Shawnee Barton Merriman, Renee Cavanaugh, and Fitz Lee.

**Q1: Please introduce yourself and tell why you are qualified to serve on the CUSD Board of Trustees.**

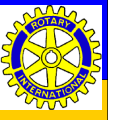
**Bill:** He has been on City Council, is a middle of the road guy, has a long history of volunteering in the community

**Shawnee:** Mom of 4, professor at Cal State Long Beach, creative problem solver, teacher

**Renee:** Retired teacher, MS in Human Resource Management, has had governance training, has been on the boards of CSF, Optimists, CJWC, etc.

**Fitz:** He has proven leadership, spent 30 years in the Navy, worked with Senator John McCain, has a lot of budget experience at all levels (Federal to local)



**Q2: What do you consider to be the number one and biggest challenge facing CUSD today, and how do you plan to address that challenge?**

**Fitz:** Budget. He would work with Donnie Salamanca. Find ways to generate revenue. State is relaxing rules on ADA so that would help some.

**Renee:** Budget is the biggest problem, but there are others such as coordinated mental health services, deferred maintenance, etc. Budget—strategic utilization of grants (i.e., DoDEA), attendance, personnel issues.

**Shawnee:** Planning for the future is the long term problem; budget is the short-term biggest problem. We need to look at big, courageous ideas. We need to serve better the kids who are exceptional learners; we need language in our elementary schools.

**Bill:** Budget. We need to have a long-term plan for Basic Aid; we need to right-size our classes.

**Q3: What is your understanding of the role and professional responsibilities of a school board trustee?**

**Shawnee:** Managing the superintendent, making sure the budget is balanced, assuring student achievement, and communication.

**Fitz:** It is a governing board. We have to approve the budget, curriculum, books. It takes a lot of prep work and knowledge. Communication is key.

**Bill:** Governing. We create policy, allow public to comment, have an understanding of what we can and cannot do, be an ambassador for our schools, communication.

**Renee:** Accountability and oversight. Connect citizens to the school district, guide district to meet goals. Communication is important.

**Q4: What would you identify as the BEST thing about the Coronado Unified School District?**

**Renee:** Partnership with the military and the experiences that the military brings to the classroom. Being a small district, it is easier to pivot to add things. CUSD has a good partnership with the community.

**Bill:** Every Child, Every Day means that we are able to use resources outside the classroom. CUSD is part of the community. No child gets left behind.

**Fitz:** People are the greatest asset. We can leverage groups to become mentors to students. Basic Aid will help more money go to the district. We are small so we can be personal.

**Shawnee:** Quality education. We have high educational standards, great athletic programs (we have middle school sports), and a great nutritionist so the kids have good choices.

**Audience Question: What are you going to do to support kids with special needs?**

**Bill:** We do have programs. We could partner with Safe Harbor for mental health needs.

**Shawnee:** We don't have a transparent path to resources. We need to bring back the GATE program.

**Renee:** We have a 30% turnover rate because of military connected students. We need to address gaps in learning. Proficient readers in 3rd grade are more likely to graduate. We need to coordinate special ed programs.

**Fitz:** There has been a rise in problems after Covid, especially psychological issues. Special Ed requirements need to be looked at.



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HEAL OUR COAST

OCTOBER 13, 2024 | 12:00PM

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Scan QR code for  
information and registration



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# GRAND CARIBE PLANTING PARTY

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2024  
9:30 AM – 1 PM**

**Grand Caribe Shoreline Park, 598 Grand Caribe Causeway, Coronado, CA 92118**

Your hands-on contribution will make a positive impact for local wildlife and the local ecosystem.

Sign up for a rewarding day of community and environmental stewardship!

Scan Below or  
[Click here](#)  
to RSVP!

