



If you missed our February 19th program, *Chris Gomez: San Diego's Little Italy*, you may click on the picture below to view a video of it.

February 19, 2026 - Chris Gomez, Little Italy Association
Jordan Leigh Barbod

The drawing shows a sign with 'LITTLE ITALY' in large blue letters and 'SAN DIEGO' in smaller blue letters below it. The sign is mounted on two vertical posts. Dimensions include a total height of 21'-0" and a sign height of 4'-0". Material specifications include 'CLASSIC BLUE HIGH TRO SEAL' and 'CLASSIC GREEN HIGH SINGLE TUBEH CENTER OF AREA'. A scale of 1/4"=1'-0" is provided. The drawing also includes a small human figure for scale and a 'FACE OF CURB' label.

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How did you like this week's program? Take the survey by clicking [HERE](#). Thank you to Ed Chaplin for sponsoring this week's Rotary News.

February 26, 2026

Rick Ochocki: CDO NAMI San Diego & Imperial Counties



Cannot attend in person? Here is the weekly recurring [ZOOM LINK](#) to tune in virtually at 12:30pm. You may also phone in to listen to the meeting: Phone: 1-669-900-6833
Password: 84935003462# (include the "pound" sign).

UPCOMING PROGRAM

March 5

Mandy Salas: Her Journey from Quadriplegia to Triumph

March 12

Coach Blanche Alverson: Head Coach
USD Women's Basketball

March 19

Dr. Diane Simeone: Director, UCSD Moores Cancer Center

FEB 23-MAR 1 BIRTHDAYS

February 23: Michelle Candland, Jordan Barbod

February 26: John Ahlering

February 27: Don Kent

February 28: Hernan Luis y Prado

UPCOMING EVENTS



[Register Here](#)

The following applicants were recommended to the Board of Directors by the Membership Committee and will be approved for membership unless objections are received to the Rotary office by **February 27th**.

- *Gavin Pyle • Marsh McLennan Insurance • “Insurance-Consulting”
- *Marilyn Carrillo • SD Water Authority • “Public Offices-Water Authority”
- *Susan Alvarez • SD Zoo Wildlife Alliance • “Zoological Gardens-AA”
- *Janice McKay • Dean SDSU • “Education-SDSU”
- *Scott Carr • SD Bar Association • “Associations-SD County Bar”

PAC Funding

For all of our committee Chairs, Co-Chairs or Vice Chairs:

Through our annual Project Allocation Committee (PAC) process, I am pleased to inform you that the grant application window for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) is now open. The final date that applications will be accepted is **Thursday, March 19, 2026**. However, as the committee needs to go through each application and score them, it would be most appreciated if you could submit your application as soon as possible so that the committee has adequate time to carry out their task.

The form may be accessed here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqgwNTJjY2T5IUNZJgJ3vrn9oGxIUkM4qyeegv2p5UvbPfkQ/viewform>

Should you have any questions, please contact Steve Coopersmith stc@STEVECOOPERSMITHLAW.COM, Vice Chair Daniel Amaro at damaro@klarinetsolutions.com or our Executive Director Jordan Maharaj at jordan@rotary33.org.

ROTARACT NETWORKING EVENT!

SDSU Rotaract is excited to invite you to our Second Annual Networking Event where Interactors, Rotaractors, and Rotrarians can connect! Join us for a night of facilitating new relationships, food, fun, and networking activities!

EVENT DETAILS



MARCH 21ST



5-7 P.M.



MONTEZUMA HALL, SDSU



FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
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PROGRAMS TO BE AWARDED:
1. Austin Emery - 92.75 hours
2. Evelyn Arredondo - 67.5 hours
3. Rachel Rowin - 60.75 hours

Director
Rach



Photos

by Paul Nestor



(Lt) Guest Singer from Little Italy. (Rt) Vicki Horiye and Amie Brown buy Girl Scout Cookies.



(Lt) Lex Gillette, Raymond Simas and Rick Brooks.
(Rt) A Girl Scout from Del Norte High School addresses the crowd.



(Lt) Mel Katz, Whitney Skala, Simona Valanciute, Phil Blair and Nancy Scott. (Rt) Guest Speaker Chris Gomez, President Wendy, Chair of the Day Larry Kuntz, and Inspirational Moment Kyle Caldwell.