

If you missed our April 9th program, *Karen Chen: SVP Wealth Management*, you may click on the picture below to view a video of it.



April 9, 2026 - Karen Chen, LPL Financial

Jordan Leigh Barbod

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in wealth  
transferred  
by **2048**

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How did you like this week's program? Take the survey by clicking [HERE](#).  
Thank you, Phil Blair and ManPower for sponsoring this week's Rotary News.

## April 16

Taj Paxton: Film Maker



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).

# Register for Fun Events and Service Projects this week!

**Friday**  
April 17th

Spark Event  
TranscenDANCE Event: 12-1:30 pm

**Saturday**  
April 18th

RAW Event  
Ft. Rosecrans Cemetery Headstone Restoration 9-noon

RAW Event  
JRYMCA Volunteer at Healthy Kids Event 9-Noon

**Sunday**  
April 19th

RAW Event  
Youth Homelessness Shelter Beautification 9-11:30 am

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**April 23**

**Camp Enterprise Kickoff: Featuring Brandon Steppe**

**April 30**

**Dr. Bret Scher: “Nutrition and Mental Health-Looking Beyond What We’re Taught”**

**May 7**

**Senior Service’s Committee Program**

## ROSTER UPDATES

**If there are any changes to your contact information for the 2026-27 Roster, please contact Becky or Jordan by May 1st!**

**New Job?  
New Title?  
New Address?  
New Name?  
Updated Headshot?**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Please welcome new member Susan Alvarez, Director of Guest Services at SDZWA. You can learn more about her by watching her self introduction after clicking the video of the meeting on page 1, or by visiting our website’s [New Member Profiles](#) page.

## APRIL 13-19 BIRTHDAYS

April 13: Kim Jones, Susan Davis

April 15: Don Teemsma

April 16: Joyce Gattas, Camille Newbern

April 18: Steve Oggel, Geri Warnke

# Rotarians at Work Day(s) Registrations

**Saturday, April 18th**

**Military Affairs Committee at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery 1880 Cabrillo Memorial Drive**

Headstone restoration and ground beautification. 9:00a - Noon

**JRYMCA 151 YMCA Way**

Running activities at their Healthy Kids Event such as arts & crafts, games, distributing snacks/snow cones/ popcorn etc. 9-12pm

**Sunday, April 19th**

**Storefront Youth Shelter**

Refresh courtyard space, planters, painting, building build patio furniture, tile: joint venture with Kiwanis.  
Must be 18+

**Saturday, April 25th**

**San Diego Humane Society 5500 Gaines Street**

Set up 2-4 stations of projects that include folding clean laundry, making meatballs for our dogs, creating hiding boxes for our cats, assembling adoption folders, etc. 10a Noon

**San Diego Zoo 2920 Zoo Drive**

Create enrichment and exhibit enhancements for Zoo animals. Children 10+ welcome 8:45a- Noon

NAMI WALK Preble Field in NTC Park Liberty Station 2455 Cushing Road

**Register for Team Aiden (honoring Rodger Dougherty's son)**

**Please email the office to let them know you registered for this event!**

**Episcopal Community Services 2822 5th Ave.**

Beautifying ECS Safe Haven in Bankers Hill 9am - 10:30a

**Epilepsy Foundation of San Diego County—2055 El Cajon Blvd.**

Putting together swag bags and organizing t-shirts for Sharon's Ride, Run, Walk  
9am - 12n

**Sunday, April 26**

**Sharon's Ride, Run Walk 9:15am**

**Please email the office to let them know you registered for this event!**

**Saturday, May 9**

**Girls Scouts San Diego 1231 Upas Street**

Help beautify the courtyard, wax and clean the statues and spread mulch. 9am - 12n

**Saturday, May 23rd (flag placement) or May 26th(flag removal)**

**Operation Flags for Vets @ Miramar Cemetery**

Help place 22,000 American flags at each grave in Miramar Cemetery in honor of Memorial Day  
**Please email the office to let them know you registered for this one!**

San Diego  
**Rotary**



*Bid Big Auction*

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**Save the Date!**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2026**

**Tom Ham's Lighthouse**

**5-9 pm**

*Ticket sales and more information coming soon!*

# Faces in the Crowd

by Paul Nestor



(Lt) Courtney Pendleton, Karen Chen, a guest, Wendy McKinney and Kim Benson.  
(Rt) Emily Rex and Chris Christopher kickoff Rotarians at Work Season!



(Lt) Tom Vecchione, John Alitos, Frank Pavel, Guy Maddox, Laurie Coskey, Doug Arbon, Mike Morton, Herb Hafter and John Morell.



(Rt) Mary Dawe, Patti Roscoe and Susan Davis.



(Lt) President Elect Will pins new member Susan Alvarez.



(Rt) President Elect Will, COD Kim Benson, Guest Speaker Karen Chen and IM Gloria Shepherd McCoy.