

This Week

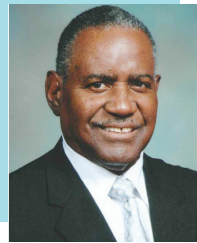
Mindy Kittay, A Mini Cyclone in Librarianship Craft Talk Program Host: Theo Clarke

It's nice to see a person who has found his/her bliss and enjoys life living it to the fullest. New member Mindy Kittay is such a person. Her bliss is libraries! She thrives on creating amazing libraries. She has helped lead libraries into the 21st century in the midst of change and growth. She says she is looking for a library where customer service is *King* and the priority is to be the heart of the community!

Kittay has been in the Library business since 2003, serving as business manager, deputy director/systems librarian, finance director of Anythink Libraries, county librarian/director in Mendocino County, and now head librarian of Altadena's library.

As an example of her astounding impact on the art of librarianship, in 2007, she took the worst funded and most dismal of all libraries on the Front Range of Colorado, and in four years won the 2010 National Medal

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Quietly Quick

by Steve Cunningham, *President*

Discontentment

An After-the-Lesson [Self-Confidence] Visit with the Author

The Law of Success — In Sixteen Lessons

by **Napoleon Hill**

The supreme mystery of the universe is life! We come here without our consent, from whence we know not! We go away without our consent, whither, we know not!

We are eternally trying to solve this great riddle of LIFE, and, for what purpose and to what end?

That we are placed on this earth for a definite reason there can be no doubt by any thinker. May it not be possible that the power which placed us here will know what to do with us when we pass on beyond the Great Divide?

Would it not be a good plan to give the Creator who placed us here on earth, credit for having enough intelligence to know what to do with us after we pass on; or, should we assume the intelligence and the ability to control the future life in our own way? May it not be possible that we can co-operate with the Creator very intelligently by assuming to control our conduct on this earth to the end that we may be decent to one another and do all the good we can in all the ways we can during this life, leaving the hereafter to one who probably knows, better than we, what is best for us?

The artist has told a powerful story in the picture at the top of page 4 [the continuance of this article]. *Note how the animals think the grass is sweeter on the other side of the fence.*

From birth until death the mind is always reaching out for that which it does not possess.

The little child, playing with its toys on the floor, sees another child with a different sort of toy and immediately tries to lay hands on that toy.

The female child (grown tall) believe the other woman's clothes more becoming than her own and sets out to duplicate

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February Team

David Alimi • John Casci
 Hal Yorke • Tony Hill
 Ed Jasow

Meeting Responsibilities

- Setup • Greeter •
- Flag Salute • Song •
- Inspirational Presentation •
- Happy Bucks • 4-Way Test •
- Takedown •

Program Review

Our Four-Way Test As Seen through the Eyes of Local High School Speech Contestants



Last Thursday marked the time of the year at Altadena Rotary for the Four

Way Speech Contest. Four participants competed last Thursday after being selected from a rigorous preliminary round of almost 40 participants from local high

schools. Thursday was the competition at the local level where the selected winner will move to the group level and that winner to the regional level and on to the district competition held in June. The length of the speech is 6-8 minutes, and is based on the Rotary International theme: *Be a Gift to the World*. In addition, each competitor had to evaluate his/her suggested *gift* against the Rotary four-way test: It had to

- be the Truth,
- be Fair to all concerned,
- build Good Will and Better Friendships, and
- * be Beneficial to all concerned.

The first competitor to give her speech was Dajah Rice, a 12th grader at Blair High School. She started her speech by saying that everybody's gift is a talent. She stated that she has friends who have special talents that don't pursue them. She said that you're successful if you pursue your talents. Her gift is being a poet. She asked "why wouldn't someone share their



talent?" Her idea, which is *fair to all concerned*, is to develop a nonprofit through which people donate their special talents. Everyone benefits because it benefits the less fortunate, along with those involved building friendships and relationships. She ended her speech by stating that this was not a speech to her, but a call to action. It is for those with special talents to give to others who are less fortunate.

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February World Understanding

Program Chair, Theo Clarke

February 18 - 4-Way Speech Contest

February 25 - Mindy Kittay, Craft Talk

March Literacy

Program Chair, Kimmit Haggins

March 03 - To be Announced

March 10 - To be Announced

March 17 - To be Announced

March 24 - To be Announced

Congratulations



Birthdays



02/02 - Julie Gustafson

0208 - Mike Zoeller

02/10 - Julius Johnson

02/16 - Joan Frykenberg

02/16 - Sunny Wu Kerekes



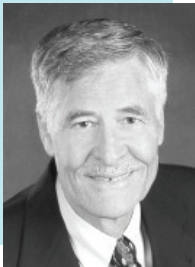
Anniversaries



02/03 - Susan & Don Applegate

02/17 - Mona & Ed Jasnow

The Four-Way Test *Ever Thought about What it Means to You?*



Last week the Club enjoyed another Four-Way Test Speech competition, and we heard some pretty impres-

sive high school students describe what the Four-Way Test meant to them. How many of us pause to think of what the test means to us? Here are some excerpts from Rotary documents that give the background of the test.

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at their club meetings. The test was scripted by Herbert J. Taylor, an American Rotarian from Chicago, as he set out to save his company — the Club Aluminum Products Distribution Company — from bankruptcy.

In the early 1930s, Taylor believed himself to be the only person in his financially-troubled company of 250 employees who retained hope that the company could be saved. His recovery plan started with changing the ethical climate of the company. He explained:

The first job was to set policies for the company that would reflect the high ethics and morals God would want in any business. If the people who worked for Club Aluminum were to think right, I knew they would do right. What we needed

was a simple, easily remembered guide to right conduct — a sort of ethical yardstick — which all of us in the company could memorize and apply to what we thought, said and did.

I searched through many books for the answer to our need, but the right phrases eluded me, so I did what I often do when I have a problem I can't answer myself: I turn to the One who has all the answers. I leaned over my desk, rested my head in my hands and prayed. After a few moments, I looked up and reached for a white paper card. Then I wrote down the twenty-four words that had come to me:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

I called it "The Four-Way Test" of the things we think, say or do

In the 1940s, when Taylor was an international director of Rotary, he offered the Four-Way Test to the organization and it was adopted by Rotary for its internal and promotional use. Never changed, the twenty four word test remains today a central part of the permanent Rotary structure throughout the world, and is held as the standard by which all behavior should be measured ○

New Directors Nominated

Pursuant to Article I, Section 1 of our bylaws, the nominating committee hereby notifies the membership of the candidates nominated to serve terms of two-years each on the board of directors commencing July 1, 2016 until June 30, 2018:

Jim Gorton
Tony Hill
Steve Kerekes
Mindy Kittay

Additional nominations to the board may be made by petition and presented to club secretary Steve Kerekes no later than Thursday, February 25, 2016, when bearing the signatures of ten (10) or more members. The candidate must have been

a member of this club for at least one year and agreed to serve.

The candidates' names will appear on the ballots distributed at the meeting, which will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 12:10pm at Altadena Town & Country Club. Please be there to vote. ○

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for Museum and Library Services for that library, and was featured on the cover of Library Journal and the Los Angeles Times. Holy cow! I can hardly wait to feel the burn during her craft talk this Thursday. Don't miss it. ○

Quietly

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them.

The male child (grown tall) sees another man with a bigger collection of railroads or banks or merchandise and says to himself: "How fortunate! How fortunate! How can I separate him from his belongings?"

F. W. Woolworth, the Five and Ten Cent Store king, stood on Fifth Avenue in New York City and gazed upward at the Metropolitan Building and said: How wonderful! I will build one much taller." The crowning achievement of his life was measured by the Woolworth Building. That building stands as a temporary symbol of man's nature to excel the handiwork of other men. ***A monument to the vanity of man, with but little else to justify its existence!***

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The little ragged newsboy on the street stands, with wide-open mouth, and envies the business man as he alights from his automobile at the curb and starts into his office. "How happy I would be," And, the business man seated at his desk inside, thinks how happy he would be if he could add another million dollars to his already overswollen bank roll.

The grass is always sweeter on the other side of the fence, says the jackass, as he stretches his neck in the attempt to

get to it.

Turn a crowd of boys into an apple orchard and they will pass by the nice mellow apples on the ground. The red, juicy ones hanging dangerously high in the top of the tree look much more tempting, and up the tree they will go.

The married man takes a sheepish glance at the daintily dressed ladies on the street and thinks how fortunate he would be if his wife were as pretty as they. Perhaps she is much prettier, but he misses that beauty because---well, because "the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence." Most divorce cases grow out of man's tendency to climb the fence into the other fellow's pastures.

Happiness is always just around the bend; always in sight but just out of reach. Life is never complete, no matter what we have or how much of it we possess. One thing calls for something else to go with it.

Milady buys a pretty hat. She must have a gown to match it. That calls for new shoes and hose and gloves, and other accessories that run into a big bill far beyond her husband's means.

Man longs for a home---just a plain little house setting off in the edge of the woods. He builds it, but it is not complete; he must have shrubbery and flowers and landscaping to go with it. Still it is not

complete; he must have a beautiful fence around it, with a graveled driveway.

That calls for a motor car and a garage in which to house it.

All these little touches have been added, but to no avail! The place is now too small. He must have a house with more rooms. The Ford Coupe must be replaced by a Cadillac sedan, so there will be room for company in the cross

country tours. On and on the story goes, ad infinitum!

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Out of this truth grew the oft-repeated adage "Familiarity breeds contempt."

Beauty and Happiness and Contentment are states of mind. They can never be enjoyed except through vision of the afar. The most beautiful painting of Rembrandt becomes a mere smudge of daubed paint if we come too near it.

Destroy the Hope of unfinished dreams in man's heart and he is finished.

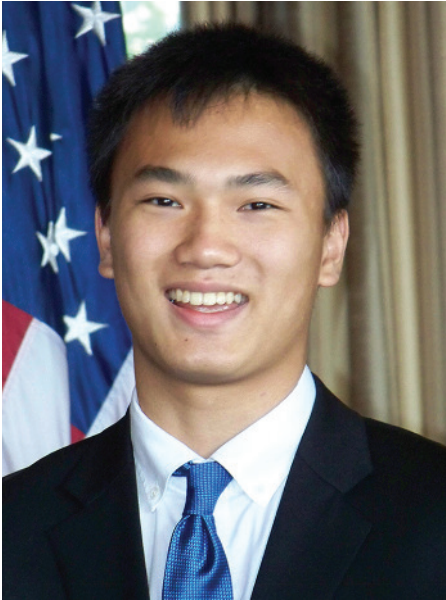
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Life's greatest inconsistency is the fact that most of that which we believe is not true. Russel Conwell wrote the most popular lecture ever delivered in the English language. He called it *Acres of Diamonds*. The central idea of the lecture was the statement that one need not seek opportunity in the distance; that opportunity may be found in the vicinity of one's birth. Perhaps! but, how many believe it?

Opportunity may be found wherever one really looks for it, and nowhere else! To most men the picking looks better on the other side of the fence. How futile to urge one to tryout one's luck in the little hometown when it is man's nature to look for opportunity in another location. ○

Program

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The next speaker was Billy Tan, a freshman at Maranatha High School. He started his speech asking the question: "Who doesn't want to be a superhero?" They have to sacrifice for friends and family. He gave an example of a son who wanted to be like his dad who was a policeman. He learned from his dad that the key was sacrifice. He became a police officer and was told by the dad to watch for temptations. The son became a good police officer, but experiences happened and turmoil developed within him. He asked to go back home, being that home is a place you can relax. He never ended up going home. The dad got a call and was told to come to the scene of an auto accident. The dad was told that his son saved a girl but, in doing so, gave the ultimate sacrifice: his life. So the question was asked, "Who was the superhero?" Billy Tan said both the father and his son were the hero's since they were both willing to make sacrifices. He said, we need to love our neighbors. When we are willing to make sacrifices, we can become one family.

The third speaker was Brandon Perez, a senior at La Salle High School. He told a story of his friend named Molly. He spent a lot of time with Molly, and, when he was



at her home, he noticed signs all over her house. For example "door" hung above a door, "light switch" next to a light switch. At first he thought this was odd, but Molly has Down Syndrome and this helped her learn. Brandon ended up learning from his friend Molly. By tutoring others, Brandon saw the lack of education in the American school system. His goal is to eradicate the lack of education in the American school system. He said, "To be a gift to the world, you need to be educated. He put this to the four-way test: *Is it the truth? Yes, these kids don't have education. Is it fair to all concerned? Of course not. Will it bring good will and better friendships? Of course. Education builds relationships. Will it be beneficial to all concerned? No, because he believes there is a bigger gap being built each day between those who are educated and those who are not. To be a gift to the world, you need education. He ended his speech by saying "give a man a fish and he eats for that day, teach him to fish and he eats for a lifetime."*

The last speaker was Julian Lin. He started his speech by saying "To be a gift to the world, America needs to change its economic status." The solution is we need to correct the national debt crisis.



He went on to say the truth is that legal citizens pay taxes, and non-citizens do not. Non-legal, undocumented people put stress on the economy. Illegal aliens add undocumented claims. America is being transformed in many ways. There is increasing crime, drugs and many bring in illness to our country. This fails the four-way test. If immigrants want to become citizens, they need to do it legally. This problem has to be dealt with immediately. If America can solve its debt crisis, it can be a gift to the world.

After the judges deliberated, the winners, in order, were as follows: Julian Lin, with first runner up being Dajah Rice, and the other two runners up were Billy Tan and Brandon Perez. John Casci ○

Coming Soon The March Meeting Team

Ray Carlson
Theo Clarke
Logan Drew
John Frykenberg
Tom McCurry
Charlie Wilson