



The Rotary Club of San Francisco West

Meetings: Tuesday mornings, 7:30 a.m., Lakeside Restaurant, Ocean Ave

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WELCOME TODAY'S SPEAKER

MARA BONELLI

Mara Bonelli, mother of a type 1 diabetic and an active volunteer with the [Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation](#) (JDRF), the leading charitable funder and advocate of type I diabetes research worldwide. The mission of JDRF is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. Type 1 diabetes is a disease which strikes children and adults suddenly and requires multiple injections of insulin daily or a continuous infusion of insulin through a pump. Insulin, however, is not a cure for diabetes, nor does it prevent its eventual and devastating complications which may include kidney failure, blindness, heart disease, stroke, and amputation. Since its founding in 1970 by parents of children with type 1 diabetes, JDRF has awarded more than \$1.3 billion to diabetes research, including more than \$156 million in FY 2008. In FY 2008 the Foundation funded more than 1,000 centers, grants and fellowships in 22 countries. Topic: the ways in which type 1 and type 2 diabetes differ, show the effects of type 1 on the productivity in the workplace and the costs related to diabetes, and will inform the audience of some of the most exciting research projects currently being funded by the JDRF.

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