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The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of San Francisco West

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WELCOME TODAY'S SPEAKER

MARGI DUNLAP

Margi Dunlap, executive director, [International Institute of San Francisco](#), a nonprofit organization that provides a variety of services to immigrant communities in San Francisco and San Mateo counties. IISD's mission is to enable immigrants and refugees to become fully participating citizens in their new communities. Services include preparation for citizenship interviews and tests, administrative compliance assistance, youth job training, healthcare promotion, and neighborhood communication. IISF is an affiliate of the national partnership, the [U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants](#).

Margi accepted a three-month temporary assignment at IISD in November 1977, coordinating an English workshop for traumatized refugees. After studying anthropology as an undergraduate, she completed her Masters' in counseling, and earned her MFT license. A Cambodian man whose first English word was "nightmare" helped to put the inadequacy of Margi's formal education to the test, and set the course for her future. She served on a White House task force convened to respond to the Mariel refugee crisis in 1980 and has worked with the U.S. Committee for Refugees to develop programs for survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. Off-duty, Margi writes, raises orchids, watches her family grow, and travels to places she's never been before.

FOR THE NEXT COUPLE WEEKS WHILE JOANNA IS ON VACATION SARAH WILL BE ACTING PRESIDENT

"ALL HAIL PRESIDENT SARAH"

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER : JULIE ROBBINS



Julie Robbins, occupational therapist and volunteer, [VSO Canada](#), the Canadian partner of Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO). VSO is an international development agency that works through volunteers to fight global poverty by supporting people to share skills, creativity and learning with communities around the world. Through personal commitment and practical action, volunteers help build a fairer world. In September, Julie will begin a year in Rwanda to help train Rwandan professionals to use occupational therapy techniques with children with disabilities. Meanwhile, Julie is helping to start a company called [Development By Design](#), which designs toys for children with special needs.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS VISITATION

COMING ON AUGUST 23rd



Mark Flegel, district governor, Rotary District 5150. Attendance is mandatory. Board meets at 4:00; other members please arrive promptly at 6:00 pm. If you have been invited to the White House, please discuss with club president Joanna Fritz. Mark Flegel is president and CEO of [Flegel's Fine Furniture and Interior Design](#), a fifty-two-year company with locations in Menlo Park, San Rafael, and San Ramon. He received a master's degree in philosophy from USC. The talk is titled "About Rotary."