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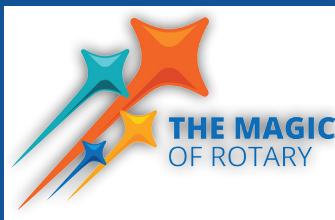
LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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DR. JUSTIN ELDRIDGE

Associate Teaching Professor in the Halicioglu Data Science Institute at UC San Diego



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AOS MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

1st Friday of the Month.....Community Services Committee
(follows club meeting)

2nd Friday of the Month.....International Services Committee
(follows club meeting)

3rd Friday of the Month.....Youth Services Committee
(follows club meeting)

4th Friday of the Month.....Peace Committee
(follows club meeting)



WHAT IS “ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE”, ANYWAYS?

At UCSD, Dr. Justin Eldridge has helped build the nascent undergraduate Data Science program by developing and teaching courses across the curriculum, and, in recent years, by overseeing the program as the Vice Chair for Undergraduate Studies. His research lies in the theoretical foundations of machine learning and artificial intelligence; his work has received a best student paper award at COLT 2015 and a full oral presentation at NeurIPS 2016. He received his PhD in Computer Science in 2018 from The Ohio State University as a Presidential Fellow, along with BS degrees in Physics and Applied Math.



REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2025

MAY - SPEAKER

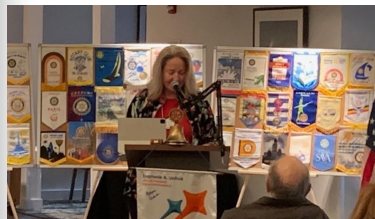
2.....Kerri Boutelle, Ph.D
The Science of Appetite

23.....Major General Anthony Jackson

TIM FRONCZEK President Elect hosted the meeting.

Many thanks to **TIM** and **MARIA** they worked hard in getting the meeting set for AI recording, providing us with a video and transcript of the entire meeting. Tim mentioned some additional improvements moving forward to include the club members attending the meeting virtually will be projected onto the large screen.

ROTARIAN OF THE DAY: LORI BENDE



She has been an active member of our club for 25 years! She provided us with a brief update on her new job at a refractive surgeon center working 3-days a week in 2 locations. Shared her experience as a mother of twins and her love for our club.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and VISTING ROTARIANS: DOUG DEER

- UCSD Rotaract
- Laura Gaby
- Caitlin
- Dan Kisner
- Dan and Jane Deer
- Rick Binder past member and club President
- BRETT and LORI introduced potential new members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIM reiterated the club was going to purchase a brick to be installed at the new Midway Freedom Park. Donations are

welcomed to offset the cost for the club.

- SDSU upcoming Network meeting for Rotarians and Rotaracts to attend on April 13, 2025.

BRETT MOREY announced:

- Ronald Mc Donald Red Shoe Day and the need for volunteers
- Surfers Unite Rotarian Fellowship – Memorial for Vince Pounce
- Switchfoot Bro-Am event

JAN PERCIVAL– Wine Soiree and the importance to registering, selling tickets and donations to fund our club projects

ELLEN BRYSON – Door of Hope Easter baskets

CAROLYN FRITZ- Announced the completion of the membership campaign and the winning team – Alex Monroe’s team.

RICK CLARK – Announced upcoming Operation Flags for the Vets at Miramar for Memorial Day and need for volunteers. Possible 20,000 flags

He also noted guest speaker on May 23rd General Jackson

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Change of monthly meeting date, same time and location.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE- Meeting after today’s club meeting.

TIM FRONCZEK – HIGH FIVES:

- Doug Deer – Parents from Ohio- Rotarians
- Marty Rosenstein- Caitlin and UCSD Rotaract
- Brett Morey – AJ
- Carolyn Fritz – Jacquie Reilly and Urban Street Angels

- Jim Frost – Rick Binder

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE DAY – JAN PERCIVAL



RICK BAKER – Director of Advancement for Institutional Giving at the San Diego Symphony

- Spoke about the symphony’s impact, including its \$20 million annual economic impact and community engagement programs. He also mentioned upcoming events like the elementary school concerts and Discovery Night

- Overview of the San Diego Symphony’s venues, including the Rudy Shell and the Jacobs Music Center.

- Discussion about the music director, Rafael Piare, and his background.

- Mention of the yoga at the shell and other community events at the symphony’s venues.

ADJOURNMENT: TIM FRONCZEK

- Tim thanks Rick for his presentation and announces a donation to Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

- Adjourned the meeting early.

~Reporter

Jim Davies

PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



Rose Elementary Escondido project



Once - Musical - Social committee



Student of Month – Preuss School – 16 years of service – Thank you Marty



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LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2024 - 2025

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PAST-PRESIDENT Christy White Brook

ROTARIAN OF THE DAY



LISA GALSTIAN

Lisa was born and grew up in Queens, New York. She is so thankful to both her parents for all their support, love and lessons they taught along the way. She will be sharing some of their insights.

She met her husband, John, in optometry school in New York City. John wanted to live in Buffalo when they graduated, and Lisa wanted to move to Long Island. The same day they got married they both found out they passed California boards. They went on their honeymoon, came home packed up and moved to San Diego, where they purchased their first optometric practice eight months later in Pacific Beach.

They combined their two offices and currently have one office in the Golden Triangle. Six years ago, they sold the management part of the business to a company partly owned by a group of doctors, including Lisa and John, and an investor. Lisa still enjoys working and is happy not to deal with managing and owning a business.

When not working she enjoys spending time with family and friends, exploring the outdoors, hiking and traveling. She has visited over 20 National Parks. She has two daughters Lindsey and Geena. Lindsey is 26 and lives in L.A. She is the community relations specialist at the nonprofit downtown women's center in L.A. She will pursue her masters next year in nonprofit management at CSU Northridge. Her goal is to be managing a nonprofit.

Geena is 23 and they are continually learning more about Geena's Abilities. She had several health challenges as a child that affect her ability to verbally communicate fully and is on the autism spectrum. Among other things that have been helpful is Spelling to Communicate, which allows us to hear her True Voice to share her insights, wisdom and wit. Lisa is happy to share more with others who are interested.

Lindsey, Geena and Lisa completed a third coffee table book. This is the first one Geena participated in. This one is entitled "Rainbow in a Cloud" which was written by Lindsey and Geena and includes Lisa's photography.

Lisa enjoys being a member of the Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World and all the friendships she has made and continues to make.



MAY 2025

May 2 - Doug Deer

May 23 - Memorial Day / Rick Clark

JUNE 2025

June 6 - Nil Saric



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