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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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## SCOTT WAHL CHIEF OF POLICE SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT



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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)



Scott Wahl was promoted to serve as the City of San Diego's 36th Chief of Police on June 7, 2024. Chief Wahl oversees the police department for the eighth-largest city in the nation.

Chief Wahl is a fourth-generation San Diegan who grew up in the Clairemont community. He has a deep love for San Diego and the San Diego Police Department, which both he and his father, a 34-year veteran, have been proud to be a part of.

Chief Wahl's vision for the San Diego Police Department is to build an inclusive organization that is reflective of the city we serve

Chief Wahl has risen through the ranks since joining the San Diego Police Department on April 13, 1998. He has worked many of the department's patrol commands, investigations, and specialized assignments such as legislative affairs, critical incident management, operational support, establishing a new division to address neighborhood quality of life issues, and managing large-scale events and conferences, among others.

Chief Wahl received his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from San Diego State University in 1995 and his master's degree in Organizational Leadership from National University in 2005. He has taught as an adjunct professor for the San Diego Regional Police Academy and Ashford University. Chief Wahl has received numerous awards and commanding officer citations throughout his career.

In his spare time, Chief Wahl enjoys running, fishing, golfing, and spending time with his wife and four kids.





# REPORT

from the last meeting



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2025

### SEPTEMBER - SPEAKER

5.....Frank Urtasun  
Port of San Diego  
Board of Port Commissioners

19.....Dr. Divya Kakaiya  
Safer and Peaceful Communities

### OCTOBER - SPEAKER

3.....Dr. Benjamin Smarr  
UCSD Halicoglu Data Science

17.....Scott Lewis  
Editor, Voice of San Diego

**President David Chong** called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World!

**ROTARIAN OF THE DAY: Cami Eiskamp**, inspired the room with a heartfelt blend of personal storytelling, humor, and wisdom earned through life's reinventions. She's been a language arts teacher, a globe-trotting trainer, and now the brains (and heart) behind Parent Roundtables, where she shared her passion for guiding parents and children toward deeper connection and values-based living—sometimes through camel rides, fencing lessons, and other unexpected adventures, because “trust falls” are so last decade

She spoke candidly about navigating the profound loss of her husband, the joy of finding love again, and embracing each new chapter with curiosity and courage. Cami dished on life's reinventions: building a business from scratch, marrying Brett on a beach in Grand Cayman and ticking off bucket-list items faster than most of us can write them down. Cami painted a picture of a life rich with meaning and resilience. Her message was a joyful reminder that the secret to her wild and precious life is connection, service, and a little mischief in every chapter.

#### GUESTS:

**Lori** introduced her husband **Joost David** introduced his two daughters **Kira** and **Alyssa**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Ensenada Trip:** Only 16 seats left on the bus and filling quickly, be sure to sign up ASAP. Rotaractors are back in school and starting to sign up too.

**Shogun Dinner:** Join the everyone for a spectacular show while your dinner gets prepared before you

eyes, plenty of drinks and Sake, be sure to sign up

**70's The Golden Age:** Performed at the Lamb's Players theatre, join the Club for a matinee on Sept 7th and lunch before and walk over. Signup to secure your spot  
**Youth Mental Health Dance-a-Thon:** Volunteers are needed in many different spots like vendor management, contacting dance teams, setup, managing event activities, etc. Contact **Stephen**.  
**Vocational Services:** Newer members, Vocational Services is inviting you to give a 30-60 second presentation on your vocation to leverage Member's Professional Expertise, Sign up with **Stephen Tako** for a date at a Rotary Meeting

#### SPEAKER OF THE DAY:

Our own member **Dr. William Twayigize** shared on The Struggle for Influence - and Mineral Resources - in Africa: Can the U.S. Catch China and Why It's Important. Dr. William Twayigize began by expressing heartfelt gratitude to the club, noting that this might be his last address as a member due to family decisions. Dr. Twayigize shared his reflection on his journey from Rwanda to refugee camps across Africa before finding opportunity through education in Kenya. Inspired by a childhood tragedy, he once dreamed of becoming a doctor, but his path led him to champion education for refugee and underprivileged children instead.

Dr. Twayigize's presentation focused on conflict minerals—tin, tantalum, tungsten, gold, and cobalt—vital to electronics and electric vehicles, most of which come from Eastern Congo. He explained how decades of conflict, mass atrocities, and foreign competition—especially between the U.S. and China—

have centered on control of these resources. While China has rapidly expanded influence through swift infrastructure investments, the U.S. approach has been slower and mired in bureaucracy. He urged greater American investment in African infrastructure, manufacturing, and education, emphasizing the mutual benefits of stronger U.S.–Africa partnerships.

He closed by describing his nonprofit work providing quality education for underprivileged and refugee children in Kenya as a way of “paying it forward,” and by encouraging greater American engagement in Africa for mutual benefit—economically, strategically, and humanely.

## Presidential Announcement

New parking registration is necessary prior to our meetings. To start our meeting on time, we'll need to get to the buffet earlier and we'll provide some friendly nudges along the way.

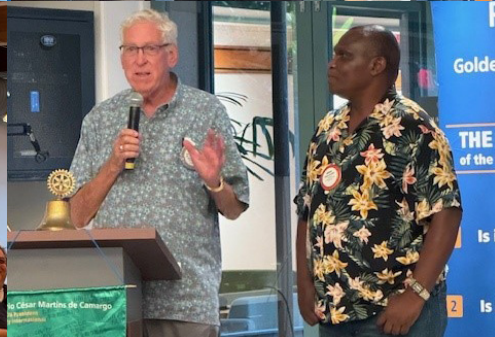
Club Dues. With recent changes to our club schedule and invoicing, questions about club dues seem to remain. Please see the attached chart for a breakdown and let me know if you have any questions.



~Reporter

Brett Cattell

# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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SECRETARY ..... Lisa Galstian  
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## ROTARIAN OF THE DAY



**BRETT  
CATTELL**

Brett Cattell is an experienced tech exec with over 20 years of experience in IT services, cybersecurity, and organizational growth. His true joy is mentoring and leading teams while helping companies scale their operations. Most recently, Brett served as CIO/CISO (Chief Information Security Officer) at Skyriver IT, the company he co-founded in 2010. Brett broke away in 2018 to lead Robin Healthcare, a fast-growing HealthTech startup that leveraged AI-powered devices to capture, document, and code doctors' patient visits. There, he built the company's IT, security, and compliance functions from the ground up and supported growth to over 1,000 employees.

Beyond his professional life, Brett's story is one of curiosity, resilience, and community. Born in Indiana and raised in Colorado, he grew up playing soccer, golfing, skiing with friends, and enjoying the outdoors. His family relocated to San Diego, where he developed a deep affection for the coastal lifestyle, choosing to stay in San Diego to attend UCSD. Brett loves returning to the UCSD campus for Rotary meetings.

With Brett's sense of adventure and connection, he loves his work supporting nonprofits like OneDigitalWorld by bringing technology to refugee centers, as well as the meaningful relationships he forms through organizations like 7CTOs. Outside of work, Brett can be found playing pickleball, enjoying his time on the ranch shooting with friends, and participating in men's fellowship nights.

Brett loves sharing travel adventures, concerts, and life with his partner, Cami, and her 15yo daughter, Sydney. Life with them has brought new adventures—adult cheerleading, learning field hockey and lacrosse, family talent shows in banana costumes, chauffeuring teenagers, and even turquoise-painted toenails. All the fun adventures of raising a teenage girl.

Brett cherishes the values of Rotary which align with one of his favorite verses from Matthew Chapter 5 " Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."



**SEPTEMBER 2025**

September 5 - Ricky Ricardo

September 19 - Dan Kisner



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