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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER
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CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Rotary

RI President 2026-27
OLAYINKA HAKEEM **BABALOLA**

District 5340 Governor 2026-27
JEB **BAKKE**

LJGT Rotary President 2026-27
TIMOTHY **FRONCZEK**

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)

Jeb Bakke
District Governor

District Governor Jeb's Visit



Jeb originally joined Poway Rotary Club (now Poway Scripps) in 1991, where he served in various offices and avenues of service. He moved to the Rancho Bernardo Sunrise club in 1994, where he was also active in a variety of capacities. He took a leave of absence to raise his young family, while keeping in touch with the many relationships he formed through Rotary. He returned to Rotary in 2017 to RB Sunrise where he served as President in 2020-21. He has served the district as International Service Chair from 2021-23 and Assistant Governor for Area 15 (that serves both the Paradise Valley and Sweetwater Rotary clubs as well as four active Rotaract clubs). Jeb is Paul Harris +8 and a Benefactor, a member of the Paul Harris society and a member of the Polio Plus Society.

Jeb grew up in Denver, Colorado as the eldest of five boys. He was active in sports, service clubs and singing at Cherry Creek High School and the University of Colorado, graduating in 1983 with a BS in Finance and Real Estate. He has been married to his wife Evan for over 36 years and has three grown children. He enjoys golf, exercising and sports. Jeb has been an award winning, successful commercial real estate broker in San Diego with CBRE, Inc. since 1984. His team has been involved in many recognizable, high-profile, ground-up office developments and represented many large, well-known tenants in Southern CA, other states and countries.



REPORT

from the last meeting

UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2026

AUGUST - *SPEAKER*

7.....Welcome District Governor Jeb Bakke

SEPTEMBER - *SPEAKER*

4.....Garry Robbins
San Diego Union-Tribune

Tim opened the meeting sharing memories of our beloved **Cynthia**. **Eric Freeberg** thanked everyone for their emails and announced that there will be a celebration of life for her later in the year.

Rotarian of the Day, **Wayne Davis** shared what retirement has been like for him and Joy. As a retiree, he became a docent at the Maritime Museum and decided he had enough spare time to help Joy, who had written a series of books for young adults, build a website to illustrate what she was doing, why she was doing it and how she came to do it. He shared photos of some of Joy's artwork that she has produced over several years. Recently they helped their daughter relocate to a suburb of Rochester New York and that allowed them to enjoy some travel in that area. A more recent trip was to Edna Valley Wine region with Joy's sister and husband where they visited a variety of wineries and Michelin star restaurants. Nice to have a wealthy brother-in-law who owns high performance cars! Wayne is going to stay retired and is looking forward to getting back to volunteering at the Maritime Museum after recently helping Joy with her recovery from knee replacement surgery. He invited everyone to come down to the Museum for a personal tour.

On Zoom were **Steve Brown**, **Stephen Tako**, **Luke** and **Marty**. **Jay** introduced guests **David Hartman** and **Maria's** guest **Chanel** who told us briefly about her volunteer work with young marines and the African American Women's Association.

Birthdays and anniversaries were announced. **Tim** announced high fives - first off was a high $100 from **Sam** for his engagement to **Alice**, **Tim** gave a high $100 for **Cynthia** to acknowledge all that she did for the Club, **Erik** gave a high $21 for his and **Ann's** 21st anniversary, **Sara** a high $5 for **Tucker's** fantastic baseball season.

Tim announced the upcoming Mexico trip October 3 and 4 and encouraged attendance at the July 24 breakfast brunch at either Snooze in La Jolla or the Broken Yoke in Del Mar. **Jeb Bakke**, the new District Governor will be our next speaker.

Challenge Coin time included **Jay, Sam** and **Sharon**. **Tim** thanked **Sam** for pitching in as a volunteer, always with a smile - working with AV and for being the incoming Club President; **Jay** was thanked for always arriving early to set up the meetings, cleaning out the storage unit - if you need storage bins, Jay has several he'd like to get rid of; **Sharon**, treasurer for 25 years and would like to give it up - who would like to take over? All were challenged to talk about Rotary to their family and friends.

Erik introduced our speaker, Assistant Professor **Emily Aiken**, who holds two appointments at UCSD in the School of Global Policy and Strategy and the Halicioglu Data Science Institute saying her research sits at the intersection of data science and economic development. Prior to joining UCSD, she was a postdoctoral scholar at Carnegie Mellon University Africa. She received her Ph.D. from UC Berkeley School of Information and she holds a MS *(UC Berkeley)* and BA *(Harvard)* in computer science. Emily is one of UCSD's newest faculty members at the Data Science Institute and in hearing her speak at a recent meeting Erik found it fascinating how she is leveraging data science to measure the impact of humanitarian aid.

Dr. Aiken addressed how data science can improve our understanding of poverty and how we can make better use of resources to address this problem. She explained the challenges of collecting high-quality data in low-income countries and the accuracy of different methods for targeting aid, including surveys, community-based approaches and phone data. She shared the results from studies in Bangladesh and Togo, comparing the accuracy of different methods in identifying poor households. She discussed the sources of funding for aid programs, including NGO's multilateral institutions and taxpayer-funded programs. Dr. Aiken fielded questions from the audience. **Tim** thanked her for her presentation, gave her a challenge coin, wished everyone a wonderful weekend and reminded us of the upcoming breakfast brunch on July 24.

~Reporter

Dianne Day

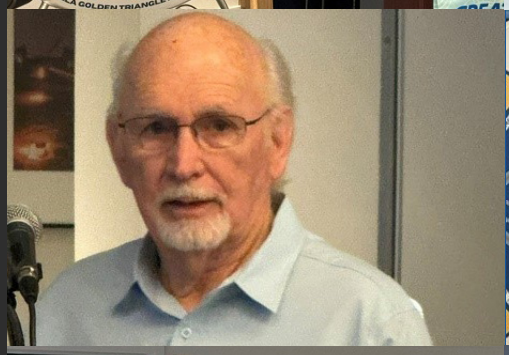
PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING

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ROTARIAN OF•THE•DAY



SANDI RIMER



AUGUST 2026

August 21 - Johnathan Chittuluru

SEPTEMBER 2026

September 4 - Sarah Saluta

September 18 - Jan Percival

Sandi was born and raised in a suburb of Los Angeles CA before there was smog and too much traffic. There were, however, phones and mechanized vehicles.

Her family had a mother and father, a sister, a dog and a parakeet. The mother sewed, the father fished, the sister was a pain in the neck. The dog was more obedient than all of them. The bird was pretty useless.

There were camping trips where grizzly bears took bites out of Ivory soap bars and drug the ice chest down the hill. The symphony was a big deal and the solo trips to the public library with two bus transfers were a big hit. You could only take out 5 books at a time so the weekly visits were pretty strenuous.

A fond but early memory was a trip to the Mid-west with the maternal grandparents to visit/meet lots of aunts/uncles/cousins. She got to see an egg fry on the sidewalk in Pearland TX, walk through the mud (?) in a barnyard in Chetopa KS, and chase fireflies in Kansas City KS.

Sandi either sat in the front row in class so she could learn a lot or in the back row when she wasn't interested. Back row seats were very close to the class bookshelf. It's easy to read a book on history when the lesson is on something else if you sit at the back.

Sandi has always had a fondness for parades: in the drill team, part of Miss Pomona court, mimosa drinker at the Rose Parade, as District Governor.

Above average in height was always a good thing: Sandi was able to get into places she probably shouldn't have at a very young age. And it was fun to hang out with the basketball team as statistician, first in high school and then in college. Or in the back row with the boys when it came time for class photos.

Engineering school at USC and Cal Tech were options but Cal Poly Pomona became a good third choice—1000 students in the engineering school but only 6 of them were girls. Being the only girl in a class of 125 boys was a bit distracting, however.

A 3-year stint in Kansas proved enough and back to CA she came. And then, almost immediately, set out for 9 weeks in Europe with her 7-week old son. Many tales of photography, architecture, diaper changing at architectural landmarks.

Son Jon lives in Los Angeles, manages a Bottega Veneto store in Beverly Hills, and an escape in Lake Arrowhead.

The Rotary Bug bit Sandi in 1988 and it's been a fun ride ever since: newsletter editor, Club Service Chair, Club President (95-96), many District-level jobs, District Governor (2004-05), Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award, fund raiser for 1000 Smiles.

Real estate broker since July 1979, Coldwell Banker owner until 2008, now enjoying the stress-less life of a Broker Associate in the process of redesigning her marketing story.