

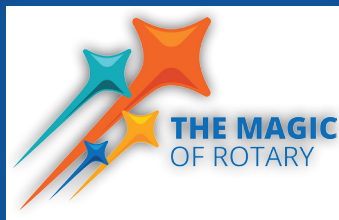
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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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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)



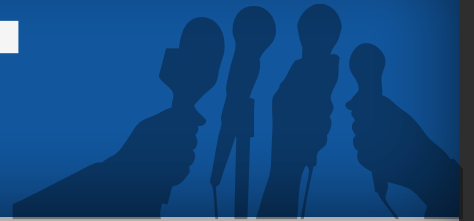
## HOMELESSNESS ISSUES FACING THE CITY AND WHAT SDPD IS DOING TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM

I am a 28-year law enforcement veteran with the San Diego Police Department. I hold an Associate's Degree from San Diego Miramar College in Administration of Justice and a Bachelor's Degree from National University in Criminal Justice Administration and was an adjunct faculty member at San Diego Miramar College for over a decade where I taught a variety of law enforcement related subjects to new recruits in the countywide academy. During my time with SDPD, I have gained extensive practical and leadership experience in patrol, investigative, neighborhood policing and administrative assignments with a department that is a national leader in community and data driven policing. My previous assignments as an officer include being a patrol officer, SWAT Team member, Field Evidence Technician, Certified Drug Recognition Expert and Field Training Officer. My investigative assignments include being a Detective or Detective Sergeant in the Domestic Violence, Identity Theft, Sex Crimes, Internal Affairs and Homicide Units. As a Lieutenant, I was assigned to Mid-City Division, Internal Affairs and the Homicide Unit. Currently as a Captain, I oversee the Neighborhood Policing Division which is tasked with addressing quality of life and homelessness issues in the City of San Diego in a compassionate and professional manner through community-oriented policing.



# REPORT

from the last meeting



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2024

### DECEMBER - SPEAKER

20.....HOLIDAY PROGRAM  
welcoming local seniors

27.....Dark

2025

### JANUARY - SPEAKER

3.....Dark

17.....Dr. Gina Simmons  
Liberalism v Conservatism:  
Historical roots, psychological researchs

24.....Azim Khamisa  
Tariq Khamisa Foundation  
Championing Peace

**RANJAN** as rotarian of the day told his Rotary moment story about helping out with one of our “Q Fest” and meeting a fun group of our members who convinced him to join our club. He has been a “gift” to us ever since!

**ERIC** from UCSD was our only guest this morning

The **COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE** met after the meeting

**JEAN MCGRATH** Reminded members to bring cookies to our next meeting as it will be a Holiday breakfast for our nursing home guests.

**STEPHEN TAKO** gave a report about the vocational committee mixer then he did a great job auctioning off an advertising space in the newsletter for the next few months Thank You **DIANE DAY\$\$\$\$\$**

**JIM DAVIES** announced

his program with the **TIDES** organization which is a Christmas celebration with food and gifts to families who are struggling this season Dec 18 3-5:30 call **Jim 858 414 8909** if you would like to help out.

**ALEX MONROE** encouraged members to make a contribution to our Rotary Foundation to take advantage of a matching grant opportunity.

**JIM FROST** told about a volunteer opportunity at the Kendall Frost Marsh Reserve on Dec 21st 9:00-11:00 a day out doors with plants and wildlife, dress for work with close toed shoes everything else will be provided contact **JFrost@frosthawood.com**

**MARTY** introduced **Roberto Ymenez** as Pruess “student of the month for December.” Roberto gave a very moving talk about his past

struggles and the help he received in turning his life around and becoming a leader!!!

**CHRISTY** Introduced our speakers **Tamima Noozay** of Pruess and **Carlos Mendoza** of the Cygnet Theater. They gave a wonderful accounting of how their two organizations have collaborated to create a fabulous theater arts program for Pruess students.

I assume we will hear all about how everyone made it through our “Rotary Holiday Party” on Saturday, at next week’s meeting.

**HOLIDAYS ARE COMING FAST THIS YEAR!!!!**  
“Enjoy every moment”

~Reporter  
*Linda Andrews*



# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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Holiday Party



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## LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2024 - 2025

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## ROTARIAN OF THE DAY



**GARRY  
KACHKOVSKY**



**DECEMBER 2024**

December 20 - Holiday Party

December 27 - dark

**JANUARY 2025**

January 3 - dark



Garry was born in 1975 and spent the first ten years of his life in Moscow, of the then U.S.S.R. In the early 1970's Soviet Union was going through a pretty severe food shortage. The U.S. government essentially brokered a deal to swap 250,000 Russians and their families for American wheat. The Kachkovskys were one of those families approved to leave the country, but with Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in late 1979, the visa program came to a trickle. It wasn't until 6 years later that the family was again granted permission to leave and given two weeks to tie off any loose ends. So, with \$200 and two suitcases to their name, they thrust into the unknown. As a 10 year old boy, Garry really did not understand the gravity of the situation, leaving family behind whom he may never see again and going to a whole new country his family knew very little about. In those days, eerily similar to now, the Communist government kept a tight lid on the realities of democratic law and the capitalist economic structure. Having seen his family endure the heavy-handed authoritarian Soviet government and the personal mediocrity it produced, Garry became very attuned to those who were striving to achieve the American Dream and sought for ways to help. He appreciated the limited form of government he found in the U.S. and the opportunities to improve one's circumstances provided by capitalism. One way to help, he discovered, was through advising others concerning their finances. As a result, Garry began his career in the financial services industry in 1997, and has provided financial planning and investment advisory services to uniquely successful individuals and families ever since.



Garry received his bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in economics and Russian. He attained his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional certification from the College for Financial Planning.

Today, Garry lives in San Diego, California, with his wife, Emily, and their two enthusiastic and inquisitive daughters. The family enjoys activities such as traveling, hiking, surfing, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, snowboarding, and attending sporting events. Garry has demonstrated his passion for helping others by dedicating time to La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club, Habitat for Humanity and Big Brothers Big Sisters.



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