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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS DYNAMIC ROTARIANS AND GUESTS!



Welcome to our 2025 Holiday Breakfast

- With our friends from Green Manor in Mission Hills.
- Featuring holiday entertainment from our very own Jay Hatfield and his band, BayWolf.
- And big thanks to Jean McGrath and her elves for organizing today's festivities.

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER THE MEETING

Following today's meeting, we will hold an informal conversation to get your thoughts on the new meeting schedule and other Rotary business – what's working and what could we do better? We'll meet in the side room immediately after David rings the bell.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

Friday, January 9: next in-person meeting
Topic: San Diego's Economic Forecast for 2026
Speaker: Eduardo Velasquez, Economic Development Corporation
Senior Director Research & Economic Development

Friday, January 23: – in-person meeting
Topic: Cyber security and the current threat assessment
Speaker: Ben Meyer, Supervisory Special Agent (SSA)
The FBI's Cyber Program and current cyber threat landscape

Friday, February 13: Our next Rotary Tour
Venue: Jacobs Music Center at Symphony Towers
Following an incredible \$125 million renovation, the Jacobs Music Center is now an absolute world-class concert hall. They will guide groups of 20 and can-do multiple groups.

Friday, May 15: in-person meeting
It's our 40th anniversary celebration!
Ideas & suggestions? Please email: jpercival@scribecommunications.com

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)



The arrival of our special Green Manor guests, 2024



REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2026

JANUARY - SPEAKER

9.....Eduardo Velasquez
San Diego's Economic Forecast for 2026

23.....Ben Meyer
Cyber security

The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club meeting featured a valuable visit from our **District Governor Luis Carranza** and other guests including **Eric, Elizabeth, Gabrielle** from UCSD Rotaract Club and **Bill Keen**. The meeting agenda included many presentations and announcements from club members.

We celebrated our member **Cami's** birthday and Rotary anniversaries for **Wayne Davis** and **Sandy Rimer**. **Steve Brown** presented Paul Harris fellows, including **Gary Kachkovsky, Sharon Council, and Bill Keen**. **Jeanine** and **Dory** announced the Martin Luther King Jr. Day event and the holiday party details.

Brett Morey announced that they are expecting a new child and the annual ugly Christmas sweater paddle-out event.

Tim announced the need for volunteers for the nomination committee for the next president.

Jean McGrath provided

details about the holiday party, including the need for cookies and holiday attire,

We also had announcements for upcoming programs, including the meeting with the Swiss ambassador to South Korea and an FBI Special Agent on cybersecurity.

A presentation by ROTD **Gary Kachkovski** was made, highlighting his family's activities and achievements, including his daughters' sports and academic endeavors, and their travel experiences. **District Governor Luis Carranza** emphasized the theme *"Don't Miss the Bus,"* urging members to stay engaged and active in Rotary. He shared personal stories of service and resilience, calling for 100 acts of kindness per club to create a ripple effect of love and support. The meeting also included announcements about upcoming events, including the holiday party and the multi-district conference, and recognized members' contributions and achievements, also

in district level as our member Rotarian **Feda Nil Saric** was elected as District Rotaract Committee Co Chair by District. District Governor Luis Carranza's Speech

Luis Carranza shared his personal journey, he described his volunteer work at Grossman Hospital and his experience with the San Diego Youth Symphony. Luis emphasized the importance of not missing the bus and staying active in Rotary. DG Luis answered questions about the current status of polio eradication and the importance of the Rotary Foundation. Luis expressed his support for involving Rotaractors and Interactors in Rotary activities and plans for a multi-district conference.

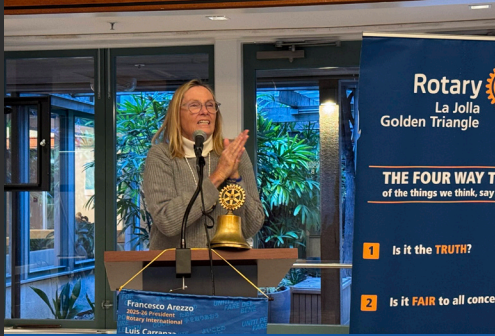
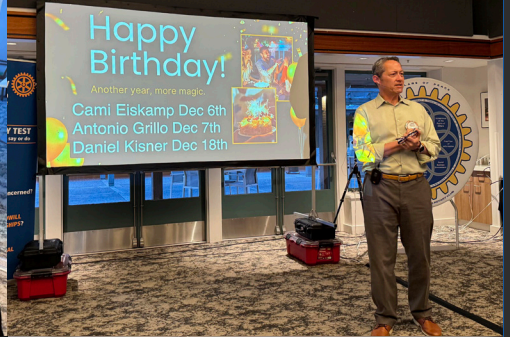
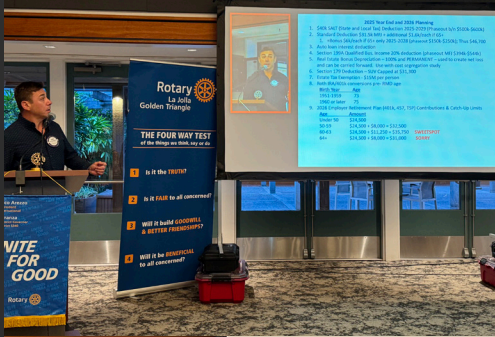
The meeting concluded with a donation to Oasis San Diego in honor of DG Luis's visit and a reminder of upcoming events and service projects.

~Reporter

Nil Saric



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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 SECRETARY Lisa Galstian
 PAST-PRESIDENT Luke Ervin

**ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY**



**RICH
 PAPIKE**

Rich was born in San Diego and raised on the dusty backroads of east county back in the days when a 7-up was 10 cents and a Milky Way was a nickel! Most nights of his childhood would be spent walking down to the Homeland Liquor Store to meet his two best friends, Mike Dell and John Corbett to eat and drink the afore mentioned snacks. After his illustrious high school career at Monte Vista where he finished in the top 50% of his class, he attended Grossmont College where in 1965 he met Cheri Munday who was the last cheerleader on the right at the Grossmont/Mesa College football game. They were married on September 1st of 1967 and proceeded to go to Cal together where Rich had a baseball scholarship. Their first son Chris decided to join them shortly after graduation in October of 1968. His baby brother Alex, joined the family in January of 1971. After a number of years running a sales office for Collier's Encyclopedia's, the little family relocated back home to east county, and he began his career in the staffing business as a headhunter with the Dunhill Company. A year after he started, he bought the company with a guy that started on the same day with him and they have been partners for over 54 years with the renamed Tristaff Group. They sold the staffing piece 2 years ago and his son Alex took over the executive search side and is running his own company now and Rich is officially retired.

Rich and Cheri have been blessed with 5 grandchildren: Luka, Zoe, Wes, Skylar and Macy and to date have one little jewel of a great grand daughter named Violet. After spending most of their lives in east county, Cheri said to Rich, "this house in Steele Canyon is way too big and I want a single story smaller house, so you can keep the house or keep me but you can't have both!" After thinking about it for a few weeks, he decided that she and the smaller house made sense so they began a two year search which ultimately led to cute little adobe home in Rancho Santa Fe.

They are very happy there and have met many people who Rich plays golf and pickleball with and Cheri does the same and also has groups of friends that she plays Mahjong and Canasta with. It's just like being in Mayberry but with better restaurants and no Barney Fife!



JANUARY 2026

January 9 - Tony Grillo

January 23 - Alex Monroe

FEBRUARY 2026

February 6 - Matt Browne

February 20 - Luke Ervin



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