

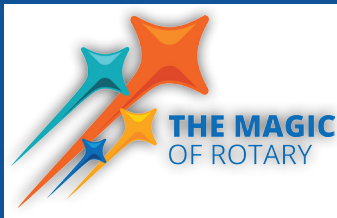
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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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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)

SAN DIEGO'S LEADERSHIP IN OCEAN MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION RESEARCH

Danielle Haulsee is the Chief Science Officer at Hubbs-Seaworld Research Institute, specializing in fisheries oceanography and the spatial and behavioral ecology of marine animals. She obtained her Ph.D. in 2017 from the University of Delaware's College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment, focusing her doctoral work on characterizing the movement ecology and social dynamics of a coastal top predator found along the East Coast of the U.S., the sand tiger shark. A key feature of her research is integrating advanced bio-logging (using tags carried by animals to record information), remote sensing and underwater robots to study the impact of a dynamic ocean on the occurrence and distribution of marine fish and sharks. Using these technologies, Danielle focuses her research on tackling applied research questions, contributing to bycatch reduction strategies, impact assessments of off-shore wind development, and working towards more effective dynamic ocean management strategies. Her work spans multiple oceans, from studying the movement ecology of sharks and sturgeon in the Atlantic, to the fisheries ecology of billfish in the Eastern Tropical Pacific, to the oceanography of the White Shark Cafe in the Central Pacific and off of the Nansen Ice Shelf in Antarctica. Danielle oversees the science program at HSWRI in our main location in Mission Bay, CA, our hatchery in Carlsbad, CA and our Florida office in Melbourne Beach. She is a member of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) and The Oceanography Society (TOS), as well as a contributing member of the Diversifying and Integrating Marine Education at Stations (DIMES) and Ecosystem Services Observation Network (ESON) initiatives on the West Coast. In addition to her research, Danielle is passionate about mentorship and promoting STEM education to underrepresented groups through her participation in organizations like the Society for Women in Marine Science (SWMS), the Gill's Club, the Skype-a-Scientist program, UD's Mentor Collective Program, as well as serving as a mentor for many other high school and undergraduate student internship opportunities.





REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2025

FEBRUARY - SPEAKER

28.....tbd

Editorial Disclosure: this was prepared 98% by BFF Chat GPT, and the remaining italicized additions are from today's human editor. And, thank you Tim Fronczek for the digital transcription of the meeting for submission to our AI BFF for the summary below. -DC

La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club Meeting Summary

The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club held a meeting featuring several discussions, presentations, and celebrations. The event was marked by a heartwarming story, international service efforts (well that was 100% Fary), a bylaws amendment proposal (which ended up being a surprisingly moving moment from Eric), and an inspiring talk by **Grandma Sparky**, founder of the Blue Ribbon Movement (which took an especially unexpected turn in the end, double-entendre intended).

Key Highlights:

1. Heartwarming Story of Jayden Hayes (as ROTD, this was Fary Moini's out-of-the box invocation) A young boy, Jayden Hayes, who lost both parents, started giving away toys to spread happiness. His efforts have positively impacted nearly 500 people.

2. International Service Efforts

Barry shared his humanitarian work, which includes ("Barry" you might ask? This would be our own Fary. Skynet is not quite yet our master.)
o Building schools in Afghanistan
o Sending children with heart conditions to Israel for surgery
o Training doctors in India
o Improving cervical cancer diagnosis and treatment
o Humanitarian work in Israel, Turkey, Kenya, and Ethiopia
o (and our BFF didn't even catch all of it, because how do you summarize Infinite Service?)

3. Guests

o 4 Rotaractors
o Guests of the speaker were Nate and Arianna from Sage Creek High School, Junior and Senior class Presidents

4. Bylaws Amendment Proposal

o A proposal was made by **Eric Freeberg** to amend the club's bylaws, reducing the number of monthly in-person meetings from four to two.
o The change was motivated by the need for flexibility post-pandemic.
o Members voted in favor of the change.
o (Again, BFF summarized-out the most important part of Eric's commentary calling our club his Sacred Space. And quoting a RYLA attendee: Change is inevitable, but growth is optional. Seriously, Preach on Eric!)

5. Induction of New Member - Doug Deer

o Doug Deer was officially inducted into the club by **Carolyn Fritz**.
o His mentor, **Mike Slentz**, pinned the badge.
o Doug, a third-generation Rotarian, expressed his enthusiasm for joining and contributing to the community. (And, with his new daughter, Doug has the opportunity to create a 4-generation Rotary Dynasty. Grillo family, take note.)

6. Grandma Sparky and the Blue Ribbon Movement

o Grandma Sparky shared her mission to spread validation and appreciation through the Blue Ribbon Project, which has impacted over 50 million people worldwide.
o She demonstrated the power of acknowledgment and encouragement, showing how simple acts of recognition can prevent suicide, end bullying, and improve mental health.
o Members practiced honoring each other using blue ribbons.
o (Also, Grandma Sparky, many thanks for pointing out what most of us are gossiping about every week: Jeanne McGrath consistently bringing her gorgeous-osity.)

7. Upcoming Events & Action Items

o The PB&J Service Social will be held on February 22nd, where members will make sandwiches for charity.

8. Valentine's Day Celebration & Trivia

o The meeting included Valentine's Day trivia and a lighthearted discussion about love and connection (Anyone else remember a "lighthearted discussion"? This may have been wishful thinking on BFF's part, but this revisionist history adds charm for any promotional purposes.)
o Trivia questions covered topics such as the "cuddle hormone" oxytocin and the country that calls Valentine's Day "Friends' Day" (Finland). (Actually, we began with baseball trivia and Rich Papike's immediate correct answer earned him exclusion from all future club baseball trivia games.)

9. Closing Remarks

o The meeting concluded with expressions of gratitude, reminders about upcoming events, and a farewell message wishing members a great Valentine's Day and President's Day weekend.

10. (Meeting Highlight. Ok, what BFF really missed was when Grandma Sparky received her Rotary chachkis at the conclusion. Feedback on her mic had President Luke hesitatingly fiddling around Grandma Sparky's waist to turn off her mic. Wisely aborting, he stepped a few feet away to avoid the microphone feedback. Upon receiving our LJGTR hat, Grandma Sparky promptly turned it sideways on her head and posed herself into a bit of a performance jig. Finally, following the 4-way test President Luke provided context and politely requested to slap Grandma Sparky. In a LJGTR first, Grandma Sparky presented him with a body part other than her wrist, and after a slight correction it all worked out in the END. Incidentally, rumor has it that we do not know what next year's chachki will entail, but following all the muggings and slappings, we may need to dial it down to maintain our family-friendly content.

~Reporter

David Chong

PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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**ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY**



JIM FROST

Born in San Diego, I am the youngest of five siblings in a family with deep roots in the area dating back to the late 1800s. I grew up in the Point Loma area, where my family were active members of the San Diego Yacht Club. It was here that I was introduced to water sports, especially sailing. One of my fondest childhood memories is towing my boat across the country to compete in the 110 Nationals regatta in Ocean City, New Jersey, in 1974, where I earned a win.

My love for scuba diving has since taken my family to many exotic waters—Grand Caymans, Fiji, the Cook Islands, the Great Barrier Reef—and each year, we embark on an unforgettable journey aboard our family boat, “Yacht Helen,” to Catalina Island.

In 1978, I graduated from the University of Oregon with a BS in Business Management (Go Ducks!) and was actively involved in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. The following year, I married my college sweetheart, Kim Kellum. Shortly after, we moved to Utah, where I spent two years working with Weyerhaeuser in the wood products business, while Kim worked for the US Forest Service in recreation. During the winters, Kim worked at Snowbird Ski Resort, which allowed me to enjoy a \$5.00 season pass.

In 1981, a with a job offer from my father at our family-owned lumber yard brought us back to San Diego, but prior, I attended Lumber Grading School in Memphis TN. Since then, my family and I have lived in Encinitas for the last 38 years. We have three wonderful children: Nick (42), a University of Washington graduate; Ryan (39), who graduated from Northern Arizona University; and Kayla (34), who recently completed her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of St. Augustine. In 2024, Kayla got married, and we’re excited to welcome our fifth grandchild soon. Currently, we are blessed with four grandchildren—Alistair (6), Cleo (6), Addie (8), and Jaxon (10).

I am President and General Manager of our 114-year-old family lumber business, which recently earned the Centurion Award as one of the top 20 oldest businesses in San Diego. My cousin Gordon (GT), a member of Rotary Club 33, and my nephew Byram (BBB Board member), also play pivotal roles in the business. I have served as past president of the San Diego Lumberman’s Club and the Pacific Coast Wholesale Hardwood Distributors Association, and I’ve sat on the board of the San Dieguito Tennis Club.

When I’m not working, I support my wife, Kim, a talented musician. If you spot me at local dive bars, I’m probably acting as her part-time roadie—though the pay isn’t great, the fringe benefits are priceless!

I joined Rotary in 2004, and I’ve enjoyed 20+ years of service with this incredible group. Giving back to our community has been a fulfilling experience, and I’ve served as a team captain on several local military and police station projects, as well as various community efforts in Mexico. I have great respect for my fellow Rotarians and look forward to continuing to serve and support our club in the future.

FEBRUARY 2025

February 28 - Marty Rosenstein

MARCH 2025

March 7 - Dianne Day

March 14 - Steve Balch



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