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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)



“A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT”

I am very humbled to serve as the president of this great Club for 2024-2025. I have been in the Club since 2016 and have held a few different positions. Most of them have been behind the scenes. I have served as a Director on both the Club Board and on the Club Foundation Board for multiple terms. The other way I have found myself useful is through fundraising, by spearheading the initiative to attain corporate sponsorships for the Q-Fest for 4 years then helping secure the Community Enhancement Grant from the County the past 4 years.

I am very excited (and a little trepidatious) for this upcoming year. I am very proud to follow in the footsteps laid out before me and lead such a fantastic group of Rotarians/humans. My one hope for this year is to make my own mark...hopefully a positive one.

I would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming support in the last few weeks. I have been amazed how many of you raised your hand without even being asked a question. One thing I hope everyone learns about me is that I constantly seek feedback – I have a good feel for my strengths and especially my weaknesses. I always say “I am always eager to take criticism, as long as it is constructive”. And I can assure you that I will screw up. Hopefully not often – or too badly, so please reach out and let me know if there is anything that could be improved.

Also, the irony is not lost on me that I will be presiding over what will assuredly be a volatile election season in this country. At a time where, in my opinion, the country’s political divisiveness is our biggest flaw, threat, and weakness; I hope that highlighting the good we do in Rotary locally and across the world can help unite.

I will do my best to try to make you all proud to be in this Club. Thank you for your support, now let’s go do some wonderful things!

Sincerely, Luke



REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2024

JULY - SPEAKER

19.....Steve Rubin & Lisa Locke
The Waves Project

26.....Gary London
San Diego: a city on the cusp of
generational transition

AUGUST - SPEAKER

2.....Michel Kripalani
Get a Grip on your business

9.....Tom Penn, CEO, San Diego FC
Major League Soccer
coming to San Diego!

16.....Matthew Bainbridge, PhD.
Bridging the gap: bringing the
genomic revolution to the underserved

Father Wayne gave a thoughtful induction, recognizing Christy's leadership abilities. He also reminded us to share our Rotary gifts with the world. **Rick Clark**. (FLAG BOSS!) lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



To the music of "Walking on Sunshine" **Stephen Tako** facilitated a Presidential skit. First, he issued "pardons" to **Krishna Arora, Rich Papike, Brett Morey, Dianne Day, Sheila Henry**. Then he accepted a call from **Gordon McNally** our RI President, checking in as to who was mugged in our Club. (Oprah Winfrey even got "mugged"!)



Incoming **President Luke Irwin** was then shown his new office and given multiple HEAVY notebooks of presidential duties. Luke stated that "he hoped to be a good steward and not break anything that Christy started". The call ends with **Gordon McNally** telling all that they have done a great job this year. Stephen is given the rest of the year off!



Christy then credited the Foundation for funds which allow us to do our AOS programs. She then highlighted a few programs from each AOS as well as Just in Time, her designated charity this year. We had lots of lively social activities this year including a Chili cookout, a trip to Ensenada Mexico, 2 Theatre outings and a flag placement at Miramar Cemetery to name a few.

Christy created a new edict called Fellowship Awards (1 vote and 1 judge. Both were Christy :-)). Helping her with these awards was LJGTRC's own "Vanna White" i.e. **Karla Prieto Morey** who distributed hats to the Fellowship recipients and many others. Awards Included best wine fellowship: **Garry Kachkovsky**...best Rotary Club chef: **Dianne Day**...best International fellowship project: **Ron Kohl**. She shared with us her career path, traveling around CA as a CPA. She loved it but felt she was missing community. Her Dad was a Rotarian so there was Rotary in the family. She was active in Club 33 but she wanted to know more about the workings of a Rotary Club without an Executive director. We were happy to welcome her as a transfer in October 2021. In closing, she stated her Rotary goals for the year - which were all accomplished! She also recognized **Jamal**, the Faculty Club manager with a hat/mug for his hard work in setting up/breaking down the room weekly.

Luke introduced the guests who were mostly Christy's (husband **Mitch**, her daughter **Jessica**, artist **Chris** and his partner, **David, Diane Santos**) a hat then given to **Paul Nestor**. Guests were recognized with a hat too! Final "mugging" went to **Bev Laursen** and **Mike Bardin**. The Board members, chairs of the AOS

committees and other chairs were then given hats by Vanna ...lots of laughter and good fun!



Finemaster **Tim** auctioned off the 4 remaining mugs with his usual humor. Buyers were **Tim, Rich P, Jane** and **Jan** (I think, so much laughter I couldn't keep it straight!)

A "Special Appreciation" award was given to **Stephen Tako** for a "great year of entertaining us"! A drum roll preceded the Rotarian of the Year award, given to **Tim Fronczek** - he received a well-deserved standing ovation.

The final act of Christy's last year was the Gavel pass...emceed by **Beverly Laursen**. **Rick Clark** and **Jacquie Reilly** held the face on a stick for those past Presidents that were not present to even more laughter! It was a great high energy meeting, ending in song lead by **Jay Hatfield**. Thank you, **Christy**, for a job well done... looking forward to next year **Luke!**



~Reporter

Jacquie Reilly

PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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ROTARIAN OF THE DAY



WAYNE DAVIS



RETIRED! - - - - SO WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

January this year marked the official closing of my architectural firm that began in 1974 - fifty years of a variety of clients and project types through-out California with a few in Nevada.

Last year was my "wrap-up" year with a client of mine for over 20-years. I had an ongoing contract with a "phase 2" portion remaining to be performed. So early last spring, my client worked with me to arrange the transfer of my initial work product to another architectural firm, then - - - - -

The full benefits of retirement quickly took hold and we were almost immediately off to new things: The first was when we joined my wife's (Joy) sister and husband for a trip to Palm Island, a small private island in the Grenadines.

With that trip, we knew retirement had begun - so soon after we booked a week-long Rhine River Cruise from Amsterdam to Basil, Switzerland during last week of October. We had gorgeous fall weather while viewing the castles and traveling the river. Then our ventures into the towns and

villages sampling local fare of food, wines, beers (an original Kolsch brewery was awesome). I was amazed at how many World War 2 Heritage type sites were in this region of Europe.

This year is passing so quickly, but we did get away in February for a weeklong, snowy mountain getaway in a very rustic 120-year-old romantic cabin. That spurred us to re-discover some of our early "dating" getaways by going on "Stay-Cations" that are within a day's drive. We've done 2 so far and have 2 more booked this year.

Looking forward to next year, now that the travel bug has definitely infected us, we've tentatively booked another river cruise and are starting to research a trip to the UK. Planning ahead now requires us to coordinate "calendars" with Joy's enormous extended family. She has always been a central part of keeping all up to date with each other and getting together in person. She is one of four sisters whose families have produced total of 9 girls and 3 boys, and from those, the direct family descendants of uncles, aunts, cousins and grandchildren has expanded to over 60. So, with this as one of our other important planning tasks, we are keeping very active and busy.

On a couple personal endeavors, some of you know Joy has been writing and illustrating a "Trilogy" of stories featuring Fairies, Gnomes and Elfin Forest characters, Her first 2 books have been successfully published and she is currently doing her final editing in the goal of having the third published this fall.

As I mentioned last year, I entered the Docent Training program for the Maritime Museum of San Diego. Well, thanks to fellow Rotarian and my museum mentor Steve Andres, in May, I successfully completed a Final Tour Walk and officially became a Docent. So, if you find yourself down at the Embarcadero and visiting the museum, look for me on Deck Duty on one of the ships - I'll do my best to share wonderful stories of their history.

To sum things up, in 1996, 28 years ago, Tom Elliott, an early client of mine, where we became best of friends, invited me to this Club. Although he passed four years ago, I will always be grateful for his getting me involved in this group of people and the sharing of friendships and Rotary projects. You're All the Best!



JULY 2024

July 19 - Bev Laursen

July 26 - Michael Slentz

AUGUST 2024

August 2 - Lisa Galstian

August 9 - Brett Morey



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