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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)



THIS IS WHAT ROTARY LOOKS LIKE TODAY OUR THREE MOST DYNAMIC AVENUES OF SERVICE TELL THEIR STORY: COMMUNITY, YOUTH & INTERNATIONAL

SCENES FROM OUR 40TH
A MORNING WITH OUR FOUNDERS AND FORMER MEMBERS ...
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS WORTH OF FRIENDSHIPS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR THINGS TO COME!



Thanks to our 40th Committee!





REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2026

JUNE - SPEAKER

26.....Passing of the Gavel
Speaker: Cameron Mofid
"Redefine What's Possible"

JULY - SPEAKER

10.....Welcome President Tim
Speaker: Navy SEAL
Veteran Captain Bob Rohrbach

AUGUST - SPEAKER

7.....Welcome District Governor
Jeb Bakke

WOW what a fabulous, energetic jammed pact meeting!

Our Club **President David** did a great job "coraling" the speakers from 7 other La Jolla Rotary clubs. We heard from the following Rotary clubs of La Jolla:

**La Jolla Sunrise Rotary
Torrey Pines Rotary
La Jolla Noon Rotary
UCSD Rotaract Club
Lajolla Golden Triangle Rotary
La Jolla High School Interact Club
La Jolla Coastal Club**

Each club presented their "ongoing", home grown, YOUTH ORIENTED projects. Some of the projects included:

- * La Jolla High school entry beautification project
- * One day home building project for a large needy family partnering with Project Mercy building in Tijuana
- * Tijuana Scholars lab computers
- * Strive Scholars at Garfield High School
- * UCSD Preuss student of the month program
- * Work at San Pasqual Academy foster youth scholarships
- * Camp Ryla Leadership sponsorships
- * Girl Scout cookies support (eating) over 330 boxes!!!!
- * East County Transitional Living Center Children's Library
- * Tijuana Youth police
- * Building and supporting a school for girls in Afghanistan
- * renovating several schools and orphanages in Tijuana and Ensenada
- * support for Bird Rock Elementary School
- * Model UN speech competitions for high school students
- * 17 years collecting toys and 122,000 stuffed animals for Children's hospital and other charity organizations
- * UCSD Rotaract WAPI Project Making water safe to drink in outlying areas of the world
- * Facilitating phone calls with students at the Rotary built school programs in Afghanistan

And this is only what we had time to hear about, as our meeting time was limited. Safe to say the La Jolla Clubs are going strong and working hard to make the world a better place!

Our "**Man of the Hour UCSD Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla**" came to give us a report of what is

happening with UC San Diego's, first ever, "**Strategic Plan**". And what a plan it is !!

Here are some of the highlights of this Dynamic plan:

Chancellor Khosla's PHD is in robotics and AI. His academic journey started in India. Graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (where India sends its brightest minds) Like Sundar Pichai the CEO of GOOGLE.

His goal is to convert UCSD from "**UC Socially Dead**" to "**UC Socially Dynamic**". He is bringing in courses and setting up departments in art, music, theater, dance and all visual arts. These departments now are in the top five in the country. He understands the importance of educating the entire person!

When he came to UCSD there were 24,000 students today there are 46,000. Now 70 percent of the students are in the STEM programs. UCSD is still considered a young school in "University Age". The university was born in 1966 as a PhD institution with a very high quality DNA. Roger Ravel said if you were not a Nobel Laureate do not apply to teach at the campus. Hence from the start the school was born to be very special.

UCSD is managed by the "**constitution**" of the state of California but it is not part of the California government. As a fortune 500 business the revenue is around \$11 Billion with research at around \$1.7 billion. The university is ranked #9 in the world out of over 10,000 institutions worldwide. There are 4,000 institutions in the USA. It is the largest undergraduate program in the UC system. It is the largest employer and builder in San Diego. Building is on the way to 30,000 beds

He feels there is nothing that competes with a four year residential education. It's not the only form but it is the best. 40% of students are PELL grant students whose families make less than \$60,000 a year. 30% of students are first generation college students. UCSD is considered a social mobility engine. Students from middle class families move into the upper middle class in about 10 years after graduation. As a high

quality research university being done by the faculty, within about 60 days any new research is brought into the classroom so the education is constantly changing and updated. The professors are changing their courses constantly, sometimes every 60 days as new research comes to light.

So the reason for some buildings is to create spaces where students can decompress. Art studios, theater, a wellness and mental health building right in the center of the campus. This new 6,000 bed Pepper Canyon East on 22 Acres it will be dense enough to give students the ability to be around and meet people and get to know them and create community and friendships that may last for the rest of their lives.

Chancellor Khosla has big plans to keep UCSD constantly changing with the times and giving it the ability to grow even more in stature and keep it relative. He would like the Moores Cancer Center to rival MD Anderson Cancer center. He would also look at creating a dental school and a nursing school and a veterinary school.

His answers to some questions

1. The school can only have 22% of the student body can be out of state including foreign students at this point 1 1/2 of the 22% are out of state and 1/2 are out of country

2. SATs are not the problem the problem is the quality of the K-12 education in this country

3. Not every student has to be good in math

In the end Chancellor Khosla gave us all a lot of information and a lot to absorb and think about. Isn't that the job of every "**great professor**".

Thank goodness there won't be a test!!

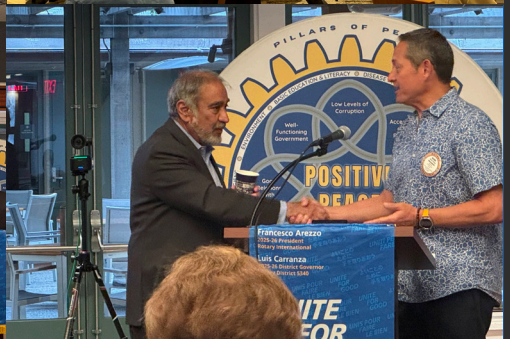
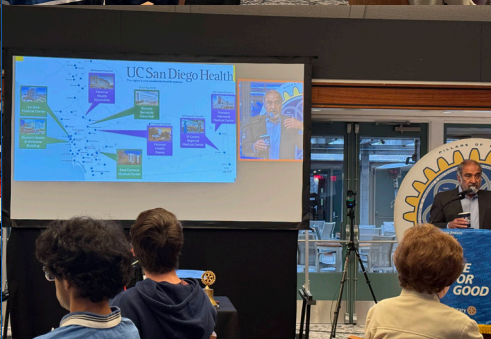
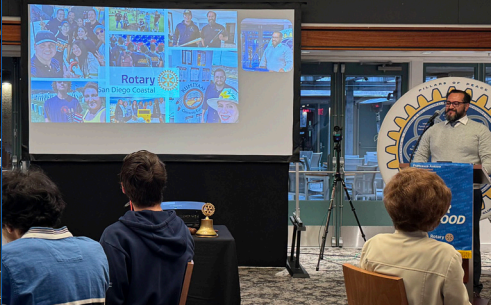
What a super meeting!

~Reporter

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ROTARIAN OF THE DAY



LUKE ERVIN



The last year has easily been the most challenging of my life. I have dealt with a lot of adversity - some of which within my control and some not. I am pleased to report that despite all that's transpired, things are looking up! I am "leaning in" to my new life as a single-dad and can honestly say that the past 12-18 months have led to the most personal growth I've ever experienced...and for that I'm grateful.

Era (10) and Mac (8) have been my source of strength the past year, as their resilience and positive outlook have been inspiring. They each are doing fantastic and are well-entrenched in their activities - gymnastics and cheer for Era - baseball and soccer for Mac. We still have maintained our monthly camping trips, which I'm very grateful for this year more than ever.

Within the last couple weeks we have moved into a new home (still in Mission Hills) and the big trip this summer is taking Era on a Daddy/Daughter trip for her 10th birthday to London, Belgium, and Paris. A little worried I over planned the agenda though!

Despite needing to work more "normal" hours I have been lucky to have built a great team to help pick up some of the slack. The team has grown to 6 professionals. I lead a Wealth Management team at UBS working with business owners and executives focusing on "pre-liquidity" planning. Early this year I was promoted to Managing Director and made the Forbes list for the second straight year.

I would like to extend my heartfelt "thanks" to all my Rotary family for being there for me this year. I've been engaged this year as past-president and my passion for this Club and organization is as strong as ever - I've just been pulled in many directions the last several months.

Looking forward to emceeing the Promote-Demote party on June 27th to send off David in style and welcome Tim as TMDRCITW's newest president! IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, RSVP ASAP! It's going to be a ton of fun and I have a couple surprises in store!!



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