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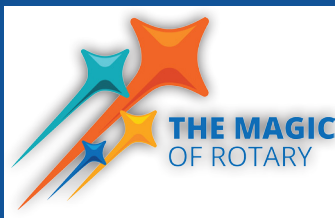


LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

JUNE 20 2025



FAREWELL MESSAGE



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LJGT Rotary President 2024-25
LUKE ERVIN



Dear fellow Dynamic Rotarians,

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)

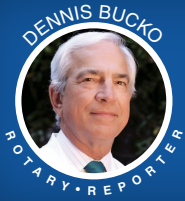
4th Friday of the Month.....Peace Committee
(follows club meeting)

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to guide you over the last year. I am proud of the work we have done and what we have accomplished together. There have been some twists and turns along the way, yet you all put your trust in us allowing us to make some tough decisions we felt were necessary to ensure the Club remains dynamic for decades to come. There were some speed bumps along the way for me personally over the past year as well, and whether or not you were aware of those, I want you to know that you all, my Rotary family, helped me navigate those by giving me a fun, purposeful, and hopefully not-too-destructive distraction. Reflecting back on the last year, I feel like being President helped me find my place in Rotary, as I have discovered where my passions reside and how I can best be of use to the Club going forward. I really hope to see everyone at this last meeting (and July 12th at the Promote/Demote) to allow me to revisit some of what we accomplished this past year, share what we have in store, and thank those who did all the real work this year!

Yours in Rotary,

Luke Ervin
La Jolla Golden Triangle
Club President 2024-2025





REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2025

JULY - SPEAKER

4.....DARK

ROTARIAN OF THE DAY

was our new member, **Nil Saric**, who has actually been involved with Rotary for over 10 years. She was a very active Rotaractor and was very active in her clubs in Turkiye and in the USA. She has studied and has command of numerous languages and has worked as a medical translator for private hospitals and NGO's in the cancer prevention field. Some of her projects have included earthquake victim support and work with the Turkish National Olympic Committee. Welcome to our club, Nil.

GUESTS included two La Jolla Sunrise Rotary Club members (Their Club President and **Larissa Foggiano** who is Director of UCSD Retirement Resource Center (RRC)). Lisa gave a brief introduction to the RRC which helps UCSD retirees connect with and mentor students. **Rick Riccardo** and **Matt Brown** also attended as guests

President Luke then took control and reunited **Jim Frost** with his lost bags found at the party for Marty and Sharon. Luke also reminded us that the next meeting on June 20th will be his

last and then received a thunderous applause of relief in anticipation of his handing over the gavel. Luke also reminded us that an expert will be here at the next meeting (6/20/25) searching for crime scene fingerprint matches from our members.

He also reminded us of the "Promote/Demote event" to be held at **Alex's** home on July 12th and that attendance requires your wearing your favorite sports team gear. (please park at the Church). FYI, Ohio State fans may be intercepted and ejected at the door)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

included **Jim Davies'** introducing "Hands On San Diego" as a resource for finding individual, small community projects. Contact information was provided.

We also learned that our Fundraiser Wine Event netted \$28,000. Thanks to all involved.

Steve Brown presented a large group with Paul Harris pins for their additional generous financial support of Rotary Foundation. Steve also asked for

a motion, which was passed, to continue with our current Club Foundation Officers

Samson reminded us that the Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Prep Social will be tomorrow at 1:00. (Bring bread!)

Maria, our Zoom master will be here next meeting to take professional-quality photos of members.

SPEAKER was **Beth Accomando** whom you may have seen on KPBS as Arts and Culture Reporter since 1987. She has also been attending and reporting on Comic-Con activities for 50 years and has received their "Ink Pot" award for her reporting. She is also creator and host of two podcasts and the recipient of numerous journalism awards.

She talked to us about her long-standing interest and support of Comic-Con and presented a video about Comic-Con.

Beth is the host of "Cinema Junkie Podcast and Blog".

~Reporter

Dennis Bucko

PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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- PRESIDENT Luke Ervin
- VICE PRESIDENT Christy White Brook
- PRESIDENT ELECT (2025-26) David Chong
- PRESIDENT ELECT NOMINEE (2026-27) Tim Fronczek
- TREASURER Sharon Council
- SECRETARY Sandi Rimer
- PAST-PRESIDENT Christy White Brook

**ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY**



**WILLIAM
 TWAYIGIZE**

Dr. William A. Twayigize is a professor of International Security, Climate Change and Sustainability, and serves as Curriculum Internationalization and Global Perspectives Symposium Coordinator at San Diego State University. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Economics from the University of New England (Australia), master's degrees



from Brandeis and Southern New Hampshire Universities (USA), and a BA from Daystar University (Kenya). He previously worked with Harvard's Department of Global Health, Boston University's African Presidential Center, and was a graduate fellow at Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation. He is also adjunct faculty in SDSU's Homeland Security Graduate Programs. His work focuses on curriculum internationalization, social innovation, sustainable urban planning, climate change, African geopolitics, and China-Africa relations. He speaks English, French, Swahili, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, and Lingala.



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