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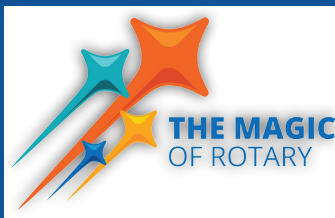
LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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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)



COMIC-CON: WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT SUPERHEROES AND GEEKS?

Beth Accomando has been attending Comic-Con for a half century, first as a geeky fan of movies and then as the KPBS arts and culture reporter. She has received Comic-Con's coveted Ink Pot Award for Fandom and the Bob Clampett Humanitarian Award. She has been covering film and pop culture for KPBS since 1987 and has won numerous journalism awards for her stories about everything from zombies to Shakespeare, opera to comic books. She recently created the first video podcast for KPBS called Stripper Energy, about the civil right battle fought from the unlikely stage of the strip club Les Girls, and she is the host of the Cinema Junkie Podcast and Blog.



REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2025

JUNE - SPEAKER

20.....President Luke's Last Meeting Awards, recognitions and surprises!

President Luke opened the meeting and turned the meeting over to our esteemed member, Past president, videographer extraordinaire, **Rick Clark**, the Rotarian of the Day. Rick opened with a prayer and pledge.

Guests were introduced: Including **Phillip Morgan's** mom from Kansas City on her 70th birthday,

Announcements

Alex Monroe announced the promote/demote on July 12th at his house with the Wild West Theme. Alex's major in college was partying, so it is all fun and games at his house. Do not park on the lawn but next door at the church.

Ron Kohl announced another project at the Ensenada School on October 4/5th so mark your calendars. We will meet at Frost Hardwood Lumber in the AM, work at the school and have a nice dinner in the evening and return the following morning... *Nos vemos en el evento escolar* (see you at the school event)

Gary Kachkovsky recapped the success of the Wine Soiree that netted the club close to 25K. Many contributed to the success, but special mention goes to **David Chong** for securing 7 of the 11 corporate sponsors. **Diane Day, Christie White, Lori Bende, Eric Freeburg, Antonio Grillo, Rick Clark, Fary Moini, Brett Morey, Krishna Arora, Cynthia Villis, Janine Pack, Alex Monroe, Jacquie Reilly** and **Jim Frost** just to mention a few.... a job well done for all of you that worked behind the scenes or donated and you who know who you are.

Jacquie Reilly and **Dory Beatrice** came to the podium and honored **Marty Rosenstein** with a certificate of appreciation regarding all the excellent work he has done for our most dynamic club which was highlighting his work at the Preuss School. A going away party was announced at **Craig** and **Bev Laursen's** house on June 1st from 3-7 for Marty and Sharon Rosenstein. Marty addressed the club with saying how grateful he has been to be a part of this club and mentioned this will not be "goodbye" as he will be visiting frequently. Best wishes to Marty and Sharon in their new chapter in life.

Rick Clark approached the podium to announce the upcoming 2nd annual Operation Flags for Vets at the Miramar National Cemetery where there will be over 20,000 flags placed and each of these veterans and family members will be verbally recognized. Our club has over forty-four volunteers for this Saturday.

Rick then dedicated a video honoring mothers of veterans along with an inspirational tune "More than and name on the wall" by Statler Brothers.

Rick Clark introduced **Major General Anthony Jackson**. The Major General grew up with military in his blood and has traveled around the world. His favorite rank was Captain in the Marine Corp, as he got to mix amongst the ranks. He has overseen troops of over 18,000 service members over the years.

Major General Jackson gave an inspirational talk about those who

serve and what makes a hero. He said that he enjoys his time speaking at Rotary Clubs as his philosophy is service before self and ours is service above self. He read us excerpts from the Declaration of Independence and the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States which lays down the foundation for our county and how our founding fathers have infused these values to keep freedom and happiness our top priority. These ideals are engrained in us at an incredibly early age and have served the test of time. This is why people are willing to give their life for freedom and the pursuit of happiness. **Luke** commemorated his talk with giving him a slap bracelet and he commented that he has never slapped a Major General before but it felt good.

There was a bunch of high \$5' to **Lisa Galstian**(wine soiree), a high \$200 to **Sandy Rimer** who helped navigate a difficult transaction on a house for **Wayne Davis's** daughter, **Daine Day** (basket maker), **Rick Clark** (video extraordinaire), **Father Wayne** (co-captain w/Brett), **Brett Morey** (Morey Auto Group), **Jim Frost** (new grandson Glen), **Carolyn Fritz** (membership coordinator), **Krishna Arora** (granddaughter's graduation from High School). **Tim Fronczek** gracefully handled the mic and collected all the gracious donations.

President Luke adjourned the meeting with trivia question: *Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day.*

~Reporter

James Frost

PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



Re-dedication ceremony at Doyle Elementary School

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ROTARIAN OF THE DAY



NIL SARIC

Because of my interest in different languages and cultures, I have shaped my educational life from the beginning to learn languages, cultures and people. Through Gazi University Foundation Private Elementary Schools; I studied English. I studied German at the Ankara Anatolian High School and Liechtensteinisches Gymnasium and French, Turkish Sign Language at the Department of Translation and Interpretation at Hacettepe University. I started my master's degree at Baskent University European Union Institute and combined my language skills with a new field.

During my journey ; I had the chance to represent Turkiye in World School Forum in the United States - Tennessee and Japan - in Tokyo, and also European Union Comenius Project with the permission of Republic of Turkey Ministry of Education. To be able to use the languages I know in useful areas and to transfer my knowledge to other people; I graduated from the London Teacher Training College's diploma program in 'Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages' and Montessori Program.

I worked at big NGO's in Cancer prevention field, as well as private hospitals to serve people in need as a medical translator. I also have so many experience in sports field, as I am a former employee in Turkish National Olympic Committee.

Currently, I am continuing my volunteer activities at Rotary International which I have been a proud member for 10 years and a child of Rotarian parents.

My duties were:

- NGO Leader, President – Committee President – Member, Rotaract Club of Ankara Bahçelievler 2430
- Member, District Rotaract Committee Co Chair - Rockville Rotary Club 7620/
- Founder, Advisor- Montgomery College Rotaract Club 7620
- Member, Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle 5340 /



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