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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)



PREVENTING AND ALLEVIATING THE SUFFERING OF HOMELESSNESS THROUGHOUT SAN DIEGO

Drew Moser is the CEO of the Lucky Duck Foundation, which raises money to prevent and alleviate the suffering of homelessness throughout San Diego County by supporting and implementing programs designed to have a high and immediate impact.

Prior to joining the Lucky Duck Foundation, Drew was the Executive Director and President of the San Diego Hall of Champions and San Diego Sports Association, and before that he was the Director of Basketball Operations for Men's Basketball at the University of San Diego.

Drew is passionate about teamwork and maximizing generosity and collaboration to aid those in need.

Drew earned a Business degree and MBA from the University of Redlands, and is married with three young kids.





REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2026

MAY - SPEAKER

15.....LJGT Rotary Club
40th Anniversary!

JUNE - SPEAKER

5.....UCSD Chancellor
Pradeep K. Khosla

19.....Celebrating
America's 250th Birthday!

Welcome to the Rotarian recap, where we find out that life is essentially divided into baseball, bathroom upgrades, and parking struggles.

● Rotarian of the Day:

Family, Baseball & Tiny Humas Rotarian of the Day **Sara Miceli** started with the pledge and dove into family history. Her son, Tucker (a veteran of 7 years of flame on the diamond), scored a Major League baseball from Suzuki on opening day at Wrigley Field, proving that all those trips, including seeing the wildly entertaining Savannah Bananas, pay off. We also learned that Sara's dad, who chaired the 2006 Rotary Rose Float Committee, was surprised that his four cheerleader daughters were interested in going to the Rose Bowl football game. *"I could have been watching football all this time"*. The family legacy continues with a Los Angeles glass studio (since 1973) and the still-running Miceli's restaurant (since 1949)—named with, as the speaker admits, a very *"out there"* choice. The family recently expanded with a new nephew, Giovanni Silvio Hernandez (it's a name, apparently). Tucker immediately claimed the 5-pound newborn Geo as his *"brother"* because they share *"ants and grandparents,"* completely bypassing the concept of *"cousin"*.

● Announcements:

Logistical Limits, Parking, Instagram, and Good Deeds Speaking of logistics, the club successfully delivered 2,400 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for an event, hitting the new *"logistical limit"* for how many sandwiches can actually fit inside Samson's car. The club's Instagram got a much-needed overhaul after a seven-year post-Covid drought, because apparently, social media is *"kind of like the thing where everyone communicates"*.

Parking is still a hot mess; if you want a *"gold spot,"* look out for an approval email from **Christy**. Otherwise, UCSD will ticket you. On the community front, **Doug Deer** is running a food drive for Just In Time transitional youth services (ages 18–26) and gave two options for support: bring food

or just Venmo the organizer to do the shopping. **Rick Clark** is recruiting for Operation Flags for Vets, planning to put out 23,000 flags, having previously secured a promise from the cemetery to not schedule any funerals during the event—a small victory for volunteer efficiency. And, there is more. **Eric**, from Urban Street Angels, discussed homeless youth and how his organization is helping this segment of the population with the help of a recent \$5M grant. **Jim Davies** announced two projects. On May 28th we'll be teaming up with the armed services YMCA, helping members with food needs. On May 2nd, we'll be participating in a fun painting project for Urban Street Angels to turn a filled-in pool patio into a hangout spot complete with ping pong, games, and a weight room.

● Student Superstars

The Student of the Month presentation honored two remarkable students from the Preuss School who are *"going on to college"*. **Angel Gonzalez Quiroz** had an *"amazing turnaround,"* overcoming academic and social challenges after moving to Mexico during the pandemic and having to do his homework at the public library. **German Aguayo** came to the program with a learning disability and ADHD, but dedicated himself so hard that he became a straight-A student by his junior year, proving that *"even with being neurodivergent, you can still thrive in any environment"*.

● San Diego Airport's Grand Reveal

Guest speaker **Ted Anasis** from the San Diego Airport Authority detailed the massive new Terminal 1 project, a 1.2 million square foot building with a five-story parking structure. The biggest challenge in the demolition was that everything had to go *"through the front door"*. The best new features? According to Ted, they are the quick, no-intersection entry road and, most importantly, the large, spacious, clean, and modern bathrooms—a true traveler delight. They also have pet relief areas and *"four-legged ambassadors"* to comfort passengers, but sadly, *"We don't have llamas yet, like Portland"*.

And for those hoping for moving sidewalks, tough luck: the airport's tiny 661-acre footprint is too narrow to fit both a pedestrian walkway and a moving sidewalk.

● Closing Thoughts

The meeting wrapped up with an apology for postponing the Peacemaker of the Year award. And, **Rich Papike** joyfully announced the birth of his great-grandchild, a boy named Rome Weston. When asked why *"Rome,"* the parents replied, *"We really like Italy,"* prompting the grateful comment: *"I'm just grateful they didn't like Zanzibar"*.

~Reporter

Garry Kachkovsky

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

● **REMEMBER OUR PRE-PARTY ON THURSDAY, MAY 14** - it's a chance to see former members No-host, no-agenda. All welcome! Del Mar Marriott 3 p.m.

TIPS FOR THE 40th CELEBRATION ON FRIDAY, MAY 15

1. **PARKING:** Need to ask your grace for this special meeting.
● We are saving all Gold Spaces for Founders & returning former members.

● All disabled spaces + "A" and "V" spaces in the Faculty Club lot are up for grabs - arrive early to get one.
● If no spots in the lot, please park in the Scholars Garage - we will have helpers on-site.

2. Please come early
● Doors open/coffee pouring 6:45
● Please be in the building by 7:00 if possible (7:15 latest)
● Program starts at 7:30

3. Program may run a bit long

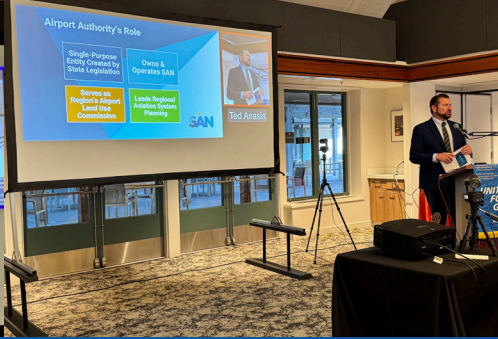
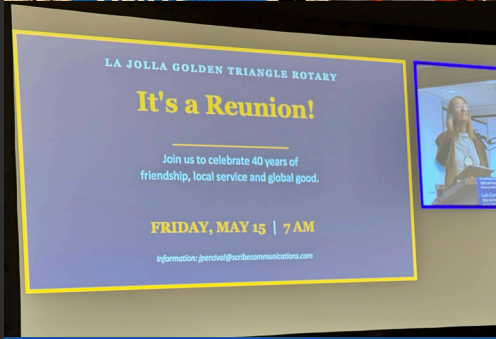
4. Continental breakfast will be pre-set - it's a one-time thing. We'd rather be socializing than standing in line for buffet breakfast.

5. We'll be on Zoom!

6. Spouses are welcome, of course! Please register them ASAP as your guest.



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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**ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY**



**TRACY RAIDER
 HENRY**

Native of Canton, Ohio, home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame! My mom and I grew up together, as she describes it, and we left Ohio when we were young. We traveled and lived in many states, including Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida, and eventually Texas and California. All the moving around at a young age helped me to become tolerant and understanding of many cultures. As an adult, I am driven to travel, learn, and experience peoples from all over the world. I want to immerse!

I have had many different career paths in my life, 8 total, but the one that stuck was my Project Manager job at Qualcomm. I was there for 20 years. I left in 2018 and now call myself semi-retired. I have my time to myself to substitute in the schools, work in the construction field, travel, and take care of my family and our four animals.



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