

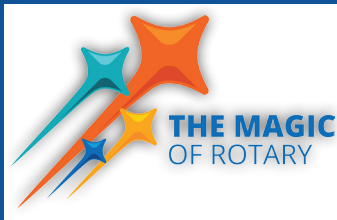
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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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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)



PURE WATER SAN DIEGO CREATING A LOCAL WATER SUPPLY FOR OUR FUTURE

Juan-Elli Bermudo, Civil Engineer

Juan-Elli Bermudo has over 20 years of experience working for the City of San Diego. Bermudo is a project manager at Morena Pump Station and Conveyance System for the Pure Water Division. Before joining the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department, he had professional experience serving the United States Navy and Solar Turbines, Inc. He has managed various Capital Improvement Projects in various capacities and performed successful special assignments as a Subject Matter Expert at IAM San Diego. He has a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Outside of work, he loves to hike, travel, and spend quality time with his wife and three kids.

Doran Aivati, Civil Engineer

Doran Aivati is an Associate Civil Engineer with the City of San Diego. During Aivati's 20 years of experience at the City, they have worked across several departments including the Transportation Department, Engineering & Capital Projects Department, Sustainability Department, Development Services Department, and the Public Utilities Department. Aivati holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and is a Licensed Professional Engineer with the State of California. They have worked as a Project Manager over the past several years on various Capital Improvement Projects for Solar Energy, Transportation, and most recently Pure Water.



REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2024

NOVEMBER - SPEAKER

29.....Dark

DECEMBER - SPEAKER

6.....Carlos Mendoza/Tamima Noorzay
Cygnat Theater
Preuss - youth theater arts programs

13.....Captain Steve Shebloski, SDPD
Neighborhood Policing: addressing
homelessness and other issues

20.....HOLIDAY PROGRAM
welcoming local seniors

27.....Dark

Our annual Veterans' Day meeting featured **Navy veteran Rick Clark** who always does a good job with his patriotic videos and reminders of service by military service men and women. Every year our members who are veterans are asked to stand for our thank yous for their service.

President Luke announced that **Cynthia Villis, Irwin Rubenstein, and Steve Brown** were on Zoom. But Steve was sitting next to me in the dining room. Must have been Susan on Zoom. Are glasses in your future, Prez Luke?

Ron Spilsbury, our Check-In Expert, introduced 3 guests

It was announced that **Michael Bruncker**, Club 33, has been nominated to be District Governor in 2027-2028. There is a 30-day period for naysayers to come forward after which the nominee can heave a sigh of relief and try to learn as much as possible before they are in the hot seat.

Foundation Seminar was announced to be held November 9. A few of us attended. Always inspirational even though the presentation was in a hard-to-find theatre nestled in the middle of the VERY

large UCSD campus. The scholars from the Aral Sea countries, **Nini and Mariam**, made a great presentation—sort of a duet of brains. The scholars we support to attend peace and conflict resolution degree programs at USD get better every year. If you weren't there, you missed out.

Some announcements:

***Bev Laursen** reminded us that our annual Holiday party is December 7 this year. Held again at the Zlac Clubhouse, 5 to 9 pm.

***Jean McGrath** reminded us of the December 20 Christmas meeting where we will host seniors from a local residence.

***Christy White Brook**, IPP and Club Foundation Guru, reminded us that our club's foundation generates a little over \$50,000 each year to support club projects. There is currently a matching program. Donations up to \$5000 are matched by a generous secret donor.

***Birthdays** this week included **Antonio and Susan Schwartz**.

President Luke reminded us that Good Bye to **Linda** Party is November 14. His acknowledgement caused an avalanche of High 5s thanking Linda for her service to us.

I did see a tear in her eye. And a poem of his creation that referenced how she was going to freeze in February.

Steve Brown told the story of his gift of a Paul Harris Fellow to a "water scholar" in her home county. One of the "Stans". She was thrilled to receive it and we're thrilled that Steve made it back safe and sound. Must be about 100 countries that Steve has visited throughout his lifetime.

Apropos to the holiday, our speaker for the day was **Laura White**, President of USS Midway Foundation. The development of Freedom Park overlooking water of the Pacific Ocean is complex, underway, and thrilling. She did an excellent job of telling all that is in place and what is yet to come. Good idea for a visit now and more in the future.

President Luke closed out the meeting with a slap to Laura and reminder of a donation in her name to Big Brothers organization. One of these days he'll have to explain that slapping thing. Who's in charge of his demotion? I feel a roast brewing.

~Reporter

Sandi Rimer

PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



**Annual Holiday Party
Dinner Dancing
Parade of Lights**

**December 7, 2024
5:00—9:00 PM
ZLAC Rowing Club
1111 Pacific Beach Drive | 92110**

COST \$85. PER PERSON

Menu
Assorted Appetizers
Filet Mignon | Butter Fish in Miso
Roasted Potatoes
Creamed Spinach

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**ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY**



**ANTONIO
 GRILLO-LOPEZ**



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November 29 - Dark

DECEMBER 2024

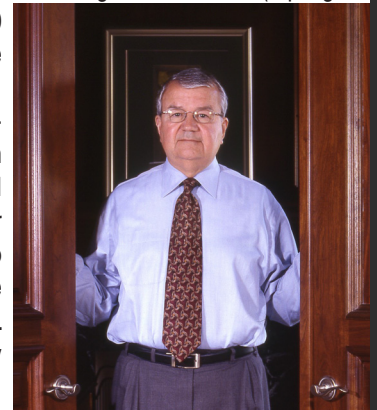
December 6 - Ranjan Lahiri

December 13 - Garry Kachkovsky



Antonio J. Grillo-López, MD, DSc (hc)

I was born at the hospital with the longest name in the world “El Hospital de la Sociedad Española de Auxilio Mutuo y Beneficencia” known, for short, as “El Auxilio”, in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico (PR). My father was the manager of the Baltimore Bank for Cooperatives and a Consultant for the Agency for International Development (AID) and the PR Development Bank. An internationally recognized expert on cooperatives he traveled extensively as lecturer and consultant for AID, particularly in Central and South America. My mother was the Senior stenographer for the Armed Forces Judge Advocate in PR. I graduated from the U. of PR School of Medicine and completed my specialty Residency (Internal Medicine) and Fellowship (Hematology and Medical Oncology) at the University Hospital, Rio Piedras, PR. I was Program Director, Regional Medical Program, Hematology and Medical Oncology for the entire island. During the Viet Nam War I served (2 years active duty) as a Lieutenant Commander, US Navy, Medical Corps. In 1980 we moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan so that I could pursue my interest in clinical cancer research. There I had joint appointments at the U. of Michigan Medical School (Associate Professor) and at Parke Davis/Warner Lambert Research Division (VP Medical Research) where I started their clinical cancer research program. In 1987 we moved to DuPont Merck Pharmaceuticals, Delaware, PA where I also had a faculty appointment at the U. of PA Medical School. At one point I was named Executive Director, International Clinical Research and stationed in Geneva, Switzerland. In 1992 I was recruited to join IDEC Pharmaceuticals, San Diego as VP and Chief Medical Officer. There I had the opportunity to lead the clinical development of Rituxan and take all the data to the FDA to obtain approval for the first anticancer antibody. Rituxan has been called the top anticancer agent of all times (Kiplinger Magazine) and rated #6 among all drugs for all medical indications. More than 70,000 patients with lymphomas are cured every year thanks to Rituxan. I have been active in Rotary since 1999: Member – La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club, Past President, Board of Directors, Club Foundation Board, Service Committee, International Committee, Paul Harris Society. I retired in 2001. My wife Maria and I have remained in San Diego and our sons (Tony the Mechanical Engineer and entrepreneur, and Miguel the Maxillofacial Prosthodontist) and their families are here too. Our youngest, Javier and his family reside in LA where he is a writer for Cinema and TV. He has earned two Emmys and a Golden Globe amongst other awards. I have been fortunate to receive numerous awards and recognitions that I will be glad to share with you upon request. I thank God for all He has given me and my family. I am a proud Rotarian and happy for the many wonderful friends in our club.



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**ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 5340
 VOCATIONAL SERVICE
 HOLIDAY MIXER**
 UCSD Faculty Club Lounge
 3035 Muir Lane, La Jolla

Organized by:

**“Business With Integrity”
 Networking Event**
 Cash Bar - Food Available
Thursday, Dec. 5th, 2024
 5:15pm - 7:15pm