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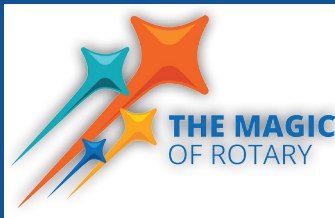


LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 11 2024



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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)



COASTAL EROSION AND SOLUTIONS EXPLORING THE HISTORY OF SAND SUPPLY TO SAN DIEGO BEACHES, SAND LOSS OVER THE LAST 100 YEARS, AND WHAT OPTIONS ARE LEFT FOR REPLENISHMENT

John grew up in Santa Ana. He started surfing when he was 11. Was All-CIF in baseball and football in high school. Graduated from SDSU after playing 3 years pro baseball as a pitcher in Cleveland organization. He designed and built houses in the late 70's in North County. Started Tidelines Tide Calendars in 1981. Joined The Rotary Club of Encinitas in 1995. Joined the Hanalei Rotary Club in 2013. John doesn't surf any more but has travelled the world chasing waves. He now plays golf weekly, usually at Encinitas Ranch. He still goes to the beach every day.

His focus is educating people on why we have shrinking beaches and are at a tipping point with a drastic need for ongoing funding.



REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2024

OCTOBER - SPEAKER

18.....Chris Santos
Big Brothers/Big Sisters

NOVEMBER - SPEAKER

1.....Azim Khamisa
Peace & forgiveness

8.....Veteran's Day Program
Honoring Our Veterans

15.....Carl Nettleton
Innovations in tackling
our ocean plastics crisis

The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club meeting began with President **Luke Ervin** introducing the ROTD **Ron Kohl**. After a moving prayer and recital of the pledge, Ron began with recapping last weekend's activities - a service project in Ensenada, Mexico. The project was a huge success, with over 150 people contributing, including San Diego and Tijuana Rotarians, USCD and SDSU Rotaractors, and local community members.

The project involved various donations, including 140 stuffed toys, books (gratitude to Linda Andrew's efforts), and sports equipment provided by a grant from the Copley Foundation. A Rotary district grant (secured by Ranjan's hard work) facilitated infrastructure enhancements like lighting, ceiling fans and classroom mats. Ron expressed gratitude to the project leaders (**Tony Grillo**, **Ranjan Lahiri**, **Garry Kachkovsky**, and **Jim Frost**), volunteers, and donors, and highlighted the positive impact of the project on the community. A special thank you went out to Past District Governor **Fernando Favela**, who once again graciously hosted the after-project paella dinner at his winery **Chateau Camou**.

Ron then shifted gears to discuss fundraising efforts for a storage unit to house paint supplies for future projects. He announced the sale of project t-shirts as a means of raising funds. Additionally, Ron shared news about an upcoming Rotary Foundation cruise to Alaska, featuring past Rotary International President

Jennifer Jones as a VIP guest. He emphasized the cruise's potential to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation and expressed excitement about having the past president on board.

Following his ROTD speech, **Ron Spillsbury** introduced the club's guests, including Rotaractors, and visiting Rotarians. Additionally, we all learned that when you have two Rons, you have Mor-Rons. Announcements were made about upcoming club social (Nov 9th at ZXQ Winery), international service committee meetings, and a call for RSVPs for a future event. The club also recognized **Maria's** (*sorry Maria; I don't know your last name*) and **Tim Fronczek's** birthdays and acknowledged other members' contributions. **Dr. Tansey** spoke about the relationship between Rotary's ideals of peace and the Institute for Economics and Peace. He highlighted the alignment between Rotary's goals of community economic development and the Institute's research on fostering peace. Dr. Tansey emphasized that Rotary's work projects contribute to peace and positive change in communities.

Continuing the introductions, **Jason Pan** from the Rotary Club of Taiwan was welcomed. Jason expressed his enthusiasm for collaborating on a global grant project for a peace scholar, highlighting the shared vision of fostering peace through education. He commended the Rotary's ability to unite individuals from diverse

backgrounds to effect positive change, emphasizing the "magic of Rotary" in combining service and friendship to address global challenges. **Edward Arts**, a visiting professor at UCSD and Rotarian from Germany, shared his longstanding connection with Rotary, dating back to his participation in a Rotary Exchange program during his youth. He expressed gratitude for the club's hospitality and presented a flag from his Rotary club in Saarbrücken, Germany, symbolizing international fellowship and goodwill.

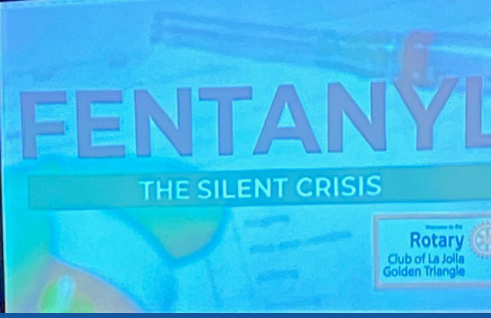
Jan Percival introduced the program speaker - **Adam Gordon** - a federal prosecutor, on the fentanyl epidemic. He emphasized the need to understand the epidemic's complexities and address its root causes through prevention, outreach, and law enforcement. Gordon highlighted the different groups affected by the epidemic, including kids, recreational drug users, and those in the depths of addiction. He discussed the importance of harm reduction strategies, such as Narcan distribution, and the role of law enforcement in disrupting drug supply chains.

Gordon's presentation shed light on the multifaceted nature of the fentanyl crisis and the ongoing efforts to combat it.

~Reporter

Garry
Kachkovsky

PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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

Organized by:



“Business With Integrity”
Networking Event
Cash Bar - Food Available
Thursday, Nov. 7th, 2024
5:30pm - 7:15pm



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ROTARIAN OF THE DAY



JAY HATFIELD

Jay Hatfield was born in Anaheim, California. After spending the first six years of his life in Orange County, his family moved to Sandy, Oregon, a little town located at the base of Mt. Hood. He lived in a log house on the shore of the Sandy River until he was 15, then the family moved back to California.

Jay attended California State University, Stanislaus. He spent a year studying at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark and earned his Bachelor's degree in International Business/Economics. He also holds a certificate in Fundraising & Development from UCSD.

In Jay's early career, he was a Fitness Instructor, Personal Trainer, Spa Director and Health & Fitness Manager at several resorts. He spent seven years providing fitness instruction at the Betty Ford Center, and served on the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

He changed careers in 1990 joining the Braille Institute and held several management and fundraising positions in Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties. He retired from Braille Institute in March of this year after 33 1/2 years, as San Diego Regional Director. Jay has been married to his wife Sheila for 32 years. They have three grown children; Heather, Houston, & Hallyn, and a 12-year-old grandson, Caden.



Jay plays drums and sings in a local classic rock/blues cover band called Baywolf. He has been a Rotarian for 30 years, joining the Rancho Mirage Rotary Club in 1994 and the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club in 1998. He is a former Board Member and Past President (2007/08) of **The Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World!**



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October 18 - Jean McGrath

October 25 - Melanie Geschwind

NOVEMBER 2024

November 1 - Linda Andrews



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