

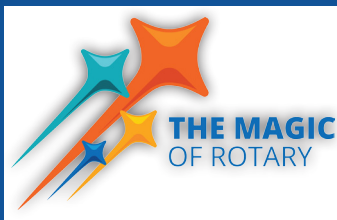
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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 18 2024



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**STEPHANIE URCHICK**

District 5340 Governor 2024-25  
**DIANNE CRAWFORD**

LJGT Rotary President 2024-25  
**LUKE ERVIN**

## 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)



## CHRIS SANTOS

PARTNERSHIPS & OUTREACH MANAGER  
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS SAN DIEGO



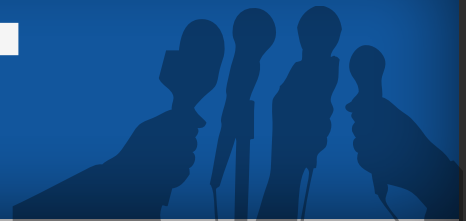
### UNLOCKING POTENTIAL: EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION THROUGH MENTORSHIP

Christopher Santos left the software and technology industry after 5 years in sales and partnerships to join BBBS of San Diego County as the Manager of Partnerships and Outreach in April 2024. Since 2019, Chris has served as a Big Brother and wanted to take his passion for helping the youth of San Diego to the next level! Chris spearheads volunteer recruitment and fosters vital partnerships in the community. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing and Operations and a minor in Africana Studies, complemented by an MBA from Binghamton University. You will likely find Chris in the ocean or listening to music when not out in the community trying to recruit Bigs.



# REPORT

from the last meeting



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2024

### OCTOBER - SPEAKER

25.....Chuy Nuñez, Jr. & Laura Lavoie  
Access to Art program

### 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

We found our way through the fog to faculty club at UCSD where the most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World met yet again. **President Luke** opened the meeting for the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club by introducing ROTD, **Jay Hatfield**.

Jay gave us a recap of his 2024: His big news was that he retired earlier this year. It is allowing him to spend more time with his mom and family. He is also finding projects to keep him busy. One of which was going through his collection of 120 ties. He gave most of them away to charity.

Every two years Jay and his lovely wife, **Sheila** go to Europe to celebrate their anniversary. This year's travels took them to: Dublin, Denmark (*where Jay studied at the Univ. of Copenhagen in his youth*), Bordeaux and Portugal. They did several tastings of whiskey, beer and wine along the way. Over the summer he got to spend a lot of time with his grandson. He also went to his first Alice Cooper concert, with eye makeup and all. Jay is still playing his band, Baywolf. Their next concert is November 24th in Coronado. Jay's retirement is off to a great start!

**President Luke** then introduced **Ron Spillsbury** who introduced guests and visiting Rotarians, which included: **Courtney Snider, Frank Masha, Elisse Mjoen** and a few visiting UCSD Rotaracts.

#### Luke move on to announcements:

**Melanie Geschwind** has been approved for the open board position.

**Jim Davies**- Thanked the club for the support and all the love he received while he was away. He was gone for three months helping his younger sister while she was dealing with health issues. He enjoyed the time with her!

**Jane announced:** On behalf of **Linda Andrews** that 60 books were donated to the school in Ensenada and another 150 books given to Oasis to support their reading programs.

With **Linda Wallis** moving, there is a need for someone to take the lead on the CCSA food drive holiday baskets. Please see **Linda** or **Jane** about taking that over.

The other announcements from **Jane** is our Holiday party will be on December 20th during the regular meeting and the Ronald McDonald house project is coming back.

**Lisa Galstian**- Announced happy hour wine social on November 9th from 2-5pm and ZXQ winery in Escondido. \$20 pp.

**Alan Galgut**- Announced the VA dinner will be taking place on November 23rd. See him if you would like to sign up.

**Garry Kachkovsky**- triggered a bidding war for the remaining Ensenada T-shirts.

**Happy birthday to Jacquie Reilly!** You are amazing!

**Marty Rosenstein** introduced the student of the month. It is our 16th year doing student of the month. He welcomed faculty advisor **Dr. Phil Ensborg**. And the students mother, Rosa. The Student of the Month was

**Joslyn Rojas Branca**. She shared her gratitude to the club for recognizing her hard work and service to her community. She started a youth group through her church. She realized the power one has when they set their mind to helping others. She has worked hard to create an inclusive youth group that serves her community. She was very thankful for all the support she has received.

**Jan Percival** introduced our speaker, **John Conover**. John discussed how San Diego's beaches are disappearing due to sand loss. San Diego county has over 79 miles of pristine beaches, many of which are experiencing major erosion. The erosion is a man-made problem and he is focused on finding man-made solutions. John started the Surf Rider Foundation. It has grown tremendously over the years. There are now over 70 chapters up and down the CA coast. His focus is educating people on why we have shrinking beaches and are now at a tipping point with a drastic need for ongoing funding. The questions he left us all pondering was, *What would San Diego be without its beaches?*

The meeting closed with **Jay Hatfield** leading us with the entire club doing the Chicken Dance.

Go Padres!

~Reporter

*Alex Monroe*

# 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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## LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2024 - 2025

PRESIDENT ..... Luke Ervin  
VICE PRESIDENT ..... Linda Stouffer Wallis  
PRESIDENT ELECT (2025-26) ..... David Chong  
PRESIDENT ELECT NOMINEE (2026-27) ..... Jan Percival  
TREASURER ..... Sharon Council  
SECRETARY ..... Sandi Rimer  
PAST-PRESIDENT ..... Christy White Brook

## ROTARIAN OF THE DAY



JEAN MCGRATH

I was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I attended the University of Miami and Marquette Graduate School. I have two daughters, Alyson Jones and Sheryl Kauth as well as two grandsons, Dylan Kauth-Gullett and Wyatt Jones. I came to La Jolla in 1976 to become executive vice president of California Investment Council.

Frank McGrath and I met and had over forty wonderful years together. My business partner and I founded and operated the following businesses: The Cherry Hills Retirement Club in Sun City, HomecareUSA, California Healthcare Management which merged into AccentCare, and California Healthcare Medical Billing (CHMB) which merged into AllScripts.

I was active in the community as vice chairman of the board of governors of the San Diego Stadium Authority, treasurer of the San Diego/Imperial chapter of the Red Cross executive committee. I am a past president of: Sun City Health and Human Services, Fleurs de League Garden Club, and Doris Howell Foundation for Women's Health. I was vice president of NASLI (National Association of Senior Living) and CALF A.

I had the pleasure of serving as Honorary Mayor of Sun City. I am a sustainer in the Junior League and on the Doris Howell for Women's Health Legacy Board. I am honored to be joining the most dynamic Rotary Club in the world.



OCTOBER 2024

October 25 - Melanie Geschwind

NOVEMBER 2024

November 1 - Linda Andrews

November 8 - NO ROTD



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