

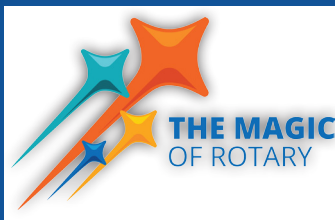
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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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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)



### CHUY NUÑEZ, JR.

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND  
MARKETING AT MONARCH SCHOOL PROJECT



### LAURA LAVOIE

HUMBLE DESIGN SAN DIEGO  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



### ART SAN DIEGO AND THE ACCESS TO ART PROGRAM:

A UNIQUE COLLABORATION BETWEEN MONARCH SCHOOL - WHICH CATERS  
TO CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS - AND HUMBLE DESIGN -  
WHICH FURNISHES HOMES FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

#### Chuy Nuñez, Jr.

Chuy has been at Monarch School since 2004 and has served in numerous capacities at Monarch, ranging from teacher's assistant to director of athletics. In 2013, Chuy started the physical education program at Monarch shortly after the opening of the state-of-the-art Nat and Flora Bosa Campus in Barrio Logan. In 2014, he also led the efforts to have Monarch gain admission into the California Interscholastic Federation, San Diego Section (CIFSDS) for high school athletics. Chuy was recently promoted to Senior Director of Communications and Marketing as Monarch finds itself on the precipice of growth and expansion to better meet the needs of unhoused youths and families in San Diego County and beyond. Chuy graduated from UCLA with a bachelor's degree in history and political science.

#### Laura Lavoie

Humble Design San Diego is a nonprofit organization changing lives and communities by furnishing homes for families, veterans, and individuals emerging from homelessness. Laura leads a team of 15 staff members, dozens of community partners, and hundreds of volunteers dedicated to all aspects of Humble's strategy, operations, partnerships, philanthropy, and advocacy. Prior to joining Humble Design in March of 2021, Laura served for seven years as Director of Philanthropy at the Rady Children's Hospital Foundation, and prior to that, spent 15 years in independent school alumni relations and philanthropy in San Diego and Boston. Laura is an alumna of Williams College in Williamstown, MA.

Today's moderator: **Beth Walsh, co-founder and Vice President for Clearpoint Agency**



# REPORT

from the last meeting



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2024

### NOVEMBER - SPEAKER

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

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

15.....Dark

29.....Dark

### DECEMBER - SPEAKER

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

13.....Captain Mike Holden, SDPD  
Update from our friend on  
police operations/changes

**Past President Christy** called the meeting to order at 7.30 AM explaining that **President Luke** was in Indian Wells for work for the next few days—really???

New member and Honorary La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotarian, **Jean McGrath** opened the meeting with a blessing followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She shared that while many of her family members were Rotarians, her career with Rotary started as a RotaryAnn when Frank joined as one of the founding members of our club. We are so grateful for all that Jean and Frank have done for our club and are truly blessed to now call you a Rotarian.

**Jacquie Reilly** and **Linda Wallis** then presented Jean with her Blue Badge.

Guests Rotoractor:  
**Eric De Haas**  
Guest from Washington DC:  
**Feda Nil Saria**

#### Announcements:

- On October 22 the club will be visiting and feeding veterans at the VA hospital in La Jolla.
- Thursday, November 14 is a going away party for **Linda** and **Steve** at Christy's office at Fourth and Olive. Details to follow.
- We can party hardy as there is no meeting on Friday, November 15—we will be DARK!
- Saturday, November 9 from 2.00 - 5.00 PM Wine Tasting at ZXQ winery located at 15454 Highlands Crest Way, Escondido, CA 92025. Cost is \$20.00 for Rotarians and \$10.00 for Rotaractors and guests.
- Saturday, December 7 is the Annual Holiday Party to be held at ZLAC Rowing Club. Details to follow.
- Friday, December 20 is the last meeting of the year and following some traditions will include music and hosting some seniors from

the Green Manor Retirement Community in Mission Hills.

#### Rotary Story:

**Marty Rosenstein** shared with us his journey with Rotary. He was active in his club on the east coast before he and Sharon moved to San Diego. He led a trip to South Africa to help revamp pediatric medicine and while there was able to attend an all-black club. This was shortly after the end of apartheid and many of the clubs were still segregated. He was so moved by the economic growth that was occurring within this community and how the concept of giving back was taking root and becoming part of the ethos of the club.

#### High 5's:

- **Jan Percival -Lipscomb** donated \$100.00 in honor of Past President Jimmy Carter's 100th birthday.
- **Rich Papike** shared how much she and Cheri enjoyed the resort they bid on at our fund raiser. He also shared that he is now a great grandfather! Congratulations!
- **Stephen Tako** shared the results of the Motivated to Act program they tested at a local school. The improvement is impressive and now they are starting their second pilot at another local school.
- **Dennis Bucko** thanked **Fary Moini** and **Bev Laursen** for helping at the recent zoo trip with the youngsters from Rosarito Schools.
- Our guest **Feda Nil Sario** acknowledged her appreciation for being at our meeting with plans to return.
- **Sandi Rimer** also did a Rotary trip to Africa carrying dozens of sneakers in her suitcase.
- **Jacquie** Shared how happy she is that Jean is now a member and Blue Badger of our Club.

• **Bev Laursen** reported that **Rick** and **Janine Binder** are safe in Florida amongst the storms.

**Program:**  
**President Luke's** speaker gift this year is a donation to the Boys and Girls Club of San Diego. Luke has been a Big Brother and wants others to appreciate the positive impact Boys and Girls Clubs have on young people. Our speaker, **Chris Santos**, Partnerships and Outreach Manager started his career in the technology industry. He knew something was missing in his life and became part of Boys and Girls Club.

Boys and Girls Club is over 150 years old and over 80 years in San Diego. The population that it serves includes households comprised of 60% single parent, 20% military, and 10% family member incarcerated. Seventy percent of the participants live in poverty and 20% have experienced trauma.

Presently there are 259 children who are waiting to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister. The commitment is 2 hours twice a month with a one-year commitment. Matches are made by complimentary interests, location and background of the child and the adult. The graduation rate for those in the Big Brother, Big Sister program is far about the county average. It was a wonderful program where we could also share our stories about mentors we have had in our lives.

**Christy** closed the meeting by asking which Halloween candy was once described as chicken feed---yep—candy corn!!

~Reporter

*Beverly Fritschner*

# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



Rotary Coffee with The Boss



ROTARY CLUB DISTRICT 5340  
VOCATIONAL SERVICE  
BUSINESS MIXER

UCSD Faculty Club Lounge  
3035 Muir Lane, La Jolla

“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



**ERIK MJOEN**

I was born and raised on the Oslo Fjord in Asker, Norway where I spent the first 20 years of my life. Despite the lutefisk and cod liver oil forced upon me as a child, Norway was a wonderful place to grow up and I still have a lot of friends and family there whom we visit regularly. Raised by an American mother and a Norwegian father I have always had strong cultural and family ties to both countries and I have also enjoyed the benefits of having dual citizenship and being bilingual.

In 1996 I made my way to the Pacific Northwest to get the American college experience. I attended Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA just south of the Canadian border where I got my Bachelors Degree in International Business. This is also where I met my Swedish wife Anne. It was the ultimate collision of culture and religion. Norwegian Skier meets Swedish Snowboarder! Fortunately, following substantial diplomatic efforts our relationship was recognized by all countries involved. Upon graduation I followed Anne to San Diego where she was attending graduate school and it has been our home for the past two decades.

I spent the first 15+ years of my career in the recruiting business. For most of that time I ran the US subsidiary of a Swedish search firm, Cesab International, where I worked with public and private technology companies helping them recruit key technical and management talent. In 2017 I transitioned my career to academia and joined one of the country's leading research universities, UC San Diego. At UCSD I am the Industry Relations Manager with the Halcioglu Data Science Institute (HDSI) building partnerships and facilitating collaboration between industry and HDSI around talent, research & innovation, real world data and problem sets, continued learning, and leadership in the field of AI and data science.

I have always had an active lifestyle and my interests include skiing (mandatory for all Norwegians), surfing, paddle boarding, golfing, hiking, camping, the outdoors, home brewing, spending time with friends, traveling, and of course Rotary. My daughters Linnea (17) and Elise (15) have grown up as part of the Rotary family. Linnea is now a Senior at Mission Bay High School and is committed to play D-1 field hockey at UC Davis starting in fall of 2025. Elise is a sophomore at MBHS and is very active in sports playing both indoor volleyball and beach volleyball. Trying to keep up with these high octane Viking ladies definitely keeps us busy.



**NOVEMBER 2024**

November 1 - Linda Andrews

November 15 - Janine Pack

November 22 - Antonio Grillo-Lopez



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