

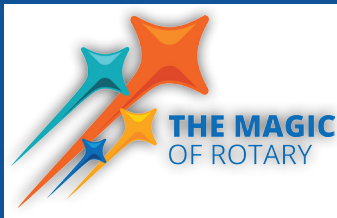
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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 4 2024



RI President 2024-25
STEPHANIE URCHICK

District 5340 Governor 2024-25
DIANNE CRAWFORD

LJGT Rotary President 2024-25
LUKE ERVIN

ADAM GORDON



KNOW FENTANYL

Today's program will cover all things fentanyl: what it is, why it's dangerous, how fentanyl is impacting San Diego, and how the U.S. Attorney's Office is combatting the opioid epidemic. AUSA Gordon will also discuss how to be vigilant and look for possible overdoses, and what to do in the event of a possible overdose.

Adam Gordon is an Assistant United States Attorney where he serves as his office's Criminal Division Opioid Coordinator. Adam worked previously as a Deputy District Attorney for San Diego County.

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)

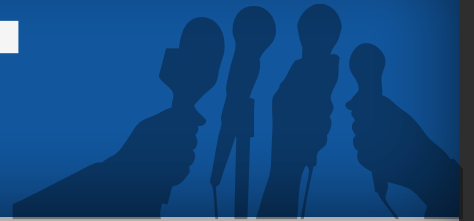
4th Friday of the Month.....Peace Committee
(follows club meeting)





REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2024

OCTOBER - SPEAKER

11.....John Conover
San Diego beaches
are losing their sand

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

Dr. Steve Balch kicked off the meeting by translating the Latin (learned from his Jesuit Catholic School), now displayed on his t-shirt: *It Is What It Is*. We soon appreciated the meaning of that phrase, as Dr. Balch shared recent events that have impacted his life.

But first, he put in his personal recommendation for local travel – Catalina Island, where he and his wife, Marcia, recently celebrated her birthday (including a wicked game of miniature golf!) Steve explained his high score: “it’s Steve’s medical journey began with a very difficult year in 2004 and one week ago, he reentered a rough medical situation.”

He expressed his immense gratitude for his wife, whom he nicknamed, **Nurse Nicely**, for her ongoing support. He also gave a thankful shout to Jacquie Riley, who introduced him to our club. “This is an amazing club, the talent in this club is unbelievable. The friendship, the camaraderie, the projects ...”

Jean McGrath then introduced our guests including **Bonnie**, checking in from Paris.

President Luke announced that our beloved **Karla Prieto-Morey** has resigned due to work commitments.

Speaking of a beloved member, **Linda Stouffer-Wallis** announced that she is leaving her beautiful Mission Hills home and downsizing to a 5,400 square foot home on one acre in Ann Arbor

Michigan. She wants to be a big part of her grandchildren’s lives – so good for her, but super sad for us. She signed off as VP of Administration and acknowledged that **Christy White** has graciously taken over (thank you Christy!) Linda’s last meeting at our club will be on Nov. 22. And yes, she’ll join her local club when she moves.

Your reporter promoted the Oct. 21 visit of RI President **Stephanie Urchick** (Coffee With The Boss) with a skit that bombed (nice try!). Please everyone, join us on Oct. 21 and RSVP soon!

Dr. Dennis Bucko reminded the club that the Rosarito zoo try will happen in two weeks. He has the volunteers he needs but if anyone has free zoo passes – please pass them along.

David Chong announced that nominations for the board now open – and we need to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of **Karla Prieto-Morey**

A cast of characters gave last reminders for the Ensenada trip – don’t forget your passports and be on time, bus leaves at 7 am.

Our speaker was **Judge Jan Goldsmith**, who has an incredibly impressive career in private practice, as well as across all avenues of public service including 10 years as a Superior Court Judge. Although he is not a trained journalist, he writes a bi-weekly column for the San Diego Union Tribune called “*Someone San Diego Should*

Know.” He explained that he took this on as a volunteer because he wanted to make an impact in the media. “*It is my Rotary project*.” He has 106 columns and interviewed some of the most fascinating, accomplished San Diegans whose stories would not otherwise be told.

He reported that there is “*more balance at the Union Tribune than in years past*” and despite its financial problems, new owners, Global Capital, are committed to building a sustainable business model. It’s obvious by reading the paper that Global Capital has cut overhead via consolidation but Judge Goldsmith says they are still committed to print – there is no plan to do away with print. He said that in the old days, 80% of the paper’s revenues came from advertising – that number is now 20%. The paper relies on subscriptions. Judge Goldsmith said that Global Capital “*doesn’t have a social/political agenda*” – they are trying to turn things around without decreasing the quality.

President Luke concluded with a vitally important question: Where was the margarita invented? Answer: Hussong’s in Ensenada, where in 1941 the bartender created it for Margarita Henkel, daughter of the German Ambassador to Mexico.

~Reporter

*Jan Percival
Lipscomb*

PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



Ensenada 2024



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**



RON KOHL

Our Club's seventh Ensenada project was another success! A total of 58 Rotarians and guests attended from San Diego. Twenty of those were Rotaract's from SDSU and UCSD and a USD Peace Scholar from the country of Georgia. We had 10 members from the Tijuana Rotary Club, 24 elementary school teachers and 40 children from the school. A grand total of 152 people helped on the project. Rotary Clubs represented were: La Jolla Golden Triangle, Rancho Bernardo Sunrise, La Jolla Noon and Tijuana Mileno Minarete.

I'd like to recognize the following Rotarians that were a huge help in planning this project: Tony Grillo, Garry Kachkovsky, Ranjan Lahiri and Jim Frost. With them, the project was pulled off without a hitch. Another person I'd like to thank is Past District Governor Fernando Favela. He has been an integral part of each Ensenada project we've done. Fernando opened his winery, Château Camou so we could have our post-project celebration and paella dinner at his beautiful grounds. The paella was the best yet and the margaritas, tequila and wine were wonderful!

We all went to the Downtown Ensenada hotel, cleaned up and then went out on the town. Even though there were quite a few tequila shots flowing Saturday night and some Rotaract's surfing early Sunday morning, everyone made it on the bus. They all arrived at Frost Hardwood at 1:30pm.



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October 11 - Jay Hatfield

October 18 - Jean McGrath

October 25 - Melanie Geschwind



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