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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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JUDGE JAN GOLDSMITH (RET.)

THE MEDIA'S ROLE, THE UNION TRIBUNE,
AND MY UT COLUMN, SOMEONE SAN DIEGO
SHOULD KNOW.



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1976-1992 Private practice of law specializing in business litigation and law partner

1988-1992 Mayor, City of Poway, California

1992-1998 Member, California State Assembly (elected to three terms)

1998-2008 San Diego Superior Court Judge

2001- 2007 Adjunct professor of law, "Law and Political Process" at University of San Diego School of Law, California Western School of Law and Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

2008- 2016 Elected San Diego City Attorney in 2008 and re-elected to second and final term under term limits in 2012.

2016-2019 Private practice of law specializing in business and business litigation as of counsel, Procopio law firm

2016-present TV news commentator (through 2019) and San Diego Union Tribune contributing columnist, Someone San Diego Should Know (through present)*****

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- Int'l Municipal Lawyers Ass'n "Career Achievement"
- San Diego Union Tribune "Person of the Year"
- San Diego Business Journal "Lifetime Achievement"
- University of San Diego School of Law "Career Achievement"
- San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce "Moving San Diego Forward"
- San Diego County Taxpayers Ass'n "Once-In-A-Lifetime"
- Downtown San Diego Partnership "Courage of Convictions"
- San Diego Daily Transcript "Top Attorney"
- Legislator of the Year: Engineering Contractors Association of California; The Children's Lobby; California Foster Parents Ass'n; Diabetes Ass'n; Taxpayers' Ass'n; Apartment Ass'n.
- County of Los Angeles "True Friend of Children"

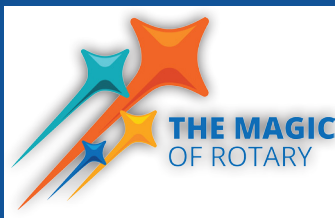
PUBLICATIONS

- California Law and Political Process (2011 updated), 235 pages

- Someone San Diego Should Know (100 columns published in the San Diego Union Tribune)*****

***** As co-founder and author of the San Diego Union Tribune's Someone San Diego Should Know column, my articles have won three years in a row an Excellence in Journalism Award from the San Diego County Press Club with a First Place (Serious Subject Column); Second Place (History Column) and Third Place (Profile Column). The column runs every other Monday on the first page of the local section. In addition, in 2024 I received First Place (Editorial Opinion) Society of Professional Journalists.

And the best of all---- I threw out the first pitch in a San Diego Padres baseball game and am always happy to share the sequential photos! Yes, it was a strike!



RI President 2024-25
STEPHANIE URCHICK

District 5340 Governor 2024-25
DIANNE CRAWFORD

LJGT Rotary President 2024-25
LUKE ERVIN

AOS MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

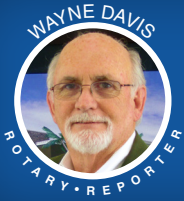
1st Friday of the Month.....Community Services Committee
(follows club meeting)

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)





REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2024

OCTOBER - SPEAKER

- 4.....Dylan Aste
Assistant US Attorney
The fentanyl crisis
- 11.....John Conover
San Diego beaches
are losing their sand
- 18.....Chris Santos
Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Our meeting started promptly at 7:30am with **President Luke** introducing our Rotarian of the Day, **Michael Bardin**. He expanded on this year's *"The Magic of Rotary"* theme by explaining how we as Rotarians together, we can have a "magical" impact in a world that is a lasting treasure.

After leading us in the pledge, **Michael** shared with us how the Bardin family represents six California generations dating back to the 1850s when his great grandfather arrived by wagon train by way of the Oregon and California Emigrant Trails settling in the Salinas and eventually establishing the Bardin Ranch. Event today there are streets, schools and hospital in the Salinas area bearing the Bardin name. In 1965, **Michael** met **Arlene** in San Francisco and they will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary in October. Congratulations Michael and Arlene

His career path began in the Navy as Public Affairs Officer and eventually, after thirty years plus with Scripps Health, retired from his position as Chief Policy Officer five years ago. He now focuses his passion on peace building programs through Rotary District 5340 as well as serving on various boards associated with health care and wellness.

Luke recognized members on zoom, **Melanie Geschwind, Jim Davies, Bonnie and Krishna Aroura, Dave Wiegman, Irwin Rubenstein. Ron Kohl** introduced, (also on zoom), his friend and past Baja California Rotarian District Governor **Fernando Favela. Samson Tse** recognized **David Chong** who introduced his guests **Brett and Candy**.

Luke reminded us that to be involved in projects with youth you need to provide background checks.

Announcements:

- **David Chong**, President Elect is seeking candidates that may be interested in becoming Board Members and/or President. Please contact him with your information.
- **Jan Percival** recognized **Fary Moini's** one year anniversary of having returned safely. She is still recovering from her traumatic experience and appreciates all of our support and understanding.
- **Tony Grillo** reminded us of the upcoming Ensenada Project. We are meeting at Frost Hardwood for the bus trip and be sure to bring your current Passports.
- **Alan Galgut** announced the VA Hospital opportunity to serve dinner to the veterans is back on and scheduled for October 23.
- **Steve Tako** reminded us of an

upcoming event "Motivated to Act" offering a "Thank You Message" to be held at the University Club in San Diego.

- **Dennis Bucko** announced the annual Zoo Trip for the children from Mexico is scheduled for October 11. Could possibly use a couple more volunteers to assist.
- **Luke** recognized **Mike McQuary** as celebrating his 8th year as a Rotarian.

Steve Brown had the pleasure of awarding **Gary Kachkovsky** with a **Paul Harris Certificate** and Pin honoring the many years of his participating and donating to the Central Asia Rotary Scholar Program.

Rich Papike administered Fines and High 5's. Rich targeted **Steve Tako** for referring to Jacquie as Jacquie "O'Riley" and hence, for the future, suggested Steve should be known as Stephen "O'Tako". **Jan Percival** gave a "high twenty" in recognition of **President Luke** being featured front and center on the front page of the Business Section in a discussion of scams and identity theft.

Cynthia Willis introduced **Paula A. Cordeiro** who spoke to us about *"Building Positive Peace: Transformative Business Models for a Flourishing Society."* Currently, Paula is the Dammeyer Distinguished Professor of Global Leadership and Education in the Kroc School of Peace Studies at USD. She began with citing a Norwegian Scholar, Galtung, who studied two types of peace: *"Negative Peace: the absence of war and violence"* and *"Positive Peace: a lasting peace that is built on sustainable investment on economic development and institutional as well as societal attitudes that foster peace."*

In regard to the "Positive Peace" theme, she related her experience in 13 different countries, including Uganda, Rwanda and Macau where she was involved with micro-financing, micro-loans and training for low-fee private schools in the poorest communities where the residents participated. For success in these schools, they needed training on how to create and manage a budget, assure reliable electricity and running water was available, provisions for healthy food for the children and, how to recruit, hire and support the teachers. To accomplish this, she helped create a "trainer of a trainer" model by selecting university faculty and train them to work within the schools, creating an entrepreneurship type relationship.

After working with more than 6,000 people in this entrepreneurship type training, she found these schools were positively impacting the community. She witnessed by having a private school that is successful in the middle

of a slum area, slowly, the businesses surrounding the school began to prosper and flourish, whether school supply stores with uniforms or books, food vendors or bakeries, the growth of the school positively impacted the community. The schools began to partner with local health clinics, fire & police departments, inviting local politicians and church leaders to speak - benefitting the overall community.

With her experience and these examples, she has expanded them into educational programs she oversees the Kroc School of Peace Studies. They feature *"Alternative Business Structures,"* businesses wanting to have a social impact by investing in "People, Planet, Profit" goal oriented operational models that are owner-owned "purpose driven" corporations. These are known as "Benefit Corporations" with a dual purpose - profit for the shareholders (owners) and benefits for society or the environment at large. We now have "Certified Benefit Corporations" which clearly demonstrate high social and environmental performance, accountability to all stakeholders exhibiting full transparency to maintain a regular Impact Assessment qualification score. Two examples you are familiar with are Patagonia and Ben & Jerry's.

In closing she announced that she, along with two colleagues, have developed a program *"Why Business for Good"* which is being launched in San Diego in January then going to Barcelona and Rwanda meeting with similar development of Benefit Corporations.

David Tansey presented **Paula** with our "Peacemaker Certificate." She was then given a Rotary cap and "slapped" by **President Luke** who then ended the meeting with a trivia question.

~Reporter

Wayne Davis

Join our Rotary Board!

Serve our club & get to know others.

Qualifications:

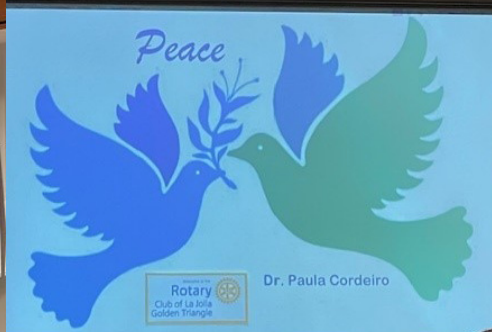
- 1) two years in our club or four years in Rotary
- 2) meeting attendance 50%+;
- 3) demonstrated some leadership.

Been on the Board for more than a year? Consider serving as President.

Without committing, if you have any interest then contact **David Chong, 619.206.0655** (text is best).



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



**STEVE
BALCH**

They say that, in life, timing is everything and I certainly concur. I spent two years in the Navy reserves in their medical student program, then eight years of active duty, including two deployments to Viet Nam. I completed my internship and pediatric residency at Balboa Navy Hospital. After a promotion to Commander, I faced an appointment to Philadelphia (where there was no surfing and no skiing) as assistant chief of pediatrics when—fortuitously—that timing issue set in.

I told my detailer that I wanted to stay anywhere on the West coast. To my delight, I found out I could resign from the Navy due to the wind-down of the Viet Nam war. Overnight I decided that I would stay in San Diego and perhaps make it my home for the rest of my life.

I started a pediatric practice with another ex-Navy pediatrician in Solana Beach in 1973. Again, timing favored us: we were the first pediatricians on the north coast between La Jolla and Oceanside! We were overwhelmed with patients and added three doctors to the group by 1979. Our group became the founding members of CPCMG in a partnership with Childrens' Hospital in the 1990s. By the time I retired in 2015, we had eleven partners in our group.



I also served as a moonlighting intensivist in the neonatal ICU at Childrens' Hospital for 36 years, which was an exciting challenge and outstanding experience due to the many medical advances in the specialty. After 50 years of practice, it was time to retire and enjoy the wonderful arts in our city with my wife, Marcia.



OCTOBER 2024

October 4 - Ron Kohl

October 11 - Jay Hatfield

October 18 - Jean McGrath

October 25 - Melanie Geschwind



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