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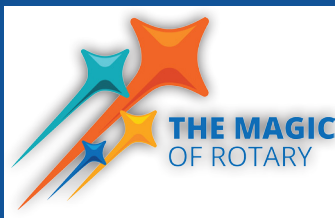


LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 6 2024



## DG DIANNE CRAWFORD



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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)



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR DIANNE CRAWFORD VISIT. HER ROTARY STORY AND THE VISION FOR DISTRICT 5340 IN THE 24-25 ROTARY YEAR

Dianne is an accomplished Rotary leader with a strong commitment to community service. Joining Rotary in 1997, she is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Southeast San Diego, serving as Club President, Secretary and Board member. For more than 50 years the club has served the needs of the underserved community in Southeast San Diego, consistently earning the Rotary Citation for their exceptional work. Dianne's passion for education shines through her involvement in leadership projects and Rotary programs like RYLA, LEAD, and Interact, aimed at developing future leaders.

Her professional career spans 15 years as Director of Sales for several national telecommunications companies, where she excelled in managing sales and support teams, achieving revenue growth and market share expansion. Subsequently, as Director of Major & National Accounts for Language Line Services, the largest provider of language interpretation services in the US, she successfully managed account teams and the company's prestigious Fortune 100 clients including American Express, Bank of America, AT&T, Microsoft, Citibank, Amazon and more.

Currently working as a Sales & Management Consultant, Dianne offers her expertise to small and mid-size clients, providing guidance in sales, customer support, business planning, organization and training. With over 20 years of service on District 5340's Leadership Team, Dianne has held diverse roles, including Assistant Governor, Membership Chair, Strategic Planning Chair, New Club Development, and facilitator for Rotary Leadership Institute and President Elect Training.

Her contributions to District Operations, combined with her unique and creative approach to business and comprehensive knowledge of Rotary, have led to significant improvements in District programs and club support. Recognized for her dedication, Dianne has received multiple awards, including Rotarian of the Year, for her instrumental role in membership growth and the establishment of new clubs.

As the selected District Governor for the 2024/2025 Rotary year, Dianne is excited & ready to lead one of the largest and most successful Districts in the Rotary organization. Residing in San Diego, CA, with her husband Michael, Dianne cherishes spending time with her son Regis and grandson Kingston, as well as visiting her family at home on the beautiful island of St. Martin in the Caribbean.



# REPORT

from the last meeting



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2024

### SEPTEMBER - SPEAKER

- 13.....Shane Lieberman  
Politics and the impact  
on economic policy
- 20.....Dr. Paula Cordeiro  
Building peace
- 27.....Jan Goldsmith  
Union-Tribune Columnist:  
San Diegans You Should Know

Several members were still standing in line for the buffet when **President Luke Ervin** started the meeting at 7:30.

**Jacque Reilly** was our Rotarian of the Day. She shared a quote about not dreading aging and followed it with the pledge. Jacque shared pictures and stories about some of her travels. In April she took a trip to Amsterdam where she saw tulips, took a canal trip, and visited the Van Gogh Museum and the Anne Frank House. She then visited London where she took a ride on the London Eye and enjoyed tea. In January she visited the Turks and Caicos Islands where she swam and played pickleball. She shared a fun video of the new friends she made in Germany last year. Jacque also shared the history of a few quotes: "go the whole nine yards... hands down... the best thing since sliced bread," and inventions: bread slicer, Toll house cookies, and car radios/Motorola. She ended with a quick joke.

**Ron Spilsbury** introduced our guests **Kathy** (Father Wayne's wife) and **Doug Deere** (a potential member).

**Steve Brown** awarded **Father Wayne** with a Paul Harris pin. Steve reminded us that a regular donation to the Foundation adds up over time and is a great way to support our projects.

**President Luke** reminded us that we are dark next Friday and said to mark our calendars for the Club's FUNraiser on May 16, 2025.

**Christy White** invited us to attend the Rocky Horror

Picture Show at the Cygnet Theatre on October 16. The cost is \$60 per person.

**Dory Beatrice** invited us on a Gondola ride in Coronado on September 15. You must sign up by September 4. The cost is \$35 per person. **Alex Monroe** walks up to the podium singing, "When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie, that's amore...."

**Alex** invited us to join him for Stifel's annual summit on September 19. The conference will take place at San Diego Oasis.

**Ron Kohl** announced that credit card payments are being accepted for the upcoming Ensenada project trip. He is looking for new and gently used stuffed toys. A grant was received from The Copley Foundation to cover 100% of the sports equipment requested for this project.

**Stephen Tako** reminded us about the September 5 Vocational Services Committee business mixer taking place at the Faculty Club between 5:30 and 7. He also invited us to attend Motivated to Act's event on September 21.

**President Luke** wished **Louise Andres** a Happy Birthday (8/26) and congratulated **Linda Andrews** (13 years), **Alex Monroe** (13 years), and **Jay Hatfield** (26 years) on their Rotary anniversaries.

High Fives included **Christy White** sharing her firm is celebrating its 14-year anniversary and is now number one in the state, **Lori Bende** thanking **Ron Kohl** for planning her cruise

and **Brett Morey** for helping her purchase her son's vehicle, Brett thanking Lori and reminding her that the warranty is over, **Cynthia Willis** thanking her guardian angels **Eric Freeberg** and **Steve Brown** for being there during a difficult time, and **Michael Bardin** sharing that his youngest grandson move into his dorm at SDSU.

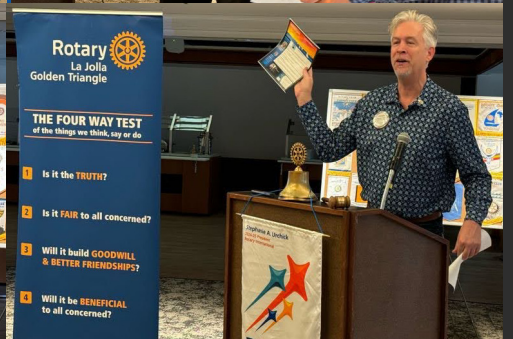
**Brett** introduced our speaker, a licensed drug and alcohol counselor and interventionist, **David Wambaugh**. David talked about his trauma at age seven that he believes triggered his mental illness and caused him to drink at a young age. He was in and out of jail and rehab then ended up in prison before turning his life around. It was through his interventions that David discovered he was not very different from the people he helped. David believes that due to the stigma associated with mental illness many people are not honest about it and are often misdiagnosed. David advocates for his patients when he becomes aware of this. David's takeaways... pay close attention and listen to the people you love, approach them with love and concern, being "crazy" is okay. Several members asked questions and thanked David for his courage to be open and honest.

**President Luke** thanked David with a cap and a slap then ended the meeting with trivia. See you in September!

~Reporter

Melanie  
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# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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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



LINDA  
STOUFFER-WALLIS

Nearly a charter member (missed by a few months), I have had my life enriched by belonging to the Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the WORLD. The friendships and meaningful service done by Rotary around the world have made my life full of joy and happiness. After a decades long career as a commercial banker and lender, i find that the work i do now for non-profits to be far more rewarding. I am heavily involved in a recapitalization of an existing low income seniors project which will enable our non-profit to make a significant impact on housing this very vulnerable population. The personal life after retirement has also proved to be exceptional. For the first time i am a “housewife” with time for yoga, bridge, pilates and more! Rotary takes up a bit of my time as well.

This summer we gave our grandson, Gabriel, 13, his trip of choice to London where he had his fill of Henry VIII and Winston Churchill....but also some fun times. His family, including his little sister Lilah, 8, joined us in Madrid and we all cruised down the Douro River in Portugal on what is now the up and coming popular vacation: generational. Parents, grandparents and kids all together making memories.

I thank each and every one of you for all your kindness, support and love over the years. You have made a difference in many lives throughout the world and definitely in mine.



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September 13 - Mike McQuary

September 20 - Mike Bardin

September 27 - Steve Balch



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