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**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

RI President 2022-23
JENNIFER JONES

District 5340 Governor 2022-23
CHARLES PRETTO

LJGT Rotary President 2022-23
NANCY GATSCHET

SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

APRIL 2023 - SPEAKER

21.....Jeremy Manning
Physical Fitness

28.....Dr. Kathryn Ely
Quench & Connect

MAY 2023 - SPEAKER

5.....TBD
Community Service Committee



DR. JACK FISHER



“PREPARING THE SOIL:” HOW UCSD ACQUIRED ITS LAND.

Highlighting of a recent photoessay documenting how the military, city council, and private citizens contributed to the land now held by UC San Diego.

A Native of Buffalo, New York and graduate of University of Buffalo School of Medicine, Jack received his surgical training in Minneapolis, Boston, and Charlottesville.

He came to UCSD in 1975, established the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and directed a graduate training program in his field for 20 years.

Following retirement, Jack earned an MA in US Political and Economic History. While serving as the UCSD Emeriti Association Historian, he wrote the book he'll speak to you about today.



REPORT

from the last meeting



THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

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IS IT THE TRUTH?

President Nancy Gatschet opened the meeting of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club, „The Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World!

Fary was Rotarian of the Day. She shared wise words prior to the pledge, “We cannot all do great things, but we can all do small things with love.” Fary asked, if there were questions for her. She describe her family, life in Iran, status of schools in Jalalabad, and what led her to settle in San Diego, which was leaving a cold winter in Virginia for the warmth of family and climate in La Jolla.

Tatiana introduced three visiting Rotaract Club members: Christian, Carlos, and Brandon.

Maria introduced members in the Zoom Room: Christy, Cynthia, Erwin, Jim, and Jay.

Stephen gave a cautionary update of the situation in Afghanistan, LJGTRC schools, and Nangarhar University in Jalalabad.

Nancy: Vegetation Mission at Project Wildlife, 23 April; NAMI Walk for Mental Health, 29 April; Walk for Animals; Rotary Day of Work, 29 April-Contact Brett; Preuss Career Day postponed; Padre Game, 24 April-Contact Ron Kohl

Linda: Scavenger Adventure, 06 May at UCSD Campus, lunch \$25

Jacquie: Urban Street Angels Tour, 29 April

Eric introduced Speaker **David Danks**, UCSD Professor of Data Science and Philosophy. David serves on the National AI Advisory Committee, recipient of a McDonnell Foundation Scholar Award, and Andrew Carnegie Fellowship recipient. He is a nationally recognized expert of ethical, psychological, and policy issues related to artificial Intelligence and robotics.

David Danks, recipient of a Rotary Scholarship 30 years ago, introduced the complex subject of the ethical opportunities and challenges of AI by emphasizing the impact that AI, machine learning, and data science are having on our lives and how they are transforming the way we operate our companies, society, and interact with one another. This has resulted in positive and negative reactions and generated excitement and fear.

Example of Large Language Models: LLM can write directions, summarize

disparate information across the internet, and produce what may look like college level papers. LLM can also just make stuff up and respond to questions with false or completely fantasized information. LLM does not actually understand what it is writing, cannot reason about the world, and does not think like humans. It predicts the most probable next best thing based on what has been written across the internet and then auto-completes a sentences based on this “next best” algorithm.

Example of Self-Driving Cars: AI understands the world in a radically different way than humans do. For example, AI prioritizes areas where cars are not allowed to go rather than recognizing pedestrians or bicycles. Therefore, a SDC AI decisions regarding avoiding a pole or a person would not be the same decision that a human would make.

AI can just make stuff up. David shared that he and his wife, who teaches at UCSD, tested an AI system by asking it to create a syllabus for graduate students. it generated some excellent sounding references. However, they found that they did not exist. AI does not actually understand what it is writing. It can’t reason about the real world. Rather, AI looks across the world of data to find the most probable next thing you are most likely find if you searched the internet.

Where AI has an advantage is rapidity. It can very quickly process massive amounts of data and multiple computations.

There are three education phases: (1) Teaching the next generation of students about ethics?

(2) Designing systems that are fair and provide future practical tools, and

(3) Designing systems that get it right from the start rather than the current models which implement action, see what happens, and then adjust.

The challenge is to teach the next generation in ways that actually translate into their jobs as they leave the university. It’s not teaching the definition the words like fairness or justice, but how to design systems that actually are fair and actually advance justice in the world.

There are lots of things that humans can do that AI can’t do; such as, creativity, analogy, creating new ideas, content

recognition, analogical reasoning, personal interactions that require soft skills, or a response to that feeling that things are different than they should be and there is a need to do something differently.

David’s utopian vision is a world, where companies make it a part of their mission to use AI to promote increased time for civic engagement and encourage public service that resulted from time saved using AI. David is optimistic about the future of AI.

Students using AI in completing assignments?

Asking AI a question and getting a response that is used in a class assignment could be viewed in the same light as asking a friend or an expert the same question and using that response in the assignment. AI could be used, if it is appropriate and attribution is clearly identified. Restrictions on using AI as a source should be clarified in the instructions.

Example of unethical organizational use?

A company that developed a virtuality reality system that was requested by an authoritarian regime to use for military training could be unethical if was to be used to violently repress their own people.

Future Vision of AI?

Professions need to adjust to the new normal, develop new AI management skills, and recognize when to use and not use AI. As AI increases productivity, the vision would be that the additional free time would be used to increase public engagement in a more engaged and civil society.

Will AI be the future teachers?

The more basic and mechanical aspects of teaching will be automated, but the soft skill aspects that are integral to teaching and at the core of the learning process will always require a teacher. Immediate challenge: We do not know how to teach ethics.

Nancy closed the meeting with “intelligence is the ability to adapt” and “name this song.” “The Four Seasons-Spring” by Antonio Vivaldi was identified by our speaker, David Danks.

~Reporter

Michael McQuary

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WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Easter basket project



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LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2022 - 2023

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APRIL 2023

April 21 - Jim Davies

April 28 - Brett & Karla Morey



ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY

JAN PERCIVAL LIPSCOMB

Jan Percival Lipscomb
 President, Scribe Communications

La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary

Can you even imagine a unanimous Supreme Court ruling? It happened on May 4, 1987 when the court agreed with the state of California that the exclusion of women from private, business-oriented clubs such as Rotary, was unconstitutional.

Who was fighting to prohibit women from joining Rotary? Rotary International.

Who was fighting to admit women? An 8-person Rotary in Duarte, CA east of Pasadena. In 1976, they invited and admitted 2 women, both school principals. Rotary International pulled their charter, so the club changed its name to the EX-Rotary Club of Duarte.

After the Supreme Court paved the way in May 1987, I was invited by past president (and one of our founding fathers), Ted Owen, to join the club, as was the wonderful, brilliant Dr. Sim Tan.

The ability to travel internationally through Rotary has been one of great joys of my life. In 1987, shortly after I was inducted, I was the only female Rotarian to attend the India Regional Conference in New Delhi. I was a bit of a freak show – the only “official” female among 10,000 delegates. Then in 1993, I joined Steve Brown, Sim Tan and the late Lionel Katzenellenbogen as delegates to the African Regional Conference in Johannesburg. During that trip, Steve Brown surreptitiously presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to F.W. de Klerk. That opened my eyes to the true roads to peace, through Rotary.

In 1995, I was invited to address a regional conference in Puri, India about the status of women in Rotary. (The speech went over like a lead balloon.) Then in 2014, I had a much more enjoyable adventure in India as a participant in a National Immunization Day – an experience I highly recommend to anyone interested in a fascinating international experience. Over the years I’ve hosted many visiting Rotarians from around the world, another extraordinary opportunity I highly recommend.

I founded my PR firm, Scribe Communications, in 1986, the same year I married Jeff and moved in to our home in University City. Sadly, I lost Jeff to lymphoma in 2020.

Our daughter Shaney and I have persevered, and I’m pleased to be “coming out of the fog” (as I call it). It’s a joy to be back, attending meetings in our lovely new home (kudos to the committee that secured the Faculty Club for us!). After finishing with school, Shaney is living in Del Mar and training for a pro volleyball career – if her injuries will allow it. I credit my love for Rotary to my late father, Jack Percival, who was a member of Point Loma Rotary for five decades. He, my late mom, Camilla, Jeff and Shaney are all Paul Harris Fellows.



LJGT Rotary Initiation, June 1987 welcoming incoming President Ted Owen and new female Rotarians Dr. Sim Tan (left) and Jan Percival Lipscomb