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## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

APRIL 2023 - SPEAKER

- 14.....Dr. Jack Fischer  
Preparing the Soil for UC San Diego
- 21.....Jeremy Manning  
Physical Fitness
- 28.....Dr. Kathryn Ely  
Quench & Connect



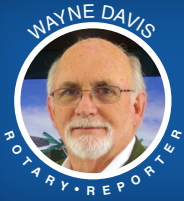
## DAVID DANKS



### STOPPING THE AI APOCALYPSE?

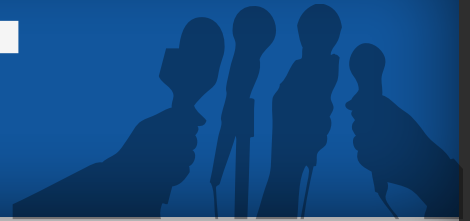
As AI systems become increasingly widespread and powerful, fears of an “AI apocalypse” are growing alongside our hopes for the technologies. I will discuss many of the ethical challenges and opportunities presented by present-day and near-future AI technologies, as well as different governance mechanisms that might help to minimize the harms and maximize the benefits.

David Danks is Professor of Data Science & Philosophy at University of California, San Diego. He has examined the ethical, psychological, and policy issues around AI and robotics in transportation, healthcare, privacy, and security. He has also done significant research in computational cognitive science and developed multiple novel causal discovery AI algorithms. Danks is the recipient of a James S. McDonnell Foundation Scholar Award, as well as an Andrew Carnegie Fellowship. He currently serves on multiple advisory boards, including the National AI Advisory Committee.



# REPORT

from the last meeting



## THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

01

IS IT THE TRUTH?

President **Nancy Gatschet** opened the meeting of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary ... "The most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World!"

**Ellen Bryson** was introduced as our Rotarian of the Day and was noted as being one of the two-first women to join our Club. Ellen offered a wonderful invocation and led us in the club in the pledge of allegiance. She mentioned the clubs history of assembling Easter baskets, which we are planning to do this year for about 175 baskets. She mentioned that she and her daughter Wendy are now partners in real estate sales and that Wendy knows she will never be fired. Ellen went on to share with us a fun little story she and husband TK experienced on a trip to London. Apparently, while dining, they met one of the performers of a musical that currently playing ("We Will Rock You - a Tribute to Queen") and were given tickets along with an invite to an after show gathering of the performers where champagne flowed endlessly - what fun!

**Nancy** mentioned that if any of the club members have food allergies, the servers would like to know and make necessary accommodations.

**Tatianna** introduced **Ron Spilsbury**, who is in the process of becoming a regular club member.

**Jacquie** then awarded a Paul Harris pin with 4 sapphires to **Bev Larsen** and then reminded us of the upcoming scavenger walk and luncheon on May 6

**Nancy** followed up with updating coming events our club needs to be participating in and supporting:

- Career Day for the Preuss School coming up on April 12, from 1:00 to 2:30 which will be a ZOOM event

- Padres game on April 24 - those needing to pay can send checks to **Ron Kohl** or use VENMO

- Club work project on April 23 at Project Wildlife in Ramona, CA where we will be installing a variety of plants around the new carnivore enclosure.

- Rotarians at Work Day coming up on April 29 with the 2 following options:

Feeding San Diego - one shift in the morning and one in the afternoon.

NAMI Walk for Mental Health in support of our District Governor's focus this year for Adolescent Mental Health

**Rich Papike** offered up a "high-twenty" in honor his participating in the RYLA training where he was pleased to share with other participants of his knowledge of not only knowing one of the keynote participants (our own **Fari Moini**) but announced he got to hug her each Friday morning. Living up to his Fining Finest, fined **Tatianna** 2 rubbles for not knowing the significance of the Aztecs in the "Final Four".

**Steve Tako** announced his role as the Program Chair for upcoming Rotary Year and is taking us to be looking for potential guest speakers who bring interesting and educational topics that we all can benefit from or be a part of supporting in the interest of Service Above Self.

**Nancy** introduced our speaker for the day - **Andy Blue** who is the Campus Director of Project Wildlife Ramona where they care for over 1500 injured or orphaned animals each year, including Mountain Lions, Bears, Coyotes and Raptors. Prior to his current position, Andy spent 30 years with the San Diego Zoo where he had several roles at Safari Park, including animal keeper, animal care manager, oversaw animal shipments, exhibit design and animal welfare. In those roles, he was a member of the opening team at Disney's Animal Kingdom in Florida. Andy's dedicated interest in improving animal welfare and wildlife trafficking has taken in all around the world including Africa, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, India, and South America within the organization of Global Conservation Projects. These are worldwide projects where within these countries he has worked with groups in rescuing abused animals. He shared several of his experiences including

trips to Iraq, India, Somalia and Cuba. His trips to these countries, which for a large part, are not know as being friendly allies of the U.S., he found the counterparts he went to work with were welcoming, friendly and happy to have him there in assisting them in the same interest to rescue abused animals and either help establish better living environments within their own country or in many instances, arrange to have them shipped out of country to appropriate zoos. He related his experience in Somalia where Cheetahs are sought out as merchandise and trafficked to places like Yemen, Saudi Arabia and elsewhere. While there he was able to help establish a large "safe house" out in an area to house and care for these Cheetahs as once a Cheetah has been "hand-raised" they cannot be reintroduced into the wild - they would be immediately killed by Lions. He also noted that all of his travels in Somalia, he needed to be accompanied by a driver and one or two guards for safety and was otherwise limited to remain within what is referred to as the "Green Zone", a military guarded area. In Iraq, he told us about 2 zoos, Haware Taza Zoo and Duhok Zoo. Here he found that there were numerous animals on display as a novelty and many instances for sale - including domestic dogs and cats. While in Kurdistan, Iraq, he shared with us the fact of his Ethiopian veterinarian friend who was also helping refugees from Syria with refuge in Iraq. As recent as December, Andy was in Cuba on a workshop with Parque Zoological Nacional de Cuba, and was assisting with the zoo's Black Rhino breeding program. There are only about 2000 left in the wild and the zoo has 5 that they are attempting to breed.

Nancy closed the meeting with her traditional "Can you name this song?" It was "Born To BeWild" by Steppenwolf.

~Reporter

Wayne Davis

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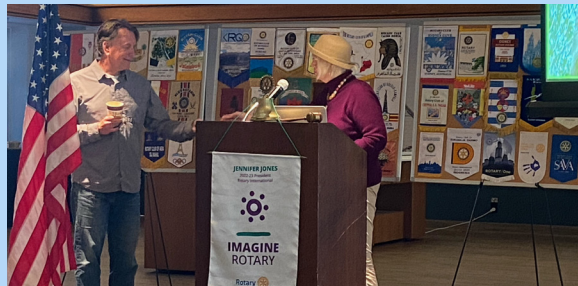
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# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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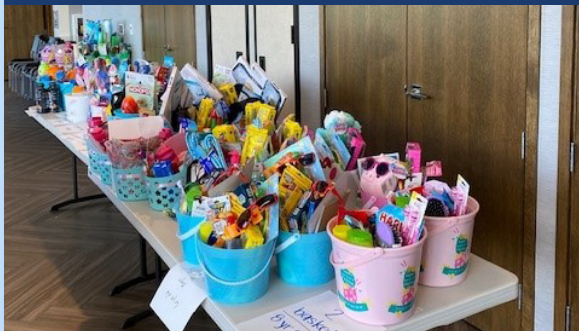
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### Easter basket project





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**LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2022 - 2023**

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 TREASURER ..... Sharon Council  
 SECRETARY ..... Christy White Brook  
 PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION ..... Jacquie Reilly



**APRIL 2023**

April 14 - Jan Percival-Lipscomb

April 21 - Jim Davies

April 28 - Brett & Karla Morey



**ROTARIAN**  
 OF THE DAY

**JANINE PACK**

I was born in what was described on my birth certificate as “a rural section of Los Angeles – Hollywood.” Although my name was never in lights, I experienced the most culturally significant milestones of a Southern California Girl.

After a brief time in Hollywood, my family moved to Van Nuys, California and I became a “Valley Girl”. My family then moved to Redondo Beach and I joyfully transitioned into a “Beach Girl”. The Beach Boys were the drumbeat behind my adventures; sunbathing at 12th and Hermosa with my girlfriends - watching volleyball, the sea and of course, the surfers.

Between my visits to the beach, I studied hard and was admitted to University of California, San Diego. During orientation, I met a New England boy – Christopher Pack. We married not long after we graduated and will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in October of this year.

After graduating from UCSD, my husband and I moved back to LA. I attended Cal State LA in an MBA program and worked in management for Pacific Telephone. Eventually, my husband’s job took us to University of Vermont and then to Michigan State University, where we lived in “Main Street” rural communities. While in Michigan, I was an office manager for a company called Nalco Chemical, but then took a number of flexible jobs to focus on my family. After this rural living, we moved to Grosse Pointe, Michigan, a beautiful waterfront community near Detroit but we missed California and longed to get home to family, sunshine and surf. Fortune was on our side when my husband got a job with the accreditation arm of the American Medical Association and this job allowed us to move back to San Diego in 1986.

I returned to UCSD and graduated from their Graphic Design/Digital Arts program. I then worked as a graphic designer and in marketing for 30 years, primarily in the real estate and fitness industries. I retired in 2015.

We have 2 children. Our oldest son, Michael, is a chemist and lives in Japan with his wife. He works as a Senior Managing Editor at a Japanese science editing service. Our younger son, Jonathan, lives in the Joshua Tree area and is in Business Development for a tech company and is an aspiring comedian.

Traveling with my husband and friends, camping, gardening, always trying to learn other languages, walking, swimming & attending fitness classes at nearby gyms are my major joys.

In 2022, we traveled internationally after the Covid hiatus. Primarily, we visited Greece and Sicily, visiting the major historic sites of these countries, touring beautiful villages, eating wonderful food and “toasting” our way through Athens, the Greek islands and Sicilian villages. Saluti! OPA!



**The Parthenon!**



**Visiting the Ancient Theater of Taormini, Sicily**