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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 18 2023



RI President 2023-24
GORDON MCINALLY

District 5340 Governor 2023-24
DON FIPPS

LJGT Rotary President 2023-24
CHRISTY WHITE BROOK

DONALD R. FIPPS



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

AOS MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

August 25 Pathways to Peace Committee
(follows club meeting)

September 7 Evita - the Musical Fellowship
(see Linda Wallis to register)

October 7 - 8 Ensenada Across Border Project
(see Ron Kohl for details)

October 14 Chili Cookoff!
(hosted by Rich Papike, organized by Bev Laursen)

Don Fipps has been a Rotarian for 18 years and is a member of the Rotary Club of Del Mar where he was president in 2018-2019. Don has also served our District leadership as an Assistant Governor and as the Chief Aide to District Governor Dan Gensler.

Del Mar is Don's third Rotary Club. He has been a member of the Rotary Clubs of Wilkes-Barre, PA and West Sacramento, CA.

Don is a native Californian, born in Bakersfield. He attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo majoring in biochemistry and was commissioned in the United States Army through ROTC upon graduation. Don retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Medical Services Corps. He also earned his Masters in Biology from Bowling Green State University.

After working for the American Red Cross, then for an independent blood center in Sacramento and finally UC San Diego Health, Don retired in 2018.

Don met his wife Donna while they were college students working on the Cal Poly University's Rose Parade Float. They have 2 grown children and 4 grandchildren.

Don and Donna enjoy raising Canine Companions service dog puppies, having successfully raising 7 puppies in the past 12 years. You will almost always see Don and Donna attracting attention at Rotary events with their latest adorable Canine Companion puppy, Rosebud!

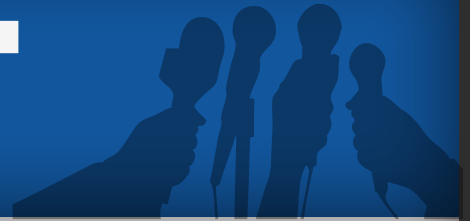
Don is a Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Paul Harris Society. Don and Donna, who is also a member of the Rotary Club of Del Mar, are level 4 Bequest Society members and level 1 Major Donors.





REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2023

AUGUST - SPEAKER

25.....Greg Angela
Interfaith Community Service

SEPTEMBER - SPEAKER

1.....Sean Warner
Potential

8.....Hiro Iwamoto
Blind Sailer - Inspirational

15.....Nazneen Dewji, Ph.D.
Alzheimer's Research

22.....Jose Cruz
The State of Literacy in San Diego:
A Change is Happening

29.....Linda Kurokawa
Career Advice

President Christy flew in from Philadelphia Thursday night dodging lightning storms along the way to get to our meeting. She promptly started at 7:30 and introduced **Michael Slentz** as Rotarian of the Day.

Michael shared the conflicting emotions about his little girl going off to college. She is going all the way to Dublin, Ireland to study at Trinity College. I hope he has tissue handy in case an AT&T commercial ever pops up. He went from speaking about his daughter to sharing about a recent congressional hearing on Aliens. Apparently, it was confirmed that we are not alone. Michael informed us that the movie MIB was in fact a documentary. Great job, Michael!

Bonnie introduced the following guests: Tim's husband **Leo** joined us today. **LeeAnn Cusick** visited us. **Steve Andres** attended and Fathers Wayne's daughter, **Joy** who is considering membership was with us this morning.

Announcements:

New board member, **Marty Rosenstein**. **Linda** announced the club is going to see Evita on Sept. 7th at Cygnet Theater. There are two more tickets left. See **Linda Stouffer-Wallis** for more information

Tim announced a project to feed the homeless in Escondido. He asked members to bring peanut butter jelly sandwiches next Friday to be

delivered after the meeting.

Our District Governor, **Don Fipps** will be attending next Friday. President Christy asked that we put on a good show for him.

President Christy discussed some Rotary history, specifically as it relates to business. She shared a motto that goes back to 1926 in Rotary: **"One profits most who serves the best"**.

With a few extra minutes **Tim** went around the room to allow members to highlight their businesses in a fun way.

High 5s:

Tim gave a high \$50 for his brother-in-law **Mac** who is recovering from a stroke.

Rick Clark gave a high \$10 for his 52nd Anniversary with **Nilsa**.

On to our speaker:

Rich Papike introduced the speaker today. **Barbara Chodos** of the San Diego Business Journal. Barbara shared an overview of the SDBJ. It has been in existence for 44 years. It boasts an impressive multi-media platform that includes a daily newsletter, weekly publication and online subscription. They also host 20 in person events ever year.

She highlighted some of the terrific work the SDBJ has done in the community and the topics that are at the forefront of businesses here in San

Diego. Items such as:

The journal provided help to minority business during Covid.

Cyber Threats and how to protect businesses.

AI – How to use it effectively in your business.

Child Care – This is becoming a bigger issue for companies to consider when attracting and retaining key employees.

Return to office/work from home dilemma – It appears San Diego businesses are using a hybrid model for the most part.

Companies leaving downtown because of the homeless issue.

Commercial real estate issues will continue to be ongoing challenge.

San Diego's economy has been doing very well, largely driven by the sharp rebound in tourism.

For more information about the San Diego Business Journal visit: **sdbj.com**

President Christy closed the meeting with the following quote:

"All lasting business is built on friendship".

~Reporter

Alex Monroe



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



HELLO!
New Members!



JONATHON (JOHNNY) HARRIS
SECURITY GROUP

My name is Jonathon Harris. I am 27 years old. I was born in Irvine, CA. I have lived in Carlsbad for most of my life.

I joined the Navy after the summer of 2017. I went to BUD/S and SQT which is the challenging training pipeline and graduated in Class 330 and onto SEAL Team 5 for 4 years. I had 2 deployments, returned home, rotated out of Team 5 and am now an SQT or SEAL Qualification Training as an Instructor to candidate. I will be transitioning out of the military in about 2.5 years.



SAMSON (SAM) TSE
SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Samson Tse is a young professional involved in improving his local community. He currently works as a Software Engineer for Unity Technologies and enjoys talking about various philosophical, moral or technological concepts. Some of his hobbies include boating, gaming, cooking and talking the ear off of anyone who asks the right kind of question!



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LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2023 - 2024

PRESIDENT	Christy White Brook
VICE PRESIDENT	Linda Stouffer Wallis
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PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT (2025-26)	David Chong
TREASURER	Sharon Council
SECRETARY	Ranjan Lahiri
PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION	Nancy Gatschet



AUGUST 2023

August 25 - Erik Mjoen

SEPTEMBER 2023

September 1 - Kathleen Roche-Tansley

September 8 - Father Wayne Sanders



ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY

JAY HATFIELD

Jay Hatfield was born in Anaheim, California in 1961. After spending the first six years of his life in Orange County, his family migrated north to Sandy, Oregon, a little town located at the base of Mt. Hood. His formative years were spent living in a log house on the shore of the Sandy River.

Jay earned his Bachelor's Degree in International Business/Economics at California State University, Stanislaus. He spent a year "studying" at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark, which gave him the opportunity to travel extensively throughout Europe. He also holds a certificate in Fundraising & Development from UCSD.

In Jay's early career, he was a Fitness Instructor, Personal Trainer, Spa Director, and Health & Fitness Manager at several establishments in Southern California. He spent 7 years providing fitness classes at The Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage and served on the Board of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

He changed careers in 1990 and joined the Braille Institute in Rancho Mirage as the Assistant Regional Director. He became the Regional Director two years later and married his wife of 31 years, Sheila. They have three children: Heather 30, Houston 28, and Hallyn 26. They also have a grandson Caden, who is 10.

Jay & family moved to San Diego in 1998 as a new Braille Institute Center in UTC was being built. He has been a Rotarian for 29 years, joining the Rancho Mirage Rotary Club in 1994 and the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club in 1998. He is a former Board Member and Past President (2007/08) of The Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World!

Jay also plays drums in a local classic rock and blues band called Baywolf. They will be playing in Coronado at the Ferry Landing on Saturday, September 2 from 2-5pm. A beautiful venue to bring your lawn chair and enjoy the view of the bay and the San Diego skyline while listening and dancing to some great tunes.

