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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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RI President 2023-24
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District 5340 Governor 2023-24
DON FIPPS

LJGT Rotary President 2023-24
CHRISTY WHITE BROOK

AOS MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

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

3rd Friday of the Month..... Youth Services 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)



GREG ANGLEA



IS HOMELESSNESS REALLY A HOUSING PROBLEM?

Greg Anglea, CEO of Interfaith Community Services and host of the Homeless in San Diego podcast, will explore the myths, realities, and misconceptions around homelessness, including impact of the recently enacted homeless camping ban, what helps, what hurts, and what we can all do to make a difference.

Greg's career has been devoted to helping others. He worked at the Joan Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, supported guaranteed admission programs for first-generation college students at Cal State San Marcos, and now assists the most vulnerable as the CEO of Interfaith Community Services. In recent years Interfaith opened the first year-round homelessness shelter in North County for all genders, created a recuperative-care center for people discharging from hospitals without housing, launched a comprehensive detox, residential, and outpatient treatment center, and successfully completed campaigns to end and prevent homelessness for 1,000 people in 2018 and 2,019 people by the end of 2019.

In 2020 Greg led the purchase and conversion of a formerly blighted Escondido motel into a place of healing and restoration for persons overcoming health challenges and homelessness, while leading Interfaith's response to address both systemic racism and the disproportionately negative impact COVID has wrought on 21,000+ low-income neighbors Interfaith empowered last year.



REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2023

SEPTEMBER - SPEAKER

- 1.....Sean Warner
Conquering your own Everest!
- 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

OCTOBER - SPEAKER

- 6.....Jessica Censotti
Report on Sister Cities and Rotary's effect
- 13.....Christina
Cultural Preservation of Turin 1911 Exposition
- 20.....Angela Mayora
Empowerment

Our new president **Christy White Brook**, like clockwork kicked off the meeting at 7:30. She promptly introduced **Jay Hatfield** our Rotarian of the Day (ROTD).

Jay started his ROTD with a couple of quotes from Hellen Keller. I will add another quote also from Hellen Keller:

"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision"

Jay, who has been at the Braille institute (BI) for 30 years, gave us a brief update on what they have been up to. BI sold their property in UTC and moved to a new location in Serra Mesa in 2020. The proceeds from the sale will help continue all the great services that Braille provides for many years to come. They are always looking for volunteers, please contact Jay.

Luke introduced our guests which included: **Dave Oats** visiting from Club 33, **Christies** husband and daughter (**Mitchell & Jessica**), **Connie Burg** (a former Rotarian), and Father Wayne's daughter **Joy**. Joy attended last week as well and is considering becoming a member.

The fabulous **Eric Freeburg**, in a scintillating presentation, introduced us to an update of the club by-laws. These were approved by the majority of members without any remarks.

Christy gave a big shout out to **Melanie** and **Jan** – for doing a massive amount of community PR recently with articles in La Jolla Light, UCSD, and a few others. Jan also has bumper stickers (good-bye polio and hello Rotary), please see Jan for yours.

Linda Stouffer-Wallis announced that she still has tickets available for the theater and a fun dinner.... please reach out for more information. Linda also urged members to reply to the weekly

invite as it allows the Faculty Club to plan accordingly for breakfast.

Steve Brown, stepped up to the podium to share an update from our International committee. The projects in Afghanistan are going well, inclusive of all the academic programs. The project grant for India, sponsored by **Krishna**, was approved.

Steve also mentioned that the club has allocated \$2k for new member projects. Finally, Steve is stepping down from his role as International Committee chair and is being replaced by **Melanie**.

Ron Kohl announced that after a long COVID absence, we return to Escondido on October 7th to 8th. Come join us for a fun project, beach paella dinner, and an overnight stay. Save the date!

While visiting his family in Chico, Ron harvested Non-Pareil Almonds. As any good Rotarian would do, Ron shared his nuts with our members....no less than by putting them on every table. Never a dull moment in our club.



Non-Pareil Almonds

Erik Mjoen spoke about the activities on the Youth Service Committee. They are hard at work and are kicking things of with Motivate to Act (anti-bullying program) Wednesday, August 23rd. Also, back on the schedule is Preuss student of the month. We are also fully engaged in RYLA, hands of peace, and Rotaract and Interacts clubs.

Tim Fronczek thanked the club

for a successful "Peanut Butter Sandwich" drive to feed the homeless in Escondido.

Our speaker of the day, was none other than **District Governor Donald Fipps**. As our new Rotary year starts, so does our focus with "Creating Hope in the World". Don, an 18 year Rotarian, is a past president of the Del Mar Club. He and his wife Donna, have 2 daughters (Erin and April) and 4 grandchildren. Not to mention their latest canine in training Ruse Bud IV.

Don starts by awarding (3) Challenge Coins – the district is giving them out to recognize individuals that are doing an outstanding job. **Christy** gets the first for her outstanding participation at PETS. The next one is to **Brett** for his work within district 5340. The last one is for **Louise Andres** for all her years of service with the club and district.

Don and his wife are very involved in Canine Companions which trains and provides service dogs. Rose Bud IV is their latest dog and is working towards her service dog / companion puppy certificates. His wife Donna, started 12 years ago and have completely trained 7 dogs thus far.

Finally, Don announced the district conference will take place on a cruise out of San Diego. It's a 3-day affair including projects, activities, and a Paella diner (at a hotel).

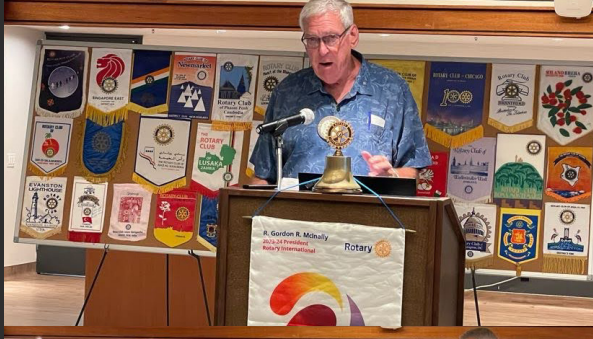
After a great observation from **Erik Mjoen** about one of his newsletters' showing us a brewery, Don concludes his talk with "**Cerveza above self**"!

~Reporter

Tony Grillo



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

01

IS IT THE TRUTH?

02

IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

03

WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

04

WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2023 - 2024

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| PRESIDENT | Christy White Brook |
| VICE PRESIDENT | Linda Stouffer Wallis |
| PRESIDENT ELECT (2024-25) | Luke Ervin |
| PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT (2025-26) | David Chong |
| TREASURER | Sharon Council |
| SECRETARY | Ranjan Lahiri |
| PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION | Nancy Gatschet |



SEPTEMBER 2023

- September 1 - Stephen Tako
- September 8 - Father Wayne Sanders
- September 15 - Jonathan Harris
- September 22 - Garry Kachkovsky



ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY

ERIK MJOEN

I was born and raised on the Oslo Fjord in Asker, Norway where I spent the first 20 years of my life. Despite the lutefisk and cod liver oil forced upon me as a child, Norway was a wonderful place to grow up and I still have a lot of friends and family there whom we visit regularly. With a Norwegian father and American mother I have always had strong cultural and family ties to both countries and I have also enjoyed the benefits of having dual citizenship and being bilingual.

In 1996 I made my way to the Pacific Northwest to get the American college experience. I attended Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA just south of the Canadian border where I got my Bachelors Degree in International Business. This is also where I met my Swedish wife Anne. It was the ultimate collision of culture and religion. Norwegian Skier meets Swedish Snowboarder! Fortunately, following substantial diplomatic efforts our relationship was recognized by all countries involved. Upon graduation I followed Anne to San Diego where she was attending graduate school and it has been our home for the past two decades.

I spent the first 15+ years of my career in the recruiting business. For most of that time I ran the US subsidiary of a Swedish search firm, Cesab International, where I worked with public and private technology companies helping them recruit key technical and management talent. In 2017 decided it was time to change things up and I transitioned my career to academia and joined one of the country's leading research universities, UC San Diego. Currently I am the Industry Relations Manager with the Halicio lu Data Science Institute (HDSI) building partnerships and facilitating collaboration between industry and HDSI around talent, research & innovation, datasets, continued learning, and leadership.

I have always had an active lifestyle and my interests include skiing (mandatory for all Norwegians), surfing, paddle boarding, golfing, hiking, camping, the outdoors, home brewing, spending time with friends, traveling, and of course Rotary. My daughters Linnea (16) and Elise (14) have grown up as part of the Rotary family. Linnea is now Junior at Mission Bay High School, recently got her driver's license (watch out San Diego!), and hopes to play D-1 field hockey in college. Elise is starting MBHS as a freshman and is a competitive rock climber, having recently competed at the National Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah. Trying to keep up with these high octane Viking girls definitely keeps us busy.

