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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 4 2023



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**GORDON MCINALLY**

District 5340 Governor 2023-24  
**DON FIPPS**

LJGT Rotary President 2023-24  
**CHRISTY WHITE BROOK**

## AOS MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

August 4, 8:30 AM..... Community Service  
(follows club meeting)

August 16, 11:30 AM..... International Service Committee  
(zoom, email Melanie Geschwind for link)

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)



## LUCAS JACOB



NO, WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO WITH CHATGPT, AND THAT'S OKAY: THE DIGITAL-AUTHORSHIP SIDE OF MEDIA LITERACY

Lucas Jacob is the Director of Writing, Communication, and Media Literacy at La Jolla Country Day School. For more than 25 years, he has worked as a teacher, advisor, coach, and administrator in independent schools across the country. In 2004-05, he had the honor of serving as a Fulbright Teaching Fellow in Budapest, Hungary.

As a writer, he is the author of the poetry collections *Sympathetic Beasts* (which just came out in the spring of 2023) and *The Seed Vault* and the chapbooks *A Hole in the Light* and *Wishes Wished Just Hard Enough*.

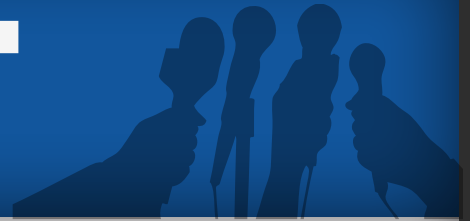
His poetry and prose have appeared in literary magazines including *Southwest Review*, *Hopkins Review*, and *RHINO*, and in trade journals including *Education Week*, *Independent Teacher Magazine*, *The Journal of Media Literacy*, and IEEE's *Computer Graphics and Applications*.

He currently serves as co-Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Media Literacy Education*, the official journal of the National Association for Media Literacy Education (NAMLE).



# REPORT

from the last meeting



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2023

### AUGUST - SPEAKER

- 11.....Barb Chodod  
San Diego Business Journal
- 18.....District Governor Don Fipps  
Meet the New District Governor
- 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.....
- 29.....Linda Kurokawa  
Career Advice

We were greeted with soothing Summer/beach music as we assembled, socialized, and got our food. **President Christy** promptly started the meeting at 7:30am. She recollected a memorable trip she attended in South Africa with our Rotarian of the Day, **Louise Andres**, and credited her for inspiring her to be where she is today in Rotary.

**Louise** and her husband **Steve** came up to the podium for the Rotarian of the Day presentation. After the pledge to our flag and an inspirational quote, Steve started the presentation by saying that Louise was his best friend and the most important person in his life! He shared that they have received tremendous support from Rotary and Club members in dealing with Louise's challenging diagnosis of Frontal Temporal Dementia with Primary Progressive Aphasia.

Louise joined our Most Dynamic Club in 2004 and served as President in 2009-2010 and served as District Governor in 2014-2015. She has made a tremendous impact on many lives with her vast involvement and dedication to Rotary and Service Above Self. Steve, a retired Navy Submarine Officer, continues to support her on her Rotary journey. Steve shared photos of Rotary highlights including projects she was involved in, and a summary of all her Rotary positions and conventions attended.

Steve shared highlights of Louise's life including their family and her career, including 28 years with IBM. He made a special mention of **Dory's** inspired Rotary village where our Club members meet monthly to share and discuss aging issues. It was a loving and emotional presentation that ended in a standing ovation.

Our President-Elect, **Luke**, shared that he is looking for 2 members at large to assist with a Nominating Committee to select President Nominee and 3 Board Members. Please reach out to Luke if you are interested. He then introduced our guests.

**Christy** acknowledged our Zoom attendees, including past Club member/President District

Governor, **Pam Russell**. She then gave **Rich Papike** a mug since she inadvertently left him out when naming current Board Members at her first meeting.

**Christy** called up our Fine Master, **Tim**, to levy some fines. **Brett** got fined \$5 for making an inappropriate comment. Tim also checked for Rotary pins and shared that anyone not wearing them in meetings will be fined \$5. Also, pins should be prominently displayed and not hidden in an inconspicuous place. **Ron** gave a high \$5 in honor of Louise's support and leadership and being District Governor when he served as Club President. **Rich** gave a "dumb ass" \$5 for thinking he was reading David Chong's Bio in the Club report when it was actually Sara Miceli's. **Dory** gave a high \$5 for receiving the last \$4K for a \$60K global grant for a Uganda water project. **Alex** gave a high \$20 for promoting a Stifel Financial Summit being held at USD on Thursday, August 10 at 5PM. He invited all Club members to attend. **Sheila** gave a high \$87 for celebrating her 87th birthday today and still going strong. **Brett** gave a high \$20 for his 1-year wedding anniversary with **Karla**. On a sad note, **Tim** gave a "prayers & thoughts" \$5 in honor of his Brother-in-law who recently suffered a massive stroke and is paralyzed.

**Ron Kohl** had 2 tickets for concert at Rady Shell Concert for this Saturday. They were auctioned off by Alex for \$25 to Brett, who promptly gave them to new Red Badge member, **Jonathan Harris** as he was being inducted into our Club.

Christy announced that a club social event is planned to see Evita for those interested on September 7.

Christy mentioned that we have a budget shortfall for this Rotary year and are looking for fundraising ideas. She called up **Garry** who is heading up a fundraising ad hoc exploratory committee to help bridge the gap. Surveys were on all tables with a QR code - please fill out and return.

**Linda W.** shared that we currently have a Board vacancy. Please see her if you are interested in filling

out an application.

**Bonnie** shared there will be an Oasis tour this afternoon, with 10 members attending.

Christy then introduced our speakers, **Sophia Preto Guzman** and **Nyla Vivas**, from Just in Time for Foster Youth. She has been impressed with this organization and its mission and has chosen it to receive our ongoing Club support this year. The organization fills a critical need in the foster system as kids age out. **Nyla** has been involved with the organization for 5 years and shared her personal story of how it has enabled her to be confident, capable, and connected in her life. As the oldest of 4 girls, she had to step up as a parent role model for her siblings at a young age. She suffered physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. After aging out of the foster system, Just in Time provided her unconditional support. It had a most profound impact on her life and allowed her to make meaningful connections with others, work with mentors/coaches, and overcome challenges. She is currently working on her Master's degree in Trauma Informed Counseling at SDSU.

**Sophia** is a job developer and business service coordinator for the organization. She shared information about the organization. It was founded in 2002 to identify and address gaps for former foster youth transitioning to adult life. Community is the basis for all its services with a mission to ensure that every participant leaves Just in Time feeling confident, capable, and connected. It is a volunteer driven organization that has positively impacted over 3,000 lives. There are ample volunteer needs as coach, advocate, support, and facilitator if you are interested.

**Christy** thanked our speakers and presented Nyla with a Rotary mug. She shared that the Peace Committee was meeting directly after this meeting and ended with a quote from Angeline Trevena.

~Reporter

Jay Hatfield





# 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!



## Oasis Walk





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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



**AUGUST 2023**

August 11 - Ron Kohl

August 18 - Jay Hatfield

August 25 - Erik Mjoen



**ROTARIAN**  
 OF THE DAY

**JACQUIE REILLY**



I was born and raised in New Jersey... most of you could have guessed that by my direct way of speaking! I married in my early 20s.. He was in the music business so we lived in Nashville Tennessee for a year before moving to Colorado Springs (a beautiful place for outdoor activities but cold!).

My husband didn't work much so we supplemented my job working in a steel mill :- ) by growing MJ plants in the backyard (mixed in with the tomato plants) and selling it! Ha! Next stop was Phoenix (nice and warm) where I had several jobs including selling promotions. Finding myself single and missing the ocean, in 1992 I moved to San Diego.

I started Whats New, a promotional products company, in 1995 and sold it in 2019. It was great fun attending the trade shows to see new products and showing clients "whats new". But in February 2018 had a very mild heart attack...in the emergency room I decided that was it, time to sell the business!

My Rotary "career" began in 2009 with Kathleen Roche-Tansey's suggestion that I join Rotary. I enjoyed the energy in LJGTRC but couldn't convince myself to join a morning club so I joined the Del Mar Rotary. After 2 years, I bought a new alarm clock and transferred :- ) It was one of the smartest things I ever did! I enjoyed being your President in 2021/2022, and organizing Nancy's Promote/Demote last year. Currently Rick Clark, Carolyn Fritz , Alex Monroe and I serve on the Membership Committee. Please being your friends to our lovely new venue, we need to grow.

I am also a member of Get Off Your Rockers! and North County Social Club. We enjoy lots of outside activities - including my favorite Pickleball! Travel is also in my plans for 2023/2024.

I would like to volunteer helping kids so if anyone knows of an opportunity (other than Voices for Children and Big Brothers/Big Sisters) let me know. Thank you.

I am so blessed to be part of this club. Getting to know all of you and doing service projects with you has enriched my life immeasurably. Thank you for your support and friendships.. I look forward to many more years together!