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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 5 2022



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RI President 2022-23  
JENNIFER JONES

District 5340 Governor 2022-23  
CHARLES PRETTO

LJGT Rotary President 2022-23  
NANCY GASTCHET

## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

**AUGUST 2022 - SPEAKER**

12.....Guillermo ("Gil") Cabrera  
San Diego Airport Authority

19.....Dave DesRochers  
100 Yrs of San Diego Aztecs Football



## SHAWN VANDIVER



### EVACUATING AFGHAN ALLIES

Shawn VanDiver is the founder of #AfghanEvac and works with government leaders at all levels throughout California to identify innovative solutions to long-term civic challenges.

He was appointed to the Board of Directors of the San Diego Convention Center in 2021, and is the founder of the San Diego Chapter of the Truman National Security Project. Additionally, he serves as Executive Director of the Defense Entrepreneurs Forum's San Diego Chapter and on the Boards of Directors for Emerge California, Veterans Community Connections, and the Downtown San Diego Partnership.

He attended National University, the Naval Postgraduate School, and University of San Francisco and holds degrees and certifications related to homeland security, cybersecurity, emergency management, and public leadership. Shawn is a Navy veteran, proud father and avid sailor.



# 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?

The day began somewhat hectic, with our AV assistance unavailable for the day, but we were nonetheless excited for the special meeting with our District Governor! Fortunately, thanks to the last-minute hero-of-the-day AV support from **Chris Muhart**, **David Chong**, and **Will Moore**, we were able to guarantee our Zoom participants joined.

Because we were unable to provide a projector, our scheduled Rotarian of the Day Antonio Grillo asked to postpone his presentation for a future date.

The meeting instead began with an announcement from **Linda Stouffer-Wallis**, and though we did not have a microphone, we were able to hear the joyous news that **Christy White** was selected as the president-elect of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club, to which the club provided a vote of approval with a resounding "AYE!" and nary a nay.

After Linda's announcement, it was hard to hear Brian Eichenberg speak without a microphone, but fortunately Will Moore was able to successfully connect a microphone as we went into announcements.

### Club Announcements:

- **Social:** Join us for the La Jolla Colony Concert in the Park!
- **Outreach:** The Del Mar Festival of the Arts will be on Saturday, September 10, where we will share Rotary with attendees.
- **Club Meeting:** An outdoor evening meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22 at 3pm.
- **Service:** Nikki Brown provided a recap on the Boys & Girls Club backpack event on July 27. 7 Rotarians and 1 Rotaractor attended, woohoo! As of now, there are 4,000+ backpacks stuffed, with a whole U-Haul shipping them out to students who need them.

• **Update: President Nancy** shared that she would like to review our new meeting location and will thus share a survey; please complete it at your earliest convenience.

• **Event: Brett Morey** hosted a surf event with youth musicians from the Annual Rotary MusiCamp the afternoon of Friday, July 29.

• **Social:** On Saturday, December 10, we will host our holiday party at the Rowing Club in Pacific Beach. Mark your calendars, and check them twice!

• **Service:** We will have an upcoming project with Project Wildlife building owl shelters led by Wayne. We are looking for assistance; who will help? Who? Hoo, hoo?

### Guest Speaker: Chuck Pretto

We were pleased to have Chuck Pretto join us to share a bit about himself and his plans as this year's District Governor. The club heralded his welcome with a hearty standing ovation!

First and foremost, District Governor Chuck began with inducting our two newest members into the club: Matt Clark and Karla Prieto! Both Matt and Karla look forward to giving back to the community and serving with the most DYNAMIC Rotary club in the world. Nancy did the honor of pinning each of our new members; let's give them a warm welcome and be sure to say hello!

Chuck's message focused on a vision of Rotary where people unite to create lasting change in our communities and within ourselves. Service through a youth exchange ultimately helped him realize that Rotary is more than just enlarging one's collection of business cards. Indeed, Rotary is not about what it can provide us, rather what we can give to Rotary and to our community. Chuck has since housed 7 long-term

youth exchanges, hundreds of short term exchanges, served as the Rotaract advisor for SDSU Rotaract Club, and on the District-level as a Rotaract advisor, thus garnering himself the affectionate title "Papa Chuck". Papa Chuck sees it as a joy to nurture and mentor Rotaractors, bringing them through the Rotary experience.

Given these experiences, it is not surprising to know that DG Chuck Pretto is dedicating his governorship to youth mental health. There are two projects he has invited us to consider supporting financially: Rancho Bernardo in collaboration with Vista Hill (P-4266) and Rancho Bernardo Sunrise in collaboration with Rady Children's Hospital (P-4427). One may contribute by searching these opportunities on [matchinggrants.org](http://matchinggrants.org).

Other initiatives Chuck promoted included establishing peace polls in schools with Interact clubs throughout the District (an idea inspired by our very own club) with a promise that RI President Jennifer Jones would visit our district and help commemorate those polls if we secured at least 20 in the District, improving Rotary's branding, and raising money (we do well with our annual fund, but we could improve with our endowment fund).

Nancy thanked Chuck for his visit with an exclusive set of post-it notes and shared her experience of promoting Rotary through her branding.

We then closed out the meeting remembering the pledge of allegiance and with David Oates winning the song guessed.

~Reporter

*Bradley Day*





# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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### Rotary MusiCamp Learn to Surf event:

highlighting fellow LJGT Rotarians Michael Slentz & Ranjan Lahiri, Was a great day with the symphony kids from France, Germany, Mexico & San Diego.

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WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?



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WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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**LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2022 - 2023**

PRESIDENT ..... Nancy Gatschet  
 PRESIDENT ELECT (2023-24) ..... Christy White Brook  
 PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT (2024-25) .....  
 TREASURER ..... Sharon Council  
 SECRETARY ..... Christy White Brook  
 PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION ..... Jacquie Reilly



**AUGUST 2022**

August 12 - Father Wayne Sanders

August 19 - Bev Fritschner

August 26 - Linda Andrews



**ROTARIAN**  
 OF THE DAY

**ANTONIO GRILLO LOPEZ**



“opening doors, closing wounds”.

**Antonio J. Grillo-López, MD, DSc (hc)**  
 Rancho Santa Fé, California

Dr. Grillo-López trained in hematology/oncology at the University of Puerto Rico. He was Program Director, Hematology/Oncology and held faculty appointments there and at the University of Michigan (Associate Professor of Medicine).

He has authored over 400 publications and co-authored the first international response criteria for lymphoma. Dr. Grillo-López has been instrumental in the development of over 25 anticancer agents.

He was Chief Medical Officer (IDEC Pharmaceuticals) responsible for the development of Rituxan and Zevalin (1st MAb and 1st radiolabeled MAb for cancer).

He has received numerous awards: DuPont-Merck’s Total Quality Medical Research, Union of American Women’s Medicine, Leukemia Society of America’s Triumph, Cure for Lymphoma Foundation’s Trailblazer, U. of California’s Peter McCuen Cancer Research Excellence, Lymphoma Research Foundation’s Evelyn Hoffman Memorial, Biotech CEOs’ Best in Science, Discovery Health Channel’s Medical Honors, Leukemia Lymphoma Soc.’s Health Hero Award, and others. He received the Hope Funds for Cancer Research Award for Excellence in Clinical Development for the development of the monoclonal antibody Rituxan; in 2008 the Tiedemann Award for Courage; and in 2015 the Order of Hope.

The U. of Puerto Rico School of Medicine granted Dr. Grillo-López the degree of Doctor in Scientific Investigations (honoris causa) in 2013. His current board service includes: UC San Diego Foundation, Moores UCSD Cancer Center, UCSD Preuss School, and Hope Funds for Cancer Research.

He was the Industry Representative to the Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee (ODAC) of the FDA from 2003 to 2007.