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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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LJGT Rotary President 2023-24
CHRISTY WHITE BROOK

AOS MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

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

2nd Friday of the Month..... Youth Services Committee
(follows club meeting)

4th Friday of the Month.....Peace Committee
(follows club meeting)

December 9.....Holiday Party at ZLAC
(see Bev Laursen for details)



DAN MCALLISTER



UPDATE ON PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION AND COUNTY SERVICES

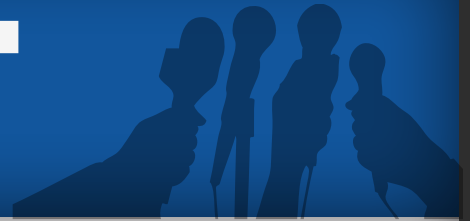
Mr. McAllister will give an overview of property tax collection, the housing market, and the County's role in providing essential services in our region.

Dan McAllister has served San Diego County residents as the County's Treasurer-Tax Collector since 2002. He was re-elected to his sixth term in June 2022. Dan oversees the collection of more than \$8 billion in property taxes each year, the management of over \$17 billion in the County's Investment Pool, and the administration of the County's over \$1.5 billion deferred contribution program. Under his direction, his office collected over 70% of property tax payments electronically while maintaining a 99% collection rate. Please welcome Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister!



REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2023

DECEMBER - SPEAKER

- 8.....Mike Schaefer
What is the Board of Equalization all about?
- 15.....Shaun Tomson
The Code for the Next Wave
- 22.....Dark
- 29.....Dark

President Elect **Luke Irvin** called the meeting to order at 7.30 am and welcomed Rotarian of the Day **Ranjan Lahiri**.

Ranjan kicked things off with a quote by George Bernard Shaw which was followed by a Johnny Cash live recording of "The Man in Black". It is Ranjan's favorite country song and inspired by his roots from Bakersfield. The song embodies the values of Rotary and symbolizes the reason he likes being part of the Club which is that we all do something to make the world better every day. Luke presented Ranjan with a Rotary Mug in appreciation of his duties as Club Secretary. We had a number of delightful guests.

High Fives: Both **Krishna** and **Ajay** were in celebratory moods as India's national cricket team had been blazing an unbeaten path to the world championship finals.

Jan shared some joyful engagement news from her family.

Stephen attended the Santa Clarita Film festival.

Alex got his appendix removed on the Monday prior and felt good about parting ways with it.

Announcements: **Luke** shared pictures of the workstation and chairs we have donated to the Police Station.

Linda asked for volunteers to assist with assembling Holiday baskets.

New Member Induction of **Theron Morgan** by **Alex Monroe**. Both Rotary and the Scouts were part of his upbringing so he is excited to join our Club and LJGTR Club is thrilled to welcome him. His sponsor is **Tim** and his mentor is **Rich Papike**.

Jacque made an announcement about the Wreaths Across America project which will take place on December 16th when our members will be placing wreaths on veteran graves at Miramar National Cemetery. So far our Club has sponsored 145 wreaths.

She also reminded us of some of the Positive Peace Projects that our Club is championing around the world including building good relations with neighbors through Melanie's project with Tijuana Rotary providing computer access to the underserved. Also highlighted was the clean water project that **Steve** is leading which enables equitable water distribution in the "Stan" nations.

Linda made a plug for the Holiday Party which is taking place on December 9th at the ZLAC Rowing Club. The parade of lights starts at 5.30 pm and dinner is served at 7 pm.

Speaker: **Deacon Jim Vargas**, President & CEO of Father Joe's Villages

Brett introduced speaker, Deacon Jim Vargas who provided the Club with an update on homelessness in San Diego and an overview of the impactful work that Father Joes Villages does in our community.

Key Numbers: There are 600k homeless people nationally, 170k of these are homeless people in California, and the homeless in San Diego account for 10k people.

A census is done through canvassing by volunteers every year in January. This is the number that HUD uses to distribute federal resources which is why it is important to collect on a consistent basis despite not being 100% accurate. Recently the homeless have been cleared out of downtown. Although more beds are being allocated through new and existing shelter, we need more shelter beds and housing as a community.

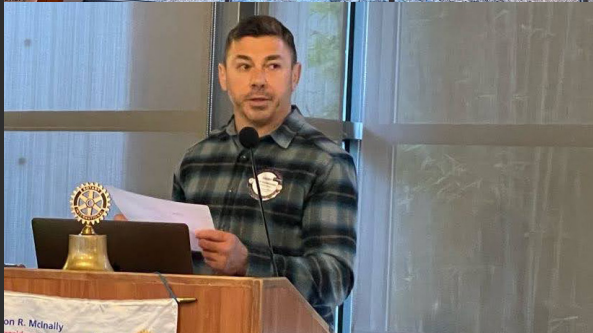
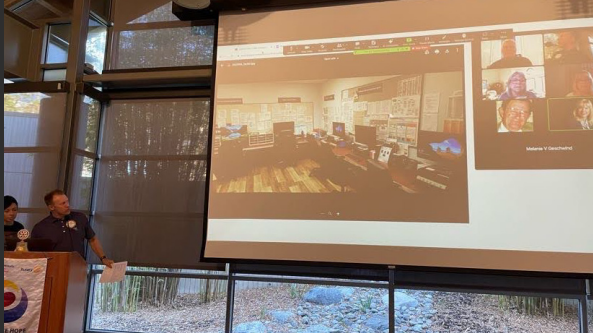
Father Joes Villages is the largest homeless service provider in Southern California and provides solutions through "pillars of care"

They meet critical basic needs by serving 1M meals, and providing shelter as well as 30k showers per day. Housing and support services are key to successfully transition people out of homelessness. They currently have 3 housing development projects underway. Each takes 5 years to complete so there is a real need to address permitting timeliness to enable affordable housing development in a more timely manner (must be addressed at state and local level). Other pillars include Health, Investing in Children, and Self Sufficiency.

~Reporter
Erik Mjoen



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



Membership Tips:

IT SOUNDS SIMPLE, BUT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO GROW MEMBERS IS "ASK SOMEONE"

REPEATEDLY INVITE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS UNLESS YOU GET A DEFINITIVE "NO" FROM THEM.

ENSURE THAT PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS FEEL IMPORTANT. INTRODUCE THEM TO OTHER MEMBERS AND SIT WITH THEM.

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

- PRESIDENTChristy 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



DECEMBER 2023

- December 8 - Jan Bernardy
- December 15 - Dianne Day
- December 22 - Dark
- December 29 - Dark



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MARTY ROSENSTEIN

I was born in the Bronx, New York City in a lower middle class, high density population neighborhood in 1946. I was an only child whose role model was my uncle who was a physician and a Rotarian. This background helped to mold me into who I am today. By age 3 I had decided to become a physician. I was imbued with the love of caring and giving back to others. I became, and still am an avid Yankee fan.

After finishing my schooling and my medical training to become a pediatrician, Sharon, my wife of 52 years and the most valuable part of me, moved to suburban New Jersey, where I opened my practice and we raised our 3 daughters. After 2 months in practice, to catch my breath, I began my 48 and counting year Rotary journey. Love of family has always been my main driving force. With our financial success we always attempted to give our girls education and experiences rather than material excesses. Today all 3 girls are married and we have 5 wonderful grandchildren.

We retired and moved to California in 2001 and discovered the LJGT Rotary club which to me was like a kid being set loose in a candy store of opportunity. I was able to pursue Rotary opportunities which did not exist in my little club in New Jersey. With Dory Beatrice, I created the District Rotary Model UN program 15 years ago which has grown tremendously, helped foster many MUN programs at local high schools, brought me to the floor of the UN in New York, and exposed me to some incredible people. I became District International service chair and led one of the first vocational training teams to South Africa.

My first love has always been working with youth. I try to immerse myself in different programs at Preuss School and at UCSD and am energized by the incredible young people that I work with.

I have never stopped appreciating the amazing people that I have met at our Rotary Club and in the other opportunities Rotary has given me. It has affirmed my belief in the tremendous decency that exists in a sometimes troubled world.

