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Club of La Jolla
Golden Triangle

LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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in the WORLD

RI President 2023-24
GORDON **MCINALLY**

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)

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



MICHELLE SAUL

POSSIBILITIES CONSULTING



INTEGRITY AND LEVELS OF AGREEMENT

"Integrity"

All great teams (relationships) thrive when they are built on a foundation of trust. While exploring the basics of building trust, participants will walk away with a clearer recognition of the empowerment we gain (personally and professionally), when we learn to do a better job of making and keeping our agreements; the underpinnings of "Integrity".

Michelle Saul is President and co-founder of Possibilities Consulting LLC, where she has built an excellent reputation as a versatile consultant, trainer, executive coach and keynote speaker. Michelle excels at guiding leaders through change initiatives by facilitating visioning, transition management, leadership development and team development. Michelle is committed to sharing her passion for assisting leaders to achieve deep, meaningful and transformative change, through her coaching as well as her intensive 3 day Emotional Intelligence Seminars.



REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2024

FEBRUARY - SPEAKER

23..... Brian Lee
The University Club

MARCH - SPEAKER

1..... Docent Andy Hill
The USS Midway Story

8.....

15..... LJTGRFC Financial Members
Panel of Club Members
in the financial industry

22..... Sophie Williams
Pointeworks - Arts & Culture
in San Diego

29..... Toastmasters
The Power of Public Speaker

Past District Governor **Steve Brown** was the Rotarian Of The Day. Steve gave us an update on their efforts in Afghanistan. They shared a little bit of the history. They explained how the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club established its role in serving the people of Afghanistan in 2002.

After the fall of the Taliban, 1,500 students have gone through the program.

Michael Slentz updated the club on the prospective Rotarians who attended. They are **Philip, Sandeep, Erika, and Judy.**

Christy White introduced the guest for our club meeting. Christy White's executive assistant, **Chris**, and his husband, **David**, visited the club as guests. As well, **Mario** from the Rosarito Club joined us as a guest.

Mario presented an

Acknowledgment from the State of Baja, California, to the LJGT Club. He also presented an Acknowledgment for **Dennis Bucko** for his efforts. Mario shared that the zoo trip has been going on for over 20 years. Close to 1,000 students have benefited from these efforts.

Marty Rosenstein shared the February Student Of The Month with the club: **Mary Debele.** Mary is a Preuss School senior and has been there since sixth grade. Not a native born in the United States, Mary shared her journey since moving to this country. Mary shared her experience attending RYLA. She shared how grateful she is for the support from the community around her.

Carolyn Fritz shared the announcement on the new environmental projects. The San Elijo Lagoon needs help with the habitat restoration

project on March 23rd from 9 am till noon. We encourage club members to sign up.

Stephen Tako MC'd the Peacemaker Of The Year Program. **Stephen Tako** and **Michael Bardin** presented the club with a new Pillar of Peace Banner.

Charter Member **David Tansey** shared **Kathleen Roche-Tansey's** impact on San Diego's International Affairs Board. He explained how she helped create the San Diego International Sister Cities Association.

Jessica Censotti and **Timothy Stiven** received the Peace Maker Of The Year award. They shared the mission of their organization and the impact they are having.

~Reporter

Theron Morgan

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



FEBRUARY 2024

February 23 - Theron Morgan

MARCH 2024

March 1 - Carolyn Fritz

March 8 - Dennis Bucko



ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY

DOUGLAS CRAMER

I grew up in La Mirada, California, the youngest of two sons. After getting my associate degree in marketing, I began working with Carnation, the food manufacturer which was followed by many years in the supermarket supply industry.

In 1985 I married, and my true passion came out as I began working with my father-in-law who was a custom tailor. I found that I truly enjoyed working closely with people, bringing out the best in them. This led to me opening up Newport Custom Clothiers and spending the next 20 years designing wardrobes for everyone from C-Suite executives to professional athletes like Shaquille O'Neal and entertainers like Chris O'Donnell, Joe Pesci, Michael Douglas and Vin Scully. It was an exciting time but as the 90's came to a close and the 2000's brought in things like casual Friday (which turned to casual every day) the writing was on the wall, custom clothing was no longer a viable industry, it was time for a new direction. By this time, we had 2 sons...Jason and Joshua and life was busy.

Aside from work, I found it very rewarding serving as president of the Brotherhood group at our synagogue. Some of my best memories are the very active times spent with my sons in the Boy Scouts. As time went by my children became adults and my marriage came to an end. An opportunity opened up in an emerging new market; the solar industry. The time was right to make a big change and now I had the ability to relocate to San Diego and open an office with American Solar Direct. I was excited to work in a field that would not only help people but also help our planet.

Over the next 10 years, I learned the inside ropes of the industry with several of the top solar companies in Southern California. In 2017, I decided to open up my own business again and created San Diego Solar Brokers and Roofing Contractors. I love the advantage of not being tied to one company. We represent multiple solar manufacturers, installation companies as well as roofing companies, enabling us to get the best prices and service for our residential, commercial and industrial client's needs.

Shortly after I entered the solar industry, a new chapter began in my personal life when I met the love of my life and my future wife, Cheryl Price. She has 2 adult daughters and runs a non-profit called The Butterfly Project which I am super proud to share about. Together we have a really dynamic life filled with deep friendships and travel. We both care greatly about personal growth and wellbeing, empowering others and the difference we can make by being of service. We enjoy meditation and hiking in nature as well.

I am passionate about sports, cars and woodworking and am a member of San Diego Fine Woodworking Association.

I am a new member to The Rotary Club having joined in November of 2023. I am looking forward to many more years contributing my time and energy to The Rotary Club.

