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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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## 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)



## SHERIFF KELLY A. MARTINEZ



IMPORTANT UPDATES AND

REVIEW FROM

THE SAN DIEGO

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Martinez has served the residents of San Diego County and the Sheriff's Department since 1985. She began her career as a deputy working in the jails and then began her first patrol assignment serving the community of Fallbrook. Sheriff Martinez spent 22 years at the rank of Deputy Sheriff working in several assignments. Those assignments included gang investigations, narcotic investigations, and criminal intelligence investigator. As a sergeant, Sheriff Martinez served the city of San Marcos before her selection to supervise in the Special Investigations Division. Her next assignment was to investigate employee misconduct in the Sheriff's Internal Affairs Unit before promoting to lieutenant. As a lieutenant, Sheriff Martinez served the cities of Encinitas, Del Mar, and Solana Beach. She also served the communities of Rancho Santa Fe and Valley Center. Before promoting to Captain, she oversaw the Sheriff's participation in the Drug Enforcement Administration's Narcotic Task Force. As a Captain, she served the communities of Alpine and the back country of San Diego County. Sheriff Martinez promoted to Commander and was assigned to oversee the Sheriff's Investigations Units. Her appointment to Assistant Sheriff put her in charge of the Law Enforcement Services Bureau. As Undersheriff, she oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Martinez was elected Sheriff in 2022.

Sheriff Martinez is responsible for providing law enforcement services to 4,200 square miles of unincorporated San Diego County, nine contract cities, seven jails, and security for the court houses. She is responsible for the department's \$1.165 billion budget and more than 4,700 authorized employees.

Sheriff Martinez has Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration. She holds several POST Certificates including a basic, advanced, supervisory and management POST. She is a graduate of the POST Command College and the National Sheriff's Institute Jail Management Course. Sheriff Martinez is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the San Diego Police Chiefs' and Sheriff's Association, a lifetime member of the California State Sheriff's Association, Major County Sheriff's Association, and the Southwest Border Sheriff's Coalition. She is a San Diego native and committed to public safety. Sheriff Martinez is married with one adult son.



# REPORT

from the last meeting



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2024

### FEBRUARY - SPEAKER

- 9.....Toastmasters  
The Power of Public Speaker
- 16.....Michelle Saul  
Integrity and Levels of Agreement
- 23.....Brian Lee  
The University Club

### MARCH - SPEAKER

- 1.....Docent Andy Hill  
The USS Midway Story
- 8.....
- 15.....LJGTRC Financial Members  
Panel of Club Members  
in the financial industry
- 22.....Sophie Williams  
Pointworks - Arts & Culture  
in San Diego
- 29.....Toastmasters  
The Power of Public Speaker

The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club meeting started promptly, as always, as the bell was rung precisely at 7:30am by our amazing president, **Christy White**.

Newer member **Ron Spilsbury** provided us with his first **Rotarian Of The Day** presentation. This ice-breaker style presentation is a great way to start the meetings as we learned a lot about Ron's history of growing up in Nevada and his adult life in SoCal. He's been a great addition to our club and has already volunteered his time and energy to help at many of our club's favorite activities, including **Motivated To Act** and so many more!

As the Chair of the Nomination Committee, **Luke Ervin** led the club's Annual Meeting by announcing the candidates and Christy White called for the vote. We elected unanimously the following board directors for three-year terms starting 2024-25: **Dennis Bucko, Bonnie Arora** and **Erik Mjoen**. **Jan Percival-Lipscomb** was unanimously elected President Elect Nominee for the 2026-27 Rotary year. Luke also welcomed the guests for the day.

Christy provided a glimpse into a newly developed NEW MEMBERSHIP contest for our members and so far, **Dianne Day** is leading in points with her newest guest! You go girl!!

Charter member and International Guru **Steve Brown** brought **Dave Wiegman** (and his lovely bride) to the podium to announce Dave's **Paul Harris Fellow** recognition +3 for Dave's generous monetary contributions to Rotary®. What a kind soul.

Steve also gave recognition to **Melanie Geschwind** and **Cynthia Villis** for all of their

work in securing grants for our **Club Foundation**. So many opportunities for behind the scenes work and these ladies are doing an upstanding job so we can afford to support more of our favorite club causes. Be sure to thank them!

Charter Member **Michael Bardin** is a powerful voice for Peace in the world and as a member of the **Peace Committee**, he delivered an informative **Pillar of Peace** presentation on The Free Flow of Information. He discussed the impact social media has on delivering critical information in a way that leads to greater knowledge and helps individuals, business and civil society make better decisions.

**Erik Mjoen** mentioned one of the best things you could do with your loved-one, so close to Valentine's Day, is to pick up trash together. So, he invited all of us to the **Cupid's Clean Up** on Feb. 10th at Mission Beach. **Brett Morey's** Surfer's Unite Rotarian Fellowship is the drive behind this worthy event. How romantic too!

**Alex Monroe** (our resident auctioneer and all-around great guy) donated a fashionable Rotary Club sports jacket to the club and was able to raise a quick \$40 toward our general club fund! **Rich Papike** thought he had the jacket, but then optometrist **Lori Bende** set her sights on the prize and secured the bid at the last second!

**Carolyn Fritz** got mugged (in a good way) from our president because she too has been so supportive in so many volunteer roles. **Rich Papike** informed all of us to SAVE THE DATE of April 26th where our club will be hosting a **Wine Soiree at the UCSD Faculty Club**.

**Stephen Tako** (hey that's me) introduced the Program

speakers for the day: **The Entrepreneur Academy (TEA)**. He mentioned that since our club is entertaining the idea of resurrecting the **Vocational Services** committee, that TEA might be a great partner for us. Stephen also mentioned that he, **Dr. Michael McQuary** and **Marty Rosenstein** all met privately with representatives from TEA and the ball is already moving forward to align forces together.

TEA representatives **Mamta Busch** and **Judie Nocera** delivered a great presentation on their program that instills much-needed skills into the young minds of middle and high school students. Whether these students ever become entrepreneurs or not, the experiences and knowledge provide them with a better preparedness for entering the workforce as productive citizens.

**Sandeep Varma**, who is the main champion leader with TEA has graciously donated 10-12 scholarships, mostly to **Preuss students**. Those students are now enrolled in this Shark-Tank style of competition that emphasizes creating ideas while recognizing the importance of collaborations.

Our club responded quite favorably to today's presentation as many of us would love to volunteer to be a speaker or help in some other way with TEA. In fact, there was a line of members waiting to speak with Mamta at the end of the meeting!

The meeting did end on time and several of us stayed after to attend the **Peace Committee** meeting held by charter member **David Tansey**.

~Reporter

*Stephen Tako*



# 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?

HERBERT J. TAYLOR



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## LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2023 - 2024

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



**FEBRUARY 2024**

February 9 - Steve Brown

February 16 - Douglas Cramer

February 23 - Theron Morgan



ROTARIAN  
OF THE DAY

JIM FROST

I was born in San Diego, the youngest of five kids, whose roots arrived in San Diego in the late 1800's. Growing up in the Point Loma area and whose family were active members of the San Diego Yacht Club, I was introduced to water sports, in particular, sailing. One of my fondest childhood memories was trailing my boat across country and winning the 110 Nationals sailing regatta in Ocean City New Jersey in 1974. My love of scuba diving has taken our family to many exotic waters, such as Grand Caymans, Fiji, Cook Islands, Great Barrier Reef and annually on the family boat "Yacht Helen" to Catalina Island.

I graduated in 1978 from University of Oregon (GO DUCKS!!!) with a BS in business management and was active in the SAE (Sigma Alpha Epsilon) fraternity from 1975-78. I married my college sweetheart, Kim Kellum, in 1979 and we moved to Utah to start our careers. I spent two years working at Weyerhaeuser in the wood products business and Kim with US Forest Service in recreation. During the winter months, Kim worked at Snowbird Ski Resort, which allowed me to get a \$5.00 season pass.

With a job offer from my father at the family lumber yard, we moved to Memphis TN to attend Lumber grading school before we moved to San Diego. We returned to San Diego in 1981 and have lived in Encinitas for the last 36 years. We have three children: Nick, 40 (graduated from the University of Washington), Ryan, 36, (graduated from Northern Arizona University) and Kayla, 32, who graduating recently from University of St Augustine with a doctorate in physical therapy. We have 4 grandchildren (Alistair, Cleo, Addie, and Jaxon) ages 5, 7 and 9. I am President/General Manager of the family lumber business, a 113-year-old establishment. A few years ago, we received the Centurion Award and honored as one of the top 20 oldest businesses in San Diego. My cousin Gordon (GT - a Rotary Club 33 member) and Byram my nephew (BBB Board member), are also involved in the family business. I am past president of the San Diego Lumberman's Club, Pacific Coast Wholesale Hardwood Distributors Association and served on the board of San Dieguito Tennis Club.



Currently, I support my wife Kim, who is a musician so if you see me at dive bars around town you know that I am her actual part-time Roadie. The pay is not great, but the fringe benefits are priceless.

I joined Rotary in 2004 and it has been a good 20-year run. I really enjoy giving back to the community and have been a team captain in many of the local military/police station projects as well as our Mexico projects. I really have great respect for this group of individuals for all the good you have done at home and abroad and look forward to continuing to serve and support the club in the future.