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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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RI President 2022-23
JENNIFER JONES

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NANCY GATSCHET

JAMES MORRISON / OLGA ILLINSKA



SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

JANUARY 2023 - SPEAKER

20.....Jordan Harrison
Joint

27.....Megan Phelps
Youth4Climate

UKRAINE REFUGEE CRISIS

James Morrison:

Recent Rotary member transfer to D5340 from D5520 New Mexico, 2019. My wife and I are members of Point Loma. Paul Harris Society Coordinator and Rotary Foundation Treasurer...yes I write the checks for District Grants. Rotarian for 29 years, Paul Harris Society, Bequest Society and Major Donor. Past VP of Rotary Cycling to Serve Fellowship and a fiddler in an acoustic group called Roseville.

Olga Illinska:

Born in 1986 in the city of Kyiv, Ukraine. She is an only child raised by her single mother. She is from a family of doctors. Olga is a single mother with a 3 yr old boy named Lev. On February 24, 2022, 5am, during a missile attack, Olga began her journey through Ukraine, Romania and Hungary to arrive in San Diego.





REPORT

from the last meeting



THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

01

IS IT THE TRUTH?

Today's meeting was held at our new location at the Founder's Club at UCSD. Before the meeting started, I looked around and saw so many bright faces networking with one another. Some I didn't recognize because they rarely attend in person and some were new guests visiting our club for the first time. Regardless, it was great to see so many attending our first meeting at this beautiful new location.

The meeting started on time by our president **Nancy Gaschet** who promptly thanked those most responsible for helping us transition to the Founder's Club. Those recipients of gratitude were **Christy White, Linda Wallis, Erik Mjoen and Rick Clark**.

Tony Grillo was the Rotarian Of The Day and announced this is his 10th year of being the first ROTD of the year! After a reflective prayer and salute to our national flag, he entertained us with a slide show glimpse into his interesting life over the past 12 months.

Garry Kachkovsky introduced the many guests we had, including returning Rotoractors and a surprise visit by **Bradley Day** who says he looks forward to joining us again once school is finished.

Alex Monroe took center stage as impromptu auctioneer to help raise money for the club with a bottle of Tony Grillo's very first single barrel of 100% Rye Whiskey! Tony even sweetened the prize by adding another bottle of juice that would have been banned during the prohibition period! Upcoming new member **Tim Fronczek's** bid of \$200 was accepted as the winner!! I thought I was so fortunate sitting at Tim's table, but alas, the bottle was not opened...

Rich Papike did his always-entertaining version of the "Fines and High-Fives" and we learned that even with **Jacque Reilly's** broken arm playing a competitive

game of Pickle Ball and **Marty Rosenstein's** knee replacements, we can rebound and persevere with great attitudes.

Rick Clark played a video he created to show us how involved our club was with the Wreaths Across America event and it was a bit emotional still to see Denny's gravesite.

Nancy Gatschet announced that three new board members will be joining the board starting in July. Those new members have sworn to all do their best to help our club grow in the right direction. New members include **Chris Muhart, Karla Prieto Morey** and myself, **Stephen Tako**.

Brett Morey mentioned that the Rotary Float featured in the Rose Parade in Pasadena was a big hit and won the Princess's Award! Thank you to everyone who participated in that event.

Erik Mjoen introduced the speaker of the day, Professor **Rajesh Gupta**.

Professor Gupta is a Distinguished Professor and Director at UCSD. He is a computer scientist and engineer at the University of California. He reflected philosophically about how life has changed over the last 5-10 years. He also discussed how dynamic of a move it was for American universities in the 1950's to change the way they started hiring professors. He felt this gave the USA universities a leading edge over other countries.

Over the next 70 years, the development of universities allowed us to take the lead by inventing a model in which research and teaching are combined, making universities the center of talent as the professors remained on the cutting edge of scientific knowledge. If research is not first, students cannot be inspired. And research is EXPENSIVE! Enter government funding, and the need to compete

for that funding. Since that funding was insufficient to stay on the cutting edge, researchers taught to have enough income to create ecosystems of talent (teaching provided a steady low income). Along with the pay and then tenure, came prestige, respect, pride, and honor.

To become an ecosystem of talent, the institution must be large. In the past 10 years, no other American university has made the level of investment that the UC system has in order to attract the best researchers who will then attract the best students. Those students then attract the leading scientific companies to the area, which creates new knowledge bringing jobs and more innovation. We will be able to say that the transformation started here in data science. Institutions are defined by 3 things:

1. People (the heart of the institution)
2. Place (the most popular fight in a university: who gets which & how much space?)
3. Culture -takes a long time but must be intentional, not just organic. At UCSD, every student is important. Each is assigned a professor so that over the term of the education, that person will progress from student to colleague.

Dr. Gupta is rightfully proud of the institution he helped create, contributing to a wealth of scientific talent, innovations, and community knowledge & wealth creation right here in La Jolla and San Diego.

The meeting ended ten minutes late, but not without President Nancy's traditionally fun "Name That Tune" game!

~Reporter

Stephen Tako



PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?



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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

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 PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION Jacquie Reilly



JANUARY 2023

January 20 - James Frost
 January 27 - Brian Eichenberg

FEBRUARY 2023

February 3 - Matt Clarke



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CHRISTY WHITE

Christy White is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Fraud Examiner, plus the founder and President of Christy White Inc., a CPA firm specializing in school district, charter school, and nonprofit audits. With over 40 employees, her firm is one of the largest women-owned CPA firms in the state.

Christy started her firm 23 years ago after working for large CPA and consulting firms in Northern California. She graduated from Chico State, infamously known in her day as the #1 party school in the country!

A Rotarian since 2013, Christy is excited to be a member of the most Dynamic Rotary club, the La Jolla Golden Triangle. She looks forward to contributing to the club's growth and community service footprint. Christy was previously a member of the San Diego Rotary. In both clubs, she has served in a variety of board positions, and also chaired Camp Enterprise, hosted international music students, and attended four RI conventions.

Christy enjoys spending time with her husband Mitchell, daughter Jessica, and their sizeable standard poodle, Oliver.

