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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 14 2022



## SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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**DANIEL GENSLER**

LJGT Rotary President 2021-22  
**JACQUIE REILLY**

## LINDA A. CANADA



## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

### JANUARY 2022 - SPEAKER

21..... Serge Dedina  
Saving Our Blue Wilderness

28..... Dr. Faye Girsh  
The worldwide search for a peaceful death

## HISTORY OF SAN DIEGO DURING WORLD WAR II

Linda Canada holds an undergraduate degree in History from UCLA, and a law degree from Loyola University in Los Angeles. Twenty years after leaving her legal practice she still considers herself a “recovering lawyer” and since then has worked exclusively in the field of local history. In the mid-1990s she spent three years developing a children’s education program at the San Diego History Center, and in 2008 spent six months as its interim Executive Director. From 2005-2017 Linda served as the archivist for the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego (JAHSSD) and was its President 2009-2012. Linda has given talks for the San Diego History Center’s Speakers Bureau for more than 20 years.

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor had an overnight impact on San Diego, and civilians were affected nearly as much as the military. The City’s population doubled, but there was no increase in city services, transportation, or water supply. Rapid expansion in military and manufacturing jobs drew workers from all over the country, and the city changed from closing down at sundown to becoming a 24 hour playground. Shortages of food, clothing, and building supplies impacted everyone to some extent. Hear about the experiences of locals, who began to doubt whether San Diego was a place they wanted to stay.





# REPORT

from the last meeting



## THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

01

IS IT THE TRUTH?

**President Jacquie Reilly** opened the meeting and introduced the Rotarian of the Day, Tony Grillo.

**Tony Grillo** began his blessing with a moment of silence for our Rotarians who have passed. Tom Elliot, Emidio DelConte, Bruce Geier, Franck McGrath and Carl Lower.

Tony had a very lovely blessing. "Life is full of blessings. Live it to its fullest AND share it with those you love."

Tony has been busy navigating Malahat Spirits through the pandemic. I know everyone is looking forward to the day we can celebrate at Malahat Spirits. He has been keeping busy with his daughters 2 beautiful daughters, cycling and sports car racing. Car racing had good times a number of podiums and bad times a crash but he looks forward to 2022.

**Chris Richards** thanked everyone that participated in the Wreaths for America. They placed 131 wreaths.

**Nancy Gatschet** gave

a report on the club fundraiser. She thanked her fundraising co-chairs; Chris Richards, Lori Bende and Jane for their efforts. The club raised \$5,011. Great job! I am enjoying my new wines. We had the Chardonnay for New Year's Eve. Thank you to Eric Freeberg for your donations. I have 4 more bottles to go – no hardship there.

**Matt Schillenburg** spoke about a program that he is involved in for Afghan relocations. They need help to pick people up at the airport and housing set up. They are also in need of diapers.

Jacquie introduced the speaker **Ron Burleson**. Ron has been a police officer for over thirty six years. He is currently an investigator for the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

His team is looking for Pedofiles and team's dog, **Willow**, plays a huge role in saving children. He educated us about a chemical that resides in electric devices such

as computers, lap tops, tablets and cell phones.

Willow has been trained to recognize and find the scent of the chemical. Once they have a warrant for a property search Willow goes to work and finds electronic devices that are hidden.

We were then introduced to Willow who was the star of the show. Ron had hidden items with the scent and Willow found them all. Good Girl. Thank you Jacquie for arranging today's speaker.

**Brett Morey** told us about the Rotary Float experience and encouraged others to consider going next year. My family has attended. It was an amazing experience. You have to see it to believe it.

Jacquie finished the meeting with an inspirational video.

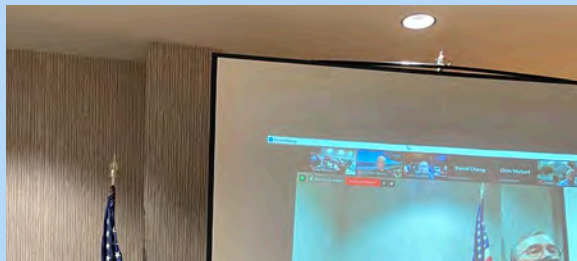
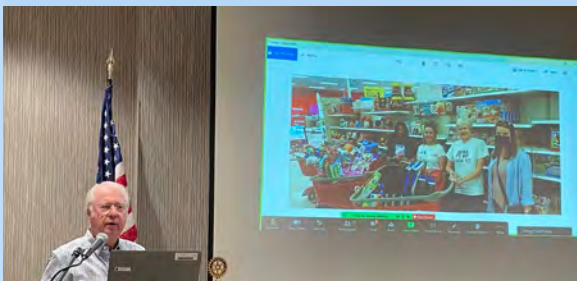
~Reporter

*Ellen Bryson*





# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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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 2021 - 2022**

PRESIDENT ..... Jacquie Reilly  
 PRESIDENT ELECT (2022-23) ..... Nancy Gatschet  
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 TREASURER ..... Sharon Council  
 SECRETARY ..... Nancy Gatschet  
 PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION ..... Emidio DelConte



**JANUARY 2022**

January 21 - Bonnie Arora

January 28 - Nancy Gatschet

**FEBRUARY 2022**

February 4 - Brett Morey



**ROTARIAN**  
 OF THE DAY

**JIM DAVIES**

My wife Pam and I grew up in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She is the eldest of (7) and I am the eldest of (5). I met Pam lifeguarding my senior year in high school. I obtained my undergraduate degree in architecture from the University Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

We moved to Albuquerque NM in 1980 where I attended University New Mexico architectural graduate school. I am a licensed architect in California, Nevada and New Mexico.

Pam and I got married in 1984 and moved to San Diego in 1987. I was interested in real estate development, so I enrolled in the UCSD real estate development certificate program.

We have raised two beautiful young adults Collin (30) and Krista (27). Our family will be growing as we celebrate the engagement of our son Collin and Hayley, his girlfriend of 14 years.

Since moving to San Diego, I have worked for several architectural firms and had the opportunity to design a variety of building types. I was a co-owner and principal of an architectural firm for eight years and sold the business to another local architectural firm. I have been working for Gafcon Inc. providing program/project management since 2003. I serve as Sr. Campus Project Manager at Grossmont Cuyamaca Community College District overseeing and implementing their Proposition R & V master plan improvements.

My wife has worked for (FIS) Fidelity Information Services specializing in financial applications to lending institutes for the past (32) years. She has telecommuted from home since 1999. This has been real blessing while raising our kids and now during the COVID pandemic. She is an extraordinary wife, incredible mother, great gourmet cook, an active and honorary member of our Rotary club.

In December of 2010, I had an opportunity of a lifetime to donate a kidney to my brother who had lost function of his kidney due to a hereditary polycystic kidney disease. Unfortunately, I lost my brother to pancreatic cancer (3) years ago.

I have been a member of the "Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World" since 1994. I was fortunate to have Frank McGrath serve as my sponsor. I have served as Community Service Committee Chair, Past President 2001-2002, and served as a board member a couple of terms. I have been involved in numerous fund-raising events for our club.

As many of you know, I am infatuated with craft beer, so much so, I attended and obtained an advanced certificate from SDSU craft beer program. This has allowed me to make numerous contacts in the local craft beer business, many of which have been long term supporters of our club's Quintessential Festival. As a longtime member of the Community Service committee, I continue to be involved with numerous hands-on painting and refurbishment projects including the YMCA OZ program.

I look forward to my continuation as a member of this active one-of-kind club. Pam and I treasure our relationships that we have developed with fellow Rotarians and look forward to growing new relationships

