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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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RI President 2022-23  
**JENNIFER JONES**

District 5340 Governor 2022-23  
**CHARLES PRETTO**

LJGT Rotary President 2022-23  
**NANCY GASTCHET**

## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

**AUGUST 2022 - SPEAKER**

19..... Dave DesRochers  
100 Yrs of San Diego Aztecs Football



## CHUCK PRETTO



### DISTRICT GOVERNOR 5340

Chuck holds his BBA, MBA, and JD Degrees from the University of San Diego. Chuck and his wife, Kim Kobey, run Kobey's Swap Meet, San Diego's largest open-air market. Kobey's recently celebrated its 47th year in business.

Chuck is active in several community organizations. He has served on the boards of the San Diego Red Cross, the San Diego Crime Victims fund, the San Diego Community College Foundation Board, Midway Planning Committee, and was President of the Business Improvement Association for the Sports Arena area for 10 years. He also served as President of the National Flea Market Association his industry's premier organization; he currently sits on the Board of the California Swap Meet Association.

Chuck joined San Diego Rotary in 1992. He has chaired numerous committees within the club before becoming President in 2013-14. During his leadership, he focused on educating youth in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Chuck championed sustainable resources and shipped over 500 solar cookers to Uganda. Chuck has held numerous District 5340 positions including District Conference Chair 2015-16, Chief of Staff 2016-17, Rotaract Chair 2015-2020, Governor's Aide 2019-2020 and Chief Assistant Governor 2020 – 2021 and finally upcoming District Governor beginning in July...

Chuck and Kim live in Mission Beach, San Diego, CA and they have finally earned the status of empty nesters. They have two adult children, Anthony (34) and Liza (32) and two identical twin granddaughters, Sophia and Isabella (5).



# REPORT

from the last meeting



## THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

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IS IT THE TRUTH?

### Rotarian of the Day: Alex Monroe

The Monroe Bunch went to the Bahamas where they pet stingrays, swam with sharks, and hung out with wild pigs... sounds like a very adventurous vacation! Next up they headed to London where Alex bought Alice a ring at, where else...Alex Monroe! Alex also mentioned that his team will be putting on a Financial Summit with speakers from Blackstone and Thornburg at the Joan Kroc Institute at USD on August 25th...reach out to Alex if you would like to attend.

### Announcements:

**Chris Richards** – on July 27th they will be packing 2,000 backpacks at the Boys and Girls Club. Reach out to Chris if you would like to help. If you cant attend, but would like to help, they are accepting donations of backpacks and school supplies.

**Brian Eichenberg** – On August 7th from 5-7pm there will be a summer concert in the park in UTC. Let Brian know if you are interested in attending

**Peter Ballantyne** was offered a booth at the Festival of the Arts on September 11-12th. Contact Peter if you would like to help out at the booth or attend the event.

### Speaker

Our speaker this week was past District Governor, **Steven Weitzen** donning a Rotary Hawaiian shirt and necktie in a nod to our dearly beloved past president Emidio. Steven is on the district's Anti Human Trafficking committee chaired by our very own Kim Schafer.

On October 1st in Liberty Station they will be conducting a full-day meeting on the topic. Reach out to Steven/ Kim to learn more.

Learning more about how prevalent and devastating human trafficking is here in our community and everywhere, as well as meeting some survivors led Steven to pursue the role as District Governor, so he could use his position to bring more awareness to the topic.

Steven shared with us many disturbing facts about the problem.

\*16-years old is the average age of a trafficked individual... meaning there are many much younger

\*the pandemic exacerbated the problem as more teens were stuck at home and on social media

\*Victims come from all socio-economic backgrounds

\*Traffickers tend to get their victims addicted to drugs, thereby strengthening the victims reliance on them

\*This is profitable for the traffickers, with the exploiter receiving around \$150k per year for each victim...and they usually have 5-6 victims at any given time

\*This is a \$32 billion industry (\$10 billion in the US alone), second most illicit industry behind drugs

\*Estimates are that 22 million individuals are trafficked each year in the world, 18 million of which are in the US

\*San Diego is in the top 15 cities in the country for the industry and is a \$800 million industry in the area

\*As a border town, one might imagine that most of those being trafficked are cross-border, but the overwhelming majority is local kids being trafficked

\*Gangs are getting involved in the trade, as it is less-risky as selling drugs, guns, etc.

### Some things to look for if you are concerned about someone being trafficked:

\*Truancy from school

\*A change in the child's friends

\*Drug abuse

\*Having a cell phone (or extra cell phone) you weren't aware of

\*Grades getting worse

### What can we as Rotarians do?:

\*Speak to others about this problem and encourage them to spread the word

\*Awareness is key – be vigilant and look for signs in your community

\*Educate yourself, family, friends, and others on the issue

\*Get involved! Support the 3 local safehouses here in town...they need funding and volunteers!

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~Reporter

Luke Ervin





# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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**LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2022 - 2023**

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 SECRETARY ..... Christy White Brook  
 PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION ..... Jacquie Reilly



**AUGUST 2022**

August 5 - Father Wayne Sanders

August 12 - Bev Fritschner

August 19 - Linda Andrews

August 26 - Lori Bende



**ROTARIAN**  
 OF THE DAY

**ANTONIO GRILLO LOPEZ**



“opening doors, closing wounds”.

**Antonio J. Grillo-López, MD, DSc (hc)**  
 Rancho Santa Fé, California

Dr. Grillo-López trained in hematology/oncology at the University of Puerto Rico. He was Program Director, Hematology/Oncology and held faculty appointments there and at the University of Michigan (Associate Professor of Medicine).

He has authored over 400 publications and co-authored the first international response criteria for lymphoma. Dr. Grillo-López has been instrumental in the development of over 25 anticancer agents.

He was Chief Medical Officer (IDEC Pharmaceuticals) responsible for the development of Rituxan and Zevalin (1st MAb and 1st radiolabeled MAb for cancer).

He has received numerous awards: DuPont-Merck’s Total Quality Medical Research, Union of American Women’s Medicine, Leukemia Society of America’s Triumph, Cure for Lymphoma Foundation’s Trailblazer, U. of California’s Peter McCuen Cancer Research Excellence, Lymphoma Research Foundation’s Evelyn Hoffman Memorial, Biotech CEOs’ Best in Science, Discovery Health Channel’s Medical Honors, Leukemia Lymphoma Soc.’s Health Hero Award, and others. He received the Hope Funds for Cancer Research Award for Excellence in Clinical Development for the development of the monoclonal antibody Rituxan; in 2008 the Tiedemann Award for Courage; and in 2015 the Order of Hope.

The U. of Puerto Rico School of Medicine granted Dr. Grillo-López the degree of Doctor in Scientific Investigations (honoris causa) in 2013. His current board service includes: UC San Diego Foundation, Moores UCSD Cancer Center, UCSD Preuss School, and Hope Funds for Cancer Research.

He was the Industry Representative to the Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee (ODAC) of the FDA from 2003 to 2007.