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## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

**JUNE 2022 - SPEAKER**

24..... President Jacquie Reilly  
End of Term Summary Presentation



## DR. PETER ANDERSON



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## THE NUCLEAR THREAT AT SAN ONOFRE AND THROUGHOUT AMERICA. PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Dr. Peter Andersen, Professor Emeritus at San Diego State University does research and teaches in diffusion of innovation, health communication, persuasion, risk communication, and nonverbal communication. He has been recognized as one of the 100 most prolific scholars in the history of the communication field. He has served as President of the Western Communication Association, research director of the Japan-U.S. Telecommunication Research Institute and editor of the Western Journal of Communication. He has been a reviewer for more than 80 professional journals.

His six books include: The Handbook of Communication and Emotion (1998), Nonverbal Communication: Forms and Functions (1999), Close Encounters: Communicating in Relationships (2016), The Complete Idiot's Guide to Body Language (2004), Close Encounters: Communication in Relationships (1999), Nonverbal Communication: Forms and Functions (2008).

Andersen has had research grants from the Center for Disease Control, County of San Diego, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication-Japan, National Cancer Institute, and the United States Office of Homeland Security, totaling over 20 million dollars.

He served two terms on the Executive Committee of the San Diego Sierra Club, three terms as chair of the San Diego Sierra Club Political Committee, and is Chair of Sierra Club San Diego. He is a member of the National Sierra Club Nuclear Waste Task Force.



# 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?

**President Jacquie** started the meeting early at 7:20AM since we had a full agenda. We met in the ballroom with 70 plus people and it felt like the good old days.

There was a sea of blue with our Police Officer guests as well as Rotarians wearing their blue Police Project t-shirts.

**Jan Bernardy** was our Rotarian of the Day and started us out with a moving Ukrainian reading followed by the pledge of allegiance. We were then presented with another wonderful **Rick Clark** Productions video showing before and after footage of the San Diego Police Department Northeastern Division Community Service Remodel Project.

San Diego Police Chief, **Dave Nisliet** then thanked us personally for our support of the San Diego Police Department over the years, and said it is more crucial than ever before. He shared that San Diego is one of the safest largest cities in the nation, but that there is a staffing shortage in police forces nation-wide. San Diego has a ratio of 1.3 officers for every thousand residents. Our support truly makes a difference.

**Jan Bernardy** then continued with her Rotarian of the Day presentation welcoming all the police officers in the room and saying she hopes they remember our faces in case we are ever pulled over. She then shared the following highlights: Born in Saskatchewan, moved to U.S and ultimately became a citizen in 2008, had a very successful career in health care, retired in April 2017, invited to LJGT Rotary meeting by neighbor, became first new member in Alex's Presidential

year, involved in Community Service and many Rotary projects, Village Rotarians & Friends member, has been a Board member last 2 years, keeps website up to date with her team, moved to San Diego to be close to Grandson – he will be going to junior high school in the Fall, celebrated her 44th wedding anniversary this year. Ended by saying how much she loves this club.

**Jacquie** shared there was a tip box for our Marriott servers at the front desk. She also shared that we will be moving our meetings to the Embassy Suites Hotel right down the street for our new Rotary year. First meeting will be July 8. She then introduced Kevin Carlson and thanked him for his passion, resources, and coordination of our 8 police projects over the years.

**Kevin** introduced many of the police force guests in the room, some of his long-time friends and supporters, including coaching great, Steve Fisher. He acknowledged the Rock Church participation, a \$30K grant from the David C. Copley Foundation, \$7,500 from Councilmember Marni von Wilpert, and other funding and donated supplies. He said we were able to turn \$50K in cash to well over \$100K in value for the project. There was a banner in the room thanking all supporters. He gave special thanks to **Rick Clark, Jim Davies, and Tony Grillo** for their time and efforts in these projects over the years.

Past President, **Kim Shaffer**, via Zoom then presented **Jim Davies** with the Rotarian of the Year Award for her Rotary year (2019/20). **Rick Clark** physically presented the crystal award to Jim and added that all our police projects and Camp

Pendleton projects could not have been possible without all of Jim's passion, leadership, and hard work. Jim received a standing ovation and thanked the Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World.

**Rick Clark** then introduced San Diego Police Department - Northeastern Division Captain, **Mike Holden**. Captain Holden acknowledged all the current and former police staff in the room. He has been a Police Captain for 4.5 years and moved to Northeastern Division in 2021. He emphasized the importance of positive police relations and said the last 2.5 years have been tough for law enforcement across the country. Police reform and ordinance changes have been difficult for morale. He said our project was a real boost for morale and meant the world to the officers. He gave an emotional thank you for our club's support. He then called up Northeastern Division Sergeant **Eric Cooper** and presented a commanding officer citation to him as Employee of the Shift for the Quarter. Sergeant Cooper not only oversaw the logistics and coordination of our remodel project, but also showed great culinary skills at the barbecue. Sergeant Cooper received our second standing ovation of the meeting.

**Jacquie** introduced a couple other guests who were attending our meeting. **Carol T. & Ryan H.** (Guest of Linda Wallis). Jacquie called up **Jim Davies, Kevin Carlson, Tony Grillo, and Rick Clark** one more time to thank and acknowledge their efforts for the police project. The meeting ended at 8:35AM.

~Reporter

Jay Hatfield

# 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 2021 - 2022**

- PRESIDENT ..... Jacquie Reilly
- PRESIDENT ELECT (2022-23) ..... Nancy Gatschet
- PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT (2023-24) ..... Dennis Bucko
- TREASURER ..... Sharon Council
- SECRETARY ..... Nancy Gatschet
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**JUNE 2022**

June 24 - Open



**ROTARIAN**  
 OF THE DAY

**GARRY KACHKOVSKY**



I was born in 1975 and spent the first ten years of my life in Moscow, of the then U.S.S.R.. In the early 1970's Soviet Union was going through a pretty severe food shortage. The U.S. government essentially brokered a deal to swap 250,000 Russian Jews and their families for American wheat. We were one of those families approved to leave the country, but with Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in late 1979, the visa program came to a trickle. It wasn't until 6 years later that we were again granted permission to leave and given two weeks to tie off any loose ends. So, with \$200 and two suitcases to

our name, we thrust into the unknown. As a 10 year old boy, I really did not understand the gravity of the situation, leaving family behind whom we may never see again and going to a whole new country we knew very little about. In those days, eerily similar to now, the Communist government kept a tight lid on the realities of democratic law and the capitalist economic structure. All I knew was that I didn't have to go to school for a couple of months as we made our way through Austria and Italy while waiting for our final approval to the U.S. I would say that those 2 months were perhaps the most memorable part of my formative years – eating pizza and gelato and drinking soda for the first time, getting woken up to the sound of honking cars in Rome, discovering arcade games like Galaga and Pac-Man, being utterly amazed at the cleanliness of the streets in Vienna (as if the roads were vacuumed daily), strolling the streets of Florence, pondering the architectural wonder of the leaning tower of Pisa, and taking a gondola ride in Venice.

We immigrated to Chicago in December of 1985, and aside from the occasional borscht, kalbasa, and mayo based salad, I quickly assimilated to an American upbringing – playing basketball and dreaming of being Michael Jordan. I completed my education in IL and a week after I received my bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in Economics and Russian (go titans), I was driving to Phoenix, AZ to get away from that Chicago misery they call weather. My career in the financial services industry began that year. I met my business partner my very first day and we've been on a quite an amazing ride the last 25+ years in the field of finance. In Phoenix, I also met my wife Emily (a SD native), convinced her that AZ summers are not that bad (it's the dry heat they say) and promised we would be back in San Diego in 5 years. Well, 5 years turned into 6, 7, 8. We started a family and now have two daughters – Ava who is ten and Elle who is seven. My business partner, who says he now lives in god's country, moved to CO in 2015. Well, finally, 11 years after I made my promise, in April of 2017, we moved to San Diego to be closer to family and to live in arguably the best place in the world. University City is the hub for our office, kid's schools and our home.

My business partner and I created Kachkovsky & Fisher in 2001. We specialize in helping uniquely successful individuals and families by coordinating the different aspects of their financial lives and act as long-term stewards of their assets through comprehensive financial planning, sophisticated wealth management and strategic legacy planning. We have offices in Phoenix, Arizona, in Evergreen, Colorado and in San Diego, California.