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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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

## **SPEAKERS** AND EVENTS

### **MARCH 2023 - SPEAKER**

- 17.....Dave Oates  
World Lacrosse Championships
- 24.....Holly Shaffner  
Honor Flight
- 30.....Andy Blue  
Project Wildlife Ramona



## CODY PETTERSON



### BOARD TRUSTEE, SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cody is a native San Diegan, born at University Hospital (now UCSD Hillcrest) and brought home to UCSD's Mesa Grad Student Apartments. Raised in La Jolla, California, he attended La Jolla Elementary, Muirlands, and La Jolla High, did his undergraduate degree at UC Berkeley, and came home to do his Ph.D. in Anthropology at UCSD.

Cody is the father of two children—Sequoia, 6, and Bardot, 8—both of whom attend Torrey Pines Elementary, where he serves on the School Site Council and Site Governance Team. He also serves on the La Jolla Town Council, as well as numerous local boards, including the San Diego River Conservancy, San Diego International Sister Cities Association, and Volcan Mountain Foundation. He is a former member of the Executive Committee of Sierra Club San Diego and the Board of the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego.

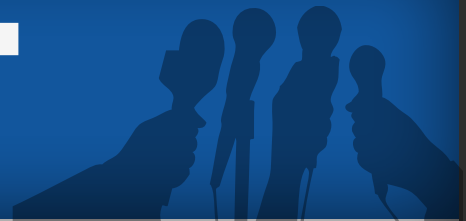
Cody has spent the last 5 years helping to organize and moderate workshops and trainings for school board trustees, educators, and community members across the County, on issues like learning loss recovery, community schools, science-based closure and re-opening, social and emotional learning, Board-Superintendent dynamics, Special Education, and district budgeting.

Dr. Petterson is Senior Advisor for Land Use, Education, and Environment and manages Intergovernmental Affairs for San Diego County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer. He's also a Lecturer in the UCSD Anthropology Department, where he's wrestled with lesson planning, remote learning, grading, and maintaining student motivation and engagement in the context of the pandemic. When he isn't working, teaching, or doing common core math with his kids, Cody is an ocean swimmer, avid hiker, and California native plant enthusiast.



# REPORT

from the last meeting



## THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

01

IS IT THE TRUTH?

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### Rotarian of the Day

Today's Rotarian of the Day was **Tim Fronczek**, a recent transfer from Club 33. Tim began his presentation by reminding us all to be kind to each other, even if someone cuts you off in traffic.

Tim was a Navy brat who is originally from Sarasota Springs, New York. He moved to San Diego and graduated from Mount Miguel High School. He got married, had two boys, and started a company called The Computer Admin. Tim is also now a grandfather. Tim is currently married to his husband, **Leo**, who is a Master Chief in the US Navy.

Tim is a proud boat owner and has been involved in various organizations in San Diego, including the San Diego Equality Business Association. He is now the co-chair of our Community Services committee.

### Announcements and Guests

Today we were joined by **Ron Spilsbury** (second time visitor), **Lee Ann Cusick**, and **Chet Filter**, along with a strong contingent of UCSD Retractors.

**Nancy** pointed out our new display of flags from other international Rotary

clubs, the display of which was created by **Rick Clark**.

**Linda Stouffer-Wallace** called the annual meeting of the club to order, so that we could ratify our newest slate of officers and directors. Our newest board members are **Stephen Tako**, **Christine Muhart**, and **Karla Prieto-Morey**. The next presidents in line are **Luke Ervin** and **David Chong**. **Linda** was also announced as the VP of Club Administration, a newly created club role that is sure to help support our new leadership team.

**Tatiana Piotroff** was inducted by **Alex Monroe** and **Jacque Reilly** as our newest member. Welcome (officially) to Tatiana.

**Jan Bernardy** announced the upcoming Ukrainian refugee fundraiser on March 11 at the Congregational Church in La Jolla. Next week on Sunday is also the WAPI Project, put on by the UCSD Rotaractors.

**Rich Papike**, resident fine master, presided over some fines and some high fives. Let's hope Rich did not leave any fingerprints on the money.

### Speaker of the Day

**Rick Clark** introduced our speaker, **Chris Connolly**,

the Chief Marketing Officer for the San Diego Padres. After working for Disney and Hasbro, Chris managed to fulfill a lifelong dream when we applied for and was hired for the position in 2021.

Under Chris' leadership, the Padres are on the top of the leaderboard, not only in terms of sporting achievements, but in terms of attendance. The Padres has been playing to almost an almost sold out stadium each game, which is proof that the Padres have captured the hearts and minds of San Diego. Due to the demand, the Padres have capped season ticket sales.

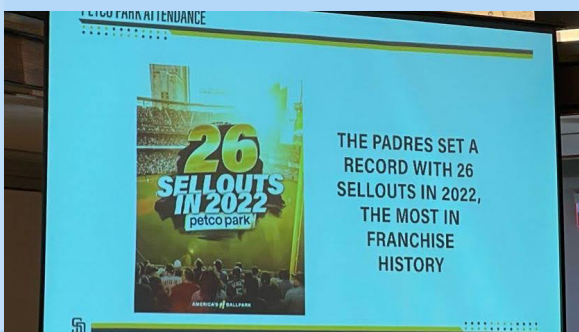
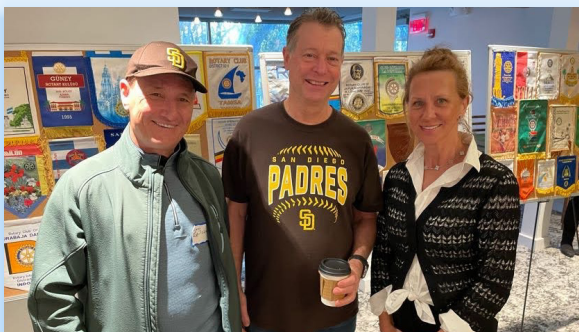
Going forward, the Padres goal is to win games, win championships, and sell out 45 home games this year. That should be an easy task with the new baseball schedule that sees the Padres playing every team in the MLB and with its new roster of stars, who are as popular with the kids as The Beatles. The Padres are also very involved in the community, donating their time and money to local charities, schools, and the USO. We look forward to another great season of Padres baseball.

~Reporter

*Ranjan Lahiri*



# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



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**LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2022 - 2023**

PRESIDENT ..... Nancy Gatschet  
 PRESIDENT ELECT (2023-24) ..... Christy White Brook  
 PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT (2024-25) ..... Luke Ervin  
 TREASURER ..... Sharon Council  
 SECRETARY ..... Christy White Brook  
 PAST-PRESIDENT/FOUNDATION ..... Jacquie Reilly



**MARCH 2023**

- March 17 - Ellen Bryson
- March 24 - Allan Galgut
- March 31 - Luke Ervin



**ROTARIAN**  
 OF THE DAY

**BONNIE ARORA**

I grew up in Stockton, California and, later, attended San Jose State University where I got my Bachelor's Degree in Economics. My passion was intercultural study and after always being involved in every intercultural program on campus and knowing all the foreign students I was finally hired by the Foreign Student Advisor to do what I loved to do and get paid for it. There I met Krishna Arora, a grad student from India, studying Electrical Engineering. We decided to get married, had a Catholic wedding ceremony in Stockton and then flew to India for a Hindu ceremony. Then we moved to Chicago where Krishna had his first job. I completed my Master's Degree at Northeastern Illinois University and soon after that Krishna received a job offer from General Dynamics in San Diego.

After a number of years of flexible jobs so I could focus on family activities I began working at General Dynamics in Quality Assurance and then joined Qualcomm's International Marketing Department. I later transferred to Configuration Management before retiring from Qualcomm in 1999.

We have 2 sons, a daughter who passed away earlier this year, and 6 grandchildren. Our older son is an allergist and lives in Lexington, Kentucky, with his wife and 3 sons. Our younger son currently lives in London with his wife and 7 month old daughter. Our daughter's 2 daughters live with their dad here in San Diego and spend lots of time with us.

I've lost count of the number of trips to India we've taken since we were married 50 years ago. For many years the trips were not very frequent and were mostly to visit family. Then, as we neared retirement, we decided to do Hindu and Catholic pilgrimages to learn more about our roots. The Hindu pilgrimage led us to do our 1st ancestry project and a book tracing Krishna's family back multiple generations. In that process we found relatives we didn't know we had. Two newly-found cousins had NGOs in India... Adharshila, with learning and vocational centers in Delhi slums, and Sankalp, with learning centers in 3 villages several hours away.

We became attached to those NGOs and at the same time started to visit Rotary Clubs wherever we were. At that point our trips to India began to have a bigger purpose to just visiting family. We eventually bought a condo outside of New Delhi so we could spend more time there and we found a dynamic Rotary Club, Delhi South Metropolitan Rotary Club, which has become our home club whenever we are in India. We recently returned from an extremely intense and amazing trip. Non-stop, we visited family, had a week of sightseeing (something we don't usually have time for) and engaged in 6 current projects, 4 for Rotary and 2 with our family NGOs. Looking forward to sharing more of this story...

I'm forever grateful to be a part of the Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World!

