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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 GATSCHET**

## SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

### MARCH 2023 - *SPEAKER*

24.....Holly Shaffner  
Honor Flight

30.....Andy Blue  
Project Wildlife Ramona



## PAUL SPEAKER



Most recently, Mr. Speaker spent the last 3 years investing and consulting in sports and entertainment ventures with significant concentration in mergers and acquisitions of existing businesses. Mr. Speaker has also spent his time volunteering in philanthropic endeavors, most significantly volunteer hurricane relief all around the United States and the Caribbean in which he has devised and operated an on-the-ground hurricane clean-up program utilizing county jail inmates as "relief volunteers".

Prior, Mr. Speaker served as chief executive officer of the World Surf League (WSL) where he still retains a co-ownership interest. Speaker was named CEO after devising the strategy and then leading the acquisition of the Association of Surfing Professionals, which became the World Surf League in 2013. He brought to the WSL a deep expertise in sports and entertainment, having spent his career working within film studios, sports leagues and other entertainment companies.

Speaker worked at the National Football League as Director of Marketing and Ideas, where he supervised integrated marketing efforts across the entire organization and managed entertainment marketing in network prime-time between the NFL and all of its network partners. While there he was charged with reimagining the NFL's engagement with primetime TV which led to major NFL initiatives targeting children, women and the launch of DirecTV's Sunday Ticket offering.

Speaker previously spent several years as an independent film partner of Robert Redford and Sundance, and served as president of The Shooting Gallery. There, he was responsible for creative development, marketing, advertising, production and distribution for all Shooting Gallery Entertainment divisions including film, television and music.

Paul lives in Southern California with his wife, Dr. Olenka Speaker, and their four daughters. He is involved in many charitable endeavors and boards, and has spent the last three years assisting in hurricane relief across the country and throughout the US and British Virgin Islands.



# REPORT

from the last meeting



## THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

01

IS IT THE TRUTH?

**President Nancy** opened the meeting and welcomed guests to the LJGTRC. She acknowledged the widespread attendance in the room, including returning LJGT Rotarians and the large group of members on ZOOM.

### Rotarian of the Day

The ROTD was **Bonnie Aurora**, a California native, raised in Stockton. She's been married for 50 years to fellow Rotarian Krishna. They have two sons, a daughter that passed away earlier this year, and six grandchildren.

The Auroras have had many trips to India, initially to visit family. They have discovered two cousins that have NGOs that they have become attached to and do Rotary projects there.

They bought a condo outside New Delhi and found a dynamic Rotary Club, Delhi South Metropolitan, that they now do Rotary projects with. Building bathrooms became a focus. Over 5,000 bathrooms have been completed, beginning with the first four sponsored by the Borrego Springs Rotary Interact Club members, who had gone with Bonnie and Krishna on a Rotary study trip to India. Since then, the Rotarians have had the recipients demonstrate hand washing to Bonnie.

### Announcements and guests

**Stephen Tako** introduced former LJGT member **Matt Schilenberg**. **Ron Spilsberg**, recruited by Brett and Karla, was there for his third visit and received his application for membership. Three Rotaractors from UCSD joined us.

**Jan Bernardy** announced the upcoming Ukrainian refugee fundraiser, (our Club is one of the sponsors), which was to be held on March 11th at the Congregational Church in La Jolla. She thanked all of those who brought in toiletries and other supplies for the refugees.

**Ron Kohl** announced his follow up with last week's featured speaker, **Chris Connolly**, chief Marketing Officer for the Padres. They are planning a La Jolla Golden Triangle family trip to a Padres game in mid to late June. It'll either be Friday night or Saturday late afternoon. Seats will be in section 109, adjacent to first base.

**Christian** announced the UCSD Rotaractors' WAPI project to be held Sunday, March 12th from 11 to four in the Great Hall on the UCSD campus.

**Ellen Bryson** reported on the Easter basket project for the Salvation Army. Initially, we made 15 baskets and now we are up to 130.

Ellen mentioned having a recent conversation with former Police Chief **Shelly Zimmerman**. Both Shelly and former Mayor **Kevin Faulkner** have

indicated an interest in speaking to our Rotary Club.

### Report on the Two Foundations

**Steve Brown** shared the difference between The La Jolla Golden Triangle Foundation and the Rotary Foundation that our members contribute to annually.

Our Club Foundation has been an existence for 30 years and supports our AOS projects with funds held in an endowment at the SD Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation supports Global Grants and the Rotary Polio program.

Members can donate to TRF in several ways. 40 of our members contribute monthly through Rotary Direct and get Paul Harris credit. Steve sends general reminder notices to 47 others to make their expected annual contribution.

Those that contribute to TRF online receive a tax receipt from PayPal. Steve will send a tax notice to those contributing to the LJGT Foundation.

### Student of the Month

**Marty Rosenstein** introduced our student of the month, **Katherine Dominguez**. He first acknowledged her support team - her mother, Deanna, and her advisory teacher, Ms Mack, who has been her advisor since her entering Preuss at grade six.

Marty digressed to share with us what it is like to walk down the entry hall at Preuss and see all the plaques displayed from the 14 years we've been doing this project. Student of the month Katherine described how she struggled with the academic challenges during her first year at Preuss.

During the pandemic, she was further challenged in needing to help her younger brothers with their homework. In addition, the family was forced to leave their housing and had to move into a single hotel room, which included their grandmother with the family for four months.

Ms. Mack introduced Katherine to the Multicultural Club, as well as the Enrichment Academy, where Katherine chose to spend her Saturdays, rather than socialize with friends.

Katherine is currently a tutor for sixth graders and helps the homeless obtain food. She has already been accepted at Cal State San Marcos and is anticipating other acceptances to come. In her future, she plans to join the film industry directing productions.

Marty showed her certificate of recognition, which he will present to her in the coming weeks during an advisory class with her peers.

### Speaker of the day

**Christy White** introduced our speaker,

**Cody Petterson**, a trustee of San Diego Unified School District. Cody is by birth and background, a true La Jolla - UCSD Person, having been born at UCSD Hillcrest Hospital and coming home to UCSD graduate housing, when his father was professor of Anthropology at UCSD.

He attended La Jolla Elementary School and La Jolla High, where he played water polo. After earning a bachelor's degree from UC, Berkeley, he returned to La Jolla to complete a PhD in anthropology at UCSD. He's the father of two children who attend our local Torrey Pines Elementary School. Dr. Petterson is a senior advisor to County Board of Supervisor Tara Lawson Reimer.

After studying in Peru, he became a lecturer at UCSD Anthropology Department. He represents District C in the San Diego Unified School District, the second largest school district in California with a population of 97,000 students.

San Diego Unified has many major issues and challenges. We have declining enrollment of 1 to 2% per year. Property values are so high that people are moving out of California. It is particularly severe along the coast. There's a shortage of teachers. Consequently, there is an instructional substitute crisis, even though San Diego has the highest paid substitutes.

There is a 40 to 50% achievement gap between the low-income area schools and higher income schools. In the higher income areas, parents invest in enrichment opportunities, after school programs and tutoring sessions. In the SD GATE and Seminar programs, population is primarily White and Asian.

San Diego Unified is moving headquarters from Normal Street to Aero Drive in the northern part of the district. They're also planning teacher and staff housing on the property. He looks forward in the future to see more focus on combined work living spaces, such as adding affordable housing to Sorento Valley, a major employment center. The current situation produces heavy traffic going north in the morning and going south in the evening, adding to excessive carbon in the atmosphere.

Dr. Petterson is very concerned about student behavior, establishing zero tolerance for bullying during recreation and creating a restorative environment. Dr. Petterson illustrated his concerns with highly illustrative PowerPoint slides displaying the statistics.

President Nancy closed this highly informative meeting at 8 45.

~Reporter

*Kathleen Roche Tansey*





# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



Rotary sponsored Ukranian festival

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IS IT THE TRUTH?

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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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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 .....	Jacque Reilly



**MARCH 2023**

March 24 - Allan Galgut

March 31 - Luke Ervin

**APRIL 2023**

April 7 - Janine Pack



**ROTARIAN**  
 OF THE DAY

**RICH PAPIKE**

Rich was born at Mercy Hospital in the hot summer of 1945 to his hockey playing father and hockey fan mother. He was raised in Spring Valley on Eureka Rd in a house his dad and a few buddies built for \$7000...those were the days! He had a normal upbringing which is the last time the word normal was ever used to describe him! His main goal as a kid hasn't changed much as an adult, enjoy life, play baseball, and make people laugh.

He has been married to his lovely wife Cheri for 55 years and has had the same business partner for 52 years. He's not a big fan of change! Cheri and he produced 2 wonderful lads, Chris and Alex, who then produced 5 amazing children who are the 5 apples of their eyes!

Their two current "apples," are the beautiful Gracie Belle and the captivating Rosie, currently the two best dogs in San Diego county.

Rich is still in the staffing industry placing people in contract/temporary positions as well as many other fields in executive search. He still loves golf and is back into baseball after rehabbing his newish left knee installed in December of 2021.

June will mark the 35th annual male bonding extravaganza named the Semi Jock Travel and Athletic Club, and the group will be renting a ranch outside of Tubac, Az. where the 8 participants will compete for the bronze jock strap plaque. As always, the event will be televised on ESPN 12. Rich is in charge of the group and his title is the GIMP (The Grand Imperial Magistrate in Perpetuity)

Rich has been a proud member of the Most Dynamic Rotary Club in the World since the second year of the club's inception.

