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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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## PROFESSOR BRADLEY VOYTEK



## AOS MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- 1st Friday of the Month.....Community Services Committee  
(follows club meeting)
- 2nd Friday of the Month..... International Services Committee  
(follows club meeting)
- 3rd Friday of the Month..... Youth Services Committee  
(follows club meeting)
- 4th Friday of the Month.....Peace Committee  
(follows club meeting)

## NEUROSCIENCE IN AGE OF DATA SCIENCE AND AI

The last few decades have seen an explosion in the amount of data generated about the brain – from mapping its structure, connectivity, genetics, and cellular physiology to tracking how it changes during development, aging, or disease. We've learned which parts of the brain are critical for human cognition, like language or memory, or which regions are most affected by disorders such as Alzheimer's, autism, or schizophrenia. We've discovered how groups of neurons in different brain regions electrically communicate with one another to give rise to complex behaviors, and how differential gene expression across the brain influences function and disease. Despite this massive growth in data, these results have largely been catalogued by thousands of small, independent research groups around the world. This fractured data ecosystem makes it difficult to discover patterns that span genetics and cellular physiology to psychology and behavior. To address this, my lab is bringing together these massive, distributed, multidimensional, heterogeneous datasets into a single framework. Integrating datasets like this allows us to mine within and between them, to ask new questions and to use text-mining and machine learning to uncover deeply hidden patterns, or even to algorithmically generate entirely new hypotheses.

Bradley Voytek is a Professor in the Department of Cognitive Science, the Halicioğlu Data Science Institute, and the Neurosciences Graduate Program at UC San Diego. He's an Alfred P. Sloan Neuroscience Research Fellow and a Kavli Fellow of the National Academies of Sciences, as well as a founding faculty member of the UC San Diego Halicioğlu Data Science Institute and the Undergraduate Data Science program. After his PhD at UC Berkeley, he joined Uber as their first data scientist—when it was a 10-person startup—where he helped build their data science strategy and team. His research lab combines large-scale data science and machine learning to study how brain regions communicate with one another, and how that communication changes with aging and disease. He is an advocate for promoting science to the public and speaks extensively with students at all grade levels about the joys of scientific research and discovery. In addition to his academic publications, his outreach work has appeared in outlets ranging from Scientific American and NPR to the San Diego Comic-Con. He is currently writing a book with neuroscientist Ashley Juavinett regarding the powerful future of data science in neuroscience discovery, though his most important contribution to science is his book with fellow neuroscientist Tim Verstynen, "Do Zombies Dream of Undead Sheep?", by Princeton University Press.





# REPORT

from the last meeting



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2024

### MAY - SPEAKER

31.....Community Service Committee  
Updates/Successes and Overview

### JUNE - SPEAKER

7.....Youth Service Committee  
Updates/Successes and Overview

14.....International Service Committee  
Updates/Successes and Overview



This week our club returned to our Home Sweet Home - UCSD Faculty Club.



Upon entry to our club meeting you are welcomed by **Bonnie Arora**. She's a bit camera shy....



Our club AV specialist and all around good hearted person – Not camera shy!



Time for sharing some "Fellowship"- **Sam** continues to discuss how much he donated attending the recent club fund raising event. Evidently the bill just arrived.

In the background **Brett** is rehearsing his upcoming speech with our guest speaker **Jenny Parker**.



**Linda** is trying to ignore **Alex's** response to the overly heated potatoes! **Janet** is not concerned.

Our club president **Christy White** got

the meeting started and introduced the "Rotarian of the Day" **Bonnie Arora**.



**Bonnie** started by sharing a quote from Bruno's Wall of Wisdom she found while hiking on the Camino de Santiago at Ribadiso: "To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich beautiful or perfect. You just have to care"

How true, simplistic and meaningful. **Bonnie** provided us with an update of Rotary and Family events her and **Krishna** experienced this past year. Rotary events included feeding and grooming guinea pigs in Peru and partaking in a Rotary fund raising Daube cruise in East Europe. Family events included attending their son **Rishi's** wedding ceremonies and granddaughter's baptism.

**Krishna** now has a bionic knee and kick a soccer ball 100 yards!

As we know **Bonnie** and **Krishna** are very involved with SD Oasis, they kindly donated and were able to name the new Kitchen/Social Lounge in remembrance of their beautiful daughter "Shaunily"

**Incoming President Luke Ervin** announced family and guests that attended the meeting. Note: **Luke** is preparing to attend the upcoming Rotary International Event to be held in Singapore.

Announcements included details on an upcoming evening with renowned Grammy winning banjo player **Allison Brown**.

President **Christy** shared our virtual Rotarians, **Peggy Martin**, **Dave Weigman**, **Irwin Rubenstein**, and **Cynthia Willis**.

**Christy** acknowledged **Lisa Galstian** for her assistance with the recent and successful "Wine Soiree". **Lisa** received a well-deserved beautiful coffee mug. **Ranjan**, shared information on the Peace Program providing Equal Access to Resources to allow all to Live and Thrive in Afghanistan.

**Brett** and **Father Wayne** shared details about the upcoming "Red Shoe" fund raiser for Rady's Children Hospital -Ronald Mc Donald House.

**Alan Galgut** announced the upcoming food serving event at the local VA hospital and is looking for some volunteers.

**Rick Clark** shared the details on the upcoming Operation Flags for Vets at the Miramar Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. on

Saturday May 25th. Over (22,000) flags will be installed, this is a first for this location.

**Christy** with a large smile on her face happily reminded everyone of the upcoming Promote /Demote party to take place on June 29th at the Monroe Chateau.

Fine Master **Tim Fronczek** opened the floor for "High Fives. **Lore Bende**, shared she recently partied with (15) close friends while she left poor Joost to take care of their children. Other donations were collected from **Jacque**, **Steve Allan** and **Mike Slentz**.



### Program:

**Tim Fronczek** started out the program by providing several "Table Topics" subject matters that he requested unaware Rotarians to address. The selected Rotarians were requested to follow Toastmaster guide lines including amount of time to directly and impact fully address the subject matter.

Utilizing the word "Happy Hour" provided bonus points.

**Ron Spillsbury** was appointed as the grammarian to record the number of ands, buts, uh and ums the selected Rotarians used while giving their response. Non selected Rotarians were asked to vote on the best speech, the winner was **Erik** of the UCSD Rotaract Club.

**Steven Tako** introduced our guest speaker **Jenny Parker** a 12 year Rotarian. She shared her experiences of speaking in public and how Toastmasters has assisted her to surpass her fear and concerns. **Jenny** joined the Toastmasters of the Cove a year ago. There are approximately 25 – 30 members, they meet every Thursday night from 6-8 p.m.

She highly recommends joining a Toastmasters program for those that want to improve and become a more effective leader, motivator and communicator. **Steve Tako's** speech included sharing a senior moment of forgetting where he parked his car while participating in a "Moving" Rotarian event. Other speakers included **Tim** and **Brett**

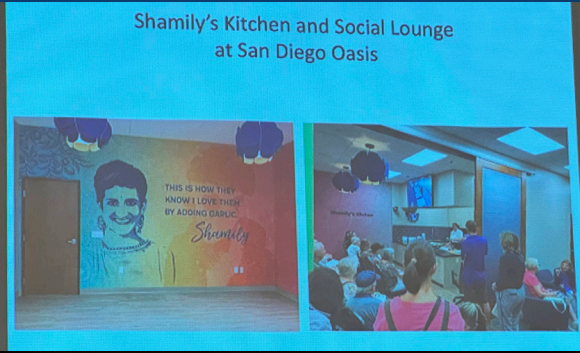
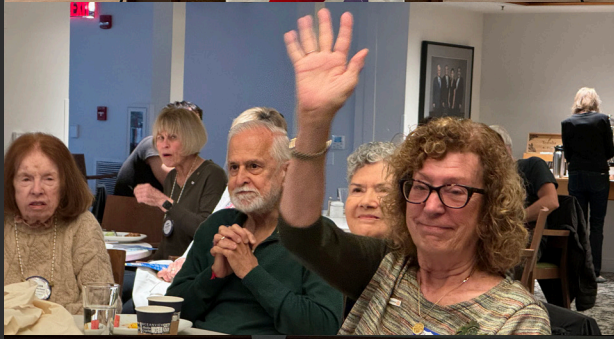
President **Christy** adjourned the meeting.

~Reporter

Jim Davies



# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



## Membership Tips:

IT SOUNDS SIMPLE, BUT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO GROW MEMBERS IS "ASK SOMEONE"

REPEATEDLY INVITE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS UNLESS YOU GET A DEFINITIVE "NO" FROM THEM.

ENSURE THAT PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS FEEL IMPORTANT. INTRODUCE THEM TO OTHER MEMBERS AND SIT WITH THEM.

## THE FOUR WAY TEST



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

01 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 2023 - 2024**

PRESIDENT .....Christy White Brook  
 VICE PRESIDENT ..... Linda Stouffer Wallis  
 PRESIDENT ELECT (2024-25) ..... Luke Ervin  
 PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT (2025-26) .....David Chong  
 TREASURER ..... Sharon Council  
 SECRETARY ..... Ranjan Lahiri



**MAY 2024**

May 31 - Jan Percival-Lipscomb

**JUNE 2024**

June 7 - Jane Helmer

June 14 - Phil Morgan



**ROTARIAN**  
 OF THE DAY

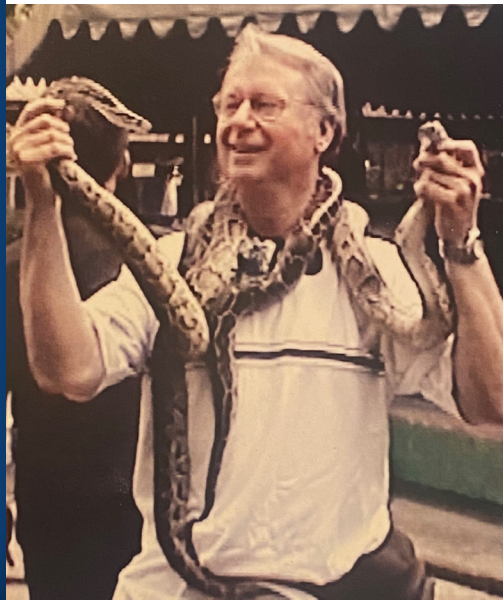
**RICK CLARK**

Rick Clark is a native of the tiny town of Perry, Iowa. Upon receiving a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Oklahoma, he spent four years as an officer in the US Navy Civil Engineer Corps. This included two deployments to Vietnam as Engineering Officer with John Wayne's "Fighting Seabees", experiencing real fireworks quite unlike Sea World's, especially during the infamous TET Offensive of 1968.

After Vietnam, he was sent to a Navy Engineering Base in San Juan, Puerto Rico where he met Nilsa on a blind date. They were married in 1971 so August will be 53 years. They have one son, Javier, and a daughter-in-law, Dawne.

Rick and his business partner, Howard Schuss, had an architectural practice for thirty-one years completing residential and commercial projects in about 20 states. They retired on Rick's birthday, December 31, 2015.

Rick joined the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club in 1992 at the invitation of Rich Papike. Rick served as club president and has been involved in helping to organize more than 35 LJGT club volunteer hands-on work projects in San Diego, Rosarito Beach, Mexico and Camp Pendleton. His interest in photography and video production has allowed him to capture the wonderful things that our "Most Dynamic Rotary Club" has done locally and internationally making the world a bit better.



Some of his most rewarding Rotary activities were working with Fary Moini, Steve Brown and Jan Percival in designing education facilities built in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, affecting tens of thousands of young Afghan students. This coming weekend, however, may be one of his proudest Rotary moments ... More about that on Friday.

Nilsa and I just feel so blessed to be an integral part of such a wonderful experience as the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club.... Flying with Eagles ....