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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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**NANCY GATSCHET**

**SPEAKERS**  
AND EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 2022 - SPEAKER**

11.....how a United States marine becomes a marine



**LtCol Gregory A. Grayson**  
Commanding Officer



**SgtMaj Michael R. Reyes**  
1st RTBN Sergeant Major

## HOW A UNITED STATES MARINE BECOMES A MARINE

LtCol Gregory Grayson  
Commanding Officer  
1st Recruit Training Battalion  
Marine Corps Recruit Depot,  
San Diego

Lt Col Grayson is a native of Ohio and was commissioned as a second lieutenant at the University of Colorado. He has served the Marine Corps in Okinawa and South Carolina, then earned an MBA in Financial Management from Graduate School of Defense Management in Monterey, California. He was an instructor and Chief of Staff 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton. A recipient of several medals, he has been CO of the Training Battalion since 2021.

Sergeant Major Michael Reyes  
SgtMaj  
1st Recruit Training Battalion  
Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San  
Diego

SgtMaj Reyes is a native of Louisiana and was trained at MCRD San Diego. He received subsequent combat and Marine Heavy Helicopter training in Florida and North Carolina. The SgtMaj has seen duty in Okinawa, Japan and graduated from Marine Corps Drill Instructor school in Parris Island, South Carolina. He has held several leadership positions, has been awarded multiple Navy and Marine Corps medals and has served as Battalion Sergeant Major since September 2021.



# 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 Nancy** opened the meeting with a stroke of the hammer and welcomed Rotarians including Zoomers and guests to the most dynamic Rotary Club in the world!

**Bonnie Arora** noted that since one of our recent guests would be sworn as a member today, she would not introduce her! She asked the UCSD Rotactors, **Christian, Linda, and Carlos** to introduce themselves.

Immediate Past President **Jacquie Reilly** was invited to the podium to induct our newest member, **Carolyn Fritz**. She was pinned by her sponsor **Linda Andrews** and welcomed with a hearty round of applause from the members. **Jacquie** invited **Christy White** to the podium to receive her Blue Badge acknowledging that not only has she met the requirements of the Blue Badge but has been Club Secretary and Co-Chair of the Community Service Committee, and now President Elect!

Congratulations to both! **Nancy** announced that the Community Service Committee would meet immediately after the meeting.

**Dennis Bucko** and **Rick Clark** spoke about the fun the kids from Rosarito had at their recent Zoo trip. Rick shared a short video he made of the trip which clearly showed the joy the children experienced

at their first time ever trip to see wild animals!

**Ron Kohl** announced that the Ensenada trip would not happen due to border and safety issues, but that ISC had voted to provide the funding for the project to the on-site Rotary Club.

**Brett** reminded all of the beach clean-up event from 8 to 10 on Saturday with Surfers Unite. More info may be found at [www.surfersunite.org](http://www.surfersunite.org).

Reminders to bring food for CCSA and books for our literacy project were made. **Jacquie** reminded all of the Wreaths across America project and noted that information was available on each table.

Two upcoming social events were announced: The Fall Fest Chili-cook off at the home of Rich Papike Saturday at 5 and the holiday party on December 10 – more details to follow on that party!

**Will Moore** introduced our speaker, **Ed Clancy** of Pedal Ahead: E-bikes for Everyone! Pedal Ahead is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that incentivizes the use of electric bikes (e-bikes) to make it easier for people to travel throughout their communities.

The initiative will enhance quality of life for a variety of people – those that are transit-dependent and in need of additional travel options as well as people

who want to reduce their reliance on driving for neighborhood trips while better connecting to regional transit services. Riding an e-bike is a great way to get to work, school, shopping, and other destinations while supporting health and well-being.

Pedal Ahead prioritizes e-bike distribution to lower-income applicants (annual income of approximately \$50,000 or below) while providing quality-of-life enhancements through physical, mental, and environmental health.

**President Nancy** announced that in Marty Rosenstein's absence, she was delighted to introduce our guests from the Preuss School: Holly Mak, Stacy's teacher, her counsellor, her mother and finally **Stacy Doninguez** – our Student of the Month! Stacy gave a moving, emotional presentation of her journey to becoming a good student and finding a path forward that motivates her. She was told that Marty would visit the school to present her certificate in her advisory class for all to see.

After announcing next week's program, Nancy closed the meeting with the start of "Here Comes the Sun" from the Beatles, and a brief reminder that "Gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder!"

~Reporter

*Nancy Gatschet*

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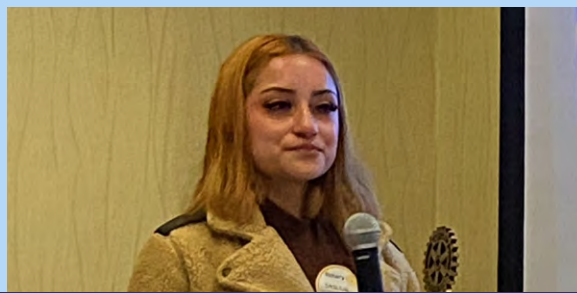
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IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?



# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING



## Surfers Unite Beach Clean-up



## The Fall Fest Chili-cook off



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**LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2022 - 2023**

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



**NOVEMBER 2022**

November 18 - Bev Laursen

November 25 - Dark



**ROTARIAN**  
 OF THE DAY

**RICK CLARK**



Rick Clark is a native of a tiny town in 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 the Seabees, experiencing the enemy action of the infamous TET Offensive of 1968.

He met his future wife, Nilsa, while deployed to Puerto Rico and they were married in 1971. 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 more than 2,000 residential and commercial projects in about 20 states. They retired on Rick's birthday, December 31, 2015.

At the invitation of club jester, Rich Papike, Rick joined the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club in 1992. He 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, as well as producing scores of videos showcasing our amazing organization. Among his Rotary Awards are club Rotarian of the Year, Foundation District Service Award, Governor's Leadership Award, Governor's Visionary Award, District Governor's 'Super Hero Award', Rotary International Avenues of Service Citation and was presented the "Key to the City" of Rosarito Beach, Mexico for organizing ten years of 'Navidad en Noviembre', refurbishing schools there.

His most rewarding Rotary activities, however, were working with Fary Moini and Steve Brown in designing education facilities built in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, affecting tens of thousands of young Afghan students.

Today, Veterans' Day 2022, is dedicated to all of the former and current veterans of our club. Be proud that they all served our country with honor. We will also learn how a US marine becomes a marine.

