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LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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District 5340 Governor 2023-24
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LJGT Rotary President 2023-24
CHRISTY WHITE BROOK

AOS MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- 1st Friday of the Month..... Community Services Committee
(follows club meeting)
- 2nd Friday of the Month..... Youth Services Committee
(follows club meeting)
- 3rd Friday of the Month..... Peace Committee
(follows club meeting)
- October 7..... Oktober Fest University City
(see Melanie Geschwind to volunteer)
- October 7 - 8..... Ensenada Across Border Project
(see Ron Kohl for details)
- October 14..... Chili Cookoff!
(hosted by Rich Papike, organized by Bev Laursen)
- December 9..... Holiday Party at ZLAC
(see Bev Laursen for details)



CHRIS ING



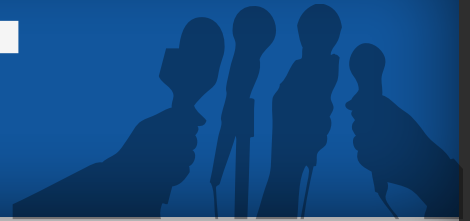
THE FUTURE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Chris Ing leads the paid internship program at MiraCosta College's Technology Career Institute (TCI), which partners students from TCI's Work Skills classes with hands-on, real-world, paid internship opportunities at local businesses across a variety of sectors. This pilot program aims to be a bridge between classroom and workforce, even as the landscapes of education and employment continue to evolve. As father to two high school boys, Chris aims to empower younger generations to find their passion and chart a path to their best life. An avid sailor and motorcyclist in his down time, Chris holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Prince Edward Island, a master's degree from Cal State University San Marcos, and is also a Certified Energy Manager with the Association of Energy Engineers.



REPORT

from the last meeting



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2023

OCTOBER - SPEAKER

6.....Jessica Censotti & Mike McQuary
Report on Sister Cities and Rotary's effect

13.....Dean Cristina Della Coletta
Cultural Preservation of Turin 1911 Exposition

20.....Angela Mayora
Empowerment

27.....Ron Kohl
Three Community Service Projects to
present on their successes

NOVEMBER - SPEAKER

3.....Jo Dee Jacob
Rady's School of Management
Entrepreneurs and Rotary Connection

10.....Jonathan Harris
Navy SEAL - Veteran's Day theme

17.....Deacon Jim Vargas
Updates on Homelessness in San Diego

24.....Dark

We welcomed back the UCSD Rotaract President and a few other guests.

Michael Bardin kicked off Rotarian of the Day by sharing with everyone how much he has actively made the world more peaceful through Rotary. The 4 Way Test has made a big impact on his life. Being a Charter member, he has seen the club change over the years, but his commitment has never wavered. Being a Navy man, once he left the Navy he worked in the PR department as relations between the Navy and the Media.

In his personal life, next month he will have been married 57 years (congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Bardin!). He is a 6th generation Californian with deep roots in Salinas going back to Bardin Way, a street in Salinas named after his family. He has led a very exciting life while spreading peace and he attributes his success to what he did in Rotary as well as what Rotary has done for him.

Rotary Governor Steve Brown had a very passionate speech.

David spoke about peace in modern times. Rotary is a peace spreading club

but it is not always framed as such. It is common that as a country's GDP goes up, so does its peace index but we should not solely rely on this. He went on to discuss the 8 pillars of peace and how they impact everyone's lives.

Ranjan announced the upcoming Ensenada Project and the accompanying festivities. Painting the school should have a large impact on the students' school experience and be lots of fun in the process. Please come out if you can!

Ranjan also mentioned the Life Rolls On with **Brett Morey** at La Jolla Shores.

Bonnie talked about the Oasis Garden project event where the participants will plant a garden.

Samson talked about speakeasys and joining him at Room 56 for a Rotarian happy hour!

Christy talked about the chili cookoff. Come and show off your favorite chili recipes, appetizer, dessert, bottle of wine, etc!

Jose L. Cruz the Chief Executive Officer at the San Diego Council of Literacy was the speaker of the day. He is part of the Lions Club and a recipient of

the 2003 Union Tribune Educator of the Year Award. He also does a podcast called Gapminders where he discusses the ever-widening gaps in San Diego. He has over 38 years of working with literacy. Since COVID, he and the council have given away 350 thousand books to children. He believes that reading is a national assessment of progress. He then displayed some footage about the literacy crisis in San Diego and America, called The Truth About Reading. He also mentioned that 43 million Americans are functionally illiterate.

Much of the curriculum in schools is designed to help kids pretend they can read without actually being able to, but we can change this by giving them books they can read at a beginner level. San Diego is home to over 90 unique languages yet many are not reading at a proficient level.

Stephen Tako donated several books to Jose for the cause.

Jose then was properly "**mugged**" by **Christy** and a donation to Just in Time was made.

~Reporter

Samson Tse

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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OCTOBER 2023

October 6 - Janine Pack

October 13 - Ron Kohl

October 20 - Lori Bende



ROTARIAN
 OF THE DAY

SANDI RIMER

Sandi Rimer's life has been on a circuitous route for a verrrry long time to this final destination of a seasoned Rotarian selling real estate with no intention of slowing down. A life full of adventure, resilience, misses and near misses. And some successes.

Sandi started selling wrapping paper and greeting cards, door to door, at age 10. At age 12 she graduated to a 20 hour/week job as a babysitter. Tried to become a soda jerk at 15 but couldn't get hired because of the age thing. Along the way designed homes and women's clothing. Just for fun. Sold tickets and popcorn at the local theatre. Spent her 20s in the garment industry.

Attended Cal Poly in Pomona in 1962 and was one of 3 freshman women students in the engineering school. There were a total of 6 women students out of 1000 in engineering. There were 1000 students in agriculture related fields, and an additional 1000 in all other disciplines. Out of 3000 students only 300 were women, 50% of student body were married and average age was 35.

Spent a short stent living in Kansas and attending KU, majoring in architecture and engineering. Otherwise always a California girl. San Diego has been home since 1978.

Went parasailing above Acapulco bay in 1968, bottom of Grand Canyon on the back of a mule in August 1970, 9 weeks in Europe when her son was an infant, top of the bridge over Sidney Australia with son Jon when he reached adulthood.



Her son is 6' 1", acts like her, talks like her, same sense of humor, a leader in his sphere, refuses to join Rotary. Sandi adopted Jon when he was an infant and he was raised as an only child. Learned in the last year that his biological parents created and somewhat raised 17. Be careful of 23 and Me. Sometimes you learn too much.

Started Rotary December 10, 1988 in the Escondido club, president in 1995-96, many club and international assignments, governor in 2004-2005, transferred to LJGTRC December 10 2005.