



# ROTARY CLUB of La Jolla

## ***BITS of News***

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**Coming next Tuesday, May 21**



## **Danielle K. Glorioso LCSW, on Resilience: a key to living your best life.**

**Danielle Glorioso** has been a member of the **UCSD Division of Geriatric Psychiatry** since 2001, and has taught, mentored, and published extensively in mental health, aging, and nutrition.

She currently serves as the **Executive Director of the Center for Healthy Aging and the Sam and Rose Stein Institute for Research on Aging**, providing leadership and direct oversight of Center operations. She is also an

experienced prolonged grief disorder therapist and maintains a private practice focusing on grief, prolonged grief disorder, and suicide bereavement.

**Danielle** holds a BS in nutrition from the University of Massachusetts and an MS in Social Work from San Diego State University.

**Please RSVP to Natasha Vossen's email re: our next luncheon on 05/21/2024 [nataschavossen@san.rr.com](mailto:nataschavossen@san.rr.com)**

## Last Week's Meeting Highlights

### A New Sheriff in Town<sup>1</sup>



**Past President Bob Teaff opened our Meeting.**

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<sup>1</sup> President Brown was out of town attending her granddaughter Hannah Graduation from the Berklee College of Music. She asked Past President Robert Teaff, to step in and he graciously agreed to, putting his own touch on the meeting.



**Orin Gabsch** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the following words of inspiration.



***“The Difference Between Stupidity and Genius Is That Genius Has Its Limits” Albert Einstein***

🎵 **Patrick Stouffer** led our singing, “Happy Birthday” to **David Shaw**.



## Our Guests

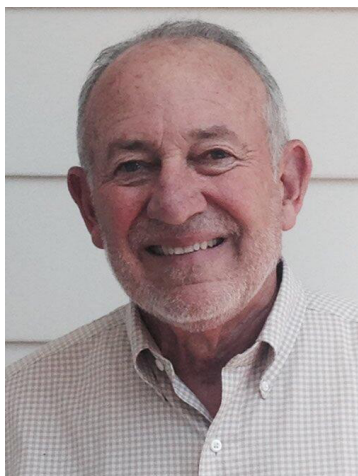
Our Speaker, **Attorney and Author Dan Lawton**, and his dentist for 30 years, **Rotarian, David Brockett**.

**Ruby**, a well behaved 2 ½ year old Golden Doodle and companion of **Edna Pines**.



## Happy Bucks \$\$\$

**Cindy Goodman** happily offered **\$75.00**. She recently attended the Tea3 Foundation in Rancho Santa Fe. Cindy is pleased to have been able to connect the organization to the Armed Services Y. The money they raised will go toward a needed bus and building a playground for the soon to be constructed childcare center there.



**Bill Boehm** happily offered **\$100**. Recently he has had extended discussions with his London based daughter, on British History, knowledge of which is a requirement to gaining a British Visa.



**Don Lincoln**, once again, told us of a family member has excelled at an Athletic Event. This time it's his son, **Don Lincoln II**, who recently ran in the **Santa Barbara Wine Marathon**, and came out first for his age group. Don offered, **\$50**.



**Orin Gabsch** promised **a gift** to the Rotary Foundation, as he announced this will be his last meeting for the summer. He announced he will be taking off for his beloved Coeur d'Alene for the summer.

## Announcements

### The Alison Brown Fundraiser

**Cindy Goodson** announced 245 tickets have been sold thus far, with 30 that will go to military families. She said that there will be media articles coming out soon from the La Jolla Light, the Union Tribune etc. and is confident that the show will be a sellout.

On an analogous issue, she is looking for a van or possibly 2 that can hold 11 or 12 people to pick up the band and their instruments at the airport for the concert. Cindy reminded us it's important for all of us to attend the concert to honor our President. Barbara Brown.

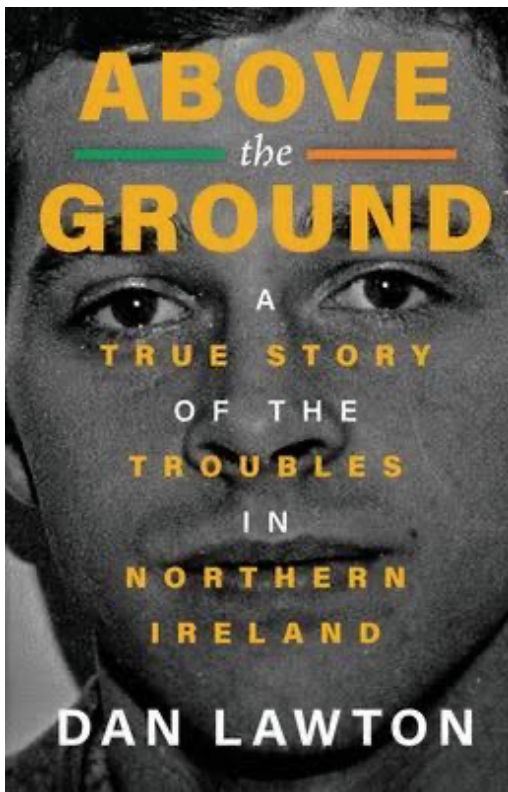


**Chuck Dick** announced **Zeke Knight** has had a stroke and was sent to Scripps Hospital. He suggested we pick up a card at Warwick's and send it to him. **Penny Shurtleff**, our sunshine person, can give you, his address. Contact her at [plssunrise@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plssunrise@sbcglobal.net).

**Chuck Marsh**, our premier webmaster updated us on our (his) beautiful Rotary of La Jolla website. at <https://www.rotarycluboflajolla.org>, and told us how to register our membership to enable us to enter the inner sanctum of the site.



## Our Speaker from Last Week



**Dan Lawton on his book, *Above the Ground, a true story of “the Troubles” in Northern Ireland.***

On the face of it, this book concerns a young Belfast Irish Catholic taxicab driver, **Kevin Barry Artt**, who in 1982, was falsely accused and arrested for killing a British prison administrator, beaten over 5 days into confessing to the

murder, convicted, imprisoned for life, and then almost miraculously escaped along with 38 members of the IRA from “the Maze” a massive Northern Ireland prison. With the help of others and using fraudulent documents, he would eventually find his way to California, only to be found by the FBI, arrested on a murder warrant from Belfast, and over a period of nearly 20 years eventually be exonerated and found innocent.

Underlying this story too, is the brutal story of “the Troubles” and the people caught in the web of hatred on both sides of this seemingly never-ending bloody political and nationalistic conflict. It would take Tony Blair, George Mitchell and representatives of the IRA to come up with the Good Friday Agreement in 1998 which removed direct rule by the British government, disbanded the IRA and set up a government made up of both sides to end the violence.

Finally, it is also the story of **Dan Lawton**, a San Diego Civil lawyer working for a white shoe law firm (Luce Forward Hamilton and Scripps) who one day in 1992, out of curiosity, met with Kevin Barry Artt at MCC where he was being held on an extradition hold to Northern Ireland. That meeting would change not only Kevin’s life but also Dan’s. He would devote 8 years to helping Kevin stay in the United States, eventually enlisting additional lawyers from **Morrison Forrester** as well as **Jim Brosnahan** to take on this monster of a case, and of course eventually writing this book.

During the time (20 years) it would take to unwind the case, **Dan Lawton** made numerous trips to Belfast, looking for evidence in the case. He would find exonerating evidence with the help of **Alan Miles**, the murder victim’s son which eventually resulted in the Northern Ireland Appellate court quashing<sup>2</sup> the conviction.

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<sup>2</sup> Some may think the word should be “squashed”. No it is “quashed” which means to reject as invalid, especially by legal procedure: ‘his conviction was quashed on appeal.’ “to suppress or extinguish summarily and completely”.

Kevin Barry Artt today leads a very normal life. He is 65, lives in San Francisco, married, and father to 3 children. For some time, he has been running a prosperous and successful construction business.

I have read the book, and found it engrossing, though I admit I wish there had been more about roles the attorneys played over the years as this case was an epic one from a legal perspective. I asked Dan about that before he spoke, and he said, “the editors thought it was too boring, and cut most of it out”.

I should also mention, Dan Lawton told us, the book is in the process of being made into a movie. In the meantime, consider getting a copy, as I have only touched on the surface of this extraordinary story.



## ***In Two Weeks, Come One, Come All***



***An Evening Social on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM***



*On the lovely rooftop of the MacDougall and  
Dicks' Homes overlooking the Pacific Ocean.  
Time to mingle, swap lies and just have a very  
good time together.*

And, coming June 24th,  
**The District Governor Awards Dinner at the Del Mar  
Hilton.**

You will need to sign up soon. <https://rotary5340.org>

**Finally, don't forget,  
Our Future speakers and events are now listed on our  
website. Take a look!  
See: [rotarycluboflajolla.org](http://rotarycluboflajolla.org)**

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