



The La Jolla Rotary Club News Bulletin

May 20, 2025

Another annual La Jolla Kiwanis Club half marathon and another annual La Jolla Rotary Club water station

Bill Burch leading the pack, Cindy Goodman waving.





Craig Schniepp with 10 enthusiastic, hard-working LJHS Interactors



One observer noted that there were twice as many Interactors as Rotarians at this event. It may be that some of the Rotarians that signed up did not make it. Also noted was the lack of any of our red badgers.







Upcoming Social May 27, 2025

Event Invitation

You are invited to the Club Social.



Join us at **THE LOT** for a No Host social in lieu of a meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, from 5 to 7 PM.
The Lot is located at 7611 Fay Avenue.

Next Meeting Tuesday June 3



30- year perspective; how did UCSD get to where it is now?

Our own past president, and president-elect **Russell**

King will talk about future projects and on how the campus grew over the several decades to its current state. Russ has worked on the campus for over 30 years. The last 15 years were spent in various roles having oversight of several construction projects. In his most recent role, he served as a Project Advisor in the Office of the Chancellor.



Today's Meeting:



President Bob Teaff called the meeting to order especially welcoming, our scholarship, guests, and their parents. Then he introduced Don Lincoln into presented inspiration and lead us in the pledge.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

George Wahab quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson to emphasize the value of honest criticism, genuine, appreciation, and positive contribution to society. He then dedicated the sentiments to a successful student, highlighting the student's achievements in academics and social endeavors as a result of hard work.



George encouraged our Rotary scholars to maintain their efforts and contribute to the betterment of the Earth and humanity.

Guests of Rotarians:

George Wahab introduced his guest **Ahmad Kadry** a doctor retired after 40 years who said he's learned a lot about Rotary from George and is interested in our Club



Jane Reldan, introduced **Lailie Kahsai**, A third year UCSD student interested in primary care and delighted to be able to follow Dr. Jane on patient visits.

Rotarian Guests:

Jordan Sargent introduced her visiting mother, **Lisa Sargent** a Rotarian in Yakima Washington. Jordan, a red badger helping with check-in immediately put her mother to work welcoming g and helping check in our Rotary scholars, parents and guests. An effort much appreciated by treasurer, **Pat Stouffer** and Club service chair **Penny Shurtleff**.



Happy Bucks\$\$ Dr. Jane announced she is having hip surgery on Tuesday and will miss the social. \$25.

Bob Pecora offered up \$20 and let us know that he's going to be visiting his mother in Charleston soon to celebrate her 100th birthday.



Auction Items\$\$

Chuck Marsh & Nan Johnson

returned from Taliesin

West, near Scottsdale, with a FLW-designed folded paper dog bowl. Chuck auctioned this off and when he received a bid of \$40 from **Pat Stouffer**, he focused on dog owner, **Davis Cracroft**, and mentioned that the package contained two paper bowls. Davis generously agreed to pay \$40 for the second one.



Traveling further afield and well dressed, **Davis Cracroft & Sherry** returned from Machu Picchu laden with the gifts. Milk chocolate from Cusco, a water bottle from the Sanctuary Lodge, a baby llama, magnesium salt,



coffee, and three rotary international golf balls. **Chuck M** began the bidding with a weak bid of \$10, bidding slowed at \$40, and he bid \$45 hoping to be topped at \$50. He wasn't!



Pat Stouffer brought back "a unique, rare and special gold leaf sake from Japan." He informed us of the current price of gold and **Sid Stutz** snapped it up for \$50



Special Late Announcement



Our longtime member, **Laurie Durisoe** decorator and party giver extraordinaire, host at her home of our 75th anniversary party, is hosting another party.

Laurie announced that on June 8 she is hosting a **POP THE CORK** wine collection party to support the world class theaters, museums, and science centers on the Prado in

Balboa Park. We are all invited to enjoy this event in her wonderful, expansive, view-laden backyard in Rancho Santa Fe. Details attached to the email where you found this stunning newsletter.

At last **Today's Program:**



Our scholarship committee chair, **Lance Bridges** and co-chair/wife, **Natascha Vossen** opened today's program with Natascha at the mic.

She welcomed fellow Rotarians, special guests, parents, and student scholars and highlighted the awarding of \$241,000 in scholarships this year. A total of 18 scholarship recipients were presented.

In addition, the committee received 34 letters and renewed 11 Riford Scholarships and 23 Rotary Scholarships. Lance read Elena Tyvoll's letter, which I've attached to the email delivering this.

"Now, on to this year's high school senior applicants and awards. She thanked the Scholarship Committee members:

David Weston, Norm Chapel, Russell King, Cindy Goodman, & Pat Stouffer

and the Rotarians who served on the interview committee:

**Lance Bridges, Norm Chapel, George Wahab, Bob Pecora
Denise McGuire, Cindy Goodman, Russell King, & Craig Schniepp**

Rotary and Riford Scholarships are awarded to local students graduating from:

- La Jolla High School
- The Bishop's School

- The Preuss School at UCSD
- La Jolla Country Day School

“It is through the unwavering guidance, encouragement, and belief of dedicated high school counselors and teachers that our scholarship recipients have grown into the successful students and inspiring young adults they are today.”

We are honored to welcome and recognize the incredible educators who have made a lasting impact:

From La Jolla High School:

- Counselors [Katherine Fitzpatrick](#) and [Sharon Rubalcava](#)
- AVID Teacher [Elisa Savoia](#)

From The Preuss School:

- Counselors [Erin Patrick](#) and [Allyson Cobbs](#)

Thank you for the profound difference you’ve made in the lives of your students — your support truly helps shape futures.”

This year there were 43 applicants, 20 students were selected to be interviewed and 18 received scholarships.

Attached to the email where you receive this is the full text of Natascha’s program, including detailed information about all the activities and accomplishments of each of the students. Well worth reading how talented these scholarship recipients are. And if you’re still reading this and the first to send me an email confirming you read this, I will buy you a drink at The Lot on Tuesday.

REMINDER Tuesday, May 27, CLUB SOCIAL at The Lot 5 PM.

Tuesday June 3, Noon Meeting with Speaker Russell King UCSD Ret.

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