

# **Rotary Club of La Jolla Newsletter, August 8, 2024**



**Coming next week, Tuesday, August 13,  
SDFD Asst. Fire Chief John Wood, and  
Wendy Robinson, San Diego Fire- Rescue  
Foundation on:**

**“Working to Prevent Disaster in Our San  
Diego Community”**



**Asst Fire Chief, John Wood**, started his career with **SDFD** in 1996 as a firefighter and has progressed through the ranks.

He was an **FBI certified bomb technician** on the **SDFD Bomb Squad** for 17 years. He has been a member of the **Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Urban Search & Rescue (US&R)** program since 1998; a member of the SDFD HAZMAT team for six years and a member of several incident management teams (IMT). As a member of the FEMA US&R Task

Force and Incident Support Team (IST), Chief Wood responded to many nationwide disasters including **New York City following 9/11, Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy**, the Colorado floods, and the Oso, Washington landslide as well as many wildland fires around the nation as a member of an IMT. He currently oversees all aspects of SDFD business operations including Emergency Command and Data Center, Employee Services, Logistics, and Community Risk Reduction

**Wendy Robinson** has been the Executive Director of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Foundation since 2010. In her role, she oversees the organization's operations, special events, and fundraising efforts. Wendy excels at building strong corporate partnerships and grant writing. With a background in fundraising and development, Wendy has secured grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$500,000 and organized fundraising events that significantly boost operational income



**Important Please RSVP to Natascha Vossen our next luncheon August 13,**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dkpZkZU2pOoCmuvRlvFxpTUOM\\_uAxNbgu\\_ahbKY\\_lrs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dkpZkZU2pOoCmuvRlvFxpTUOM_uAxNbgu_ahbKY_lrs/edit?usp=sharing)

## **Our Wine Social July 31, 2024**

39 delighted Rotarians and their spouses gathered at the beautiful home of Natascha Vossen and Lance Bridges for an evening filled with friendship, good times and a special wine tasting program.

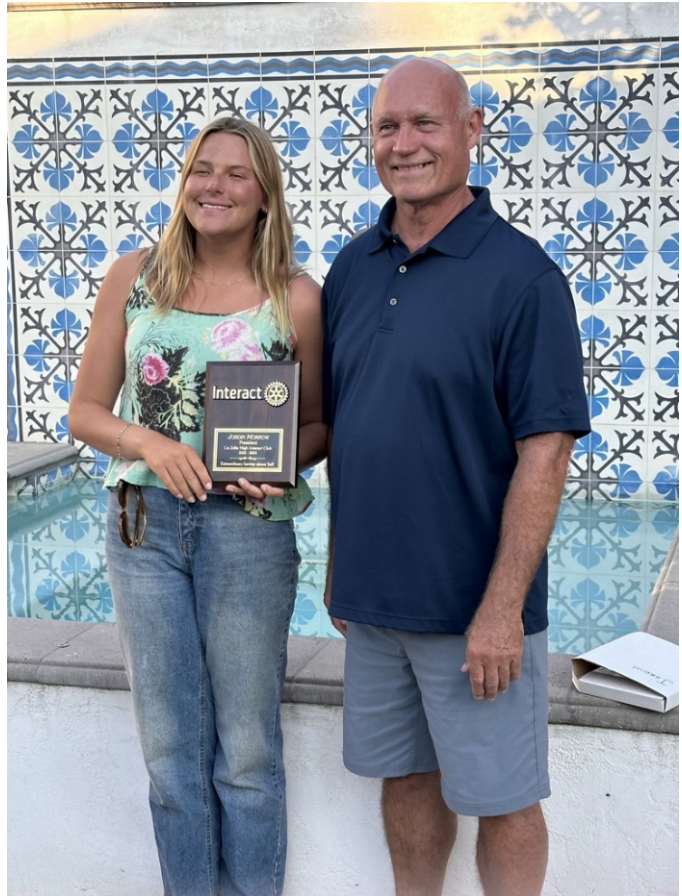


**Stephanie Perez**, a partner at **Cordant Winery**, provided a wine-tasting experience for us by pouring a “flight” of wines from her winery.

Before each pouring, Stephanie educated us on the differences and similarities of the wines and the regions they came from. The history of Cordant Winery and their veteran founded non-profit,

organization, the Wingman Foundation, can be found at <https://www.cordantwinery.com/about/>





An Award for Jordin Morrow who led  
Interact for two years





**Thankyou Lance and Natascha, from all of us, you are the Best!**



## **Meeting Hi Lights from Last Week**

**President Barbara Brown** called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Our President led us in the Pledge of Allegiance



And quoted Thomas Jefferson for our Inspiration.

*“I hope our wisdom will grow with our power and teach us that the less we use our power the greater it will be.”*

## Guests



**Laurie Durisoe** and her guest **Laura Applegate**

**Dr. John Hoss** introduced his guest,  
**Dr. Jenni Brehove**, an orthodontist:



## Happy Bucks \$\$\$\$



**Dr. Jane Reldan** donated **\$50** Happy Bucks in honor of having received an appreciation from UCSD School of Medicine for her teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> year Medical Students multiple hours during their Medicine Clerkship.



**Dave Weston** donated **\$500!** in honor of the retirement from UCSD of Rotarian and past-president **Russell King**.



**More Happy Bucks** came in from from **Chuck Marsh, Cindy Goodman and Barbara Gerber**, bringing the total **to \$1000!!!**

## **Announcements:**

**Kevin Gott** has resigned from RCLJ due to demands on his time outside of La Jolla. **Penny Shurtleff** assumed Kevin's role as Chair of Club Service.



**Midge Coburn**, Chair of our Membership committee reported our club has adopted a new 3-month "Pilot Program" from October 1 to December 31, 2024.

The Program is a result of a series of recommendations to our existing policies made by her committee of 8 members during a retreat held last month.

They are:

- A. The Requirement that members pay membership dues but only pay for those meals they attend.
- B. we have **two meetings per month** in addition to **one social per month**.
- C. We resume the **red badge program**
- D. We have mentors in addition to sponsors for new members.
- E. That we feature **service programs** as part of our regular programming.

**Cindy Goodman** proudly announced our club was mentioned in two articles in ***Ranch and Coast*** magazine concerning our **Alison Brown Fundraiser**.

**John Donaldson** and his wife **Karin** will host a social at their home on Tuesday, September 24, 2024

On August 19 and 20, **Rotary 5340** will hold their first Community Service Event entitled, **“Operation Gratitude”** At the Air and Space Museum in Balboa Park, to stuff troop care packages for deployed service personnel on the USS George Washington.



Join Operation Gratitude on **August 19th and 20th**, for an Assembly Event at the **San Diego Air and Space Museum** where we will assemble **7,500 Deployed Troop Care Packages** for the **USS George Washington**

Shifts-

Monday 8/19: 9:30am-12:30pm  
Monday 8/19: 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Tuesday 8/20: 10:00am-1:00pm  
Tuesday 8/20: 2:00pm-5:00pm

[Click here to Register](#)



Former **District Governor Pat Crowell** passed away last month. Pat was an esteemed member of the San Diego Bar Association as well as major contributor to Rotary and our Community. Among his achievements were Chamber of





Commerce Chair, 1990, SD 33 Rotary President, 1987-1988, and Rotary District Governor, 1993-1994.

**Chuck Dick** extemporaneously spoke of Pat, his many accomplishments as a Rotarian and his kindness and his good and immensely generous heart. A private service will be held shortly, with a public memorial planned for October. Condolences may be sent to his wife of fifty years, Maggi Crowell, at Casa de Mañana Retirement Community, 849 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, CA 92037.

## Last Week's Speaker, Lee "Hacksaw" Hamilton

Lee was introduced by former President Robert Teaff.

A graduate of Ohio University (bachelors and masters) with two adult children, "**Hacksaw**" is a radio broadcaster, sports journalist, podcaster and talk show host, who was the voice of the Chargers and the Seattle Seahawks. He has a regular talk radio show.

"Hacksaw" noted the passing of former Padres Chairman, **Peter Seidler**, this past fall. He noted the trades that Padres Manager, A. J. Preller, made recently to get new players this year, giving up 14 long-term prospects. "Hacksaw" noted that Chargers Quarterback, Justin Herbert, got hurt in pre-season training camp, and it is unclear whether the Chargers will be able to get to the playoffs.



He noted that **SDSU Basketball** is doing well, although he mourns the break-up of the Pacific 12 Conference. He doesn't like **Dean Spanos**, who he believes has made some bad choices with the Charters.

He notes that **Simone Biles** has made huge contributions to the Olympics AND to teen Mental health. He notes that Noah Lyles is a "loudmouth" but a great track talent. "Hacksaw" took many questions from the audience.

He was mesmerizing! Never have we heard a human being speak so fast, so confidently and factually on such a wide range of sports, sport personalities and teams of all sorts. Wow!

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