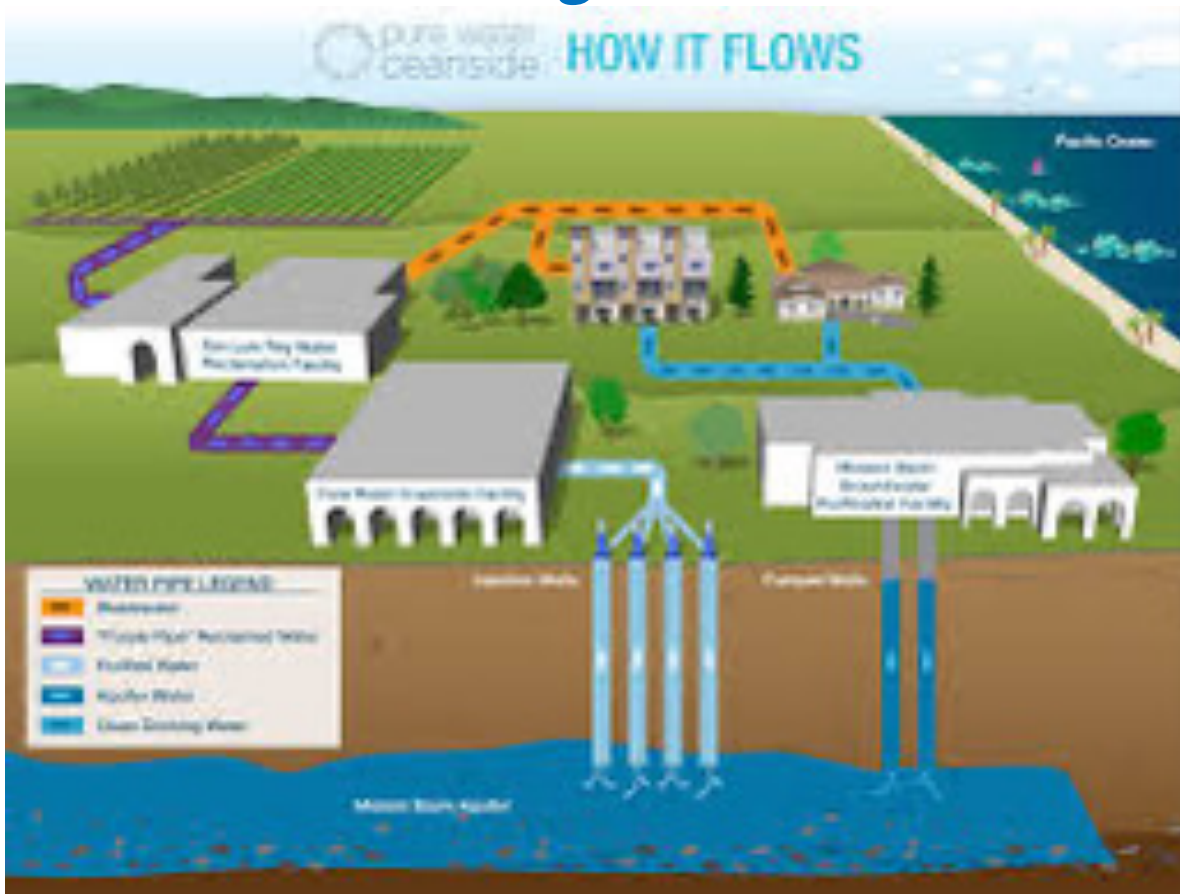




ROTARY CLUB of La Jolla *News Bulletin*

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Coming next Tuesday, Meriam Chihwaro and Alice Altes on San Diego's Pure Water Project.



Dive into the future of San Diego's water supply with **Alice Altes**, and **Meriam Chihwaro** who will provide a comprehensive update on **Pure Water San Diego**, the city's groundbreaking program set to revolutionize water sustainability.



Alice Altes PE is a Senior Civil Engineer whose key role is to oversee the staff who manage the various capital improvement projects for Pure Water. She is a San Diego native & has been interested in the water industry since 3rd grade. Alice is a Senior Civil Engineer with the City of San Diego.

Meriam Chihwaro is an Associate Engineer with the City of San Diego. She has over ten years of diverse professional experience, including civil and transportation design, hydraulics and hydrology design, construction management and inspection of CIP, maintenance, and emergency projects, as well as experience in traffic safety and operations.



Important Please RSVP to Natascha Vossen our next luncheon September 10th,

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Last Week's Meeting

President Barbara Brown called our meeting to order



And **Penny Shurtleff** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave us the following words of inspiration.



As I look all around me, all I seem to hear these days is “We must love and respect each other no matter what other people’s persona beliefs are.”

I can’t help but wonder about those who do not choose to do this. Do they remember or even realize that we are all living together and sharing the same planet? A planet that a greater being gave to each of us? Don’t you wonder about this too?



Guests

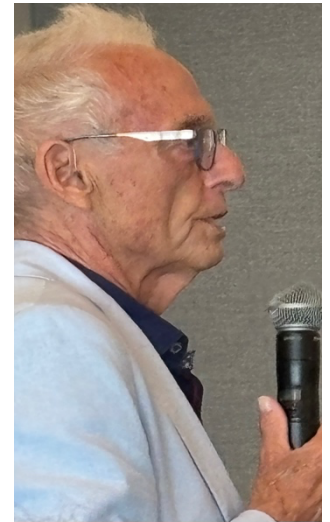
Laura Applegate was the guest of **Laurie Durisoe**



Bill Burch introduced his guest, **Bob Brown**. Bob is a realtor and the incoming president of **REBA**.



George Wahab introduced his guest, **Tony Weaver** a native of San Diego, who has an interest in joining our club



Lance Bridges introduced his guest **Connor Reynoso Spurrier**, A Riford Scholar who is presently going into his fourth year at UCSD. Connor spoke of his successes and pursuits in college, strongly expressing his gratitude at having received the Riford scholarships that have enabled him to have such a positive and enriching college experience.



Jane Reldan introduced 3rd year medical student from UCSD Donya **Mazdeyasnan**.

Happy Bucks \$\$\$:

With the Pride of a Father for his son and new daughter in law, Bill Burch announced that his son, **Henry Burch** has recently married a beautiful girl named **Hazel**.



Who am I?



Jane Reldan has been a member of Rotary Club of La Jolla since 2009. She was a graduate of **McGill Medical School** in Canada, and for years has practiced Family Medicine here in San Diego.

For those patients who have problems leaving their homes, she will make home calls. She related to us several examples of how this makes service makes it easier for patients with mobility problems to receive the care they need. She also stated she has full access thru the internet, with their specialists, and their records enabling her to review the patient's history as well as be in contact with the patient's other physicians as need be.



Last Week's Speaker:



Judge Dana Sabraw, Chief Judge for the United States District of Southern California

Chuck Dick introduced Judge Sabraw to a full house of Rotarians last week. Chuck said he met Dana in the 1980s when he was a new attorney interviewing for positions at his law firm **Baker McKenzie**. Chuck was immediately struck by Dana's intelligence and knowledge of legal matters. Realizing Dana was someone who was particularly talented and would be enormously beneficial to the office, Chuck made sure the law firm hired him. Several years later, when Judge Sabraw then a partner at **Baker McKenzie**, decided to leave the law firm for a judicial position, they nonetheless have remained friends and in touch over the last 30 years.

Judge Sabraw graciously thanked us, for receiving this invitation to speak, saying his wife **Summer Stephan, the District Attorney of San Diego County** had spoken to our group a year ago and had told him what a special group we were and how much she had enjoyed spending time with us.

Judge Sabraw began by telling us of the types of cases the Federal Courts will deal with generally, both Civilly and Criminally, as well as the types of cases the Southern District handles. The basic jurisdiction of Federal cases, as distinguished from State cases, is founded in the US Constitution. Federal District Courts handle both civil and criminal cases. Most recently, they have dealt with the **Sinaloa Cartel** in its incursions into the United and massive Drug cases that had been transported through our border from Mexico. Along with U.S. Civil cases include class action suits about price fixing.

Secondly, Judge Sabraw talked to us about the value of having three co-equal branches of government, and its structural importance in maintaining our democracy and the rule of law. He pointed out that Poland and Hungary no longer have a co-equal judicial branch, and how this change has had a debilitating impact has on the democracy of those countries. He used a study of three cases decided over a span of 250 years to illustrate the importance of this fundamental issue.

Finally, he urged us as individuals and as a group to consider taking on the role of mentoring, as having a mentor as he did with Chuck Dick, made an enormous impact on his career.

The Judge then asked the members if there were any questions, which there were many, some he could answer, some he could not, only because a case may come up in his future with those same legal questions, and by rendering an opinion now would foreclose him from ever handling a case with the same issues.



President Brown's Final Reminders for the Club, before Closing

1. We will have another Social for the last Tuesday in September, September 24th. John Donaldson and his wife have graciously volunteered to host the Social. Put it on your calendars now.
2. The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club has invited Rotarians from District 5340 to attend their **VOCATIONAL SERVICE BUSINESS MIXER** at the UCSD Faculty Club Lounge in Thursday, September 5, 2024 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
3. Our **First Community Service Event** will be held on September 24th at the **USO at the Airport**, where we will provide lunch for 100 young marines coming out of boot Camp. You can sign up, at Natascha Vossen's, sign-up sheet. Do it today!

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