



ROTARY CLUB of La Jolla

News Bulletin

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Coming tomorrow, Sept. 17th, U.S. Atty Oleksandra Johnson and Civil Attorney Michael Lipman on “Protecting older adults targeted by scammers and other bad actors.”



Because of a new and aggressive effort to thwart criminals who target seniors, the U.S. Attorney’s Office and the San Diego FBI have recovered more than \$3 million

lost by victims of *sophisticated* fraud schemes that primarily targeted the elderly. The ongoing operation, launched at the beginning of the year, is a collaboration led by the **U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI** with assistance from state and local agencies. The operation uses a data-driven approach to target and seize money on behalf of victims of fraud. Since January 2024, investigators have obtained over 40 seizure warrants written for more than \$5.6 million in seizures, with **\$3,339,273.58** recovered so far.

Assistant United States Attorney Oleksandra Johnson has been with the U.S. Department of Justice since 2016 and is currently assigned to the Major Frauds and Public Corruption Section in the Southern District of California. She supervises investigations and litigates complex fraud matters. Prior to becoming a federal prosecutor, she worked as a staff attorney at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California from 2009 until 2016. She is a graduate of the **University of San Diego School of Law**.

Michael Lipman is a **former career U.S. Attorney**, and current law partner at Duane Morris with over 40 years of experience trying Criminal and Civil Cases in both state and Federal court.



Please RSVP to Natasha Vossen's email re: our next luncheon on September 17th, nataschavossen@san.rr.com

Hi Lights from Last Week's Meeting

President Barbara Brown called the meeting to order,



and **Dr. Jane Reldon** led us in the pledge of allegiance



and offered the following reflection:

“Whenever possible be kind and always make it possible.”

Paul Harris Pin Award

Barbara awarded **Helmut Hatzinger** with his second **Paul Harris Fellowship**.
Congratulations Helmut!



Auction Item



Edna Pines recently returned from England, and auctioned off a stylish Beetles wallet which, after tense back and forth bidding,

Dr. Jane Reldon won! Though Jane's new wallet is already \$50 lighter, our clubs' coffers and future Rotary projects benefitted through her generosity.

Happy Bucks \$\$\$

Edna Pines also donated \$100 toward the memory of her recently departed 96-year-old father, and for her two daughters who are engaged and soon will be married.

Announcements

Sid Stutz let us all know of recent successful efforts to bring an Afghan woman judge and her husband to San Diego, after 3 years of exile in Pakistan, truly a noble endeavor.

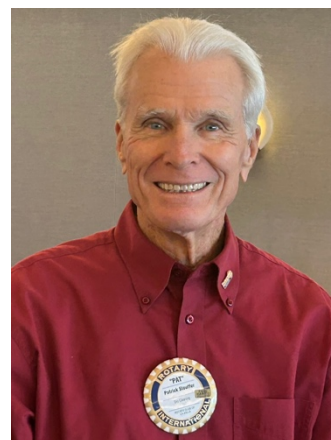
After many delays due to San Diego's extensive bureaucratic permitting requirements, **Cindy Goodman** announced that finally the

“**Welcome to La Jolla**” sign will be installed. A big “thank you!” to Cindy for her tireless efforts helping to bring this project to fruition.



Meal Vouchers??

With nearly 100 percent of our Rotarians now paying for meals at each meeting, our treasurer **Pat Stouffer** introduced the possibility of using meal vouchers. The vouchers would greatly reduce the time each member would need to wait at the sign-in desk using our current credit card or cash payment method. More details will follow in the next few weeks.



Who Am/Was I??



Davis Cracroft began by listing the many maladies and surgeries he has recently endured making the case that “**Who Was I?**” is a far better way to look at his life and times.

Davis is a post war baby boomer whose father was president of a wholesale tobacco company, in Salt Lake City, a business that was understandably challenged by trying to sell cigarettes and cigars to a predominately Mormon community.

He remarked, his father’s business was comparable to owning a liquor store in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, a pork sausage street stand in Tel Aviv, Israel, or a Toyota auto dealership in Amish country, Lancaster, Penn.

Davis graduated from the **University of Utah Medical School** and after residency at **UCSD**, started an emergency medical group at **Scripps Mercy Hospital** in the early 1990's.

His medical career highlights include volunteer work with **M.O.S.T. (Mercy Outreach Surgical Team)**, which performed life-changing surgeries on central Mexican children. He also volunteered with Scripps disaster relief teams that cared for surviving patients of Hurricane Katrina. Davis retired from the ER and as Chief Medical Officer of Mercy Hospital in 2021.

He highlighted his wonderful family especially his wife, **Sherry**. A Georgia peach of a gal, Sherry's fishing skills were honed in the South under the tutelage of her father, Jack. Though "**Catch and Release**" is a totally alien proposition to Sherry, she has developed into a remarkable fly fisherwoman.

Sherry and her (soon to be released) **Canadian lunker** (7 lbs. 24 inch) brown trout caught just two weeks ago on the Bow River near Calgary



Throughout his life animals, especially dogs, have occupied a special place in his heart. **Lucy**, a rescued mutt from Mexico, is Davis's current favorite canine companion.

Proudly, Davis spoke and displayed some of his very favorite photos showing the fact that at times, he has also formed dubious close relationships with a few **snakes**.



Finally, He noted the significant role that our Rotary Club has played in his life.

His Rotary life has been highlighted by serving as **president in 2007-8**, volunteering for frequent house-builds in Mexico and many community service projects, providing medical care at **RYLA**, receiving **the Don Durhurst Award** last year, and especially enjoying the lasting friendships made through Rotary.

Last Week's Program on the San Diego Pure Water Program



Don Lincoln introduced **Alice Altes**, a Senior Civil Engineer with the City of San Diego, and **Meriam Chihwaro**, an Associate Engineer with the City of San Diego. They provided a comprehensive review of **San Diego's Pure Water Project**.

Alice Altes, with help from her colleague, **Mariam Chihwaro**, presented an **update to Pure Water San Diego**, a phased, multi-year program that will provide nearly half of San Diego's water supply locally by the end of 2035.

With an average of only **ten inches of yearly rainfall**, San Diego City is considered a desert which necessitates importing about 85% of our water. During the past 10 years San Diego has experienced drought conditions 70% of the time. With a population growth of over 250,000 people in the past 10 years and more in the future, we are struggling to keep up with our demand for water. Many of our existing pipelines are beyond their useful lives, and we learned that many pipes pass directly over existing earthquake fault lines. Additionally, the cost of our water is rising exponentially. An imported acre foot of water (enough to meet the water needs of eight people/year) in 2000 the cost was \$400; in 2023 the cost rose to \$1400; and the cost is expected to double in the next few years.

Solutions to San Diego's expanding water needs must be multifaceted to succeed:

- Conservation – water wise kitchen and laundry appliances, decreasing lawn and plant watering, etc.,
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- Desalination – Could supply approximately 10% of our water
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- Recycled Water – expanded use for industrial and agricultural needs
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San Diego Pure Water Program is expected to provide **one-half of our water** by 2035. The Program is the largest infrastructure project in San Diego to date. Phase 1 of the Pure Water Program will ultimately produce 30 million gallons per day of clean recycled water, reducing the City's dependence on imported water. Construction of major water infrastructure including pipelines, pump stations and treatment facilities are taking place in Morena, Bay Park, Bay Ho, Clairemont, University City, Miramar and Scripps Ranch communities.

Though your commute in these areas may be rerouted or delayed, the ultimate goal of providing less expensive and more abundant water makes the

inconvenience worthwhile. A good example of the Phase 1 Project is the construction of the Morena Pump Station which began in June 2021 and is expected to be completed in 2026. When finished the Morena Pump Station will divert an average of 32 million gallons per day of wastewater through the Morena Pipeline to the North City Water Reclamation Plant for treatment and the Pure Water Facility for purification.

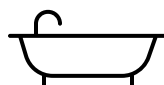
Throughout San Diego you'll encounter various projects that may divert traffic and create an inconvenience, but in the long term the Project will assure the availability of clean affordable water. Currently the North City Pure Water Facility is 71% complete. Ultimately the North City Pure Water 48-inch pipeline will pump clean water to Miramar Reservoir for storage until needed. Alice Altes listed twelve projects which are in process to complete Phase 1. They range from Miramar Reservoir Water Quality Monitoring System which is 100% complete to the Penasquitos Pump Station Oxygenation System which is only 15% completed. The average completion of the Phase 1 projects is around 50%, and the completion dates of the remaining projects will be 2026 at the latest.

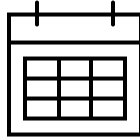
If you're interested you can take a virtual tour of the Demonstration Facility at: virtualtour.purewatersd.org or [YouTube.com/PureWaterSD](https://www.youtube.com/PureWaterSD)

Phase 2 of the SD Pure Water Program will eventually provide 53 million gallons of water which will be stored in San Vicente or Lake Murray Reservoirs. Stage 2 is still in the planning stage and is continually being revamped because of "increased costs and lessons learned".

We also learned that our city owns 9 reservoirs, and it is not anticipated that more reservoirs are needed. Lake Hodges dam is over 100 years old and will eventually need replacement which will be a costly endeavor to say the least. The dam periodically must be drained down to prevent the real potential of a dam breach.

For more detailed information regarding San Diego Pure Water Project please go to their website: <https://www.sandiego.gov>





President Barbara Brown's final calendar announcements:

We will be **DARK** Tuesday September 24th. Instead, on that day, we will be holding **Two Special events**

In the morning and early afternoon, we will hold our **First Community Service event at the Airport USO** where we will be expecting to serve over 100 Marines fresh from Boot Camp, lunch, as they await their transfer to further education and training at MCRD and Pendleton. More information to follow.

In the Evening, **John and Karin Donaldson** will hold a **Social** between 5:30 and 8 at their home at **1683 Calle Candela, La Jolla**



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<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dkpZkZU2pOoCmuvRlvFxpTUOMuAxNbguaHbKYIrs/edit?usp=sharing>

Important

On Thursday, October 21, at **7AM** at the UCSD faculty club *Coffee with the Boss*. Please register **ASAP** as Golden Triangle Rotary our host, wants a headcount to make sure they have a large enough room. **You need to scan the QR code to register...**

Coffee with the Boss



Monday · October 21, 2024

7:00 AM Socializing
7:30 AM Dialogue and Q & A with
President Stephanie Urchick

Coffee and Pastries



Registration and Prepayment
Required
Cost: \$25/person



SCAN to
Register as Guests & Pay

Onsite Convenient Parking
\$8 via Credit Card

RI PRESIDENT
STEPHANIE URCHICK

The La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club is honored to host International President Stephanie Urchick for an informal, yet dynamic, dialogue and Q&A at the UCSD Faculty Club.

She will field questions from District Governor Dianne Crawford, La Jolla Golden Triangle President Luke Ervin and Rotaractors from UCSD, USD and SDSU.



Directions to UCSD Faculty Club
<https://facclub.ucsd.edu/directions/index.html>

Chief Reporter in Utah, by candlelight. - Davis Cracroft

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