

New RSF Rotary Club President Patrick Galvin ready to expand club's philanthropic efforts

By Karen Billing

Patrick Galvin is the new Rancho Santa Fe Rotary president, ready to bring on more charitable events and programs, and increase membership in the 51-year-old Ranch organization.

Galvin, who works in real estate, is an Ireland-native who moved to Rancho Santa Fe 20 years ago. Galvin has been in the Rancho Santa Fe Rotary Club almost as long as he's lived here, joining after former RSF School superintendent Roger Rowe invited him to join.

"I certainly enjoy the camaraderie and people in Rotary, and I've always wished to give back to the community and help those who are less fortunate," Galvin said.

Galvin has never been president of the club before but has been a very active member during his time there.

"I think Patrick's really been a leader for the last five years," said fellow Rotarian Bill Banning. "He's been the heart and soul of Rotary since I've been there, particularly because Pat keeps it so fun and relaxed."

Galvin will head up a group described as ego-free and committed to community service. They do everything from the very local, such as planning the annual Rancho Days barbecue, to the far reaching—their involvement with the Water for Sudan project has resulted in the drilling of 70 wells in the last 18 months in



Patrick Galvin

Southern Sudan. Each well serves 3,000 people.

"It's a daunting task because you're really involved with the logistics of Rotary and people don't realize how much they do. It's almost like a business," Galvin said. "I feel that I'm up to the task but it will take a team effort to be successful."

He knows there will be challenges—the economy impacts the membership and the money they are able to raise for their various causes. Despite the challenges, Galvin is full of ideas and several new programs and events are coming online in the coming months.

On July 19, singer Chubby Checker will visit the Rotary Club's meeting as a guest speaker. That night, Checker will help kick off the Rotary's first golf tournament with a party at the Valenti Estate beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The golf tournament, called "Swing for Kids" will be held Sept. 3 at the Del Mar Country Club and will benefit Kids Korps, San Pasqual Academy, Camp Pendelton Armed Services/YMCA and the ProKids Golf Academy.

In early November, the Rotary will partner with the Rancho Santa Fe School District and the RSF Community Center on a community rummage sale.

"I believe in partnerships and the Community Center needs a lot of help," Galvin said. "We're hopeful that we can become the nucleus of helping organize all these events."

Serious training is also underway for a Rotarian Grand Canyon hike that will take 42 people, including Rancho Santa Fe Association Manager Pete Smith, on a 22-mile hike from rim to rim of the canyon.

Galvin hopes to revive the Special Olympics meet that Rotary used to host at the Rowe School, as well as start a Buddy program

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RSF's John E. Major elected La Jolla Institute for Allergy & Immunology board chairman

La Jolla Institute for Allergy & Immunology's Board of Directors elected Rancho Santa Fe resident John E. Major, an accomplished and respected leader in San Diego's high-tech community, as chairman of the board at its June meeting.



John E. Major

Major is the non-executive chairman of the Board of Broadcom, Inc., a major technology innovator and global leader in semiconductors for wired and wireless communications.

He is also chairman of CommNexus San Diego, a nonprofit organization created to support the growth and success of the technology industry in the San Diego region.

"The Institute is fortunate to have a San Diego business leader of John Major's caliber elected as its board chairman," said Mitchell Kronenberg, Ph.D., president and chief scientific officer. "John will bring his vast executive experience, business acumen and an innovator's mind to his role as board chairman and we know the Institute will benefit under his guiding hand."

A nonprofit organization, the La Jolla Institute is one of the world's leaders in immunology research and one of the few in the world focused on solving immune-mediated diseases and improving vaccines.

Major succeeds Samuel Strober, M.D., a prominent Stanford University professor of medicine and a highly respected immunologist, as board chairman. Strober will remain on

the board and also on the Institute's Scientific Advisory Board, a distinguished panel of outside specialists, which conducts annual evaluations of scientific progress and reviews future research objectives.

"During his five years as board chairman, Dr. Strober led our Institute through a period of significant expansion and research success," said Dr. Kronenberg. "We are extremely grateful for his insightful leadership which spurred us toward even greater scientific excellence. We look forward to his continued assistance on the board and in serving as a key member on our Scientific Advisory Board."

Major said enhancing San Diego's understanding of the La Jolla Institute's vitally important research will be one of his aims as board chairman. "The La Jolla Institute is one of the world's finest research institutes. One of my goals as board chairman will be to help raise the community's awareness of the Institute and its work on an incredibly broad spectrum of diseases. Whether it be infectious diseases, type 1 diabetes, heart disease or cancer, the immune system offers one of the greatest scientific avenues for fighting these diseases and improving human health. We are fortunate to have this immunology leader as a member of San Diego's world-renowned life science community."

In addition to Major's work with CommNexus San Diego and Broadcom, Inc., where he has served as chairman since May 2008, he is founder and president of MTSG, a private investment, consulting and governance company. He serves on three other public company boards as well.

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