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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

The Underbelly of Our City



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Editor

Bryan Cunningham started off our meeting with an Inspirational Moment that reminded us that besides intelligence, education, dedication and hard work, it takes passion to be the very best in what

in what we do. The Pledge of Allegiance and *America the Beautiful* were done by **Dom Addario** and **Larry Showley**, and included an impressive trumpet performance by Dom to accompany the Club's singing.

The news was read by our own **Bert Wahlen**, and included current events such as the air war against ISIS in Iraq, the Ebola virus and riots in Ferguson, MO. Thank you to **Roy Bell** of Troutman Sanders, LLP for sponsoring the news.

President Michelle kicked off the meeting's opening announcements by introducing **Rick Huenefeld**, who gave a two minute brief on one of my favorite committees, the Military Affairs Committee. This committee supports current and past military veterans through USO BBQs, National Cemetery cleanups, support of Stand Down events, and other avenues. **Diana MarJip-Chuh** then discussed the upcoming September 9th Grotarian Poolside Chat. **Jim Groen** littered the tables with flyers for the September 27th Aids Walk, raising funds through a 5k and 10k walk. He was promptly fined. Then **Larry Stirling** was awarded a Paul Harris Society certificate and chevron for his annual \$1000 donation to Rotary International. Congratulations, Larry!

President Michelle introduced the Chair of the Day, the Honorable **Peter Bowie**. Among many other amazing accomplishments, Peter worked at the US Attorney's Office and the courts, and con-

tinued to volunteer his time there even after retiring. As a Bankruptcy Judge, we were all a bit nervous about what Peter's gift would be to the Rotarian visiting from the furthest distance (Barcelona, Spain, this week!). But luckily, it did not turn out to be a collections slip, though, Peter did jokingly present bankruptcy filing forms for our guest's reading enjoyment, along with a bottle of wine! Peter then introduced our guest speaker, career prosecutor Laura Duffy, who has a background working on tough issues like money laundering, narcotics, organized crime and the rest of the "underbelly of the city."

US Attorney Duffy immediately thanked Rotary 33 for our financial and talent support of the community, and especially for our work with The Monarch School.

Laura provided us with very interesting insights into the Federal Prosecution trends in the Southern District of California. She pointed out the modern challenges of working with limited resources and limited funds, and how this means they are "not just tough on crime, but also smart on crime." Being a district on a very busy national border, there are constant challenges and constant threats for her group to deal with, regardless of funding and resources, and they prosecute over 5,000 felony cases every year!

One important point of her speech was that, in addition to the drug issues, violent crimes, and immigration enforcement, there is a large and rapidly rising threat from sex trafficking. Human sex trafficking has become a big money lure for powerful organized crime cartels, and deserves our attention.

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NEXT MEETING

August 28

Sheriff Bill Gore
High Profile Issues in Law Enforcement

The Sheriff's Department provides patrol and investigative services throughout San Diego County. The department operates seven detention facilities, a forensic laboratory, Search and Rescue and SWAT operations, aerial support, intelligence operations and specialized investigations, including homicide, sexual assault, and high tech crime. Amidst the daily challenges, there are some high profile issues the elected sheriff must tackle personally. Sheriff Gore will offer straight talk about guns, felons, and unlawful immigrants.



Steve Hubbard
Chair of the Day

MEMBERSHIP EVENT

Bring a prospective member to a VIP Pre-lunch Reception on Thursday, September 11th at 11:30 am

[Click here for details](#)

QUICK BITS

Please remember to put your name on your **meeting make-up cards** before turning them in to registration or to the Rotary office!

The **San Diego Rotary Fall Tennis Tournament** will be held on **Wednesday, October 1st at 5:00 at the Barnes Tennis Center** in Point Loma. Friends and family are welcome to play. The cost per player is \$25.

To register, please call John Peelle at 619-275-5040 (or email him at

jpeelle@peellefinancial.com.

You can also register on our website.

BEVERAGE ONLY TABLES

Each week, there will be designated tables set up throughout the dining room at Liberty Station for "Beverage Only". These tables are only for members who do not want to eat lunch. (There will not be any plates or flatware set at these tables, nor will there be a server assigned to these tables. If you expect lunch, don't sit here.) Fewer chairs will be set up in the back of the room for those that still want to sit there or in the event that the seating at these tables fill up.

BIRTHDAYS

Burt Nestor	August 25
Josh Buchholz	27
Bill Thaxton	27
Craig Barrett	28
Jim Haugh	28
Mike Poynor	29
John Hill	29
Tom Wilson	29
Doug Myers	30
Elmer Heap, Jr.	30
Tom Vecchione, M.D.	31
Mark Nelson	31

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Then, as a nice circle back to our support of the Monarch School, she pointed out that many of these criminal issues stem from poverty, family dysfunction and poor quality of life environments. This is why it is so important for community outreach programs to help raise people up out of these deeply rooted social problems.

Finally, she gave a summary of a great book about this exact topic, "The Other Wes Moore", written by Wes Moore. It sounds like a remarkable story about two different paths taken by two similar men, with very different outcomes. I think many of our club members will be reading the enlightening story.

GUEST LUNCHESES

The club's cost for lunch at Liberty Station is \$30. As such we are increasing the price of lunches for our guests to \$30 which is a breakeven point for the club. The lunch price for members will remain subsidized at \$28.

MEMBER PROSPECTS

Please consider giving a friend or business acquaintance the gift of Rotary!

Bring a prospect to lunch, (the club will cover the cost of the lunch), invite a prospect to the September 11 reception and lunch, or simply complete a Sponsor Questionnaire which is available on the club website Download page

www.sandiegorotary.club/about-us/member-information/

CALENDAR

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT LIBERTY STATION CONFERENCE CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Aug

28 *Sheriff Bill Gore*

Sept

4 *Innovadora*

11 *Neel Kashkari*

18 *Committee Showcase*

25 *Mr./Mrs./Ms. San Diego*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

SUMMER POOLSIDE CHAT

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Morrell residence

This event is open to Grotarians only (please, no guests or spouses.)

KPBS TOUR

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

4:30 pm - \$30 per person

"SCOTT JOPLIN'S NEW RAG"

presented by the award-winning and critically acclaimed Mo'olelo

Performing Arts Company

Friday, October 10, 2014

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Location: The Tenth Avenue Arts Center

Please visit our website at www.sandiegorotary.club for more event details and to register.

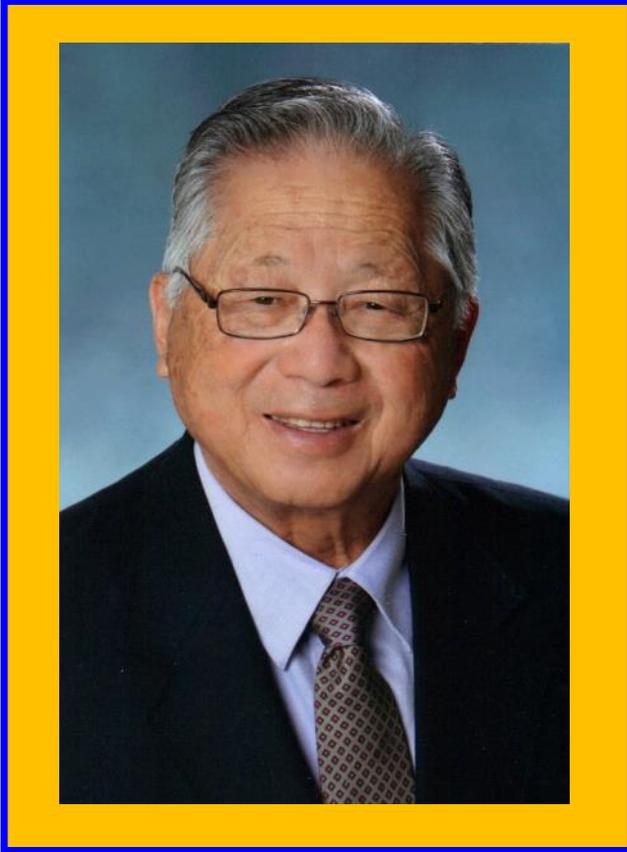
Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106

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2014 Mr. San Diego



*The Past Presidents of San Diego Rotary
have proudly selected
Mr. Tom Hom
as this year's recipient of the
2014 Mr. San Diego Award*

*Please join us on September 25th at the
Liberty Station Conference Center to honor
Tom for his leadership and contributions to
the City of San Diego*

Tom Hom was born and raised in San Diego and is the third oldest child in a family of twelve children. At age 15, upon the death of his father who had a small produce business, his education was interrupted. To support the family, Tom and his older brothers kept the business running and eventually made the David Produce Company, Inc. one of San Diego County's largest produce companies.

Tom subsequently resumed his schooling, graduating from San Diego High School and then continued his education by attending night classes at the University of California Extension School, majoring in Business Administration.

In 1963, Tom Hom was elected to the San Diego City Council and re-elected in the 1967 citywide election, receiving 87% of the vote. In 1965, he was unanimously elected Deputy Mayor by his colleagues. In 1968, Tom was elected to the California State Assembly, representing the 79th Assembly District which includes almost all of the City of San Diego.

Founder of the Tom Hom Group, Tom has enjoyed a successful career in real estate development, particularly building shopping centers and single occupancy apartments (SROs). His broader experience includes investments in banking, a television station, the Western Metal property and other business properties. He was among a core group of people with the vision, energy, optimism and drive to turn San Diego's once tired downtown into the bustling, active center it is today. He served as Founding President of the Gaslamp Quarter Association which brought forth the now famous Gaslamp District and held a leading role in the establishment of the SD Chinese Historical Museum. Honored with a long list of civic awards, Tom's resume includes tributes from San Diego's Centre City Development Corporation, the San Diego Board of Realtors, Downtown Partner's Association., Organization of Chinese Americans (San Diego), Asian Business Association, Asian Heritage Society, KPBS-TV, Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC), and National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP).

In his retirement years, Tom golfs, travels, does water color painting and spends more time at his church, the Chinese Community Church, where he chaired the New Building Capital Campaign Committee and served as the Founding President of the successful Panda Bear Preschool. Tom and his late wife, Dorothy, have 6 children and 13 grandchildren. He is now married to Loretta Lum, formerly from Honolulu, Hawaii.

FACES IN THE CROWD



Chair of the Day Peter Bowie, guest speaker U.S. Attorney Laura Duffy and President Michelle



Bryan Cunningham reminded us that it “takes passion to achieve greatness” in his Inspirational Moment speech.



Rick Huenefeld highlighted the Military Affairs Committee and the wonderful events that they put on for our Veterans.



President Michelle presented Larry Stirling with his Paul Harris Society certificate and chevron.



Dom Addario led us in America The Beautiful on his trumpet.



Peter presented his gift to the Rotarian visiting from the farthest distance...who was visiting from Spain!

Invisible Threat

Over the past couple of years, the club “Don’t Wait Vaccinate” committee took the lead in supporting the creation of the film “*Invisible Threat*” to bring visibility to the vaccination issue. The film was produced by the very talented Carlsbad High School Film TV group. National and local media have picked up the story which has helped the film gain even wider visibility. A few examples are:

San Diego Channel 7 recently ran a story that can be seen here...

<http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Carlsbad-HS-Students-Caught-in-Vaccine-Controversy-270898341.html>

Here’s a link to the LA Times article...

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-me-vaccines-movie-20140721-story.html#page=1>

And Forbes article.... <http://www.forbes.com/sites/emilywillingham/2014/05/12/high-school-students-under-attack-for-vaccine-documentary/>

The film was shown at the club last year, but if you missed it or want to see it again it is free to Rotarians. Follow these instructions...

1. Go to <http://www.chstv.com/it.html>
2. Click on "Rent the Film"
3. If you aren’t a Vimeo member you will be asked to register. Click on "Have a Discount Code" and enter IT-VIP.
4. You will be able to watch the film.

This film is an excellent example of the leadership of Club 33 members. Congratulations to the “Don’t Wait Vaccinate” committee.

Hoover High Interact



Cardinal Interact students at the August 12th San Diego Museum of Man trip. Their visit was hosted by **Micah Parzen**.



The Cardinals Interact students had a great time on Hoover Clean-Up Day on August 16th, in preparation for the start of the new school year. They were joined by Club 33 members **Mia Harenski, David Kvendru, Doug Arbon,** and **Principal Joe Austin**.