

What's Wrong with California!



Richard Ledford
Editor

Remembrances of 9/11 brought a solemn mood to the Club's meeting today. It was a day to be thoughtful, respectful, and grateful. Given the date and the partisan potential of our program, **Prez**

Michelle challenged us to think of ourselves first as Americans and not Republicans, Democrats, or Independents. That thought was carried further by **Sue Goldstein** who presented the Inspirational Moment. Sue focused her comments on the American dream, and efforts to which we should all be engaged to insure every American that opportunity to succeed. The Pledge followed by **Peter Duncan**, who also lead us... and I might add we sounded great today... in *God Bless America* with the effervescent **Suzu Spafford** on the ivories. **Mark Burgess** hit us with the news, this week sponsored by **Pat Caughey** of Wimmer Yamada & Caughey. Our Prez then asked our visitors (and prospective members!) to stand and be recognized. Boy, the VIP Reception before the meeting must have done the trick because the room was full of new faces!

And then, as a repeat of the Denver Rotary Club challenge from last week's meeting, the Prez showed a short clip of someone who sounded like an Aussie (no offense, but that guy must really hate the ocean to live in the middle of the country) ranting about some crazy football team that worships horses, of all things. Anyway, Denver (allegedly named after singer/songwriter John Denver) has challenged us to see who can achieve 100% Club participation/EREY status. We're at 37% now so we need to "buck it up" (that one's for you, Bert Wahlen!). If we lose, we'll be forced to wear ugly orange jerseys and sing the horse-team fight song. I suppose that will

require a lot of "neighing" and prancing about, so best to avoid the embarrassment and make a much needed contribution to the Club!

Alan Spector provided the Committee Minute, this week on the Junior Achievement Committee. Alan showed us a variety of ways Rotarians can volunteer through the Committee, all for a wonderfully unique and successful organization! Our newest Interact Club at St. Augustine High School was introduced and recognized. **Ed Hearn** was presented with the Interact Certificate making it official. New member **Linnea Arrington** was introduced. Spouse of the late Past President **Frank Arrington**, Linnea has an amazing background as both a professional and community volunteer. Another great new member for our Club. Past Prez **Geri Warnke**, one of Linnea's sponsors, took a moment at the mic to encourage all of us to give to the Club in someone's memory. It was a touching tribute to Frank.

Finally, **Kris Michell** took over as the Chair of Day. Our Club has a deep bench, and Kris is a wonderful example of that! She's been a silent partner in so many ways, working quietly to make our community a better place to live. Which is also what our speaker of the day offered! Neel Kashkari is the Republican nominee for the office of Governor of California. His message was pretty clear: California is not in great shape. According to Mr. Kashkari, we're 44th in the country for jobs with the 5th or 6th highest unemployment rate, and 46th in quality of our public education. When asked what he'd do as Governor, he said he'd work on job development, education reform, kill the High Speed Rail program, and build more water infrastructure. A noble list of objectives indeed!

NEXT MEETING

September 18
Committee Showcase
&
Louise Andres
District Governor
Rotary District 5340

The Joy of Rotary

Please join District Governor Louise Andres as she visits with over 35 Club committees during our annual Committee Showcase. This is your opportunity to learn more about the various committees our club has to offer and learn about the many projects that are the substance of Rotary. The showcase begins at 11:15. Our regular program will follow at 12:30.

Louise will talk about the joy of service, in our community and in the world, and how privileged we are, as Rotarians, to be able to reach out to people that we may never know, or ever meet, and change their lives for the better.



Peter Duncan
Chair of the Day

COMMITTEE REMINDER
With the exception of the Club Service committees, all Committees need to submit an auction item by **September 30th**.
This is for our annual action to be held on November 20th. Please be sure to include a complete description and the value of your item.
Thank you.

QUICK BITS

A final good luck to **Jim Wynkoop** who will be throwing out the first pitch at the **September 18th Padre game!** If you are fortunate enough to witness this event, please take a picture or two to share with the club. You may contact Jim to see if tickets are still available at jim.wynkoop@supersonicimage.com

ATTENTION ROTARY GOLFERS!

The first round of this year's **Club 33 Tournament** will be held on **Friday, September 19th, at the San Diego Country Club**, with the first tee time at 1:00 pm.

All Rotary Golfers are encouraged to play in this fun event, as fellowship is the top priority! The cost to play this exclusive, private course is approximately \$116 per player.

Please contact Alli Lucas at allucas@naisandiego.com or at 619-241-2342 to sign up.

Grotarian Committee Meetings

Effective October 2, the Grotarian Committee meetings will take place on the first Thursday of every month, instead of on the 2nd Thursday.

Please go online to our website to register for the **Fall Tennis Tournament on October 1st at 5:00 pm.**

BIRTHDAYS

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| Derek Berg | Sept | 16 |
| Gene Sapper | | 17 |
| Richard Ledford | | 17 |
| Todd Hoff | | 18 |
| Pam Luster | | 18 |
| Monty McIntyre | | 18 |
| Paul Byrne | | 18 |
| Rod Eales | | 19 |
| Rick Gully | | 19 |
| Paul Van Roon | | 21 |

Member News

New member Linnea Arrington introduced herself today. Linnea is President of San Diego Funding, a mortgage banking company. Her classification is "Real Estate Services—Mortgage Banking." Geri Warnke, **Mark Trotter** and **Richard Coutts** were her sponsors.



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Cell - 619-972-8006
(Email) linnea@sdfunding.com

Our deep condolences to Past President **Bonnie Schwartz** who lost her husband, Clem, on Wednesday, September 10th. Bonnie will be hosting a Celebration of Life for Clem on Sunday, September 21st, at the San Diego Country Club from 11-2 pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Mary at the Rotary office to rsvp. mary@rotary33.org

Former Club 33 member Frank Hartung passed away on September 4th. Frank had suffered from Alzheimer's for the last several years and had not been able to participate in Rotary. He was a member for 22 years.

2014-2015 Election

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that it has begun work on the 2014-2015 Election. If you would like to nominate a member to serve on the Board or to be considered for the Secretary/Treasurer or President position, please forward your suggestion to Paul Devermann by September 18th.

Open nominations will close on September 18th.

CALENDAR

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

Sept

18 *Committee Showcase/
District Governor Louis Andres*

25 *Mr. San Diego -
Tom Hom*

Oct

2 *Water Diversity and
Drought Panel*

9 *Chris Van Gorder -
CEO, Scripps Hospital*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

KPBS TOUR

*Tuesday, September 23, 2014
4:30 pm - \$30 per person
Last day to sign up is Sept. 18*

*"SCOTT JOPLIN'S NEW
RAG" presented by the award-
winning and critically ac-
claimed 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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FACES IN THE CROWD



President Michelle, guest speaker Neel Kashkari, and Chair of the Day Kris Michell.



Our newest member, Linnea Arrington, was introduced to the club. Pictured here with President Michelle and her sponsor, Geri Warnke.



President Michelle presented Ed Hearn, President of St. Augustine High, and Sean Panish, Class President, with the official Certificate of Charter for their new Interact Club.



Neel Kashkari discussed the state of California's job and education systems.



Sandy Mayberry, Editor of the Day **Richard Ledford** and Past President Geri Warnke enjoyed some chat time before the meeting.



Past President **Bonnie Schwartz** joined us with her son Jon and granddaughter Haley.

Committee News—Membership

The Membership Committee hosted a pre-lunch VIP reception for over 25 potential club members . Committee Chair **Jackie Meyer** and President Michelle gave both informational and inspirational presentations on why it is wonderful to become a Club 33 member. Thank you to all members who brought in a guest and participated to make this a successful event. A special thank you to **Solveig Deuprey** for providing the delicious appetizers.



Committee News—World Community Service

The World Community Service Committee is starting their project at the Tecate clinic on September 20th. They are preparing the site and will begin work on the foundation of a new storage room which will make way for a new exam room in the clinic.

If you are interested in participating, please contact committee chair Michael Kenny immediately at mkenny@co-merge.com or 760-554-5900.

Car pooling arrangements can be made. Feel free to bring a friend. (Feel free to bring your passport too in the event you want to be home in time for dinner!)

Denver Challenge

As we announced at the meeting, we have been challenged by the Denver Club to attain Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) 100% status. The competition requires that donations be made to RI by the end of October. With the generous donations of nearly 200 members, we are now at 39% which is a great start, but have a long way to go. You can give as little as \$25 to RI, but are asking that members also make their annual contribution to the club for a total minimum of \$250. If you haven't yet donated, please email paul@rotary33.org with your pledge amount, and how you want it distributed between RI and the Club. You can view the Denver challenge video here. <https://vimeo.com/104007541>. Thank you for your support.

Denver EREY Challenge

