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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

Committee Showcase



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Editor

There was a buzz in the air more than usual at our Liberty Station meeting place. Rotarians and many students were busy showing off the wares and work of our various committees. It is always so impressive to realize how

much our Club is doing on a local and international level. Thanks to **Peg Eddy** and **Rick Jackson** for coordinating an amazing Committee Showcase, and to everyone hosting one of the many tabletop exhibits. Great job!!

President Michelle finally got us all seated to begin the meeting with a shout out to **Joanne Pastula** and Jr. Achievement for their Hall of Fame Awards on Friday night. Many of the JA HOF Laureates are Rotarians, chosen over the years for their eleemosynary commitments to San Diego. What a proud achievement for our Club. **Laura Buckley** quoted the great and inspirational John Wooden, followed by **Solveig Deuprey** and **Suzy Spafford** leading us in the Pledge and *America the Beautiful*. Thanks to **Mark Burgess** for bringing us the latest news sponsored by **Larry Stirling**. Attention all tennis players: The Fall Tennis Tournament is on Oct 1st at the Barnes Tennis Center. Sign up on-line and practice, practice, practice.

Rotarians ... EREY needs you. The Denver club has challenged us to achieve 100% status in giving to the RI Foundation - <https://vimeo.com/104007541>. If you haven't made a commitment, Email Paul NOW at paul@rotary33.org. *Do you really want to sing that lousy Broncos fight song and have our leadership wear those ugly orange jerseys!!!* Come on - please give \$250 or \$25 - but give something!

Calendar these important upcoming meetings: Nov 6th - Salute to the Military on the USS Midway (Breakfast meeting) and Nov 20th - Annual Auction at Liberty Station Conference Center.

Girl Scout **Jo Dee Jacob**, speaking for the Rotary Cares Committee, asked us to send **Jack White** a note or card during his recovery from a savage round of lung cancer chemo and to be sure to let her or anyone on the committee know if one of our members or their family needs some help.

Sue Goldstein and the Grotarian Committee invite us to a world premier on Oct 10th of *Scott Joplin's New Rag* at The Tenth Avenue Arts Center. Sign up on-line. *If it's Fletcher, it must be fishing*—and so it was. **Bob Fletcher** congratulated **Rick McElvain** for catching a 63 lb. Blue Fin Tuna during the sportfishing tournament. Way to go, Rick!

Little known fact: Prez Elect, **Peter Duncan**, is fluent in American Sign Language, another of his many talents. He also is a man of many accents, showing off with a visiting British Rotarian. (Not sure if he was live streaming Prince William or Ringo Starr.) He also welcomed other visitors, noting that Janice Kurth, 5340 Asst. District Governor, was in the audience. Also sitting front and center were three of our PDGs, **Bill McDade**, **Pat Crowell**, and **George Jessop**. Thanks for your service, guys.

5340 District Governor, Louise Andres, gave an excellent presentation on what Rotary means to her. But first, she recognized one of our own. On October 7th, six Rotarian women are being honored at the White House for their professional achievement and volunteer efforts in improving the lives of others. For her outstanding community service and being a catalyst for the Monarch School, **President Michelle Candland** will be one of those special women. You make us all proud, Michelle. Congratulations!!!

NEXT MEETING

September 25
2014 Mr. San Diego
Tom Hom

Tom Hom was born and raised in San Diego and at age 15, upon the death of his father who had a small produce business, his education was interrupted. Tom and his older brothers kept the business running and eventually made it one of San Diego County's largest produce companies.

Tom was able to continue his education, and in 1963 was elected to the San Diego City Council and re-elected in the 1967 citywide election, receiving 87% of the vote. In 1968, he was elected to represent the 79th State Assembly District.

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 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.



Fred Frye
Chair of the Day

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QUICK BITS

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.**

The film *Invisible Threat* which Club 33 initiated and helped to fund won two special awards. First it was named, along with Bono and the Gates Foundation, as one of the Top 10 Most Influential Organizations by Passport Health. In addition, the Carlsbad High School students who created the film are being honored by the San Diego Press Club as the recipient of the Drew Silvern Award for Courage in Journalism at their October 28 award dinner.

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 auction to be held on November 20th. Please be sure to include a complete description and the value of your item. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

Joan Friedenber	Sept 22
Richard Coutts	22
Jeff Weimann	23
Doug Wilson	23
Al Wasserman	23
Will Newbern	23
Ray King	23
Julie Dubick	25
Steve Gross	27
Peter Bowie	27
Chris Sichel	28
Mike Rowan	28

Committee Showcase

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So, how did Louise Andres rise to District Governor? Well, years ago, PDG Pam Russell bribed her to attend a Golden Triangle Club meeting with the incentive to see the super computer. Louise attended a not-too-inspiring meeting and was unimpressed – until some announcements were made. Rotarian Fary Moini had called in to her San Diego home club from Pakistan. She was in a refugee camp of 10,000 and the children were dying at an astonishing rate because the power kept going off. In an instant, one of the Club members said he would buy a generator, another said he would buy a back up, and another said he would find transport. Louise thought to herself that the most important thing in her life at that point was trying to decide what to make for dinner. She was hooked, and accepted the Golden Triangle Club's invitation to become a member. That was the day she said she really started to make a difference in people's lives. That was the day that changed her life dramatically.

She told stories of the many good works she has witnessed or in which she participated, from restoring a home for a low-income senior couple to traveling to countries where Rotary is saving lives. She currently is a volunteer CASA for Voices for Children and has learned as much from the foster children as they have from her. She asked what changes we as individuals are making, and urged us to make our contribution to the RI Foundation so it can continue changing people's lives. She recommended we get to know RI more by attending an International Conference or the District Conference in October, taking place in Palm Springs.

DG Andres ended with this Chinese proverb: *If you want happiness for an hour - take a nap. If you want happiness for a day - go fishing. If you want happiness for a month - get married. If you want happiness for a year - inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime - help someone else.*

Before closing the meeting, President Michelle recognized **Roy Bell** who will be honored on Sept 27th as Alumnus of the Year at Cal Western Law School's Distinguished Alumni of the Year Awards. Congratulations, Roy.

CALENDAR

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

Sept

25 **Mr. San Diego - Tom Hom**

Oct

2 **Water Diversity and Drought Panel**

9 **Chris Van Gorder - CEO, Scripps Hospital**

16 **Gary Gallegos - SANDAG**

23 **Honorable M. Margaret McKeown - U. S. Court of Appeals**

30 **Steve Fisher - SDSU Basketball Coach**

GROTARIAN EVENTS

"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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FACES IN THE CROWD



District Governor Louise Andres delivered an empowering speech on the reach and impact of Rotary both locally and internationally.



Bob Fletcher presents the Gene Rumsey Perpetual Fishing Trophy to Rick McElvain for his Bluefin Tuna catch on the most recent fishing trip.



Past District Governors **Pat Crowell**, **George Jessop** and **Bill McDade** are joined by DG Louise Andres and DG Elect Janice Kurth.



President Elect and Chair of the Day Peter Duncan with DG Louise Andres and President Michelle.



Mary Colacicco is welcomed by new member **Kathy Koenig**.



Laura Buckley gave the Inspirational Moment with a reference to John Wooden.

FACES IN THE CROWD



Linnea Arrington signs up to assist **Celia Ramirez** with the Interact effort at Wilson Middle School.



Elmer Heap talks with students from the Hoover High School Interact program.



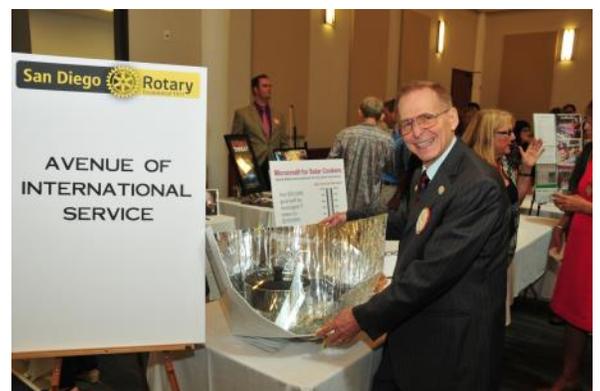
District Governor Louis Andres and President Michelle talk with **Cheryl Wilson** and **Ray Uzeta** about the Senior Services Committee.



Craig Blower, Jen Weissman, David Oates and **Don Teemsma** are all smiles at the Camp Enterprise table.



Lisa Miller explains the activities of the newly formed Animal Appreciation Committee.



Roger Haines shows one of the solar cookers that are now being marketed in Africa with the assistance of the Micro Credit Finance committee.

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The weekly programs are continuing to be recorded. However, they are not posted on the new website. Please contact the office if you are interested in receiving an audio file of any of the programs.

Denver Challenge

We need your help. We are only at 40% of member pledges, and need to reach 100% by the end of October. 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

