

## A Twinkling Holiday



**Jim Wynkoop**  
Editor

Today's Rotary was a very special one, filled with beautiful red dresses, green and red pants, and sparkling holiday colors. There was even a Santa Claus that looked suspiciously like a guy I know named **Bill Earley**.

And it was made even more special by the beautiful location, at the Omni Hotel downtown. I hope we can have other events there soon!

As President **Michelle Candland** kicked off our Holiday program, **Lauren Lek** stepped up to give the Inspirational Moment. She mentioned how the Twinkling Holiday theme, and holiday lights in general, can inspire us to spread love, joy, and happiness as we continue the year with our "Light up Rotary" campaign.

President Michelle then made the big annual announcement by giving us the results of the election! For the year 2015-2016, our Board of Directors will be: **Craig Blower, Solveig Deuprey, Peg Eddy, Kevin Enright, Woody Ledford, Andy Liska, Jackie Meyer, Mike Morton, Jr., David Oates, Chris Sichel, Don Teemsma, and Jean Young**. The rest of the Board members will include the incoming officers: SECRETARY/ TREASURER – **Bill Earley**; PRESIDENT NOMINEE – **Bob Russell**; PRESIDENT ELECT – **John Morrell**; PRESIDENT – **Peter Duncan**; PAST PRESIDENT and incoming Chairman of the San Diego Rotary Foundation – **Michelle Candland**.

Our musical program that followed was, in a word, amazing! It started with "We Need a Little Christmas" by the La Jolla Brass and The Rotary Chorus. Between them and the Club 33 Singers (Bryan Verhoye, Nikki Anderson,

**Kimberley Layton, Suzy Spafford, Solveig Deuprey, Donis Lovett, Jack Anthony, Larry Showley, Brandon Horrocks, Larry Hoeksema, Glenn Thomas**) it was non-stop Holiday cheer. **Craig Blower** had **Patti Roscoe** and **Joyce Gattas** helping him finish decorating the tree in Club 33 Singers' "Sparklejollytwinklejingley." Then Paul Nestor had us all waving little lights to Peter Yarrow's Hanukkah song, "Light One Candle." I particularly enjoyed a creative tune called "Deck The Bay" by the Rotary Men's Sextet (Peter Duncan, Jack Anthony, Brandon Horrocks, **Rick Jackson**, David Oates, Glenn Thomas) with San Diego-centric lyrics such as "Don we now our shorts and flip flops." There was a great bit with piano and saxophonist **Stan Lawrence** called "Santa, Dude," which Stan wrote, with vocals by Kimberley Layton. We had a couple of crowd sing-alongs, and then **Steve Hubbard** (who directed the entire program) performed a solo rendition of "The Secret of Christmas." His voice and performance were beautiful. Wait – is it ok for me to call another man's voice "beautiful"?

At some point near the end of the show, President Michelle pointed out that I had no "Christmas color clothes" to wear (bah, humbug!), but I assure you all – my face at that point turned a shade of red that qualifies as Christmas colors!

Throughout the year, as I focus on work/business, and committee projects, I often forget how much amazing artistic and musical talent we have in our club. Every single one of the performers today did a top-notch, professional job. And I want to thank them all for their hard work putting it all together.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE!

### NEXT MEETING

**January 8, 2015**  
*Economic Forecast*  
**Dr. Lynn Reaser**

#### *A Special Message For You*

Amidst the hustle, bustle and chaos of the holidays, may you all find a way to slow it down and let the caring, sharing and loving part shine through. Give the gifts that don't require wrapping ... a smile, a helping hand, an open heart, and if coins change hands, make it from those who have to those who have not.

We can't change the world all at once alone ... but we can do our part, one peaceful moment at a time. Connecting one with another and joining hands with those who choose peace over conflict, we can turn a moment into a day, turn one into many, and teach our youth the value of tolerance.

May you begin the new year with good health, a contented heart and the pure desire to make a difference in the world around you. Walk the talk of Rotary and I'll see you January 8th!



**Michelle Candland**

## QUICK BITS

**The Rotary office will be closed on December 25 & 26 and on January 1 & 2. Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!**

Thank you to **Mike Rowan** of Goodwill Industries of San Diego for donating the use of the Christmas tree in the Holiday program.

### COMMITTEE NEWS: FISH ACROSS THE BORDER TRIP

The next Fish Across the Border committee trip will be Friday, **January 9th thru Sunday, January 11th, 2015**. Everyone will gather at the Hotel Coral in Ensenada on Friday afternoon between 4-5 pm. At 6 pm, we'll follow an Ensenada Rotarian to their warehouse where we will assist in filling food bags. On Saturday morning, we'll have breakfast together then split up and distribute food, blankets and toys to the needy. That afternoon, we'll gather at the home of Rotarian Dr. Eloy Perez and enjoy a fiesta to celebrate another year (San Diego Rotary's 21st!) We'll return on Sunday morning, having enjoyed a great weekend of Rotary fellowship! Please contact [Bob Fletcher](#) for more information or if you would like to participate.

### International Assembly 2015— Hosts needed

If you are interested in signing up to host District Governors-elect from around the world for dinner during their week of training here in January, please visit the link below for more information and to sign up. <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/Events/EVPEventDetails.aspx?>

We will soon have a video of the Holiday program to share. Meanwhile, in case you missed it, you can [click here](#) to view the video recording of our November 6th Salute to Military aboard the USS Midway.

**Enjoy!**

## Birthdays

Vincent Mudd	December	22
Kris Michell		23
Bob Dicioccio		23
Georgina Serrano		26
Mike Conner		27
Jan McDonough		28
Ake Persson		29
Sue Goldstein		30
Clark Siebrand		30
Glenn Younger		30
Peggy Eddy		31
Will Hage		31
Steve Cushman	January	2
Joe Horiye		2
Mike Caruso		2
Jon Spaner		3
Jim Furby		3
Glenn Thomas		4
John Neuhart		5
Leon Parma		5
Bob Morton		5
Bob Kyle		6
James Bonn		7
Beatriz Valencia		8
Bruce Doole		8
Bob Myers		9
Ruben Andrews		9
Jim Hall		9
Roger Haines		10
Bob Borgman		10
Celia Ramirez		10
Diane Martin		11
Greg Pico		11
Jo Dee Jacob		11

## CALENDAR

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

### Dec

**25**      *Dark - Merry Christmas*

### Jan

**1**      *Dark— Happy New Year*

**8**      *Economic Forecast with Dr. Lynn Reaser*

**15**      *ULI Real Estate Panel*

**22**      *Port of San Diego Real Estate*

**29**      *Archi's Acres*

## New Member News

The following applicants were recommended to the Board of Directors by the Membership Committee and will be approved for membership unless objections are received at the Rotary office by December 29.

- Gil Cabrera - "Law-Litigation Practice, Additional Active"
- Kevin Crawford - "Associations-United Way"
- Suzanne Frontz - "Management Consultant-Wineries & Breweries"

**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 asked Santa for a 100% EREY year.



Lauren Lek tied the IM into the “Light Up Rotary” year.



Bob Russell, dressed appropriately for the occasion, was announced as President-Nominee.



Bert Wahlen flawlessly narrated the program.



Steve Hubbard did an outstanding job leading the chorus and the audience.



Our wonderfully talented Holiday chorus put all of us into the holiday spirit.



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# Military Affairs Committee

On Wednesday, December 10, at the Armed Services YMCA, Rotary Military Affairs Committee members helped brighten the holidays for children of active duty military personnel. As part of the Personal Shopper program this holiday season, **Chris Rink, Bink Cook, Deirdre Maloney, Kathy Koenig, Katie Fulhorst, Troy Wilson, Mike Meaney** and **Rich Garcia** helped the parents select two gifts per child and also helped carry the gifts to each parent's car. **Rick Huenefeld** was the chair of this event and he was joined that afternoon by his gracious wife, Judy, to help with the gift selections. Rick also brought Marty Rector of the MCRD Family Readiness Office and two Marines. Rick reported, "The event was better organized than last year as far as coordinating arrival of families (fewer lines) and indoor space. I think we made a positive difference." From the stories several MAC members related about their experience, there were plenty of smiles and tears from grateful parents. Our thanks to members of Club 33 who made this wonderful event possible through your generosity!



On December 19, more than a dozen San Diego Rotarians spent the afternoon at the USO Lindbergh Field facility keeping more than 200 military service members and their families full with an array of burgers, hot dogs, chips, sodas and cookies before they began the trek home for the Holidays. This quarterly initiative by the Military Affairs Committee is one way its members get to say thank you for those who sacrifice so much for us. If you haven't been to one before, look to get involved in 2015. It's always a treat!

In attendance were: **Penny Robbins, April Langwell, Bob Russell, Dick Eger, Jim Wynkoop, Jim Fitzpatrick, Kathy Koenig, John Alioto, Katie Fulhorst, Bink Cook, Evan Wahl, Rick Huenefeld, David Oates** and **Rich Garcia**





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President



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**Solveig Deuprey**



**Peg Eddy**



**Kevin Enright**



**Woody Ledford**



**Andy Liska**



**Jackie Meyer**



**Mike Morton, Jr.**



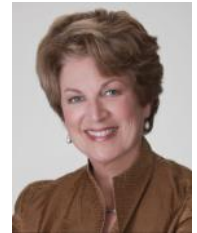
**David Oates**



**Chris Sichel**



**Don Teemsma**



**Jean Young**

*We would also like to acknowledge our 2014-2015 San Diego Rotary Foundation Board members*



**Chuck Pretto—Chairman**



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