

Any Old Port in a Storm



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Editor

Our effervescent Prez **Michelle** appeared obsessed at today's meeting with the much ballyhooed "big wheel" concepts being proposed on San Diego Bay. Our table observed that this was probably a good thing as it left her distracted from the usual fine-fest we often witness. Regardless, the Prez opened our meeting (Big Club/Big Heart!), by calling us to order... and our attention to that dang paddle that seems to be everywhere at our meetings. After a fair amount of teasing from the more ribald Rotarians, the message of the paddle was clear: "pick it up and help the Club and community *row* toward a better future!" Well said, Prez...and a perfect Inspirational Moment!

Next up was the Pledge and song *You're a Grand Ole Flag*, lead by **Colin Wied** with **Suzy "The Card" Spafford** on the piano. Thanks to the sponsorship from **Chuck Dunning** of Bay City Television, **Bert Wahlen**, "The Great Orator," followed with his newsy news and his humorous rap that makes us moan as often as laugh. A very informative Committee Minute was presented by Wilson Interact Committee co-chairs **Celia Ramirez** and **Paul Hartley**. Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders are pushing a very aggressive and impressive program. See Celia or Paul to engage with this wonderful program. Prez Michelle then introduced the club's newest Interact Club from High Tech High School and presented Committee Chair **Divya Kakaiya** with their inauguration certificate. Welcome, HTH! Moving from juniors to seniors, our own **Michael Brunker** introduced our visitors from the Active Older Adults program of the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA. In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Michael shared with us what each of our visitors valued most about this leader. Inspirational! **Buddy Thomas** presented the coveted Cliff Dochterman Award to **Solveig Deuprey** and **Bruce**

Doole. This award is on the same level as our Paul Harris Fellow, and is given to the Rotarians who provide distinguished service to Rotary and Scouting. Congrats to both our awardees!

Our Chair of the Day was **Ignacio de la Torre**. [Editor's note: I wish this guy would show his age like the rest of us!] Ignacio is one of those special professionals that have managed to keep both corporate (AT&T) happy, while contributing so much of his time and resources to improve our community. A great Rotarian. Our program was all about the Port of San Diego, so Ignacio introduced Rafael Castellanos, one of the three Port Commissioners representing the City of San Diego on the Board of Port Commissioners.

The Port was the first of its kind in California, created via state legislation in 1962 as the first "joint powers" agency. Simply put, the Port is in the business of doing in the Tidelands what each of the Tideland cities cannot do by themselves. And so a new government agency was created with representation from these five cities to grow, govern and protect the areas we commonly refer to as San Diego Bay. As the Commissioner related, they've been busy...investing \$7.1 billion in infrastructure including the airport, 20 public parks, the Convention Center, and the majority of the region's largest hotels. Under Port stewardship, the Bay offers recreational opportunities, business opportunities, and environmental preservation. And in an effort to plan the next 50 years, the Commission has launched the Integrated Planning process. This is an extremely public process and completely open to the public. Commissioner Castellanos invited all of us to visit the website <http://portforall.org/> to join the effort to plan out the future of one of our most important resources... the Big Bay!

A special thanks to the Membership Committee and to all members who brought a guest to the Membership Reception.

NEXT MEETING

January 29
ARCHI'S ACRES
Karen Archipley
Co-Founder

Archi's Acres is a small scale hydro-organic farm in North County Escondido, known for Living Basil, Kale, Spinach, and tomatoes. They are a veteran family-owned farm that is also the home of Veterans Sustainable Agriculture Training (VSAT). VSAT assists in transitioning active duty, veterans and civilians into Sustainable Organic Agriculture as a career.

Karen Archipley, who is the Co-Founder of Archi's Acres, has been a dominant force in creating media attention and the branding of Archi's Acres. Her creative entrepreneurial skills help identify emerging markets and niche products, as well as establishing relationships with new buyers and points-of-sale. She is no beginner to entrepreneurship, as she has created other successful companies such as Fashion Matrix, a leader in women's clothing accessories, importing from Italy and Canada.



Pat Caughey
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS

ROSTER PHOTOS-FEB 19.

If you do not have a roster photo on file with us or would like to take a new photo for the 2015-2016 Directory, please arrive before the meeting or plan to stay after to have Stan Lawrence take a photo.

Also, if you have new contact information that needs updating, please [click here](#) for the update form and return it to Mary.

ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY

Save the date for this year's RAW on **Saturday, April 25**. If you are interested in hosting one of the projects for this annual event, please contact [Craig Nelson](#) or [Emily Rex](#).

The **Small Club Joint Venture Committee** wants to remind you to consider doing your meeting makeups with the **Southeast San Diego Rotary Club**. They meet on Wednesdays at noon at the Jacobs Center in the Community Meeting Room. Their address is 404 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, 92114. Their lunch cost is \$15. For catering purposes, please contact Diane Crawford at sesdrotary@yahoo.com the day before you plan to attend.

BIRTHDAYS

Dan Murphy III	January	26
Robert Horsman		27
Ray Peet		27
Elena Salsitz		27
John Hinrichs		28
Marlee Ehrenfeld		29
Rod Smith		30
George Harris III		30
George Driver		30
Cecil Steppe		31
Lynn Congemi		31

ALCAZAR GARDENS PLANTING



Friday, January 30 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Join with fellow Rotarians and other volunteers to update the plants at Alcazar Gardens in Balboa Park in preparation for the 2015 Centennial Celebration. The history of San Diego Rotary with Alcazar Gardens is extensive and goes back decades including leading a significant makeover for its 50th anniversary. Up to 25 volunteers are welcome and lunch will be provided, courtesy of the Friends of Balboa Park. Family and guests are also welcome.

[Click here to sign up.](#)

Christy White was one of a handful of Club 33 members that graciously hosted dinner for District Governors from around the world who were in town for the annual International Assembly. Fellow members and DGs from Upstate NY, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Indianapolis, Indiana and from Oklahoma joined her for an incredible sushi dinner. Thank you for your hospitality, Christy! And thank you to all Club 33 members that took the time to make our visitors feel welcome!



CALENDAR

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

Jan

29 *Archi's Acres*

Feb

5 *UCSD Robotics*

12 *CPR/AED Happy Heart Program*

19 *Disaster Preparedness*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

NIC MCGUIRE'S GLASS STUDIO

Tuesday, February 10

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

\$30 per person

Tour the studio of one of the country's famous glass artists and see him transform molten glass into spectacular art. Includes dinner and beverages.

WINTER FIRESIDE CHAT

Tuesday, February 24

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Academy of Our Lady of Peace

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

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



Chair of the Day Ignacio De La Torre, President Michelle and guest speaker Port Commissioner Rafael Castellanos



Wilson Interact co-chairs Celia Ramirez and Paul Hartley presented their Committee Minute.



President Michelle and Committee Chair, Divya Kakaiya, were proud to introduce the High Tech High Interact Club.



Bruce Doole was joined by his wife and his parents today in celebration of his Cliff Dochterman Award.



Solveig Deuprey was surrounded by family, friends and fellow Girl Scout Committee members to watch her receive the Cliff Dochterman Award.



Joan Friedenberg, guest **Kate Koweleski**, President-Elect **Peter Duncan** and **Craig Blower**



David Oates, guest **Frank Caperino**, guest **Brendan Zoglman** and **Mike Conner**



Guest **Joe Sammartino**, **Ann Hill**, **Alan Spector** and **Kate Carinder**

Cliff Dochterman Award

The Cliff Dochterman Award honors an individual Rotarian who acts as a role model and renders distinguished and outstanding dedicated service to Scouting through active service, leadership or other exemplary contributions to Scouting.

Congratulations to Solveig Deuprey and to Bruce Doole on receiving this prestigious award.



Solveig has been a prolific member of the Girl Scout Committee, recruiting 6 new committee members, acting as committee chair, and leading several significant fundraising efforts. Her scouting accomplishments include 7 years on the Board of Directors of the San Diego-Imperial Council of Girl Scouts, and as Past President, the recipient of the "Thanks Badge," which is among the highest possible honors for a scouting volunteer. Under her guidance, the Board earned the "Kaleidoscope Award" for exceptional governance in non-profits. Solveig is also a Girl Scout trek leader, training, preparing and leading both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts on backpacking trips. Six members of her troop, including her daughter Jenny, earned Gold Awards, which is Girl Scouting's highest accomplishment.



Since joining the club, Bruce has re-energized the Boy Scout Committee and is currently serving as Chair. He also serves on the Junior Achievement Committee and along with Jo Ann Pastula, has developed and initiated the first-ever joint program between the two organizations. Scouting is a major aspect of the Doole family life. Bruce, like his father, is an Eagle Scout, and his son is currently on the path to Eagle. Bruce currently serves on the San Diego-Imperial Council BSA Board of Directors as Chair of the Endowment Committee and is also a member of the Investment Committee. He is District Commissioner of the Mission District and is the recipient of the Scouting Trainers Award, the Commissioner Award of Excellence, and the Commissioner's Key and Arrowhead Honor Award. Bruce is part of the team that initiated and hosts a local Merit Badge Day that, for the past 5 years, has helped hundreds of scouts from all around Southern California earn thousands of merit badges.



Rotary International News

RI President-elect K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran chose *Be a Gift to the World* as his theme for 2015-2016. Ravindran urges Rotary members to give the gifts of time, talent, and knowledge to improve lives in communities across the globe. “Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world.”

Be a gift to the world



K.R. Ravindran
2015-16 President, Rotary International