

MOST and Rotary: Shared Ideals



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Editor

Fifty years since its film release, *The Sound of Music* continues to inspire.

Similarly, a 2002 *Sundance* nominated documentary, *The Trip to Tehuacan*, featuring **Tom**

Vecchione, Doug Arbon and **Gene Rumsey** just keeps getting better and better. Not a dry eye in the house after watching it. "We heal their bodies, they heal our spirit!"

These Rotarians of the Mercy Surgical Outreach Team (MOST) joined trip coordinator **Kathy Guevara** to update us on their recent 1-week mission to Irapuato, Mexico, where 310 surgeries transformed the lives of patients, families and entire villages. Chair of the Day and panel moderator, Doug Arbon, explained the multiplier effect. "For every surgery performed, 50 other lives are impacted." The quality and quantity of MOST miracles are staggering.

San Diego Rotarians can take great pride in helping 11,150 patients over the past 27 years. Gene Rumsey thanked Club 33 Rotarians for sponsoring the missions including donating anesthesia monitoring equipment. Tom Vecchione works at an astonishing pace, operating on 1,000 disfigured and deformed patients on his nearly 100 trips to Mexico. Thank you to MOST team surgeons, support staff, volunteers and generous Rotarians! Your "service above self" humbles us all.

Today's informative and motivational program included several important announcements and accolades:

- **Jack Berkman** saluted *Mensch Don Teemsma*, Four-Way Test Speech Co-Chair, then introduced this

year's contest winner...

- ...Hoover High junior, the energetic and entertaining Jennifer Bui, who compared *Beauty* to elements of the Four-way test.
- President **Michelle Candland** commissioned our newest Interact club, the Academy of Our Lady of Peace, led by Rotarian **Laura Lek**.
- *Rotary Cares* urges you to send cards to fellow Rotarians facing challenges
- Gentleman **Jim Haugh** passed away on February 28. Jim served as Club President 1964-65, followed by service as District 5340 Governor.

Please extend your thanks to these Club 33 Rotarians who supported our program today:

- Badge: **Bill Herrin** and **Ray Higgins**
- Registration: **Dean Crowder, Randall Densley, Suzanne Frontz, Peter MacLaggan, and Glenn Younger**
- Greeters: **Gil Johnson, Dick Murphy, Penny Robbins, Nancy Scott**
- Music by Club 33 Singers accompanied by Bryan Verhoye
- \$150 *The News* sponsor, Girl Scouts San Diego
- Our dedicated professional staff, **Paul Devermann** and Mary Radovan.

Bert Whalen's News joke: "Dear Abby, I have a man I can't trust. He cheats on me so much, I'm not even sure the baby I am carrying is his."

NEXT MEETING

March 12
**SeaWorld-
Blue World Project**

John Reilly - Park President

John Reilly, Park President of SeaWorld San Diego, will discuss SeaWorld's mission and pledge that are as true today as when the park opened 51 years ago. Reilly will also expand on the park's commitment to the health and wellbeing of its animal: its conservation, research, education and animal rescue efforts and the exciting new Blue World Project that will nearly double the size of the killer whale living environment.



Don Kent
Chair of the Day

2015-2016 GRANT REQUEST DEADLINE

The deadline to turn in your application is this Friday, **March 13**.

[Click here](#) to be directed to the forms on our website.

QUICK BITS

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING CLASS - Thursday, March 26 at 1:30

If you currently volunteer or plan on volunteering on a youth committee, you are required to attend this one-time course, if you have not already done so. Please let [Mary](#) know if you are able to attend. **This is a mandatory requirement for volunteering with our youth.**

The SMALL CLUB JOINT VENTURE COMMITTEE wants to remind you to consider doing your meeting makeups with the **South-east 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 sesdrota-ry@yahoo.com the day before you plant to attend.

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BIRTHDAYS

Kay North	March	9
Peter MacLaggan		10
Richard Cox		10
Michael Anderson		11
Kathy Koenig		12
Mary Zoeller		12
Jere With		14
Art Rivkin		15

In Memoriam



James C. Haugh
1920-2015

Club 33 member since 1951
Club President 1964-1964
District Governor 1977-1978

Jim passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 28.

In lieu of flowers, his family is suggesting that a donation be made to Sharp HealthCare Foundation in Jim's honor.

The address is 8695 Spectrum Center Blvd., San Diego 92123 or you can give online at www.give.sharp.com

CALENDAR

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

March

12 *John Reilly– Park President, SeaWorld*

19 *Camp Enterprise-Guest speaker Jim Sinegal, Co-founder and former CEO of Costco*

26 *Rick Gentry-President & CEO, San Diego Housing Commission*

April

2 *Len Hering-Executive Director, Center for Sustainable Energy*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

AN EVENING ON THE USS MIDWAY

Tuesday, March 23

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Cost \$30 per person

Parking \$10 (carpooling is suggested)

Includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and a viewing of the Voices of Midway

GREAT NEWS COOKING SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 21

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Cost \$49 per person

This is a demonstration class that includes a tasting of all prepared recipes and two glasses of wine per person

Please visit us on our [website](#) to get further info and to register for these events.

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 with our MOST presenters Doug Arbon, Kathy Guevara, Gene Rumsey and Tom Vecchione.



Several guests came out in support of the MOST program.



Past President and MOST Chair Tom Vecchione with MOST volunteers and supporters.



2015 Four-Way Test Speech Contest winner Jennifer Bui presented her winning speech to the club.



President Michelle recognized our newest Interact Club from Our Lady of Peace and presented Head of School Lauren Lek with their official certificate.



Adriana Robles shared how the doctors and volunteers of MOST changed her life.



Four-Way Test Speech Contest Chair Jack Berkman and Vice Chair Don Teemsma along with committee members and Hoover staff came out to support winner Jennifer Bui.



Our MOST team received a standing ovation for their very touching presentation and for their dedication and hard work on the MOST program.

February 23, 2015 - Four-Way Test Speech Contest

Thank you to all of the students, volunteers and guests that joined us for this year's contest. Students from Our Lady of Peace Interact, Hoover High Interact, High Tech High Interact, Dehesa Charter Schools and St. Augustine Interact participated.



February 27, 2015 - Alcazar Garden Planting

Thank you to **Jim Hughes**, **Pat Caughey**, the SDSU Rotaracts and all of the volunteers that came out to help prep the gardens for the upcoming Centennial Celebration in Balboa Park.



More Quick Bits

ATTENTION, ROTARY GOLFERS!

The **Second Round** of the 2014/2015 Club 33 Tournament is **Friday, March 13, 2015** at the San Diego Country Club, with the first tee time at 11:30 am.

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 \$116.50 per player, which includes electric carts, plus each player's pro rata share of the cost of refreshments.

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

For you planners, keep May 15, 2015 open for the Third Round!

2015-2016 ROSTER/DIRECTORY UPDATES

We are currently in the process of putting together the new club directory. If you have not already done so, please submit any changes to your contact information to the Rotary office immediately. The deadline to submit your changes is on **April 3rd**.

There will be a final opportunity to take a roster photo with Stan Lawrence on March 26. For the roster update form, [click here](#).

PADRES BASEBALL GAME - Please join other Rotarians from District 5340 for an evening of baseball and fellowship on **Tuesday, April 14th when the San Diego Padres will host the Arizona Diamondbacks at 7:10 pm at Petco Park**. We will be raising the Rotary Flag prior to game time, and you'll want to see us on the new Padres video board!

Tickets for this Rotary group event are available in the area of 1st base at the discounted price of \$30 each. Plus, a portion of each purchase will be donated to Rotary's "End Polio Now" campaign.

To place your order for tickets, please contact Rotarian Kevin Forrester (kforrester@psmkr.com), or (760) 944-1918. **The dead-**

~A Society 33 Invitation~

WHO: Open to ALL Rotarians & spouses, Guests, Friends and Prospective members

WHAT: A Rotary After Hours social gathering at the restaurant bar for libations (non-host bar), snacks, and conversation (there is no cost for the event)

WHEN: March 25, 2015 5-8pm

WHERE: Miguel's Cocina Mexican Restaurant 2444 San Diego Ave, (Old Town) 619-298-9840

WHY: Because it is in alignment with the 5th (and sometimes forgotten) test of Rotary...it's FUN!

No registration is required...Just show up!

Any questions? Contact John Neuhart at john.neuhart@usbank.com