



# THE ROTATOR

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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

## Sustainable Energy



Craig Nelson  
Editor

President **Michelle Candland** called the meeting to order and **Mark Trotter** provided an exceptional and timely Inspirational Moment, as only she can. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Club 33 Singers accompanied by Bryan Verhoye and followed with *God Bless*

*America*. **Jen Weissman** of Project X Media sponsored the news which was eloquently presented by **Stan Lawrence**, and Stan's brand has never looked better. So impressive, in fact, that the Dow and NASDAQ were both up; Iran, the UK, and US came to a nuclear agreement; —pretty much everything was positive, except the attitude of the Chargers. President Michelle welcomed a bevy non Rotarian guests and announcements were forthcoming.

**Michael Bunker** reported on the Jackie Robinson YMCA activities with a breathtaking slide show that moved so fast I thought it was a video. On 4/15, the Jackie Robinson YMCA, along with Major League baseball and **Tom Seidler** and the Padres, will celebrate the birthday of the late great Jackie Robinson. Youngsters from the YMCA will line the base paths of Petco Park adorned in Jackie's retired #42 — a great event and wonderful tribute. One of the newer programs put together at the Jackie Robinson YMCA is support for families who have experienced the traumatic violent death of a loved one — particularly children. Today, the need unfortunately far outweighs the support. Please contact Michael if you want to get involved no matter how small.

The Visiting Veterans were introduced by **Phil Blair**. Captain Shane Smith is a US Marine Corps vet and a Finance grad from CSU-San Marcos. Colonel Mark Sojourner is a Marine Corps vet and Naval aviator with global experience from Asia to Africa. Captain Glenn Rosen is a Foreign Area Officer who facilitated US companies selling products and training to foreign countries. Contact [Neil Zerbe](#) at Manpower if you would like further information on any of these great candidates.

**Craig Nelson** reminded everyone to save the date for this year's Rotarians at Work day on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> by programming it into their smart phones now. There are 12 projects available on the club website to sign up for. Contact [Emily Rex](#), [Chris Christopher](#) or [Craig](#) to get signed up or to join the RAW committee. All participants get free 2015 RAW T-Shirts.

The heavy hand of President Michelle came down upon **Bob Fletcher** like the hammer of Thor and fined him in return for a Rotary spoon for his third grandchild but first granddaughter, Kailah Skye Fletcher. Savvy Rotarian that he is, once the fine was levied Bob managed to show a photo of the baby, plug the Rotary fishing trip and was well on his way to more before Michelle demanded that the wireless microphone be wrestled out of his hands.

**Greg Pyke** took center stage as Chair of the Day introducing the visiting Rotarians. As is our custom, Greg presented a gift to the Rotarian traveling the farthest distance. A trio from San Paulo, Brazil came to the front—Maya, Beth and Fabio, their interpreter. Maya & Beth don't speak English and Greg only speaks attorney, so the situation looked bleak until he started handing out gifts: an English to Lawyer dictionary, embossed Higgs, Fletcher & Mack golf balls and the ultimate olive branch of international diplomacy — wine! Way to save the day, Greg. Making them sign the harmless agreement was a little over the top, however.

Greg introduced our speaker, RAdm. Leendert (Len) Hering, the Executive Director for the Center for Sustainable Energy ([www.energycenter.org](http://www.energycenter.org)). Len is a long time Rotarian but more than a few people in the crowd were trying to figure out the career evolution from Rear Admiral to Czar of Sustainability. The question was quickly answered when Len showed a photo of his 3 grandchildren (I can't believe Michelle didn't fine him on the spot and give him a set of spoons). Len is dedicated to the future quality of life for his grandkids and his passion shone through in his presentation.

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## NEXT MEETING

April 9

**Captain Mark Cedrun**  
*The Rescue of*  
**Captain Richard Phillips**

Captain Mark Cedrun is a highly decorated, recently retired, Navy Captain. He has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (4 times), the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, (5 times), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and has worn numerous campaign and unit awards.

If you saw the 2013 movie with Tom Hanks called "Captain Philips," you will know that Mark was the Commanding Officer of the USS Boxer, which was the ship sent to rescue Captain Phillips. The movie was billed as "an American Thriller film" based on the 2009 rescue of the crew and Captain of the US Flagged MV Maersk Alabama, which was hijacked by Somali Pirates. It was the first American cargo ship to be hijacked in two hundred years. Mark will recount his personal experience and give the club the inside account of the real story. The movie is only the beginning of the rescue saga. He will literally tell us where the bodies are buried.



**Chair of the Day**  
**Wayne Goodermote**

## QUICK BITS

### YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING CLASS - The next class will be on **Thursday, April 9 at 1:30 immediately after our program.**

If you currently volunteer or plan on volunteering on a youth committee, you are required to attend this one-time course. Please let [Mary](#) know if you are able to attend. *This is a mandatory requirement for volunteering with our youth.*

### SPRING TENNIS TOURNAMENT

**May 6 at 5:00 at the Barnes Tennis Center** in Point Loma. All skill levels welcome. Entry fee is \$25. Any questions, contact [John Peelle](#). Register on our website.

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](mailto:sesdrotary@yahoo.com) the day before you plant to attend.

## BIRTHDAYS

Gary Nelson	<b>April</b>	4
Cari McCormick		8
Jon Greulich		8
Liza Strom		9
April Langwell		10
Lauren Lek		10
Jim Fitzpatrick		11
Jeanne Schmelzer		11
Chandani Flinn		12
Bob Cairncross		12
Rachel Inmon		12

## Sustainable Energy

### Continued

To motivate us all to shape the future and accelerate the transition to a sustainable world, Len proceeded to scare us all to death about the direction and path of our planet. There were a lot of gasps as Len presented slides and statistics, including that just during Len's lifetime more animals have become extinct than in the previous 1800 years—and every day, 10 species are added to the endangered list.

He had a lot of statistics that we don't hear in everyday conversation or on the evening news, and he challenged us to have an adult conversation about the future. The California drought is real and there are other repercussions. The lack of water means a 13% drop in energy from hydro-electrical sources. And things are bad and getting worse. Australia is in a 17-year drought and San Paulo, Brazil is out of water (with 21 million residents!) despite living at the edge of the Amazon rainforest. Did everyone know desalination takes 8 times as much energy to produce drinking water? Then there is the issue of population. The planet is expected to grow to 10 billion people by 2050 with most of that growth coming in underdeveloped nations. If that number doesn't sink in, think of it this way; it's the equivalent of adding another China and India. Just as he had us all headed to the edge of the Coronado Bridge, Len reminded us there is a lot of room to improve. In the US we currently throw away more food daily than Europe consumes, leaving a lot of room for conservation and sustainable improvement.

Len closed with a warning: the 20<sup>th</sup> century has been the bloodiest in our history because of oil. If we expect that to change in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we need to become more self-sustaining through renewables rather than consumables. He gave us plenty to think about and he certainly grabbed the attention of the Rotarians who gave him a standing ovation. Are we ready for action?

The meeting closed with a tribute to the late **Jim Haugh**.

**"A towering tree in the Rotary forest has fallen" -- Pat Crowell** gave a masterful Eulogy for Jim Haugh, a 64-year Rotarian, former President of Club 33 and District Governor. Jim was so accomplished and well-loved, I won't even attempt to do the Eulogy justice here on paper. But next time I sit next to Pat I'm going to ask him to tell another Jim Haugh story because he was a heck of a guy and a great Rotarian.

## CALENDAR

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

### April

- 9** *Captain Mark Cedrun, USN (Ret.)*
- 16** *Elliot Hirshman, President, SDSU*
- 23** *Betty Peabody, Balboa Park & Rotary*
- 30** *Mike Dee, President San Diego Padres*

## GROTARIAN EVENTS

### 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*

**SPACE IS LIMITED—Register today!**

**Go to Page 5 of the Rotator for further info or visit us on our [website](#) to register for this event.**

**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 Greg Pyke, President Michelle and guest speaker Len Hering.



Mark Trotter inspired us with a Easter and Passover message.

**George Gildred and Alison Gildred**



**Pete Ellsworth**



Our visiting Rotarians from the furthest distance were from San Paulo, Brazil.



**Carl Hilliard and Sharon Hilliard**



Pat Crowell, Doris Ellsworth, Pete Ellsworth, Lucy Haugh and Steve Horrell



The Haugh family joined us today to hear Pat Crowell give a touching eulogy to the late Jim Haugh.

# MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

It is time for our annual member survey, and as we value your opinion, we would greatly appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to complete the survey. Please follow the link and complete the survey in its entirety by April 17th. All replies are completely anonymous, and we included space for any additional comments.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SanDiegoRotary2015>

Thank you for your support and participation.

## 2015 ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY



### **SIGN UP NOW ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015**



Online registration is underway at [www.sandiegorotary.club](http://www.sandiegorotary.club)

- ◆ Balboa Park Nursery
- ◆ Peace Garden—Jackie Robinson YMCA
  - ◆ Storefront Youth Shelter
  - ◆ St. Paul's Senior Services
- ◆ Chollas Creek Trail Enhancement and Clean-up with Hoover Interacts
- ◆ Military Affairs Committee at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery
  - ◆ San Diego Humane Society
  - ◆ San Diego Public Library
- ◆ San Diego Zoo Animal Enrichment
- ◆ San Elijo Lagoon Restoration
- ◆ I Love A Clean San Diego—Southcrest Community Park & Recreation



*DON'T FORGET TO TAKE PICTURES!*

# DISTRICT NEWS

## **RYLA FACILITATORS STILL NEEDED**

April 17th - 19th is RYLA, the district's 11th grade leadership program. In order for RYLA to function, they need 32 Rotarians in addition to the RYLA committee members. Currently, they have 32 Rotarians and no alternates. They need to be prepared in the event that facilitators back out.

**THEY NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

The district is asking club members to volunteer to be a facilitator. Females are especially appreciated since 70% of the students are females and they need to have women Rotarians in their dorms.

If you are interested in volunteering, please go to the [RYLA website](#) to sign up.

Contact Walt Waggener ([walt.waggener.b8gk@statefarm.com](mailto:walt.waggener.b8gk@statefarm.com) or 760-931-5393) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help.

# Grotarian Event

## Great News! Cookware & Cooking School

April 21 5:30-8:30pm

5:30pm  
Early Arrival & Cocktails

6:00pm –8:30pm  
Demonstration Cooking Class  
with Tastings of  
All Prepared Recipes and  
Two Glasses of Wine per Person

Cost is \$49 per Person

Please Register Early  
Seating is Limited to 52 People  
To Register Go to  
[www.sandiegorotary.club](http://www.sandiegorotary.club)

### Great News! Cookware & Cooking School

1788 Garnet Ave  
San Diego CA 92109  
[www.great-news.com](http://www.great-news.com)

Phone: 858-270-1582



### San Diego's Oldest & Largest Cooking School

#### Menu:

Chambord Royal Sparkling Wine & Chambord Cocktail

Fig & Honey Baked Brie En Croute

Mixed Field Greens with Prosciutto, Roasted Sliced Pears  
and Pear Vinaigrette

Cioppino Seafood Stew with Gremolata Butter Toasted  
Baguette

Lavender Scented Crème Brulée