

THE ROTATOR

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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

Rescue at Sea



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Editor

A large crowd braved the inclement (*not!*) weather to attend today's meeting featuring Captain Mark Cedrun, and they certainly were not disappointed by what proved to be a very interesting and entertaining program (sorry, Army & Air Force folks). Hard to believe, but President **Michelle Candland** is in her final quarter as President. Time flies, as does the work of the Roast Committee. The Inspirational Moment was provided by **Robert "Woody" Woodcock**, aka "hot foot." The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Brandon Horrocks**, followed by *America the Beautiful* accompanied by **Larry Showley**. Today's news was sponsored by **Ellis Smith** of Messner and Smith and was masterfully read by the always dapper newsman **Bert Wahlen**.

Visiting guests were recognized by President Michelle, including the usual complement of SDSU Rotaracts, and two Naval Officers from Chile. Seats are going fast for the April 21, 2015 Grotarian event at **Ron Eisenberg's** Great News Cookware & Cooking School, so sign up quickly to attend this fun event. And if you want a really neat red tee shirt, sign up for Team Craig (**Craig Blower**) at the April 19, 2015 Breath of Hope Walk. Contact the Rotary Office for more information. Rotarians at Work Day, April 25, is also around the corner, so go to the club website to sign up for a project.

Rachel Inmon, what is your secret? Most of us get older on our birthdays, but President Michelle told us you actually are getting younger on your upcoming birthday. Thank you for your generous \$1,000 fine and congratulations on becoming a Paul Harris Fellow!

Past President **Wayne**

Goodermote served admirably as our Chair of the Day (pun intended). Wayne

is retired, so his gift of a neat Navy cap was actually provided by Captain Cedrun. There were no visiting Rotarians, so Wayne gave the Chilean Naval Officers joint custody of the cap, and of course, the obligatory bottle of wine. Professor Goodermote then spent the next ten minutes introducing Retired Navy Captain Mark Cedrun. The lengthy introduction was in part due to Mark's plethora of achievements, commands and awards, and in part to Professor Goodermote's classic "Wayne-speak" (the Naval Academy is in Annapolis, Wayne).

Mark started in the US Army, and then transferred to the Navy, where he went on to have a brilliant career and develop a no-nonsense sense of humor (after learning that Army and Air Force veterans were in the crowd, Mark promised to speak verrrrrry slowlllly). In 2009, Mark was the Commanding Officer of the USS Boxer when it left San Diego for what was expected to be a normal, six month deployment. Little did he and his crew realize that this was to be a trip upon which a Tom Hanks movie would later be based.

In 2009, Combined Task Force 151 was formed to help a global effort to fight the ever increasing Somali pirate hijacking of merchant ships 250 to 300 miles of the Somali coast. Somalia was controlled by warlords who recruited Somalis to be pirates. Naval vessels from the United States and 46 other nations were tasked to patrol the Indian Ocean. On April 8, 2009, the US Flagged MV *Maersk Alabama* was captured 240 miles off the Somali coast in the Gulf of Aden by four Somali pirates. As the pirates approached, Captain Richard Phillips called for help and USN destroyer USS *Bainbridge*, USN frigate USS *Halyburton* and USN amphibious assault ship USS *Boxer* were dispatched to the scene.

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NEXT MEETING

April 16

Elliot Hirshman

President

San Diego State University

How SDSU is Meeting the Promise and Challenges of Today

Through educating our nation's next generation of leaders, America's colleges and universities have historically supported the country's economic development and its foundational values of liberty, democracy and community. San Diego State University is meeting that challenge for the 21st century with globally focused programs that emphasize innovation, research and entrepreneurship. Learn more about recent developments at SDSU and how the university is strengthening the San Diego community and its economy.



Chair of the Day
Joyce Gattas

QUICK BITS

ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY

April 25— go to page 4 to see our list of projects or visit us on our [website](#) to register.

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.

SAN DIEGO ROTARY PEACEMAKER AWARD—

A reminder that the deadline to nominate a candidate is on **May 31st**. [Click here](#) for nomination guidelines and nomination form. Contact [Jenni Prisk](#) if you have any questions.

BIRTHDAYS

Rebecca Tuggle	April	14
Don Teemsma		15
Joyce Gattas		16
Steve Oggel		18
Geri Warnke		18
Sarah Lamade		18

Rescue at Sea

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The pirates' goal of getting the *Maersk Alabama* within the 12 mile safe zone was thwarted, their own vessel had sunk, and three of the pirates and Captain Phillips wound up in a life boat tethered to the *Bainbridge*. The chief pirate had been stabbed by a crew member of the *Maersk Alabama*. On board the *Boxer* were two hundred SEALs. The life boat was towed to within 25 yards of the *Bainbridge* and SEAL snipers shot and killed the three pirates and their leader was taken into custody.

While the mission was a great success, what followed was “monkeys and footballs” as Mark described, as the US State Department, the Department of Justice and the State Department tried to decide how to handle the aftermath. The three Navy ships “burned holes in the ocean” waiting for orders from above. The lifeboat was hoisted aboard the *Boxer* where it became evidence that needed to be cleaned and returned to Maersk. The bodies of the three dead pirates were placed in the *Boxer's* morgue and the pirate ringleader was treated and then “entertained” by three huge Marines before he was flown to New York for trial. The morgue on the *Boxer* was turned into a giant freezer because the dead pirates began to decompose, and the *Boxer's* meat locker was not a viable alternative. The *Boxer* could not return to port because it now held three foreign (albeit dead) nationals. Burial at sea was nixed by command and the bodies were eventually returned to their families in Somalia. After a shower, a call to the President and a cooler full of Heinekens, Captain Phillips returned to a hero's welcome. Quite an interesting story!



If you would like to participate in the San Diego Breath of Hope Lung Cancer Walk to help support Craig Blower (Team Craig-Get Fuzzy) , click on the link to register. <https://act.ucsd.edu/breathofhopewalk/>. The event is on Sunday, April 19th.

CALENDAR

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

April

- 16 *Elliot Hirshman, President, SDSU*
- 23 *Betty Peabody, Balboa Park & Rotary*
- 30 *Mike Dee, President San Diego Padres*

May

- 7 *Honoring Mothers—Special Mother's Day program*

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!

Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106

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FACES IN THE CROWD



Thank you, Larry Showley, for the pre-meeting music.



Rachel Inmon donated \$1000 in honor of her birthday and received her first Paul Harris Fellow pin from President Michelle.



Guest speaker Captain Mark Cedrun, President Michelle, and Chair of the Day Wayne Goodermote.



Captain Cedrun described the intense rescue of Captain Richard Phillips.



A highly decorated Navy Captain, Captain Cedrun proudly displayed his numerous medals and awards.



George Gildred, Captain Cedrun and visiting guests who were Naval Chilean Liaison Officers.

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



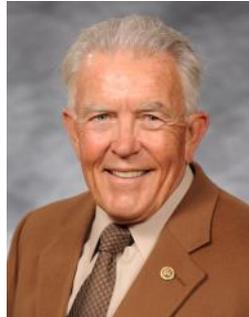
Online registration is underway at www.sandiegorotary.club

- ◆ 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!

IN MEMORIAM



William E. Hendrix, D.D.S.

1940-2015

Club 33 Member for 33 years



Memorial services

April 19th at 3:30 pm

First United Methodist Church of San Diego

2111 Camino del Rio South, SD 92108

Reception immediately to follow at the Town & Country in the Trellis Garden

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations sent to the East County Family YMCA

8881 Dallas St.

La Mesa, CA 91942

Attention: Linda Griffin