A Great Time to be an Aztec!

Past President and Honorary PhD Patti Roscoe set the scene for “Aztec Day at Rotary” with an inspirational quote about education from Malala Yousafzai.

Our guest speaker and fellow Rotarian, San Diego State University President Elliot Hirshman, opened with kudos for Club 33’s tradition of patriotism and community service. He then led us through a virtual tour and update on campus developments. We learned that SDSU is an international university, with 2,100 students studying in 80 countries. Innovation, research, business entrepreneurship, facility upgrades, new construction, sports and athletics, and community partnerships will be fueled by the ongoing $750 million Campaign for SDSU. This world-class university boasts a vibrant arts program, Arts Alive, led by Dean of Professional Studies/Fine Arts and our Chair of the Day, Joyce Gattas. Reporting on 40% growth this year and 350 arts events (nearly one every day!) earned Joyce a well-deserved ovation.

During the Q/A session, President Hirshman skillfully responded to inquiries on the Stadium (of course!); growth and density; sexual assault; PhD programs; years to graduate; tuition; and SDSU’s talented women’s golf team. Check them out! https://youtu.be/UxR7UW3aeQ0

Frank Pavel concluded our meeting with an inspiring eulogy for Dr. Bill Hendrix.

Today’s informative program included several important announcements and accolades:

- President Michelle Candland saluted Dr. Lisa Miller’s finishing her second of three 200-mile bike races
- President Michelle also commended Jim Madaffer for his heroic effort in saving the life of a complete stranger that was in cardiac arrest. An advocate for AEDs, (Automated External Defibrillator), Jim was in the right place at the right time and used his AED which he always keeps in his car. Read the thrilling story in Diane Bell’s 4-15-15 UT column.
- Judy Thompson shared the history and success of our club’s Diana Venable Scholarship program
- Marten Barry bragged that the Golf Committee is San Diego Rotary’s easiest committee to join, because they never meet. Just come and play a round at San Diego Country Club on Friday, May 15.
- Re-joining Rotary, Kim Bond respected our time with her succinct self-introduction. New member Ricardo da Rosa appeared clueless to his dad’s (Joe da Rosa) angst on stage, as Ricardo set a new record for talking about himself…5-minutes! “Just one more story?”

Please extend your thanks to these Club 33 Rotarians who supported our program today:
Badge: Bill Herrin, Mike Kenny, Bob Russell
Registration: James Buley, Rich DeBolt, Gil Johnson
Greeters: Jay Arnett, Ellen Casey, Bob Cleator, Joe Craver, Will Rivera
Rotarians at Work table: Bob Borgman, Chris Christopher, Craig Nelson, Emily Rex, Bill Thaxton
Patriotic opening led by Brandon Horrocks, accompanied by Larry Showley
$150 The News sponsor, Ken Andersen of Walter Andersen Nursery
Our dedicated professional staff, Paul Devermann and Mary Radovan.

Stan Lawrence’s News joke: “Saying the same thing over and over again but expecting different results is called…parenting.”
QUICK BITS

ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY
April 25—go to page 5 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.

MAY 15 CLUB 33 GOLF TOURNAMENT - If you are interested in playing in the final round of this annual tournament at the San Diego Country Club, please contact Marten “the Golf Guy” Barry immediately.

The San Diego Science Alliance recently spotlighted San Diego Rotary’s STEM initiative. Click here to read the article.

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MEMBERSHIP

Our Membership Committee reminds you to give the gift of Rotary. Our website is an excellent source of information on how to get the process started.

- Helpful guidelines for prospective member candidates.
- Existing member fills out the sponsor questionnaire. This is the first step in the process of becoming a member.
- Share our club FAQs (Facts, Answers & Questions) about membership which provides a lot of insight into the club and most importantly, the costs so that people understand upfront the commitment they are making.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members to the club.

Kim Bond - “Healthcare—Behavioral Health.” Kim is a returning member and is the President & CEO of Mental Health Systems, Inc. and Novata Behavioral Health. She guides behavioral health services for over 80 MHS programs located throughout California as well as the three divisions of Novata. Bill Earley was her primary sponsor.

Ricardo G. da Rosa - “Commercial Fishing” Ricardo is the owner and operator of Pacific Princess Partnership LTD, a commercial tuna operation. The Pacific Princess, a Tuna Purse Seiner, was built in 1978 by Ricardo’s uncle. Joe da Rosa, Tom Vecchione and John Morrell were his sponsors.

GROTARIAN EVENTS

MAY GROTARIAN EVENT AT HIGH TECH HIGH
More details to follow soon

A reminder to Red Badgers: As part of the requirements to earn your permanent “Centennial” name badge, you are required to attend at least 2 Grotarian social events. If you have any questions, contact the Cari McCormick or Diana MarJip-Chuh.

CALENDAR

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

April

23 Betty Peabody, Balboa Park & Rotary
30 Mike Dee, President San Diego Padres

May

7 Honoring Mothers—Special Mother’s Day program
14 Guadalupe Valley: Baja Wine Country

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

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Ricardo da Rosa’s family joined him today for his introduction to the club.

SDSU President Elliot Hirshman, today’s guest speaker, with SDSU alums Burt Nestor and Leon Williams.

George Jessop was delighted to hear President Hirshman speak today.

Friends and family of Bill Hendrix, including his wife Donna (bottom center), joined us today to hear Frank Pavel give a touching eulogy in Bill’s honor.

Rotarians at Work Day Chairs Emily Rex and Craig Nelson proudly displayed this year’s newly designed t-shirts.

Chair of the Day Joyce Gattas, Elliot Hirshman and President Michelle.

Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor
Our speaker received a lot of great questions from the crowd!

More SDSU alumni came out in support of the guest speaker.

Linnea Arrington joined us.

Patti Roscoe delivered a powerful Inspirational Moment about higher education.

Jim Madaffer was recognized for saving the life of a stranger with the AED he keeps in his car at all times.

The club welcomed back member Kim Bond.

During his introduction, new member Ricardo da Rosa shared with us that it was Judge Jerry Jessop that married him and his wife, Hanna.
2015 ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO SIGN UP
ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR A PROJECT THAT IS STILL OPEN

♦ Balboa Park Nursery
♦ Peace Garden—Jackie Robinson YMCA
♦ Storefront Youth Shelter
♦ St. Paul’s Senior Services
♦ Auburn Creek Canyon Enhancement and Clean-up with Hoover Interacts-CLOSED
♦ Military Affairs Committee at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery-CLOSED

♦ San Diego Humane Society-CLOSED
♦ San Diego Public Library
♦ San Diego Zoo Animal Enrichment
♦ San Elijo Lagoon Restoration
♦ I Love A Clean San Diego—Southcrest Community Park & Recreation
♦ Jackie Robinson YMCA—a joint project with the South East San Diego Rotary

DON’T FORGET TO TAKE PICTURES!

FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH FINALS

We need Four-Way Test Speech Finals supporters! The club and the District need your attendance and support at the up-coming contest on April 28th at the California Center for the Arts. We want to give our own Hoover Interact finalists Dulce and Jennifer a fantastic showing of support and solidarity.

Don Teemsma, our club’s Four-Way Test Speech Contest Vice-Chair, pledges the Don Teemsma Guarantee...that if you do not have a good time and do not leave inspired, he will pay for your event ticket by way of a Rotary fine.

Click here for event details and registration on the District website.