

## Foster & Adoptive Care



**Patti Roscoe**  
Editor

Chair of the Day, **Gayle Hom**, introduced an interesting and important program to us this week. There are over 400,000 children in foster care in the United States. Of those, 60,000 reside in California, with 40,000 in Southern California.

These children may be orphans, or abandoned, or have parents who have been deported. Seventy percent have parents who are substance abusers. Walden Family Services (WFS) assists these children with offices throughout Southern California.

Guest speaker and Executive Director of WFS, Teresa Stivers, riveted us with its story. Walden Family Services has a vision that every child has a loving family and the ability to realize their potential toward becoming a self-sufficient and productive member of their community. This is extremely challenging in itself. Put into the mix their constituency – orphans or foster care children with special needs who may be developmentally challenged, medically fragile, technology dependent (feeding tubes, oxygen, etc.), chronic drug abusers, victims of sexual or physical abuse, or suffering from PTSD with issues of low self-esteem and negative behavior.

WFS's major goal is to place children in foster care and, eventually, return them to their birth families or have them adopted into a loving "forever family." In the meantime, the children receive much needed therapeutic foster care.

The organization was founded in 1976 and, over the years, has increased its scope of services and progressive programs.

- ◆ Independent Futures program - providing services and support for pre- and post-emancipated foster youth.
- ◆ Pregnant and Parenting Teen program, which supports pregnant and parenting teens both pre- and post-emancipation.

- ◆ LGBTQ - a program to educate the community, advocate for and safely place foster youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning.
- ◆ Adoption License – the ability to place children to qualified, loving adopted families.
- ◆ Transitional Housing program – for children 18 to 21, an optional program that allows children to stay in foster care, find a job, and create an independent life. Without this service, many children released from WFC at 18 years of age eventually find themselves homeless, pregnant, or incarcerated.
- ◆ Nurturing Parenting Classes for Building Healthy and Caring Families - young or teen parents may participate in free 13-week classes aimed at helping them become capable parents.

To become a foster parent, one must be 21 years of age or older, single or married, have a proper bedroom for a child, undergo an extensive background check, have the income to meet the needs of an adopted child with special needs, be in good physical and mental health, and attend a series of educational classes. Being a foster parent in the WFS system is not for everyone, but there are many children in need of loving families. Dial 211 for a list of organizations if you feel able to help. The words that popped into this editor's mind while listening to the presentation and thinking of the qualities one needs to become a foster parent were caring, nurturing, selfless, committed, patient, and loving – true service above self. There are many in Club 33 who are foster parents or have been foster children themselves. Art Candland is a volunteer extraordinaire to WFS and both he and **President Michelle** are known to be generous and philanthropic within our community – in so many ways.

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### NEXT MEETING

**May 14**

**Ray Mangussen**

*Co-Founder*

*Lechuza Vineyard*

Mexican Wine – Si, por favor!

El Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico's premier wine making region, is located 90 miles from San Diego and is the epicenter of the region's wine and gastronomy movement. Recently, the region has gained praises for its wine, food, and natural beauty from national publications *The Wine Enthusiast* and *Conde Nast Traveler*. Please welcome Ray Magnussen, owner of Lechuza Vineyards, as he shares a gringo's experience growing grapes and making wine in this exploding region.



**Chair of the Day**  
**Mike Morton**

### 2015 Camp Enterprise Video

[Click here if you would like to view the new Camp Enterprise video that we premiered at the meeting.](#)

**Enjoy!**

## QUICK BITS

**MAY 15 CLUB 33 GOLF TOURNAMENT** - please see page 4 for more information

### **2015-2016 COMMITTEE SIGN-UP**

Committee sign-ups will be sent to you via email on **May 11th**. Please look for it and reply back as soon as possible.

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

## BIRTHDAYS

	May	
Steve Bond	11	
Wade McKnight	12	
Michael Murphy	13	
Jim Nickel	14	
Al Harutunian III	15	
Diane Bell	15	
Bob Witty	15	
Randy Frisch	16	
Sue Rehm	17	
Jackie Meyer	17	
Bill LittleJohn	17	

## Foster & Adoptive Care Continued

In honor of Mother's Day, Teresa also highlighted a few of the special moms that have fostered and eventually adopted special needs children through their program. Special, indeed, are these ladies, and quite inspirational!

Our very own Club 33 Past President **Bill McDade** surprised his wife Carol with a Paul Harris Fellowship, in recognition and in appreciation for the 15 years she served as a foster mom. Bill said they cared for about 50 foster infants over the course of those years. Most were from unwed mothers and quite a number came to them abused, neglected and physically harmed. Bill said that Carol's "labor of love" was her way of giving back to her community and that she wanted to help start these children on the road to a better—even a good-- life.

Thanks to all who helped present this week's program:

- ◆ Inspirational Moment – (USMC) **Larry Hoeksema** – whose daughter is participating in the "Race Across America" – bicycling from Annapolis to Oceanside. Good luck, Ann!!
- ◆ The tuneful Club 33 Singers, accompanied by the amazing Bryan Verhoye.
- ◆ Past President and newsworthy himself, **Bert Wahlen**. Thanks to **Ray McKewon** and The Xceptional Music Company for their sponsorship.
- ◆ Everyone who participated in Camp Enterprise and to Bryan Brant for filming and producing a wonderful video we watched outlining the fun and education of this year's CE. And to the Rotaracts who worked tirelessly at CE and continue to support Club 33 in so many ways.

We welcomed:

- ◆ PDG, Larry Scott and Doug Stephens.
- ◆ Current DG, Louise Andres, and my tablemate. I learned Louise is a CASA, doing her part to help with court-appointed adoptions.
- ◆ A Rotarian from Boulder, CO, and one from Germany, who was gifted with a bag of goodies.

And to President Michelle, this past president has two words: short-timer, short-timer, short-timer. You'll soon be among the rest of us in the cheap seats, constantly glancing at your watch. In the meantime, great job!!

## CALENDAR

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

*May*

**14** *Guadalupe Valley: Baja Wine Country*

**21** *Douglas Myers — President/CEO San Diego Zoo Global*

**28** *Barbara Wight — COO/CFO Taylor Guitars*

## GROTARIAN EVENTS

### **MAY 19 HIGH TECH HIGH TOUR & RECEPTION**

**Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Cost: \$20 per person**

**Location: Pt. Loma campus at 2861 Womble Street, San Diego, 92106**

Come join the Grotarians for a tour inside the mind of the genius of the founder and creator of High Tech High, Larry Rosenstock. He will personally take us through the High Tech High Pt. Loma schools with a thorough, detailed explanation of the way the school is structured and the successes of their students. Known internationally, HTH also now has an interact Club sponsored by us! Food and beverages will be available after the tour. Friends and family are welcome! [Click here](#) for more info.

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

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# FACES IN THE CROWD



Bryan Verhoye enjoyed his visit with us.



**Penny Robbins** brought along her mom who was also a foster parent.



**Bonnie Schwartz, Jo Dee Jacob** and Claudette Steinhauer. Claudette, a foster child herself, fostered and adopted two boys.



Guest speaker **Teresa Stivers**, President **Michelle**, and Chair of the Day **Gayle Hom**.



**Carol McDade** received a surprise recognition from her husband **Bill McDade** for her many years as a foster mom.



Our guests, the supporters and Board of Directors of the Walden Family Services

Bottom, left to right: **Doug Arbon**, **Carol McDade**, **Bill McDade**, **Bink Cook**. Top, left to right: former DG **Dick Stevens**, **Tom Vecchione**, **Lesslie Keller**, former DG **Larry Scott**, **Jack Cook**.



# MOST ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE

Price Charities established a challenge grant for donations made to Mercy Outreach Surgical Team (MOST) in honor of **Gene Rumsey's** wife, Mary Ann. The goal is to establish the MOST/Mary Ann Rumsey Endowment to ultimately fund one of the annual trips to Mexico to carry out the good work of MOST. As you are probably aware, Club 33 has been an active supporter of MOST for a number of years, and many of our members participate in the trips.



The Club's Foundation is planning to make a donation to MOST by the end of June so that it meets the deadline for the match by Price Charities. If you would like to be included, please make a donation to the San Diego Rotary Foundation noting the restriction that it is for the MOST/Mary Ann Rumsey Endowment and send it to the office by June 15. Additional information can be found here: [www.scripps.org/MOSTchallenge](http://www.scripps.org/MOSTchallenge)

# GOLF TOURNAMENT



## ATTENTION ROTARY GOLFERS!

The third and final round of this year's Rotary Golf Tournament will be Friday, May 15, 2015 at San Diego Country Club.

First tee time at approximately 11:30am.

The previous round, highlighted by **John Wertz's** first hole-in-one (on the 165 yard 6<sup>th</sup> hole, with a six-iron), featured a pair of net 72s by our past president **Bonnie Schwartz** and our resident PGA pro **Tom Wilson**, who share the lead heading into the last round. **Richard Coutts**, **Don Tarte**, **John Peelle**, and **Marten Barry** are within a couple of shots of the leaders, and several others, including **Dick Green**, **Guy Maddox** and the afore-mentioned John Wertz, can win the championship with a good final round.

Join the fun and friendly competition by contacting Marten Barry ([mbarry@naisandiego.com](mailto:mbarry@naisandiego.com)) and Alli Lucas ([alucas@naisandiego.com](mailto:alucas@naisandiego.com)). Cost is \$116, including cart. The field is limited to 20 players, so sign up now!

# MONARCH SCHOOL—Art Without A Roof

A few of our students have been working with **Art Without A Roof** to put their artwork on clothing items. The website to purchase an item is now up and running! Currently pocket T-shirts, tank tops, and art prints designed by Monarch students (among others) are available at [www.artwithoutarroof.com](http://www.artwithoutarroof.com). Every t-shirt purchase will put some money in the artist's pocket, help fund scholarships for our youth and bring funds back to the Therapeutic Arts Program. Check out the featured partner page for some nicely done interviews with one of our student artists, Andrea, and our Director of Therapeutic Arts, Rachelle. <http://artwithoutarroof.com/pages/featured>



Art Without a Roof is a growing community of resilient artists who strive to continually push the boundaries of expression to fund various important causes around the world, while also promoting and keeping the arts alive in our communities and schools.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Monarch!

**Erin E. Spiewak**  
*Chief Executive Officer*  
Monarch School

## CLUB 33 SPRING TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Thanks to all who participated in the May 6 Spring Tennis Tournament and to John Peelle who organized the event at the Barnes Tennis Center. The tennis champ will be announced at the May 14th meeting. Stay tuned...

