

How Do They Count The Pollywogs?



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Editor

Certainly one of the more pressing questions on my mind! Writing up meetings late in the term of a “soon-to-be-out-to-pasture” president is always a fun thing to do for me. And the end is clearly in sight for President **Michelle Candland**. Today’s Inspirational Moment was provided by **Buddy Thomas**, who told us that just like wine, good folks improve with age. Examples of this abound in our club. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by “tie-less” President Elect **Peter Duncan** followed by *America the Beautiful* accompanied by **Suzy Spafford**. Today’s news was sponsored by **Mark Burgess** and Page Mountain, LLC. Past President (2008-09) **Stan Hartman** was sitting at our table and was rather surprised to learn he was reading the news, but then **Stan Lawrence** saved the day. Did I mention President Michelle is an official “short-timer”?

Visiting guests were recognized by President Michelle, including the usual compliment of SDSU Rotaracts, and a whole lot of visiting Interacts. Sign up now on the District 5340 website for the June 22 District 5340 Annual Governor’s Dinner and support incoming President Peter. **Lisa Miller** gave a Committee Minute for the Animal Appreciation Committee that works closely with the San Diego Humane Society and its president and CEO **Gary Weitzman**. A very proud **Jeremiah Doran** took the podium to acknowledge and congratulate Hoover Interact graduating seniors. These amazing young men and women are truly the future of Rotary and are so inspiring. A full 100% of these students are going on to college, with 70% of that number going to four year schools.

Equally as proud, **Judy Thompson** then announced the winner of the Diana Venable Scholarship, Hoover High student Linda Do. Linda is using the \$20,000 award to go to her dream school, UCLA, to study biology and sociology. Congratulations, Linda, and good luck as a Bruin. With an assist from **Bill Wise**, new member **Courtney Liddy** passed her “interview introduction” with flying colors. This certainly is one way to keep President Michelle in her chair and time keeper Mary happy!

President Michelle then introduced Chair of the Day **Mark Stuart** who showered the visiting Rotarian with elephant poo poo paper and a stuffed baby penguin (I’ll take the

latter, thank you). Mark also attempted to ensnare our visitor with some type of “lottery ticket /Zoo supporter-for-life deal,” but none of the lawyers at our table thought that was a binding contract. Mark then introduced our speaker of the day, San Diego Zoo Global President and CEO **Douglas Myers**. San Diego Rotary always looks forward to presentations by Doug, and he did not disappoint.

The World Famous San Diego Zoo first started with a roar in 1915 on Park Boulevard with visionary Dr. Harry Wegeforth at the helm. Word has it that Dr. Harry heard a lion’s roar and said to his brother, “wouldn’t it be splendid if San Diego had a zoo?” Splendid it was, indeed, and Dr. Harry launched a century-long love affair between the citizens of San Diego and their World Famous Zoo.

In the 1920s, the Zoo acquired 100 acres of hilly terrain in Balboa Park and has never looked back. Today’s Zoo leads the nation’s zoos in attendance (3.6 million), besting zoos in Chicago and St. Louis that have no admission charge. Our zoo has more than 3,200 employees, 22 vets, 100 scientists and 600 keepers, not counting those in administration. Doug then began his slide show of cute animal pictures that always generate lots of “oohs” and “ahs” from the audience. Everyone recognizes the usual suspects – koalas, giant pandas, and of course, elephants. But there are also the smaller, much lesser known species that are also integral parts of the ecosystem. The Zoo’s number one priority is animal care and Doug is extremely proud of those folks who get this done.

What does the next century hold for the Zoo? The elimination of extinction – one species at a time. And if anyone can do it, it is our Zoo. There were 22 Giant Condors left on the planet when the Zoo focused on them, and there are now 400 of them flying throughout the West. These birds in turn support the survival of 50 other species. The first Giant Panda to survive birth in the United States was born in our Zoo. The Frozen Zoo is extremely important, and is hoped to be the saving of the white rhinoceros from extinction. It has DNA from 1,000 species and 10,000 samples. It is easy to see why San Diegans have had a century long love affair with our special Zoo. Doug received a well-earned standing ovation from the audience. And President Michelle, how do they count those pollywogs, you ask? They count them very carefully! *Enjoy the Memorial Day weekend!*

NEXT MEETING

May 28

Barbara Wight
COO & CFO
Taylor Guitars

The Taylor Guitars Story:

Founded in 1974 by Bob Taylor and Kurt Listug, Taylor Guitars is a leading manufacturer of acoustic guitars, employing over 900 people and crafting 700 guitars per day. Along with its commitment to quality guitars, the company is a pioneer in preserving the future of tonewood forestry; for this, Taylor was recognized with the 2014 Award for Corporate Excellence from the U.S. Department of State.

Barbara Wight will present the history of Taylor Guitars, and tell us what the company is doing today, and its plan for the future.



Chair of the Day
Bob Borgman

GUITAR PLAYERS WANTED!

This is an all-call for members who play the guitar to participate in a pre-meeting jam session on **May 28** at 11:30. You are encouraged to invite friends and family members who may want to join in on the fun and stay for the meeting afterwards. Please contact the office if you plan on participating.

QUICK BITS

The Rotarian Magazine - June 2015 Issue:

The latest issue features **Monarch School** on page 16 & 17. It highlights the contributions of President Michelle and San Diego Rotary. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The annual **District Governor's Dinner** is being held on **Monday, June 22nd at the La Jolla Marriott**. Please come out and show your support as incoming club presidents from our district are sworn in—including our own Peter Duncan.

This is an awards dinner with presidential citations, music, celebrations, educational diplomas, service awards and more. There is an early bird discount if you register before June 7. [Click here](#) for registration info.

The **STEM Committee** is looking for volunteers to be a judge for the **Wilson Middle School Science Fair on Tuesday, July 7 from 4-7 pm**. Ideally, judges will have a science or engineering background, although that is not a requirement. If you are interested, please contact [Bink Cook](#).

BIRTHDAYS

Rich Huenefeld	May	25
Jim Brown		26
Charlene Zettel		26
Judy McDonald		26
Mort Jorgensen		26
Mike Meaney		26
Ray McKewon		27
Mark Neville		29
Deirdre Maloney		31

2015-2016 COMMITTEE SIGN UP

Dear San Diego Rotary Member:

San Diego is a community made up of neighborhoods. Similarly, San Diego Rotary is a community made up of committees. Participating in a committee and working with a few of your fellow Rotarians makes the Rotary experience more personal. Along the way, you will also further our shared goal of making the world a little better place for us having been here.

For these reasons, I urge you to get involved with the work of Rotary: Making a Difference. Please select at least one committee that you would like to join. The name of the chair, vice chair or co-chair of each committee is listed in case you have any questions. You can also visit our website to get further information about a committee you might be interested in. Click on this link to sign up: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015-2016Committee>

Simply fill out your name and email address at the top of the form, click on the committees you would like to join and then hit the "done" button. We will send a list of members to the committee chairs prior to the new year and they will contact you with any committee information. **Please sign up by June 8.**

Remember, the Rotary year begins anew on July 1st, so please re-enlist for the committees you have worked on in the past.

Thank you for all you do.

Peter Duncan
President, 2015-2016

ATTENTION ROTARY GOLFERS!

The final round of our tournament had to be re-scheduled due to rain and will now be played on **Friday, June 26th** to determine the 2015 Champion. **Bonnie Schwartz** and **Tom Wilson** are tied for the lead, closely followed by **Richard Coutts**, **Don Tarte**, **Marten Barry**, **John Peele**.

Please let us know if you are able to play on this new date. Join the fun and friendly competition at the San Diego Country Club by contacting Marten Barry mbarry@naisandiego.com or Alli Lucas alucas@naisandiego.com. Cost is \$116.

CALENDAR

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

May

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

June

4 **Audrea Taylor — President, im2moro**

11 **Don Kent — President, Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute**

GROTARIAN EVENTS

JUNE 16 USO AIRPORT CENTER TOUR

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Cost: \$25 per person
Location: 3705 North Harbor Drive (across from Terminal 2)

Join the Grotarians for a tour inside the largest USO Airport Center in the world. Retired USMC Sergeant Major, Bobby Woods, who serves as the current Director of the USO Neil Ash Airport Center, will welcome the San Diego Rotary Club and give us a detailed tour through this amazing center and the public art that exists around and within this facility. Food and beverages will be served outside on the patio at the end of the tour.

[Click here](#) for more details and to register.

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

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FACES IN THE CROWD



San Diego Zoo Global President and CEO Doug Meyers spoke passionately about the Zoo's efforts to save endangered species.



George Gildred, Judy Wheatley, Stephanie Horsman, Robert Horsman, Patti Roscoe, Doug Myers, Betty Jo Williams and Tom Fetter.



Robert Price and the Hoover Interact Class of 2015.



Lisa Miller highlighted the Animal Appreciation Committee.



Chair of the Day Mark Stuart presented Kenichi Maeda from Japan with a plush African Penguin from the Zoo.



Judy Thompson and President Michelle presented Diana Venable Scholarship winner Linda Do with her \$20,000 ceremonial check.

Jeremiah Doran and Walter Lam presented Hoover High senior Bryan Laing with a Senior Package that included prom tickets and a school yearbook.



Dr. Bill McColl was spotted in the crowd.



MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member to the club.



Courtney M. Liddy - "Investment-Wealth Management, Additional Active." Courtney is the Senior Vice President of UBS Financial Services. **Bill Wise, Dick Eger** and **Alan Spector** were her sponsors. (B) 619-557-4850
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STEM COMMITTEE

Hoover High School hosted a Botball tournament for elementary and middle schools in the Hoover cluster. Participating schools were comprised of those supported by our Club's STEM Committee. It was inspiring to see the excitement and progress that has been made over the year by the students. Congratulations to all participants on a job well done!



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

GROTARIAN EVENT - HIGH TECH HIGH

Thank you to everyone who attended the event at High Tech High on May 19. It was a fun and informative evening. Thank you to **Divya Kakaiya** for setting up the event. Thank you to **Linnea Arrington** for organizing the beverages and to all of the people who helped with carrying food from and to the cars and setting it all up.

A special thank you to Larry Rosenstock, his staff and the students who led the tours. Larry was certainly an interesting speaker!

Remember to visit and follow our SDRotary Grotarians Twitter account (@RotaryGrotarian) to view pictures and to get information about upcoming events.

