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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

Unlocking the Power of the Genome



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Editor

Another great Rotary lunch meeting on this warm June 18th. Once President **Michelle Candland** called the meeting to order, **Solveig Duprey** came up to the podium to give the Inspirational Mo-

ment. She abandoned her planned speech in order to address us all on the tragic church shooting in South Carolina.

Steve Hubbard and **Larry Showley** led us through the Pledge of Allegiance and *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, before **Bert Wahlen** discussed the day's news (sponsored by **Sandy Purdon** of H.P. Purdon & Company), including a local wildfire, a tough Padres loss of 16-2 against the Athletics, and more drama in the news about the Chargers stadium.

President Michelle had some important meeting announcements, including a recent Build-A-Bike event for children of Marines by **Peg Eddy's** Military Affairs Committee. The final round of the Rotary Golf tournament will be on June 26th, and President Michelle reminded us all to SIGN UP for next year's committees online!

There was a great video on Flo the Flamingo, too. We finally figured out what she has been up to this entire year. (You may have noticed her hanging out near the podium every so often this past year.) Well, her worldwide adventures were revealed in the video and she finally had her "aha moment" when she "stopped looking and started caring", and began to make a difference as a Rotarian.

Next, there was a very proud and moving moment where five Monarch School

graduates marched out to full Pomp and Circumstance, caps, gowns and all. Having overcome many hurdles and obstacles in their lives, they graduate prepared and ready to lead successful lives. We're all so proud of them!

Our guest speaker today was introduced by **Craig Blower**, our Rotary "Closet Scientist" and COO of The Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Our speaker was **Karen Possemato**, the Chief of Staff at Illumina, a San Diego Biotech company focused on Genetics, and a UCSD graduate. It was simply amazing to hear the amount of advancements that have been made over the last 10 years in the field of genetics. Our DNA code is our genetic "blueprint" so there is a lot of powerful utility in decoding the genome code. Karen gave some great examples of recent accomplishments, such as developing salt-resistant rice in Bangladesh, allowing people to be fed, and a young man named Josh Osborn whose undiagnosed disease was discovered and then successfully treated using genomics. The future of medicine and other scientific endeavors lies in the ability to both diagnose and treat, based on an individual genetic code. Illumina and its world of decoding human genomes has advanced so rapidly that the price of sequencing an average human genome has plummeted from about \$10 million to a few thousand dollars in just six years. They even have a "Thousand Dollar Genome" offering now. Truly, the future has arrived!

*Thank you to **Tracy Sundlun** for giving away Rock-n-Roll Marathon t-shirts after the program!*

NEXT MEETING

June 25
Annual
President's Roast



The Rotary year has come to an end, and so, as tradition goes, it is time to honor all of the accomplishments of our beloved President Michelle Candland.

Join us on Thursday as we poke fun at Michelle in an uplifting and good-spirited way. Solo performances by **Solveig Duprey**, **Suzy Spafford** and **Steve Hubbard** will highlight a wonderful afternoon of hearty joke-telling and song-singing.

So come prepared to laugh and have a great time as we say "thank you" to President Michelle.



Chuck Pretto
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE DARK ON THURSDAY, JULY 2. THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING AT LIBERTY STATION. Also, the Rotary office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd.

2015-2016 Committee Sign-Up

Please remember to sign up. The new year begins on July 1st. Membership in a committee does not automatically carry forward. [Click here](#) to sign-up. Thank you for your service!

ATTENTION ROTARY GOLFERS!

The final round of our tournament had to be rescheduled due to rain and will now be played on **Friday, June 26th** to determine the 2015 Champion. 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.

BIRTHDAYS

Larry Clapper	June	24
Judy Forrester		26
Bill McKenzie, Jr.		26
John Zygowicz		27
Phil Gildred, Jr.		27
Bruce Knowlton		27
Emile Misiraca		28

Monarch School Graduates

As we all know, President Michelle's platform this past year was "breaking the cycle of poverty through education" and highlighting Monarch School. Therefore, it was a very proud moment for her to have five of this year's graduating seniors join us at the meeting and be recognized for their momentous achievement. Congratulations to Andrea, Sarah, Keenan, Shayla and Maribel!



CALENDAR

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

June

25 *President's Roast*

July

2 *Dark*

9 *Change of Command*

16 *Rose Schindler—
Surviving the Holocaust*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

JULY 14 HUBBS-SEAWORLD RESEARCH INSTITUTE TOUR

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Cost: \$35 per person
**Location: 2595 Ingraham Street
 San Diego, 92109**

Join us for a fascinating, behind-the-scenes look at the exciting work under way at the Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute!

[Click here](#) for more details.

AUGUST 18—POOLSIDE CHAT

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Cost: Free
Location: John Morrell's residence
This event is only for Gotarians and appointed Committee Chairs only—please, no spouses or guests. A reminder that this is a Centennial Badge requirement for Gotarians.

[Click here](#) for more details.

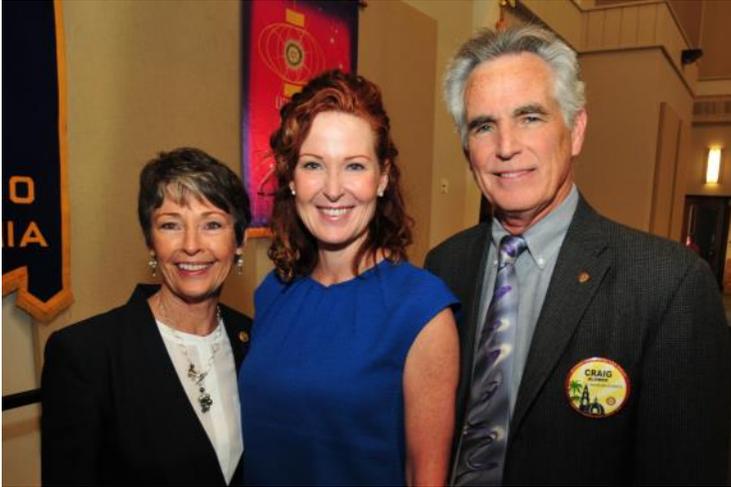
Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106

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FACES IN THE CROWD



President Michelle with guest speaker Karen Possemato and Chair of the Day Craig Blower.



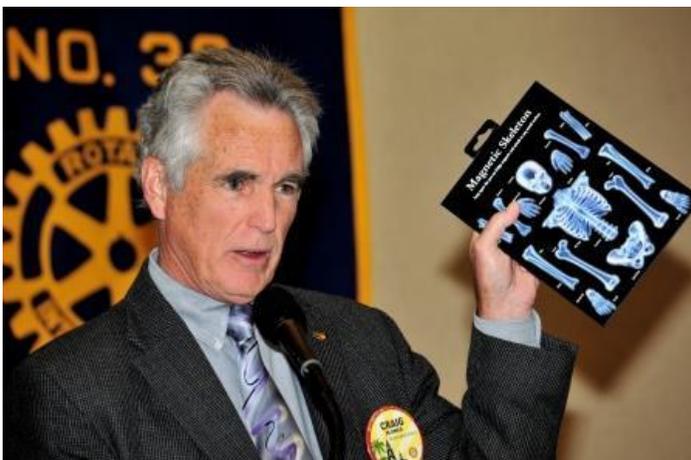
Of course **Jo Dee Jacob** couldn't forget **Wayne Goodermote's** birthday...he shares it with her husband.



Solveig Deuprey's Inspirational Moment addressed the recent shooting in South Carolina and reminded us why Rotary's mission of peace is so important.



Ann Hill was fined for announcing that the San Diego History Center is re-launching their oral history program which will include interviews from Club 33 members.



The Rotarian visiting from the farthest distance received new refrigerator décor from Craig Blower.



Mel Katz and **Tyler Cramer** were spotted in the crowd.

STEM COMMITTEE

Adams Elementary School dedicated their yearbook in honor of the Rotary STEM projects! What an honor for the STEM Committee, and it illustrates the very positive impact that they are having on the youth of City Heights.



It reads: *We would like to dedicate our yearbook to the San Diego Rotary Club, for their kindness, dedication and support that they have given to Adams Elementary School. With their generous donation of STEM instruction, we were able to dive into worlds we never knew were out there. Our future Scientists, Robotics Designers, and coders are grateful for your contribution*

GROTARIAN EVENT AT THE USO AIRPORT CENTER

Thank you for a wonderful evening at the USO! I was very happy to see so many Red Badgers at the event.

A special thank you to **Lynn Congemi** and **Rachel Inmon** for arranging the event, and a special thank you to **Chris Deal** for organizing the wine, beer and delicious BBQ from Phil's.

Retired USMC Sergeant Major Bobby Woods, gave an entertaining and interesting tour of the facility. There were many young (and I mean young!) recruits at the facility at the time. We had some left-over BBQ, which we invited the recruits to share with us, and I have never seen food go so quickly!

If you missed this Grotarian event, we hope to see you at the event on July 14th at SeaWorld Hubbs Research Institute.



MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On Saturday morning, June 13, members of the Club 33 Military Affairs Committee (and some spouses, one teenage son, and several friends) teamed up with 60 young Marines at MCRD for a “Picnic with a Purpose.” **Rick Huenefeld** used his best U.S. Marine Corps voice to set up 18 teams of at least three Marines and one Rotarian to assemble children’s bikes. The volunteers worked quickly to put together 10 boys’ bikes and 10 girls’ bikes that eventually would be given to children of enlisted personnel. Once the bikes were put together and safety-checked, each team then decorated their bike, and wrote a 30- second commercial which had to include the words “Service above Self,” or something about Rotary, and at least one Marine Corps slogan. One delegate from each team then raced the bikes (we provided helmets and no one was hurt, thankfully). At the conclusion of the race, each team performed their commercial for the judges. Prizes were awarded to the team with the best decorations, the best commercial and the fastest bike rider. (The bike portion of this event was coordinated by Tricia Cole of Create an Event who has done several special events for Peg Eddy’s company.)

After the build-a-bike event, **Kathy Koenig**’s catering company had barbecue food for all. The camaraderie between the Marines and MAC members, laughter, exercise, food, fun and philanthropy combined to make this event one that everyone seemed to enjoy.

Rotarians and guests present that morning were **Pam Luster**; Kathy Koenig; **Kate Carinder**, her husband Bill and Jena Neuman, a friend from Coronado; Darlene Bates (member, Old Mission Club); **David Oates**; **Chris Rink**; **Lynn Congemi** and her husband Ken; **Wes Wilmers**; Rick Huenefeld; **Claudia Obertreis** and her husband Lou; **Lisa Carman** (new Rotary member to be introduced in July); **Mike Caruso**; **Tim Caulfield** and his son Sean, a Life Scout; **Woody Woodcock**; **Troy Wilson**; **Mike Conner**; **Jim Wynkoop**; **Bill Wise** and his friend “P.J.” and Peg Eddy and her husband Bob.

Lots of photos were taken as well as videos. Here are several that capture the spirit of the event!

