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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

A Terrific Laugh-In



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Editor

The annual roast of our President is always a treat and I'm always amazed at the creativity that goes with it. This one to honor **Michelle Candland** was no exception.

As cousins of her ever-present pink flamingo, Flo, played the role of centerpiece on each table, a bevy of past presidents, sporting makeshift Rotary Sea Captain paper hats and oars, "paddled" in the guest of honor from the back of the main hall to her rightful place near center stage. The opening act, "Heaven Can Wait," was well-acted by **Bill Earley**, **Peg Eddy** and, playing the role of Michelle, **Jen Weissman**, who made the case in fine Candland-ese ("y'all" and "just putting it out there") to go back to Earth and finish her Rotary year after her heart attack. **Club 33 Singers** sang "Michelle Candland, it's not a dream," urging her to go back to earth. Kudos to Bill for spotting the clerical error that had the heavens not calling for Michelle for nearly another half century!

Following the opening act was the formal program, or as it was otherwise known, "Michelle's Laugh-In!" In true Rowan and Martin style (millennials - see this episode to understand the reference <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhibPWbj0Io>), emcees **Rick Jackson** and **Stan Hartman**, along with **Mark "Gary Owen" Burgess** oversaw a series of short jokes and puns (my favorite was the "Debbie Day Noonan & Night"), **Deirdre Maloney** and **Dick Troncone's** Ruth Buzzi/Arte Johnson revival and a cameo from **Mark** aka Richard "Sock It To Me" Nixon **Trotter**. Staying on point, the production also paid tribute to Michelle C's invitation to an empty White House in "Michelle," sung by the always-entertaining **Solveig Deuprey**, accompa-

nied by **Paul "McCartney" Hartley** on the guitar. Next, a rehash of our President's courageous attempt to win the Every Rotarian Every Year contest with the Denver Rotary Club was performed by the KSON singers along with **Bonnie Schwartz** and **Jo Dee Jacob** in true Village People fashion! Rick and Stan then pondered what Michelle's super-fast phrase was at the end of every meeting. The Club 33 Singers explained the tongue-twister in the Mary Poppins-esque "Breaking the Cycle of Poverty Thru Education -um diddle idle...". **Suzy Spafford** then regaled us in song of the many places Michelle's dearly beloved flamingo Flo saw. She was followed by Bryan Verhoye on the piano, accompanying **Steve Hubbard's** tribute, "Remembering You" (the closing theme from the TV show "All in the Family"), to our President's many accomplishments this past year.

The serious part of the program came next as Peg Eddy graciously highlighted all of the achievements Michelle oversaw in her stellar year as President. Among them included a terrific salute to our local military aboard the USS Midway Museum one Thursday morning in November, partnering with Carlsbad High School to produce an internationally recognized "Don't Wait, Vaccinate!" video, the formation of the club's first-ever Peace Committee, the re-establishment of the San Diego Rotary Club Foundation and a far more robust and dynamic website that was prominently featured at the Rotary International Convention a few weeks ago.

President Michelle then took the microphone to express extreme gratitude that **Peter Duncan's** promises of a catwalk and Victoria's Secret skit didn't come to fruition.

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President's Message

Hey! It's a bird! It's a plane!... No, it's my Rotary year coming in hot!! It's hard to believe that one of the most amazing years of my life has flown by so quickly, and because of your unwavering support and encouragement, it will also be one of the most memorable.

When I began this excursion, I compared our club to an aircraft carrier and asked each of you to use your "Rotary paddle" along with me to help turn us towards positive goals. You heeded my call and together we were able to change countless lives locally and globally, welcome new members, take control of our financial destiny and overall, lead with clear intention.

It has truly been my honor to be given the opportunity to wear the President's pin for *THE* San Diego Rotary Club and I look forward to participating in our ongoing mission to make a positive change for many years to come.



With my sincere gratitude,
Michelle Candland

Next Meeting

We are DARK on Thursday, July 2. THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING AT LIBERTY STATION.

Our next meeting will be on July 9 for the President's Change of Command with Mayor Faulconer.

QUICK BITS

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!



The Rotary office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd. We wish you all a fun and safe 4th of July holiday!

BIRTHDAYS

John Driscoll	June	29
Joe Craver		29
Vin Ciruzzi		30
Mike Murphy		30
Jean Young	July	1
Patti Roscoe		3
Mike Daniels		3
Tom Gable		4
Rick Gentry		4
Sandy Mayberry		5
Karen Cebros		5

A Terrific Laugh-In Continued

She did offer thanks to all those in attendance and who commit themselves to the service of others every day. Her most heartfelt and emotional words, though, went deservedly so to her husband of 20 years, Art, whom she said not only saved her life when she suffered her heart attack several months ago, but saved her life when he married her. Many would have to acknowledge getting all verklempt, including yours truly! Thanks so much, Michelle, for a fantastic year!

A big thanks also goes to Roast Chairperson **Chuck Pretto** as well as to Mary Radovan and **Paul Devermann** for getting all the moving parts together. **Craig Blower** did his usual amazing job as video producer, and special appreciation to Suzy Spafford and Jo Dee Jacob for being song-writers for the show—as was Peter Duncan. Next year’s roast will be a challenge, since the long-standing roast director, Peter Duncan, will be the honoree and thus not able (or should I say willing) to orchestrate his own public humiliation! We’ll see who fills his shoes!

A reminder - we’re dark on July 2, but we’ll be gathering the following week for President Peter’s induction on July 9. Until then, I’ll see you all in service.

MEMBERSHIP

The following applicant was recommended to the Board of Directors by the Membership Committee and will be approved for membership unless objections are received at the Rotary office by July 8.

- Simona Valanciute - “Spray Painting Equipment Supply”

CALENDAR

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

July

- 2 *Dark*
- 9 *Change of Command*
- 16 *Rose Schindler—
Surviving the Holocaust*
- 23 *San Diego Youth
Symphony*
- 30 *Brad Howard, Director—
Rotary International*

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 Grotarians.

[Click here](#) for more details.

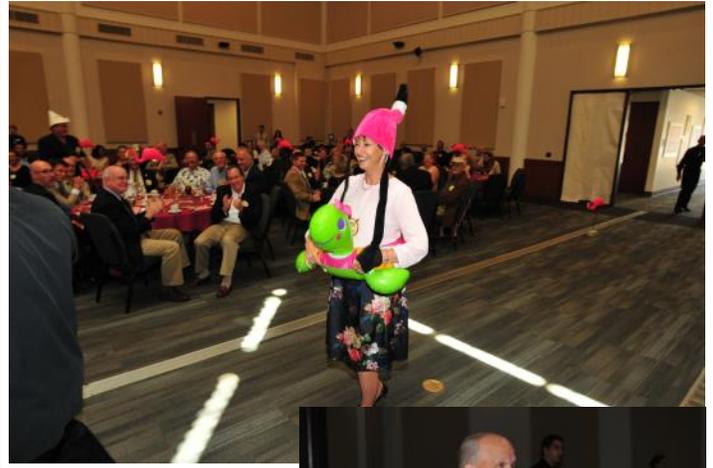
Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106

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MILITARY AFFAIRS AT THE LINDBERGH FIELD USO

MAC closed out the Rotary year by serving breakfast to more than 130 active duty military personnel and their families at the airport USO on June 23. Two shifts of MAC members worked that day—one served breakfast sandwiches, muffins and juice; the afternoon crew cooked and served a barbecue lunch to more than 150 hungry Marines who were returning from ten days of home leave. Catering Concepts, **Kathy Koenig's** company, once again came through with delicious provisions including chocolate chip cookies the size of Frisbees!

Two wonderful young ladies joined us on Tuesday - **Jim Wynkoop's** daughter Abby (age 11), and **Penny Robbin's** daughter Claire (age 15). Both Abby and Claire were outstanding examples of Service Above Self along with **David Oates, Bob Russell, William Wise, Chris Rink, Lynn Congemi, Wes Wilmers, Penny Robbins, Jim Wynkoop, Jim Fitzpatrick, Woody Woodcock, Sandy Purdon, Rachel Inmon, Mike Caruso, Rick Jackson, Rich Garcia** and Peg Eddy. This was the last MAC event for this Rotary year. We are looking forward to next year to further honor and assist our military community as much as possible.



CLUB 33 GOLF TOURNAMENT

It was another beautiful day at the San Diego Country Club for the final round of the Club 33 tournament for President Michelle's year. Leaders going into the final round, Past President Bonnie Schwartz and PGA pro **Tom Wilson** (who suggested a gross tourney instead of net!), played valiantly but came up just short. **John Peele** and **Dick Green** played well, but both were one stroke behind our new champion, **Dr. Richard Coutts!** Congratulations Richard!

Our first round for 2015/2016 will be on November 6th, so mark your calendars. This will be the round you don't want to miss, as we have some very exciting news! Stay tuned.

