

When Prevention is a Must - Salk: A Living Legacy



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Editor

As an editor's observation, most of our meetings have a huge community service twist that resonates deeply with Rotarian values. Today's meeting really spoke to that value. But first, we had to wade through

Prez Peter and his rant about the origins of "The Best Club" slogan, and cover a lot of important information.

Chris Sichel, a Rotarian of considerable talents, offered up a very thoughtful Inspirational Moment. Chris covered significant events that had occurred on August 13, then really challenged us to give up those grudges that tend to cover up the true colors of life. Short advice: Get over them! The Prez then led us in the Pledge, with *America the Beautiful* led by the Club 33 Singers (did I mention the fabulous songfest they provided during the lunch meal?) and accompanied by Bryan Verhoye. The voice of Sometimes-Good-Jokes (and I mean sometimes) **Bert Wahlen** deposited all the news, this week sponsored by **Mel Katz** and Manpower. Prez Peter introduced our VIPs including Past District Governor Larry Scott, and of course, our visiting SDSU Rotaract students. Then Prez Peter also gave a shout out to sick **Dick Troncone** who is home resting now. Those who really know Dick are wondering what it took in the first place to put this undefeatable Rotarian in the hospital! Next up was **Cari McCormick** with a reminder of the Gro-tarian Poolside Chat on August 18.

Community health just doesn't happen by itself, and our club has many avenues of service that work toward both our local community and global community health.

Today, Prez Peter recognized our Don't Wait Vaccinate Committee led by **Amnon Ben-Yehuda**. Their amazing work was showcased in the August issue of the International Rotarian magazine. Of course, there was a price to be paid for such notoriety, which left Amnon \$500 lighter!

Legacy was in the air with **Cheryl Wilson** and Larry Scott bestowing a Paul Harris Fellow on Cheryl's son and fellow club member **Troy Wilson**. Nicely done! Our newest and obviously talented new members, **Joe Sammartino** and **Jeff Hill** were introduced and shared a little of their community involvement (which was a lot!). Our Chair of the Day was **Dr. Richard Coutts**, a noted bone doc, who is also an active member of the Don't Wait Vaccinate Committee.

Who better than Richard to introduce our speaker Dr. Peter Salk, a noted research scientist and son of the renowned Dr. Jonas Salk. Dr. Salk took us back in time, tracing his father's remarkable journey that led to the Polio vaccine. And a remarkable journey it was! In 1954 when the vaccine was introduced in the U.S., within 5 years Polio cases were reduced by more than 90%. Worldwide, only three countries are left with serious Polio epidemics. That legacy lives on as Dr. Salk continues his father's work at the Salk Foundation and the Salk Institute. With Rotary International's effort to eradicate Polio, this was truly a program that spoke to our values!

NEXT MEETING

August 20

Dr. Steven R. Steinhubl
Director of Digital Medicine
Scripps Translational Science
Institute

Can Mobile Technology Completely Transform Healthcare?

Remarkable advances in miniaturized computing power and connectivity over the last several decades have changed nearly every aspect of our lives, but they have yet to make a substantial impact on healthcare. However, mobile health (mHealth) technologies currently being developed are capable of enabling unprecedented changes in the manner and quality of clinical care available to the growing majority of the world's population with mobile connectivity. This presentation will review the great deal of ongoing work being carried out, much in San Diego, to establish the true capabilities and potential value of the evolving field of mHealth.

Dr. Steinhubl's research activities have covered a broad range of topics in cardiology with a primary early focus on trials of novel antithrombotic therapies for the treatment and prevention of cardiovascular disease, and more recently on the application of an integrated systems-based approach to the optimal identification, communication and treatment of an individual's risk for various manifestations of cardiovascular disease.



Chair of the Day
Tom Gammieri

QUICK BITS

We are trying something new! Based on survey results and requests from members, we will be serving a **buffet lunch** for our Thursday, August 27 meeting.

Our annual **Committee Showcase (your opportunity to show off your committee!)** is scheduled for September 10 from 11:15 am to 12:00 pm. If your committee would like to host a display table, please let the office know no later than August 24. You will need to arrive no later than 11:00 to decorate your table and it must be staffed by at least one committee member.

BIRTHDAYS

Jim Wynkoop	August	17
Joe Farrage		17
Marty Barry, Jr.		19
Rodger Dougherty		20
Ellen Casey		20
Penny Robbins		20
Charlie Van Vechten		21
Ben Clay		22
Pete Wilson		23

FOUNDATION CHAMPIONS

*Thank you to all of the
Foundation Champions*

Michelle Candland
Jim Hughes
Bob Kyle
John Robelo
Nancy Scott
Geri Warnke

Foundation Champions who have contributed a minimum of \$10,000 to the new Foundation will be permanently honored on a donor board in the lobby of Liberty Station. Contact Michelle or our ED, Paul Devermann, to further discuss the opportunity to help to make the future brighter.



The new donor board will be installed in early September in the lobby of Liberty Station. In addition to listing the Foundation Champions, all donors who have contributed \$5,000 or more to the club will be listed. Any contributions received by August 31 will be included. The Bequest Society members will also be updated. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

CALENDAR

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

August

20 *Dr. Steven Steinhubl—
Director of Digital Medicine*

27 *Phil Blair & Jenni Prisk—
Business Networking*

September

3 TBA

10 *District Governor
Janice Kurth*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Save the date! September 27 event at the San Diego Mesa College Math & Science Center from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Come tour the facilities and then watch the lunar eclipse with fellow Rotarians and scientists. More details coming soon!

**First United Methodist Church
An Interfaith Panel Discussion
on Religious Diversity
October 20 5:30 pm -7:30 pm**

Our October Grotarian event will be an informative and provocative time of exploring the religious diversity of the San Diego area.

[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 OUR CROWD



Steve Gross, Guest Art Jones, **R.B. Johnson** and **Diane Bell** joined us today.



Joe Farrage smiled for the camera with our guest speaker **Dr. Peter Salk**.



Chris Sichel delivered an Inspirational Moment that reminded us to “let a bygone be a bygone.”



Richard Coutts did the honor of introducing **Dr. Peter Salk**.



Cheryl Wilson and **PDG Larry Scott** gifted **Troy Wilson** with his first **Paul Harris Fellowship** as a birthday gift.



Mother and son teams Ann Hill and Jeff Hill with **Joe Sammartino** and **Judge Janis Sammartino**.



Cindy Marten visited with the **Hoover High students** that were also in attendance.



Jo Dee Jacob with her guest **Chef Andrew Spurgin**.

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest members to the club.



Jeff Hill- “Federal Government - U.S. Attorney’s Office.” Jeff is a Special Assistant United States Attorney. He is currently assigned to the Major Frauds Section in the Southern District of California. He graduated from UCLA Law School.

Jeff recently returned to San Diego after working as a prosecutor in Fresno for 9 years. He proudly joins his mother, Ann Hill, as a Club 33 member.

Ann Hill, Martha Dennis and Phil Blair were his sponsors.

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Joe Sammartino- “Law– Civil Practice, Additional Active.” Joe is the owner and principal of The Sammartino Law Group, specializing in the representation of individuals and businesses seeking legal advice and counseling regarding business, corporate and contract law, as well as in civil litigation. He graduated from USD Law School.

Joe is a San Diego native and enjoys spending his weekends with his wife Christine and their three sons, ages 6, 4 and 6 months. His mother is the Honorable Janis Sammartino.

Ann Hill, Steve Coopersmith and Robert Wright were his sponsors.

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The Membership Committee held their 3rd VIP Membership Reception before the program on Thursday. Thank you to all of our members that brought guests to introduce our club and to “give the gift of Rotary.”

