

We've Reached Zero



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Editor

Did you know that the shelter pet is California's state pet?

Fellow Rotarian and San Diego Humane Society (SDHS) CEO **Gary Weitzman** shared why our community is the best place to have a pet—or to be one. SDHS recently acquired

three like agencies (Escondido Humane Society, Project Wildlife and PAWS San Diego) and reached its goal of zero euthanasia of adoptable/treatable animals. Quite an impressive accomplishment, considering the local centers processed 30,000 animals this year!

First established in 1880 to rescue horses (and later, children!) the SDHS strives now to end animal homelessness. As one of America's most bio-diverse regions, San Diego offers habitat for raptures, rabbits and rodents. Many native critters, along with their domestic cousins, have been rescued, treated and adopted through SDHS.

True confession: I'm a cat person and was smitten by Gary's kitten nursery. Providing services 24-7, the nursery saved 3,000 cats this year. Awww.

The audience was shocked and saddened by reports of dog meat farms in South Korea. Huzzah to the SDHS for rescuing 29 doomed dogs and bringing them to San Diego for potential adoption!

Action for Rotarians: Adopt. Donate. Spay/neuter. Volunteer!

Other highlights of today's program:

- President **Peter Duncan** saluted **Linnea Arrington** for her \$10,000 donation to our newly established San Diego Rotary Foundation, in memory of her husband (and our Past President) Frank Arrington. Thank you, Linnea, for your generosity!
- Fitting the program, **Rebecca Tuggle** hummed, "All Creatures Great and Small," and inspired us to take things *pole, pole...*

Swahili for *slow, slow*.

- **Jenni Prisk** presented our club's inaugural Peace Award to the Tariq Khamisa Foundation, recalling the tragic murder of a promising youth by 14-year-old Tony Hicks. She acknowledged several finalists for the award who attended as guests. Kudos to Club 33's Peace Committee for their inspirational leadership and vision!
- **Nancy Laturno-Bojanic** took a \$350 fine for thumping Mainly Mozart's Prodigy series; three days of scientific exploration, music and fun, set for September 25-27.
- Past President and Nominating Committee Chair **Michelle Candland** cried, "Help wanted!" Please submit nominations for Board of Directors (2016-2017) right away.
- New member, **Julia Holladay**, can help you with life transitions.
- We learned that Chair of the Day **Lisa Miller** completed the White Mountain Double Century, a 200-mile bike race at high altitude. President Peter got winded just describing it.
- President Peter adjourned the meeting in honor of **Dan McKinney** who passed on August 26. Thanks to **Larry Stirling** who suggested we adopt this tradition, practiced in the State Legislature.

Shout out! to Club 33 Rotarians who supported our program today:

- Badge: **Bill Herrin, Bob Russell**
- Registration: **James Buley, Christopher Yanov, Jeana Wallace, Jim Wynkoop**
- Greeters: **Ron Eisenberg, Bridget Meckley, Dick Murphy, Larry Kuntz, Chris Sichel**
- Patriotic opening led by **Debbie Day**, accompanied by **Suzy Spafford**
- Our dedicated professional staff, **Paul Devermann** and **Mary Radovan**.

News sponsored by **Larry Stirling** and reported by **Stan Lawrence**, who quoted a famous psychologist: "If you long for the pitter patter of little feet, get a dog. It's cheaper and you get more feet."

NEXT MEETING

September 24

**2015 Mrs. San Diego
Betty Peabody**



The Past Presidents of San Diego Rotary have proudly selected Mrs. Betty Peabody as this year's recipient of the 2015 Mrs. San Diego Award.

Please join us on September 24th to honor Betty for her leadership and contributions to the City of San Diego.



Fred Fry
Chair of the Day

In Memoriam

Daniel G. McKinney
1919-2015

Dan was a member since 1972, a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a Community Partner

QUICK BITS

ATTENTION GOLFERS!

The first round of the 2015 Club 33 Tournament will be held on Friday, October 16 at the San Diego Country Club. Please contact [Marten Barry](#) if you would like to participate.

The Fall Tennis Tournament will be on Wednesday, October 21st at 5:00pm at the Barnes Tennis Center.

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

Be sure to visit all of our new [member profiles](#) on our website.

BIRTHDAYS

September

Gil Cabrera	21
Paul Van Roon	21
Joan Friedenberg	22
Richard Coutts	22
Al Wasserman	23
Doug Wilson	23
Ray King	23
Jeff Wiemann	23
Will Newbern	23
Chris Yanov	24
Peter Bowie	27
Steve Gross	27

ROTARY AFTER HOURS

Rotary After Hours (fka Society 33), sponsored by the FUN Committee, is happy to announce our next social event!

Who is invited: ALL Rotarians, spouses, guests & friends (including prospective members)

What: An evening social event

When: Wednesday September 23, 2015 from 5:00pm – 8:30pm

Where: Home of Lynn Congemi, 2155 Willow St. San Diego, CA 92106

Why: Because it passes the 5th test of Rotary: "Is it Fun?"

Please join us for an evening of sunset and socializing, hosted by Lynn Congemi at her home in beautiful Point Loma, with scenic views of downtown. Enjoy this purely social event and take the opportunity to have more than a few minutes between announcements to talk to fellow Rotarians and truly get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere.

No registration required. Just show up!

Please bring your favorite beverage and/or an appetizer to share.

Questions? Please call **John Neuhart** 858-414-9617

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



Julia Holladay - "Life Transition Coach." Julia is the sole proprietor of Personal Mastery Coaching. She coaches clients in professional and personal transitions, specializing in non-financial retirement options to more fully actualize life in the second half.

She received her Master of Arts Degree in Leadership Studies at USD and is a Certified Professional and Retirement Coach. Julia is also a volunteer mentor and coach with the International Rescue Committee.

Peg Eddy, Jackie Meyer and Jim Groen were her sponsors.

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CALENDAR

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

September

24 Mrs. San Diego Program - Betty Peabody, 2015 Honoree

October

1 Dr. James Harris, President, University of San Diego

8 James B. DeBello, President & CEO, Mitek

15 Dr. Ray Ashley, President & CEO, SD Maritime Museum

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Under the Blood Moon at San Diego Mesa College
Sept. 27, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm

Come enjoy the lunar eclipse at the San Diego Mesa College Jerry Schad Observatory!

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

First United Methodist Church
An Interfaith Panel Discussion on Religious Diversity
Oct. 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



(Left) Speaker, and fellow member of Club 33, Gary Weitzman gave us a detailed history of the San Diego Humane Society. At the right is one of the many domesticated and wild rescues that Gary's organization handles each year.



(Left) Jenni Prisk and Peter Duncan with Peace Committee Award recipients from the Tarik Khamisa Foundation; (center) Linnea Arington was thanked for her generous donation to the Club's Foundation; (right) Nancy Laturno-Bojanic was fined for promoting the Mainly Mozart Festival.



(Left) Will Rivera, Mike Caruso and Sheryl Reichert were thinking about adopting a pet. (Right) How could anyone resist giving this styling canine a forever home!

CLUB FOUNDATION PROJECTS

Girl Scouts

On August 29, 2015 The Girl Scout Committee had their first ever Road to College Fair. Committee members volunteered to work with the 32 girls in attendance. Below are a few highlights from their program evaluations given by the Girl Scouts who participated.

In response to the question "The Rotary member I most enjoyed connecting with was," the girls named each of the volunteers for reasons such as:

"She never gave up, even when people told her she couldn't." (Nancy Scott)

"She had great messages to share and was very passionate." (Suzanne Frontz)

"She emphasized the importance of doing what you love." (Claudia Johnson)

"She was very knowledgeable and put together. She is what I want to be when I grow up." (Emily Rex)

"They both gave excellent advice that I feel will stick with me for a very long time." (Solveig Deuprey and Emily Rex)

Eleven of the 28 respondents rated the session as their favorite part of the event, three asked for more time with the Rotarians, and one asked for more Rotarians to have additional careers represented.

In response to the question "What was the most valuable thing you learned today," some of the favorite responses were:

"Be open to trying new things and try to be an opportunist."

"Keep your doors open; don't quit; continue with your passion; and, that they had difficult times, yet, they persevered."

"It's all about who you know!"

"Never burn bridges because you're going to walk over them."

"To stand back up and continue when things get hard."

"To not stress if you don't know what you want to do."

"Never give up. It will be tough, but push through."

"That we shouldn't give up on what we want to do."

"That I should get an internship, and to learn from your failure."

Thank you to all of the Girl Scout Committee members for being such amazing role models to these girls!

