

## DRONES



**Lisa Carman**  
Editor

*"If you are going to design something, design something pretty."* Darryl Anunciado, CEO of ActionDrone, Inc.

Today we enjoyed an interesting talk and in-house demo from ActionDrone, Inc. A drone flew over our heads, inspecting to see if we were wearing our Rotarian pins. A video will be released later in the week. The founder of ActionDrone, Darryl Anunciado, and Dr. Larom, head professor of the Agriculture Department at San Diego State University, reviewed the evolution of imagery acquisition for data collection and how drones are becoming a more sophisticated and a less expensive resource for a number of industries. The uses for drones are expansive. Currently, ActionDrone is using their drones to inspect electrical grids, reducing inspection time from one day to 30 minutes. Other uses presented include:

- Oil Industry – reduce inspection time for oil rigs from three weeks to two days
- Disaster Relief – fly over disaster areas to evaluate areas requiring help
- Pollution Control – evaluate air and water containing higher concentration of pollution
- Fire Control – fly thermal drones at night to identify "hot spots" when fighting fires
- "Precision Agriculture" – using infrared spectrum, monitor plant health and reduce fertilizer use
- Fishing – scouting for fishing boats
- Animal / Habitat Conservation

It was established, thanks to **Natasha Josefowitz's** question, that you may be able to buy a cheap drone and spy on neighbors, but the infrared versions are considered weapons and are regulated by International Traffic in Arms Regulations.

Other highlights of today's meeting:

- Thank you to **David Oates** of Stalwart Communications for sponsoring the news.
- Mary Radovan was recognized today for all she does for us – thank you, Mary!

- The Rotary Club of San Diego Foundation Annual Report 2014 – 2015 was distributed showing the philanthropic efforts of our club.
- Please turn in your nominations for an office or board position by September 17 to **Michelle Candland**, or to the office.
- A District networking event will be held on September 10 for younger Rotarians. Corporate Alliance will give a mini-workshop on building more effective relationships for networking and growing a business. Cost is \$25, includes heavy appetizers and wine. Register on the District 5340 website.
- A couple of past presidents, **Chuck Pretto** and **Stan Hartman**, while holding their script, told us about the Millions for HOPE Foundation Gala being held on October 17. They each generously donated \$1000 to Rotary International and \$150 to our Club. During this event, we will be honored by K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, our Rotary International President.
- When our Chair of the Day and Club Historian, **Steve Porter**, was 12 years old, he was in the Great Train Wreck of 1966, a derailment between Escondido and Vista. Word has it that **Paul Nestor** was there, too.
- **Lisa Miller** announced that our next speaker on September 17 will be **Gary Weitzman** from the Humane Society and he will be bringing their pet adoption mobile.
- New member **Simona Valanciute** was sponsored into the club by **Bill Wise**. Welcome, Simone, and your wonderful hats!
- New member **Suzanne LaTour** was sponsored by **Sheryl Reichert**. Welcome, Suzanne!
- Past President **Debbie Day** from the Rotary Cares Committee announced Evelyn Steppe's passing on August 11. Evelyn's husband is Rotarian **Cecil Steppe** and they were married for 59 years. Together, they have five children, nineteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Rotary Cares asks us to please keep Cecil in your thoughts.

## NEXT MEETING

**September 10**  
**Committee Showcase**  
&  
**District Governor**  
**Janice Kurth**

Please join District Governor Janice Kurth as she visits with 30 of our Club committees during our annual Committee Showcase. This is your opportunity to learn more about the various committees our club has to offer, and to learn about the many projects that are the substance of Rotary. The showcase begins at 11:15. Our regular program will follow at 12:30.

Rotary is a gift to the world and a gift to each of us as Rotarians. District Governor Janice Kurth will illuminate some of these gifts and their significant impact on our lives through inspiring local and international Rotary stories and experiences.



**John Morrell**  
Chair of the Day

**The Rotary office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.**

**Have a great weekend!**

## QUICK BITS

### 2014-2015 Election

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that it has begun work on the 2015-2016 Election. If you would like to nominate a member to serve on the Board or to be considered for the Secretary/Treasurer or President position, please forward your suggestion to the Rotary office or to Nominating Committee Chair Michelle Candland by September 17th.

**Open nominations will close on September 17th.**

### ATTENTION, ROTARY GOLFERS!

Save the date

**The first round of the 2015 Club 33 Tournament will be held on Friday, October 16, at the San Diego Country Club.**

## BIRTHDAYS

### September

Kathleen Pasulka-Brown	7
John Alioto	7
Joe Austin	7
Bob Cleator, Jr.	7
Don Ramras	7
Gene Trepte	8
Bob Russell, Jr.	8
Paul Devermann	8
John Lindholm	8
Andy Liska	9
Karen Hewitt	9
Mary Walshok	10
Bryan Cunningham	10
Jim Jessop	12
Kevin Crawford	12
Tyler Cramer	13



*A Message from President Peter*



Dear Rotarian:

I would like to ask you to join me at the District's **Millions for Hope Gala on Saturday, October 17th**. The event will benefit the Rotary Foundation's mission to improve health, support education, and alleviate poverty worldwide. The special guest and featured speaker will be Rotary International President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran. I can tell you that I have heard him speak in Sao Paolo and he is both personable and engaging. His story of how his daughter conducted an entire relationship online on various applications is worth the trip!

Please let me know if you can join us at this prestigious event. It is pretty impressive when the President of the entire world of Rotary wants to come and speak with you. The registration cost is \$85 and, most importantly, includes wine. Click here for more information and to register: <http://rotary5340.org/Stories/millions-for-hope-foundation-gala-registration-open>.

Please contact the Rotary office if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Peter

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### Bequest Society Members

Please save the date for a special reception to be held at the Stirling residence on **Sunday, October 11th from 4 pm to 6 pm**. More details to follow soon.

## CALENDAR

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

### September

**10 District Governor**  
*Janice Kurth*

**17 Gary Weitzman, President & CEO, San Diego Humane Society**

**24 Mrs. San Diego Program—**  
*Betty Peabody, 2015 Honoree*

### October

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

## 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) Chair of the Day Steve Porter; (center) Past President Stan Hartman and Past President Chuck Preto were fined for promoting the District's Millions for HOPE Foundation Gala; (right) Joanne Pastula with guest Marla Black, the new CEO for Jr. Achievement.



(Left and center) Club 33 Ladies expressed their sense of humor; (right) President Peter captures, and then tweets, a photo of the flying drone.

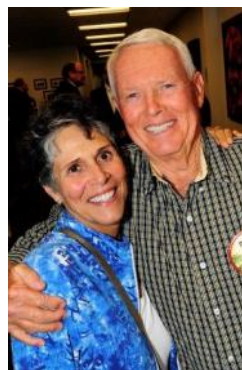


(Left) ActionDrone, Inc. proudly displayed some of their drone models; (center) a live demonstration; (right) guest speakers SDSU professor Dr. David Larom, ActionDrone, Inc. CEO Darryl Anuncido, Steve Porter and President Peter.



Paul Nestor and **Bill Herrin** celebrate their September 4th birthday a day early.

**Doug Arbon** and his wife, Grace, joined us today.



Past President **Ben Clay** and Sheriff **Bill Gore** were spotted in the crowd.



New member Simona Valanciute introduced herself by showing us the many "hats" she wears in her daily life. Looks like Nancy Scott has some competition!

# Rotary After Hours

Rotary After Hours (formerly know as 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 members to the club.



**Simona Valanciute**- “Senior Services.” Simona is the CEO of San Diego OASIS, an non-profit that promotes healthy living for seniors and children.

She is an advocate for senior-friendly policies both locally and nationally and is a member of the American Society on Aging (ASA) and the San Diego Aging & Technology Coalition.

Simona grew up in Lithuania but has lived in San Diego for the past 19 years. English is the third language she learned. She is fluent in Lithuanian and Russian. She enjoys international travel, gourmet cooking and playing the kankles and skudaciai (Lithuanian folk instruments).

**Bill Wise, Dick Eger and Jan McDonough** were her sponsors.

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**Suzanne LaTour**- “Golf Instruction.” Suzanne is President and owner of the GolfTEC franchise for the San Diego Region, which includes 3 locations and a fourth coming in 2017.

GolfTEC is a world leader in golf lessons, using advance technology to help people play better golf.

She is also an advisor for Merrill Lynch, with 24 years experience in the financial services industry.

Suzanne is President of the San Diego Women’s Foundation and enjoys snow sports, hiking with her dog, and of course, golf!

**Sheryl Reichert, Stan Lawrence and Glenn Younger** were her sponsors.

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# Rotary Cares

Cecil Stepe has been a member of Club 33 since 1983, and in 2004, he was honored by our club as Mr. San Diego.

On August 11th, Cecil lost his “very special lady.”

Evelyn and Cecil were married for 59 years. Together they have 5 adult children, 10 adult grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Evelyn was known for her beautiful voice. She was a soloist for the San Diego High School Choir and she sang with the San Diego Master Chorale and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir. She was a welcome addition to our Rotary Holiday Choir in 2008.

We hope you will all keep Cecil in your thoughts in the weeks ahead.

The charge of our Rotary Cares Committee is to provide support to Club 33 members at times of celebration or in times of need. In the month of August, our committee touched 12 Rotarian families.

If you know of someone we might reach out to, please call the office or one of our committee members. Thank you.

## Club 33 History Moment

Did you know that Club 33 members Steve Porter and Paul Nestor were childhood victims of the Great Train Wreck of 1966? There was a Rotary family picnic planned at Felicita Park outside of Escondido. The plan was for Club 33 Rotarians and their families and guests to board a charter train (that's right...several cars attached to a Santa Fe Super Chief; this was before AMTRAK) and ride the train to Escondido for the picnic. Everything panned out according to plan...box lunches were issued aboard the train just before arrival at the picnic grounds and a grand time was had by all. The trouble started on the return trip to San Diego. Somewhere between Escondido and Vista, the engine ran off the tracks due to sand buildup on the little-used industrial spur line the train was using to get back to the main line on the coast. (Today's Coaster navigates this track regularly). So with the engine off the track, the train was ordered emptied, and with a couple hundred of Club 33 Rotarians, their families and guests watching from the sidelines, a switcher was brought in to attempt to pull the engine back onto the tracks. To a 12-year-old, this took FOREVER. Finally, as darkness was falling, motor coaches were summoned to shlep the tired and hungry Club 33 Rotarians, their families and guests back to San Diego Rail Depot.

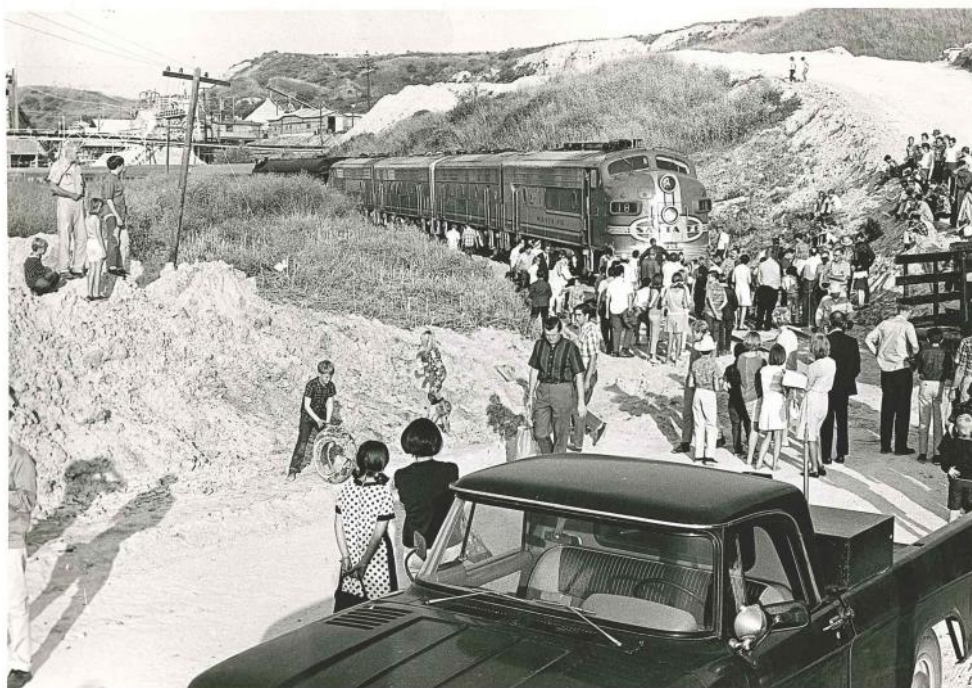


Photo courtesy of  
Paul Nestor