

# THE ROTATOR

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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

## University of San Diego

## NEXT MEETING

October 8

**Jim DeBello**  
**President & CEO**  
**Mitek**

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**Miro Copic**  
**Chair of the Day**



**Jen Weissman**  
**Editor**

As members ate their lunch on Halloween-themed table settings, **President Peter** called the meeting to order, and introduced **John Neuhart** who gave the Inspirational Moment. We learned that John was president of the Cincinnati Club in 2001, and in

spite of Peter's faux pax, is happily married. **Mark Burgess** presented the news sponsored this week by **Ray McKewon** of The Xceptional Music Company.

The Pledge of Allegiance, and a booming *God Bless America*, was led by the **Steve Hubbard** and accompanied by Bryan Verhoye. Bryan and **Stan Lawrence** had given us a very nice piano and sax performance pre-meeting.

The SDSU Rotaracts have started a "Friendtorship" Program, which was created for Rotaracts to get advice and guidance from Rotary members. If you would like to participate please let the office know.

Peter expressed his gratitude to **Jackie Meyer** for a "fabulous first quarter" as program chair—and reminded us that he's already one-quarter of the way through his term as president. Thanks for reminding us, Peter!

FOMO! **Chris Sichel** reminded everyone of the October 11th Club 33 Bequest Society reception at the **Larry & Linda Stirling's** home and to contact the office if you plan to attend. He reminded us not to have "FOMO"—Fear Of Missing Out. Whether you have already become a member of the Bequest Society or are just contemplating the idea, you are welcome to join in the festivities. Chris went on to explain that the Club Foundation has been established, and for those of you who have already put the club in your estate, be sure to update your trust to reflect the name change.

**John Peele** announced the next Rotary Tennis Tournament. Players of all abilities are welcome. Sign up on the Club website.

Peter then introduced new member **Steve Kowalski**, Senior Resident Director of the Merrill Lynch, La Jolla office. He thanked **Evan Wahl**, his primary sponsor, and went on to tell us that when asked in 2011 to move to La Jolla from Florida, he and his wife jumped at the opportunity. Welcome!

Power couple **Judy Thompson** and **Mike Conner** gave an update on their clean water-inspired trip to Fiji. Together with other clubs and an RI matching grant, they were able to raise \$36K to help over 1,000 people NOT get sick from drinking water. Contributions to help fund the next project can be made to the office.

Peter then introduced **Matt Reno**, chair of the day, whose favorite weekend activity is to shop with his wife at Costco?! Matt introduced our speaker of the day, Dr. James Harris.

Dr. Harris, USD's President (since August 1, 2015) began by saying that Rotary's 4-way test and USD's philosophies are very much aligned. For the past 14 years, he has remained on the faculty of the Harvard University Summer Institute, educating and mentoring future higher education leaders.

Dr. Harris is a former teacher, and loves watching the political debates. He spoke of reminiscing about past leaders during difficult times in our country. Republican candidates mention Ronald Reagan, and JFK for Democrats. However, what they both have in common is that the two aforementioned presidents were optimists about the country, and both admired John Winthrop, a leading figure in the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, the first major settlement in New England. Winthrop believed in economic prosperity for all, as did those presidents. And so does Dr. Harris.

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## QUICK BITS

### ATTENTION GOLFERS!

#### NEW DATE

The first round of the 2015 Club 33 Tournament will be held on Friday, October 9 at the San Diego Country Club, with the first tee time at approx. 11:30am. [Click here](#) for more details.

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

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

#### A note of gratitude:

Thank you, thank you San Diego Rotary for the outstanding honor you bestowed on me September 24. The room was filled with fun, friendship and good will. I'm still basking, so please don't ask me to dust quite yet. Thank you!

*Betty Peabody - Mrs. San Diego 2015*

## BIRTHDAYS

### October

Emily Rex	6
Garet Clark	6
Peter Duncan	7
Ed Nares	7
Frank Pavel	9
Maureen Gray	9
David Oates	10
Chris Christian	10
Lewis Linson	11

## USD - continued

They all believe the future is bright, and that right in our own San Diego community we can set an example. Dr. Harris said the founding fathers knew how important education was, and as new colonies developed, universities began to develop as well.

The college emphasizes the importance of civic engagement and for their students to become globally responsible citizens.

Dr. Harris is extremely proud of their leading edge program, Center for CyberSecurity, which is one of the best in the country, and has a "total immersion" approach for the students going through that program.

USD has a strong partnership with the military, veterans and their families, and has had an ROTC program since 1982. USD School of Law has also created a Veterans Legal Clinic as an additional way of giving back to the military.

He went on to say that he is deeply proud of the school's Catholic heritage and that Pope Francis's message regarding the environment and social justice mirrors their own views (dialogue and action).

Dr. Harris closed with saying that he read in Fortune magazine that the #1 skill that employers will look for in 21st century is empathy, and that USD's liberal arts education is the best way to prepare for that life.

## MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



**Steve Kowalski**- "Investments-Wealth Management, Additional Active." Steve is the Senior Resident Director and Vice President for Merrill Lynch in La Jolla with over 21 years of experience in the financial services industry. He enjoys fishing, camping and riding motorcycles.

**Evan Wahl, Judy Forrester and Jim Kidrick** were his sponsors.

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## CALENDAR

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

### October

8 *James B. DeBello, President & CEO, Mitek*

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

22 *David Bennett, Director, San Diego Opera*

29 *Robert DeLaurentis, Flew Solo Around the World*

## GROTARIAN EVENTS

**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



Mike Conner, President Peter, Judy Thompson and Chair of the Day Matt Reno with Dr. Harris.



John Neuhart gave the Inspirational Moment.



Rotaracts enjoyed President Nominee Bob Russell's Dora the Explorer backpack. Hopefully they received some of the candy that is stored inside.



Dr. Harris with some of his USD staff and alumni from the Club.



Development Chair Chris Sichel reminded Bequest members of the October 11 reception, and to update their documents to include our new Foundation.

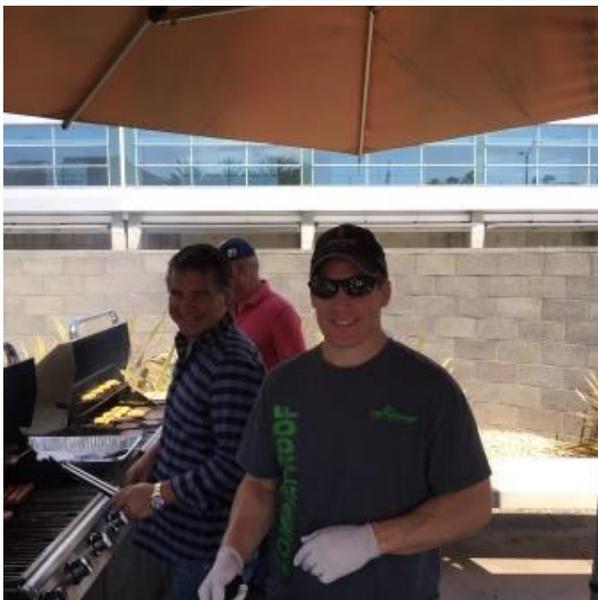


Editor of the Day, Jen Weissman, was working away at creating her write-up.

# CLUB FOUNDATION PROJECTS

## Military Affairs Committee

On Tuesday, September 22, the Club 33 Military Affairs Committee (“MAC”) was well represented at the airport USO to feed more than 360 Marines and other military personnel and their families. The event was chaired by MAC member, **Penny Robbins**. On the breakfast shift, **Kathy Koenig, Jim Fitzpatrick, Sandy Purdon, Rick Huenefeld, Peggy Eddy, and Kate Carinder** handed out egg sandwiches, muffins, juice and coffee. The afternoon and barbecue shift, comprised of **Ricardo da Rosa, Jim Wynkoop, Steve Oggel** and his friend Sally King, and **Chris Rink**, served traditional barbecue fare. President Peter Duncan had planned to stop by for a while to “observe,” and minutes after he arrived, he was helping to serve the food, chat with the troops and pitch in wherever he was needed. We now have an additional honorary MAC member. A big thank you to all MAC members who served our military this week!



# ROTARY AFTER HOURS

**Lynn Congemi** was kind enough to open the doors of her lovely Point Loma home to host “Rotary After Hours.” Everyone enjoyed the evening filled with fun and friendship (and no speeches). There are more informal gatherings planned for the future so if you missed this one, be sure to make the next one which is tentatively planned for December 4.



# GROTARIANS

The Grotarians had an exciting and informative evening on Sunday, September 27 when they were hosted by **Pam Luster** and her Mesa College instructors to view the “blood moon” lunar eclipse.

