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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

The Zen Pilot



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Editor

A beautiful fall day found Rotarians wearing summer-like attire as the temperatures soared and the Santa Ana winds started up. **President Peter** brought the meeting to order by introducing **Massey Pitts** to give the Inspirational Moment.

Her words resonated with

all of us as she discussed the joys of mentoring youth recently at Hoover High. Helping them become successful adults makes for a happier and healthier San Diego community.

Brandon Horrocks stood tall and proud as he led us in the Pledge and song. Brandon will be taking over the Holiday program this year from the long time maestro, **Steve Hubbard**. Steve masterfully has brought us excellent, professional-quality programs for 12 years. Brandon knows he has a tough act to follow. He encouraged anyone who even thinks they can hum to show up for the first rehearsal on Nov 23rd.

Bert Wahlen ably reported the news noting that \$350 million is spent on Halloween costumes each year...and that is just for the pets. Thank you to **Pamela Stambaugh** of Accountability Pays for being our news sponsor this week.

Pres. Peter had the honor of bestowing upon two of our most charitable members lapel pins denoting their giving to our club's foundation. **Michelle Candland** received the William T. Ward Gold Donor Society pin. **Jim Hughes** graciously accepted the James M. Hughes Platinum Donor Society pin. Both have inspired others by their generosity. This is the time of year for giving thanks. Many Rotarians have gone above and beyond to support our club's mission and programs. Give some thinking as to how each of us can make efforts to improve Club 33's financial assets.

Jeana Wallace asked for new clothing donations to be brought to our Nov. 12 Senior Services Warm Clothes Drive. This year these items will benefit the Jackie Robinson YMCA. Have fun finding gloves, scarves, jackets, blankets and other winter items that will greatly help a senior in need.

Always eloquent **Mary Colacicco** announced that Nov. 12 will also be our next Membership Reception for those people we invite to join us for lunch and see our club in action. This is a great opportunity to share Rotary with friends and colleagues that are often unaware of what Rotary is all about.

Lee Lescano introduced our visiting seniors, one of whom was his mother! He also took a fine for promoting the Salvation Army's benefit called "The Kettle Kickoff," scheduled for Nov. 20th.

Our newest member, **Tina Jenkins**, bravely faced the microphone and told us about her most interesting life. She did a great job detailing her career as a former cardiovascular surgical nurse. She and her husband have established a multi-specialty hospital in Tijuana. She currently is the Exec. Director and Co-Founder of MediExcel Health Plan. Welcome, Tina!

Our Chair of the Day, surgically taller-than-ever **Guy Maddox**, might have been the youngest commercial airline pilot at age 27 when he climbed into the left seat, but we know he really is a quiet San Diego real estate magnate. (The 1970s were very good to those who knew when to buy!) He is a former Air Force pilot and now has more than 29,000 flight hours. When no visiting Rotarians were found, he introduced a young French woman who has moved here for her career as an architect. (Her Rotarian father in Paris told her to 'go to Rotary'.... She was awarded gift certificates and wine for doing so. Dads are usually right.)

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NEXT MEETING

November 5

2015 Women PeaceMakers

This September, the University of San Diego welcomed the 2015 Women PeaceMakers. Beginning their two-month residency at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, these four peacemakers were chosen from more than one hundred applicants.

The Women PeaceMakers Program, which began in 2003, is an annual campus initiative aimed at bringing together women leaders from around the world with the goal of documenting the stories and best practices of international women leaders involved in human rights and peacebuilding practices.

Judge Najla Ayoubi, from Afghanistan, was forced out of her profession during the Taliban rule when women were forbidden to work and girls older than eight were denied education.

Pauline Dempers, from Namibia, is a human rights activist and advocates for those affected by imprisonment, torture and forced disappearances during Namibia's war of independence.

Galia Golan, from Israel, is known internationally as an expert on Israeli-Palestinian politics. Golan is a grassroots activist focused on women's roles in peacebuilding and parliamentary activism.

Glenda Wildschut of South Africa is a human rights activist and peacebuilder who grew up amidst violence and human rights abuses.

Each woman will share her story of survival and attempts at finding avenues for peace amidst violence and conflict.



Jenni Prisk
Chair of the Day

2015 AUCTION



ANNUAL AUCTION NOV 19

We need your help and participation in this annual fundraiser that supports over 30 of our club projects. Please consider a donation towards our silent or live auction. You can find the donation form on our website or by [clicking here](#). **Auction items must be delivered by Nov. 6.**

Thank you to those who have already donated items!

Mark Stuart
Chris Yanov
Diana MarJip-Chuh
Linnea Arrington
Paul Hartley (2 items)
Jim Hughes
Steven Mueller (2 items)
Cheryl Wilson
Paul Nestor
Amnon Ben-Yehuda
Richard Cox

BIRTHDAYS

November

Tom Mosher	26
Steve Hubbard	27
Sandy Purdon	27
Lisa Miller	28
Linda Crogan	28
Bill Earley	28
John Reid	29
Nancy Laturno-Bojanic	30

The Zen Pilot continued

Our speaker, Robert DeLaurentis, "Zen Pilot" and author of "Flying Through Life," presented an interesting discussion about what drives people to live their dreams. He made a record-setting solo plane voyage visiting 23 countries in his single engine plane called "The Spirit of San Diego." Along the way he met many supportive people and learned to face the fears that often stand in the way of life's adventures. After battling fuel issues, the fear of bailing out over an open ocean, frequent fatigue, sleeping challenges and heart-pounding moments of stress, he came home 3 months later to find that San Diego looked different. Gradually he realized that he was the one who had changed. He believes that achieving abundance occurs when you pursue your passions and find a purpose. His mission is to support educational programs for youth. He signed his book for the members after the meeting.

And, with that, the bell was rung and another meeting was put to rest. President Peter is off to a great second quarter. Happy Halloween!

NEW DONOR RECOGNITION PINS

The club has recently designed new member pins that recognize the different levels of donations to our club foundation. Pins for the President's Circle, Community Partner and the John T. Martin Silver Donor Society were distributed at the October 29 meeting. Be sure to look for them at the badge rack next to your badge. The Heilbron Fellows pins (formerly Club 33 Fellows) will be distributed in a couple of weeks.

New pins were designed for the following recognition levels:

James M. Hughes Platinum Donor Society	\$100,000 - \$249,999
William T. Ward Gold Donor Society	\$50,000 - \$99,999
John T. Martin Silver Donor Society	\$25,000 - \$49,999
Community Partner	\$10,000 - \$24,999
President's Circle	\$5,000 - \$9,999
Heilbron Fellow	\$1,500 - \$4,999

CALENDAR

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

November

- 5 *Women Peacemakers*
- 12 *Salute to the Military— Guest speaker Capt. Derek Herrera*
- 19 *Annual Auction*
- 26 *DARK - Happy Thanksgiving*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Mission Fed Junior Achievement Finance Park
Nov. 10, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Mission Fed JA Finance Park is a paperless, high-tech learning center that helps students imagine who they want to be and gives them hands-on tools and skills to plan for a financially secure future.

We will have a tour of the facility, learn about the programs and students, and how to volunteer. Food and adult beverages will be served.

[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



President Peter presented Jim Hughes with the new James M. Hughes Platinum Donor Society member pin.



Thank you to Lee Lescano and **Larry Hoeksema** for hosting our visiting seniors this month.



President Peter with guest speaker Robert DeLaurentis and Chair of the Day Guy Maddox. Robert shared some of the stories from his inspiring—and at many times, terrifying—adventures from his trip around the world.



Brandon Horrocks encouraged everyone to join the Holiday Chorus this year.



Mary Colacicco announced this year's second VIP Membership Reception on November 12.



(Left) Massey Pitts and new member Tina Jenkins; (Right) **Craig Blower** surrounded by his fellow Rotarians.

MEMBERSHIP

Save the date!
Thursday, November 12 at 11:30 am

Give The Gift of Rotary

San Diego Rotary
VIP Reception

You and your prospective member are invited to a pre-lunch meeting reception at the Liberty Station Conference Center for an opportunity to introduce your member prospect to some of our club Rotarians and Board Members. The club will provide a complimentary lunch for your guest.

—ADMISSION REQUIREMENT—
Bring one prospective member!

—Registration is required—
Please visit our website to sign-up
<http://www.sandiegorotary.club/event/>

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



Tina Jenkins- “Health Services-Health Insurance Plans.” Tina is the Co-Founder and Executive Director for MediExcel Health Plan, a company that offers unique cross-border health insurance programs approved by California regulators for workers and dependents of California employers to access their employer-sponsored health benefits in Mexico.

Tina also used to work as a cardiovascular surgical nurse. She was invited to join a prestigious team to perform the first open heart surgery in Baja California.

Tina enjoys playing golf with her husband Jose and two children-- Athena, 10, and Helios, 7-- and cooking.

Ben Wood, Jen Weissman and David Oates were her sponsors.
Email: tjenkins@mediexcel.com
Business phone: 619-421-1659

The following applicants were 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 **November 11:**

- ◆ Camille Newbern - Tom Hom Group, LLC - "Real Estate Development-Asset Management"

QUICK BITS

ANNUAL WARM CLOTHES DRIVE

The Senior Services Committee will be holding their annual Warm Clothes Drive on **November 12**.

The Committee is looking forward to great participation from our club!

Hundreds of low income seniors are in need of your generosity. Plan to bring your donations to the November 12th meeting. A drop-off table will be set up in the lobby.

Some shopping ideas: White crew socks, gloves, beanies, sweatshirts, warm neck scarves, jackets, slippers, blankets/throw blankets and rain ponchos.

Clothing sizes - X-Small to XXXL.

Only new items, please. Thank you.



A Service of Remembrance for Sheriff Bill Kolender

hosted by San Diego Sheriff Bill Gore and
San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman

Friday, November 6, 2015
Marine Corps Air Station Miramar
45249 Miramar Way, San Diego
Bob Hope Theater at 2:00 p.m.

Reception to immediately follow at the Officers' Club, MCAS

RSVPs will be appreciated to
858.974.2520 or
rsvpmemorial@sdsheriff.org

CLUB 33 GOLF TOURNAMENT

SECOND ROUND

Our second round is scheduled for Friday, November 20th and included on this day will be a special treat for Club 33 golfers who participate—an appearance by the SDSU Women's Golf Team! Lucky Rotarians may get to play a round with individual members of the Lady Aztecs. **Marten Barry's** money is on the SDSU women to out-score every Rotarian, with the possible exception of our golf professional Tom.

Please contact Marten Barry mbarry@naisandiego.com or Alli Lucas alucas@naisandiego.com if you would like to play in this next round of our tournament.



PADRES SEASON TICKETS

Craig Nelson has an opening for baseball fans to join his **Club 33 Padres Rotary Season Ticket Syndicate for 2016**.

Seat Location: There are 4 seats together behind home plate just a shade to the Padres side of the plate on the isle, Section 103 Row 13, seats 1-4.

Face Value / Our cost: Face value on the tickets is \$86.25 (higher for a few games: \$97 for LA & SF, up to \$199 for NY Yankees!) Our full season discount works out to \$53 per ticket, or \$212 per game (set of 4 tix), 5 games = \$1060; 10 games \$2,120; 20 games \$4,200, etc.

Please contact Craig Nelson at bankoncraig@gmail.com for more details if you are interested in joining us!



JOIN OUR HOLIDAY CHORUS

"It's beginning to look a lot like..."our annual Holiday Program is just around the corner, and we are looking for your vocal help! The program is on December 17 and it is time to put together our holiday chorus. You don't have to be a musical genius or be an opera star to participate; you don't even need to read music that well. If you love the holidays, the music and the joy of the holiday season AND if you want to share this love with your fellow Rotarians in a unique way, consider joining the Rotary Chorus. **We will be holding 4 Monday-night rehearsals starting on Monday, November 23 at the Girls Scouts Florence Burnham Hall on Upas Street at 5:30pm. For more information, please contact the Holiday Program Chair, Brandon Horrocks at bhorrocks@sd youth.org.** Come sing with us for this Holiday Program and let your voice be a gift to the