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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

Give Peace a Chance



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Editor

Much of our program was aimed at bringing people together. So it was absolutely appropriate that today was a joint Club meeting with the notable Southeast San Diego Rotary Club. Their Club Prez, Sharon Payne, and our own **Prez Peter** shared both the head

table and the running of the meeting. As our Prez alluded, their dual was a little bit like watching the Oscars...well, not really.

We started the meeting by recognizing **Craig Blower** and Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Rightfully, Craig received a long standing ovation. Prez Sharon took up the intro of the Honorable **Kevin "B-Ball" Enright** who shared with us the Inspirational Moment (aka you better earn another day with kindness!) and then former Southeast Club Prez James Jackson led us in a rousing rendition of their Club song (sung to the tune "Cielito Lindo") accompanied by our **Club 33 Singers** and Bryan Verhoye on the keys. Nicely done, James! **Mark Burgess** hit us with the news, this week sponsored by **Bruce Knowlton**. **Alan Spector** covered the upcoming November 10 Grotarian event at Jr. Achievement. **Marten Barry** wowed us with a video of the SDSU Women's Golf team doing some amazing golf-tricks (for many of us, that would be actually hitting the ball somewhere productive!) and reminding us to sign up for the next round of the Club 33 Golf Tournament on November 20. **Roger Haines** and **Walter** "the-man-everyone-knows" **Lam** teamed us on donating to the Rotary International Foundation. And our newest member, **Anthony Llompert** was introduced. Seems Prez Peter had a problem finding Anthony's Rotary pin. So he ended up with the Prez's pin. Not a bad start!

Prez Peter introduced our Chair of the Day, **Jenni Prisk**. While Jenni didn't exactly do the Haka (ask her about that), she did manage to sneak in a salute to New Zealand and the

Kiwi's All Blacks international rugby win. Well, she said she wouldn't mention it... sort of. It all made sense when Jenni introduced Women PeaceMakers program officer and moderator for our panel of distinguished speakers, Ms. Stephanie Chiu, who is Australian (and who's rugby team just lost to the Kiwis). Did I say that Jenni never mentioned that??

Ms. Chiu introduced the Women PeaceMakers program and our speakers. The program has been sponsored here in San Diego for the past 13 years by the University of San Diego Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. Bringing women from all over the world who are working to bring peace and stability to their community, they document their stories and promote solutions worldwide. Telling their story were four remarkable women, the Honorable Najla Ayoubi from Afghanistan, Pauline Dempers from Namibia, Galia Gohen from Israel, and Glenda Wildschut from South Africa. Each has faced the kind of changes we hope are never visited on us here in America. Each has overcome the personal tragedies and the threats to push agendas of peace and reconciliation. And each in her own way has had a cascade effect on her country and their region. To paraphrase a popular band, we just need to give peace a chance.



In Memoriam

Harold (Skip) B. Starkey Jr.
1926-2015

Skip was a member since 1960,
Club President 1974-75,
a Club 33 Founding Fellow,
a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow,
a Heilbron Fellow and a
Bequest Society Member



NEXT MEETING

November 12

Salute to the Military

Capt. Derek Herrera

On November 21, 2014, Captain Derek Herrera medically retired from Active Duty in the US Marine Corps after 8.5 years of service as an Infantry and Special Operations Officer. On June 14, 2012, Derek was shot and paralyzed from the chest down while leading his Marine Special Operations Team on patrol in the Helmand River Valley, Afghanistan.

Derek has overcome significant odds to rebuild his life and move forward. Over the past three years, he has been able to achieve incredible feats physically, spiritually, and entrepreneurially. After sustaining a complete paralysis at the T5 level (chest) he returned to work in 6 months, completed his first triathlon in 9 months, took his first steps in an exoskeleton in 10 months, and entered business school just 13 months after his injury. He has attained significant accolades since his injury and credits each and every award he has received to his wife, his family, his community, and the memory of those men and women who were killed in action.

Derek believes his resilience has been solidified by the mindset he has adopted and the mental approach he was able to forge during his recovery. He will briefly share some of the insights he has gained about the essential elements of resilience and how meaningful and impactful it can be for anyone in their daily lives.



Peg Eddy
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our second round is scheduled for Friday, November 20th and participants will 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 Wilson**.

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

HOLIDAY CHORUS

Our annual Holiday Program on Dec. 17 is just around the corner and we are looking for your vocal help! 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, consider joining the Rotary Chorus. **We will be holding 4 Monday-night rehearsals starting on Nov. 23 at the Girls Scouts Florence Burnham Hall on Upas Street at 5:30pm. If you would like to join us, please contact Program Chair, Brandon Horrocks at bhorrocks@sdyouth.org.**

BIRTHDAYS

November

Micah Parzen	9
Newt Pollock	10
John Hattox	11
Kobe Bogaert	11
Fred Frye	12
Malin Burnham	12
Keith McKenzie	13
Tom Mazzocco	13
Ed Glazener	14
Linnea Arrington	14
Frank Plant	15
Sharon Hilliard	15

NOV. 19 AUCTION



Our **Nov. 19 Give Thanks & Give Back Auction** is just a little over 2 weeks away and we are still looking for more donations! As you know, proceeds from the auction will be used to fund our 30 Club projects and to establish a Discretionary Impact Fund to help those in our community and beyond that are in critical need. The auction committee is asking that you provide a donation item (a single item, or a basket etc.). **BE CREATIVE!!**

We will be taking donations through the 12th. **Please complete and send in your [donation form](#) immediately and deliver the items by the 12th.**

If you have any questions, please contact [Diana MarJip-Chuh](#).

Plan on arriving early on Nov. 19 at 11:00 to shop and bid on all of our auction items.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated items or services for this very important event! A preview of just some of our wonderful items up for auction will be sent out shortly!

In observance of Veterans Day the Rotary office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11.

CALENDAR

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

November

12 Salute to the Military—
Guest speaker Capt. Derek Herrera

19 Annual Auction

26 DARK - Happy Thanksgiving

December

3 Kevin Crawford, CEO, United Way & Cindy Marten, Superintendent, SDUSD

10 Malin Burnham

17 Annual Holiday Program—
Sheraton Hotel & Marina

GROTARIAN EVENTS

There will be no events in December.

Save the date—January 26
Grotarian Fireside Chat at the Academy of Our Lady of Peace

Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106

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FACES IN OUR CROWD



Many wore white today to show their support of Lung Cancer Awareness Month and fellow Rotarian Craig Blower.



Southeast SD Rotary Club President Sharon Payne and President Peter shared duties and introductions in a joint meeting.



Past Southeast club president James Jackson led the group in their club song “We’re Proud to be Rotarians” sung to the tune of “Cielito Lindo.” Everyone had fun singing along!



Our guest speakers from the left: Galia Golan, Glenda Wildschut, Pauline Dempers and Judge Najla Ayoubi.

MEMBERSHIP

Bring a prospective member to our Salute to the Military lunch!!

Thursday, November 12 at 11:30 am

Give The Gift of Rotary

**San Diego Rotary
VIP Membership 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 online is required—
[Click here](#)**

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



From the left: **Will Rivera**, Southeast SD Rotary President Sharon Payne, Anthony Llompart and President Peter

Anthony Llompart- “Healthcare-Community Healthcare.” Anthony is the Director of Corporate Partnerships for La Maestra Community Health Centers, a non-profit organization in City Heights which provides healthcare and social services in San Diego’s underserved communities.

He is a Navy Veteran, married to his wife Patty for 26 years, has two children, loves traveling and is an aspiring car collector of rare, limited production cars.

Will Rivera, Frank Urtasan and Ignacio de la Torre were his sponsors.

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SENIOR SERVICES WARM CLOTHES DRIVE

THE ANNUAL WARM CLOTHES DRIVE IS THIS THURSDAY—DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR ITEMS WITH YOU TO LIBERTY STATION

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

Hundreds of low income seniors are in need of your generosity. Plan to bring your donations to the meeting at Liberty Station. A drop-off table will be set up in the dining room.

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.



HIGH TECH HIGH INTERACT

Happy November!

It is a sheer joy for me to let you all know how grateful I am to be able to serve on the High Tech High Interact Committee!

Chuck Pretto, you gave us the blessing and I have been very, very, very active behind the scenes. We have conducted a remarkable number of service projects, have had active speakers, will be participating in the Four Way Test Speech Contest and have an international service project to name just a few. The club has about 35 students that come every Wednesday.

Here is their website: <http://hthmainteractclub.weebly.com/>

If you take a look at their calendar and their weekly programs, you will see how committed these kiddos are!

We have had **Jack Berkman** and **Don Teemsma** come and speak about the Four Way Test Speech Contest, **Deirdre Maloney** came and spoke about leadership styles, the Saints group came last week with **Ed Hearn** and talked about fundraising. Next week, we have **Michael Kenny** coming to talk to us about our international project, and then the week after that, **Mia Harenski** will come and talk about her professional ethics, her passion for serving and how she got to where she is in life.

I would love to invite you to come and speak to our Interact Club this year. Please let me know what works for you and where we can calendar you in. Additionally, please feel free to just drop in anytime. The students meet on Wednesdays at 11:55 to 12:30 on the 3rd Floor of 2230 Truxtun Road. They will love it and feel honored to have you join them.

The following Club members are helping tremendously: **Laura Nichols, Deirdre Maloney, Mia Harenski, Gil Cabrera, Brandon Horrocks, Zack Albrecht, Kimberly Gallo and Stephanie Rossis.**



Divya Kakaiya
Chair



Thank you all for your support,
Divya

Below is an article featured in the Sunday, November 8 Union Tribune about the Millions for Hope Gala held on October 17.

Fruitful fundraising effort

STORY & PHOTOS BY VINCENT ANDRUNAS

SPECIAL TO THE U-T

After its 1905 founding in Chicago, the Rotary service organization spread rapidly across the globe. There are now more than 34,000 clubs and 1.2 million members worldwide, all dedicated to the ideal of Service Above Self. One of Rotary's most active and successful divisions is District 5340, consisting of 68 clubs in San Diego and Imperial counties.

The Rotary Foundation funds projects involving communities virtually everywhere. Financed through contributions by Rotarians and friends who share their vision of a better world, Rotary clubs, Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation work to make lasting improvements in local communities and around the globe.

This was never more apparent than at District 5340's recent gala, held at the Del Mar Fairgrounds and attended by nearly 600 Rotarians and guests. The event celebrated the district's successful Millions for HOPE Rotary Foundation fundraising campaign, and ended with an unexpected— but very pleasant— surprise. (“HOPE” refers to the goals of Health, Overcoming Poverty, and Education.) After a cocktail reception, gala attendees were seated for dinner. Dan Gensler (Rotary Club of Coronado), who chaired the campaign, emceed. He introduced Louise Andres (Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle), who was district governor when the campaign began in 2014. She noted that other districts had hosted “Million Dollar Dinners”— celebrations at which \$1 million was raised for the foundation at a single evening event— but District 5340 felt it could accomplish more.

Current District Governor Janice Kurth (Rotary Club of DelMar) spoke next. She read a letter of appreciation from San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, who was unable to attend. She also announced that this evening was about celebrating the campaign's success, and there would be no auction or other request for donations— but contribution forms were available, should anyone be so moved.

Dinner continued, with periodic program segments describing the campaign's progress; \$800,000 had been pledged almost immediately, and former District Governor Dave Breeding revealed that, after they had nervously set a high goal of \$5 million, former Rotary trustee Steve Brown encouraged them to triple it to \$15 million.

Announcements continued, interspersed with dining and dancing. By January 2015, the campaign had reached \$2.4 million; then \$3.7 million in February. Citizens Business Bank was thanked for its generous sponsorship. Gala co-chairs Sharyn Daly and Marlene Gotz were rewarded with floral bouquets, and District Governor-Elect Marilyn Sanderson said the campaign reached \$10 million by June's end.

Rotary International President K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran, from the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, gave a moving keynote address. He spoke of the generosity of the District 5340 members, and about Rotary International's continuing work to eradicate polio (now nearly complete) and the rebuilding of a destroyed hospital in Sri Lanka.

In a celebratory finale involving a huge gold key and dark “Blues Brothers” sunglasses passed out to everyone, Ravindran announced the campaign's “final” total — an amazing \$15,500,425. Music began to play, and with the event concluding, couples began to fill the dance floor.

But the story didn't end there. Moments later, the music was stopped and Ravindran announced an unanticipated development. A local Rotarian had just spoken to him onstage, pledging to match the campaign's total. Thus, the amount raised was suddenly doubled to just over \$31 million. While this exceptionally generous act is deserving of significant recognition, the donor asked to remain anonymous.