



# THE ROTATOR

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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

## Going once, going twice...SOLD!



**Jim Wynkoop**  
Editor

This week's Rotary lunch was a special one—our annual Give Back & Give Thanks auction! First, everyone got some time to look over the many silent bid items (my favorites were the "A Taste of Mexico" basket donated by **Diana MarJip-Chuh** and **Bob Russell**, and the "Cuban Cigar Factory" package donated by **Julia Holladay** and Bob Russell.) Once the bids were in and the crowd was seated, President **Peter Duncan** called the meeting to order. **Sheryl Reichert** gave a great Inspirational Moment, reminding us that "life is not a dress rehearsal." **Joe Zakowski** and **Larry Showley** led us in the Pledge and *My Country 'Tis of Thee*. **Stan Lawrence** gave us the news of the day, which included San Diegans getting our water usage down by 19%! Thanks to **Mike Rowan** of Goodwill Industries of San Diego for sponsoring the news.

President Peter then welcomed all our guests, which included 2 visiting Rotarians all the way from Serbia. He also noted it was **Rich DeBolt's** birthday. Rich takes the time to call all of us individually on our birthdays, so we all want to say, "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RICH!!!"

It was then time for President Peter to introduce our Auctioneer, **Zack Krone**. He has been auctioneering since he was 15, and it shows. He was amazing! He rhymed, he rhythmized, and he entertained, all while helping to raise funds for our many great causes. If I were to try to describe his style to you, I would call it "Dr. Seuss rapping while auctioneering" — but that doesn't really do him justice. He was very skilled at his craft. There were a lot of great live auction items, and some very entertaining bidding wars. A Mission Beach Getaway package sold for \$2,400! There was also a Safari Park Extravaganza, Phil's BBQ and Karl Strauss beer for 50 people, a Sunset Cruise and a few more fantastic items.

Once the live auction wrapped up, President Peter and Past President and current Foundation Chair **Michelle Candland** got up to speak to us about the new Foundation Discretionary Impact Fund. This is a new fund to help us create real change right away for people in immediate need. To give an example, we were introduced to the very inspirational Zaphire Duarte. She is a graduate of Monarch School, and for her first-ever vacation she went to Mexico. She was in a horrible motorcycle accident which resulted in the loss of her leg and left her stranded in Mexico. Our club was able to assist in Zaphire's time of urgent need by donating funds towards the cost of getting her back home.

Zaphire's story and Michelle's reminder of the impact our donations make in our community, now and in the future, prompted bid numbers to go up all over the room during the paddle raise portion of the program. Wow! The sight of this was a testament to the commitment and generosity of Club 33 members.

Special thanks to our Auctioneer Zack for his gift in getting us to dig deep into our pockets, and to Auction Chair Diana MarJip-Chuh, Team **Ledford (Woody, Carole and Caitlin)**, and **Jim Hughes** for their work in making this year's auction a success.

Reminder, next week is dark for Thanksgiving. See everyone in a couple of weeks!

*If you like to view the video of Zaphire's story as reported by NBC 7 news, [click here](#).*

## Next Meeting

**November 26—DARK**  
*No meeting this week*

**Our next meeting will be on December 3**

*Kevin Crawford, President & CEO of the United Way San Diego, and Cindy Marten, Superintendent San Diego Unified School District*

**Our Partnership for Children—A United Way and San Diego Unified Collaboration**

The United Way of San Diego County and San Diego Unified School District are working together in unprecedented ways to make sure that our children and families have everything they need to be successful. Through the use of Collective Impact, the highest form of collaboration, United Way and the District are partnering around a common vision, shared metrics and continuous learning. This innovative partnership is supporting every child, every step of the way.



**Joe Austin**  
Chair of the Day

The Rotary office will be closed on November 26 & 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

## QUICK BITS

### HOLIDAY CHORUS PRACTICE SCHEDULE

It is not too late to join! Please **contact Brandon Horrocks at [bhorrocks@sdyouth.org](mailto:bhorrocks@sdyouth.org)**.

Monday, November 23 5:30-6:30pm  
-Girl Scouts Headquarters  
Monday, November 30 5:30-6:30pm  
-Girl Scouts Headquarters  
Monday, December 7 5:30-6:30pm  
-Girl Scouts Headquarters  
Monday, December 14 5:30-6:30pm  
-Girl Scouts Headquarters  
Wednesday, December 16 5:30-7:30pm-Sheraton Marina Grande Ballroom (Dress Rehearsal)  
Thursday, December 17--Holiday Program



Election ballots were mailed out on Nov. 13. Please remember to send them back in the enclosed envelope only and before the December 1st deadline. The results will be announced at the Dec. 17 Holiday program.

## BIRTHDAYS

	November
Rich DeBolt	23
Jerry Van Ert	23
Divya Kakaiya	23
Bruce Drake	24
Doug Paul	25
Rob Wright	27
Mary Walter-Brown	28
Peter Callstrom	28
Joanne Pastula	30

## Thank you Diana!



President Peter presented Diana MarJip-Chuh with a token of appreciation for chairing this year's auction.

## MEMBERSHIP

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 December 2nd.

- Marla Black - Jr. Achievement of San Diego - "Youth Organization-Jr. Achievement"
- Robert Coleman - Second Chance - "Social Services-Second Chance"
- Janette Gray, M.D. - Center for Health and Wellbeing - "Medicine-Health and Wellbeing"

## CALENDAR

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

### November

26 **DARK** - Happy Thanksgiving

### December

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

10 **Terry Moore & Malin Burnham— Venture Capital**

17 **Annual Holiday Program— Sheraton Hotel & Marina**

24—**DARK**—Happy Holidays

31—**DARK**—Happy New Year

## 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



Left: Back by popular demand, auctioneer Zach Krone; Right: Glass artist Nic McGuire presented his “Purple Rainbow Glass Feather,” valued at \$1000, for auction.



Left: President Peter and Foundation Chair Michelle discussed the Foundation’s new Discretionary Impact Fund; Right: The Impact Fund assisted individuals like Zaphire Duarte who joined us today to express her gratitude.



Left: President Peter surprised Zaphire with one of the auction items of SDSU football tickets and merchandise (the college she plans to attend in the near future); Right: a standing ovation for another successful auction.

# 2015 Give Thanks & Give Back Auction



Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor