

## The 12 Days of Christmas—*Rotary Style*



**Lisa Carman**  
Editor

What an entertaining and joyous event we shared today.

President **Peter Duncan** opened the program, welcoming our Seniors and visitors, then made the traditional announcements of our incoming Officers and Board Members. See page 4 for more details.

Without further ado, Prez Peter turned the meeting over to our new Chair of the Holiday Program **Brandon Horrocks**, whose vision was to present a program to reflect Rotary International's theme for the year, "The Gift of Giving."

Brandon led the Rotary Chorus and the Club 33 Singers, with the accompaniment of Bryan Verhoye, in a heartening and spirited program of Christmas music—from a Mozart Canon to a medley of favorite carols, then more *Mozart Fa La La*. Woven into the program was *The Twelve Days of Christmas—Rotary Style*. Instead of pipers piping or turtle doves and partridges, by the end of the program we were all singing about solar cookers, chairs a-wheeling, two hundred fish, and a whole world that's polio-free—in other words, Rotary's gifts to the world. Even the Rotaractors played a part in singing "*Rotaract, Interact*" to the tune of "Jingle Bells."

**Michael Brunker** brought us a thoughtful note from Santa, and **Greg Zinser** shared a story about a boy and a car and the boy's desire to be a better brother to a younger, disadvantaged brother. **Jenni Prisk** presented "A Gift of Peace and Hope," a story about beloved American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Jenni told us about the tragedy Mr. Longfellow experienced in losing his beloved wife, Frances Appleton, around the time the Civil War broke out. Despairing of his loss, when he heard bells pealing on Christmas Day, even during war-time, he realized that hope for peace does prevail among men and women—and was inspired to write *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*.

With Bryan's trademark accompaniment, marvelous solo performances were given by country-western-style singer, **Ian S. Campbell**, singing *The Christmas Song* and *White Christmas*; then Brandon Horrocks in *Gesu Bambino*. **Stan Lawrence** sweetened the room even more with his lush saxophone interpretation of *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, and Bryan's piano solo medley from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* was a rich, sophisticated treat. Thank you, Brandon, Bryan, Club 33 Singers, Stan, Ian, and the Rotary Chorus for such a tremendous performance!

**Jack Anthony** and **Suzy Spafford** stepped up to the lectern with a special *thank you* and acknowledgement to **Steve Hubbard**, Rotary Holiday Program Chair and Director Emeritus, for his 13 dedicated years of service to our club! If *The Twelve Days of Christmas, Rotary Style* had had just one more verse, it would surely be for that!

Other highlights:

- Josephine Devermann, **Paul Devermann's** mom, who just turned 103, joined us today.
- **President Peter** gave a shout out to **Craig Blower**, who couldn't join us today, to let him know that we were all thinking about him and missed seeing him in his traditional elf costume.
- Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for their work on this year's election: **Michelle Candland, Doug Arbon, Jay Arnett, Bob Borgman, Debbie Day, Mike Morton, Sr., Chuck Pretto, Sheryl Reichert, Patti Roscoe, Karin Winner and Judy Thompson.**

May you all have a wonderful and blessed Christmas, Hanukkah and Holiday Season, and a Happy, Healthy New Year! *Fa-la-la-la-la, la ho-ho-ho!* Blessings to all!

*A video recording of the holiday program will be available soon.*

## Next Meeting

January 7, 2016

**2016 Economic Forecast  
With Linda Stirling and  
Bill Holland**

What's ahead for investors in 2016? Do the economic concerns of stumbling GDP growth coupled with rising interest rates and a stronger U.S. dollar signal a shift in the areas of opportunity?

Join us Thursday, January 7th, when **Bill Holland**, owner of **The Holland Group**, and **Linda Stirling**, Senior VP of Wealth Management for the **Pacific Mountain Group of UBS Financial Services**, go head to head giving their astute views on the areas of risk and reward in 2016.



**Bert Wahlen**  
Chair of the Day

A big thank you to all the Rotarians who welcomed 100 disadvantaged seniors to the holiday program. Thanks also to all the Rotarians who donated goodies for the gift bags and to all the volunteers and committee members who helped plan, stuff bags, meet, greet and show Christmas caring to 100 strangers.

God bless you all,  
*Cheryl Wilson*  
Senior Services Committee Chair

## QUICK BITS

### Annual donations:

If you would like to make your annual contribution before year end for tax purposes, please call the office with a credit card or mail your check before December 31. Mailed checks must be postmarked no later than the 31st. The office will be closed at noon on Dec. 31 so please make arrangements prior to that time if you plan to pay with a credit card.

### Holiday Bowl tickets

If you are interested in purchasing tickets for the December 30th game at a special Rotary price of \$90, please contact **John Wertz** at [jrwertzlaw@gmail.com](mailto:jrwertzlaw@gmail.com) or Phil Snyder at 619-283-5808 ext. 303.

### A message from the Badge Committee:

We currently have a low supply of our pearl badge holders! Please be sure to return them along with your badge at the end of our meetings. Thank you!

## BIRTHDAYS

### December

John Anewalt	21
Marc Tarasuck	21
Vincent Mudd	22
Bob Dicioccio	23
Kris Michell	23
Stephanie Saathoff	24
Georgina Serrano	26
Mike Conner	27
Jan McDonough	28
Ake Persson	29
Glenn Younger	30
Sue Goldstein	30
Clark Siebrand	30
Peg Eddy	31
Will Hage	31

## A Holiday Message

### The Season of Hope

I had the pleasure to attend the weekly meeting of the Southeast San Diego Club, and to my surprise the guest speaker that day was our own member, **Rev. Craig Brown**. Craig spoke of the origins of Christmas, the Christmas tree, mistletoe, caroling and other traditions of this season. The Pagan roots of the season are found in Saturnalia which is a Roman festival that ended on December 25. You can learn more about that history if you desire by googling Saturnalia. It is indeed very interesting, and very different from what we now celebrate.

But what brought it home for me wasn't this informative history lesson, but how Craig related that the true meaning of the season, whether you are religious or not, is hope. And it is most important to spread hope to those less fortunate. The family and friends with whom we exchange presents aren't the "reason for the season." The real meaning is to reach out beyond those borders to assist others in order to bring hope into their lives. Craig closed his comments by saying the reason that he enjoys Rotary is that we are about spreading hope. We all enjoy the weekly opportunity to visit with friends, and make new friends, or perhaps network for increased business. But most of all, Rotary is about the good work of Rotarians spreading hope throughout the year to those in need. As we enter a new year, I would like to thank all of you that spread hope through our projects and committees. It is this work, and the monetary support that it receives from the members of the club, that is the true meaning of the season and beyond.



**Paul Devermann**  
*Executive Director*

## CALENDAR

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

### December

**24 DARK - Happy Holidays**

**31 DARK - Happy New Year**

### January

**7 - 2016 Economic Forecast with Linda Stirling and Bill Holland**

**14 - Jazz Xpress All-Star Youth Band**

## GROTARIAN EVENTS

*Attention Grotarians—this meeting is one of the requirements toward your permanent badge. Please consider attending if you have not attended one before.*

### WINTER FIRESIDE CHAT

**Tuesday, January 26**

**5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Location: Academy of Our Lady of Peace**

This free event is open to Grotarians only (please, no guests or spouses.)

**[CLICK HERE](#) for more event details and to register.**

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

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# 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 30.

- Thomas J. Guernsey– Thomas Jefferson School of Law - “Education-Law School Administration”
- Timothy G. Riley– Hughes & Pizzuto, APC - “Law-Trusts and Estate, Additional Active”

## CAMP ENTERPRISE 2016-LEGACY NOMINATION



Members of San Diego Rotary Club 33 are allowed to nominate an eligible high school junior to attend Camp Enterprise as a “legacy.” **The definition of a legacy is a son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, direct relative of the member or close family friend.** Rotary Camp Enterprise is **March 17 – 19, 2016 at Camp Cedar Glen, Julian.**

**Believe › Achieve › Succeed**

Below *are the steps for you, the nominating Rotarian*, to complete for nomination of your legacy candidate:

**Step 1:** Check with your nominee and nominee’s guardians as to their interest in attending. Share this website for information:

<http://www.sandiegorotary.club/service/camp-enterprise/>

**Step 2:** Confirm nominee can attend the entire duration of Camp in March 2016

**Step 3:** Obtain permission from nominee’s school to miss two days of school.

**Step 4:** Fill out the nominee information form and send to **Jean Young** or **Jackie Meyer** no later than **January 22, 2016**

**Step 5:** Ensure student has ride to our Rotary meeting on Thursday, March 17. (Camp Enterprise Student Chair will confirm nominee’s spot in Camp)

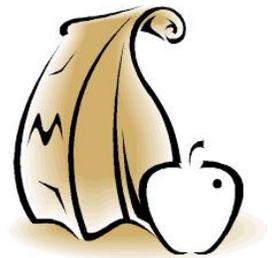
Please complete the information and return the form via mail or email by **January 22, 2016**. If you have questions please contact Jean Young at 619 687-2499 or Jackie Meyer at 619-997-0517.

**\*\*\*COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS ARE E-MAILED TO THE STUDENT IN MID-FEBRUARY\*\*\***

**[CLICK HERE FOR THE NOMINATION SUBMISSION FORM](#)**

## BROWN BAG LUNCHEON 2016—February 25

If you are interested in hosting a Brown Bag lunch for this annual event on February 25, **[CLICK HERE](#)** for the application. Deadline to submit is January 15. This event takes the place of our usual Thursday meeting and is a great opportunity to showcase your business to fellow members. Reimbursement for lunches served will be provided. Please contact **[Diana MarJip-Chuh](#)** with any questions.



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