

Golf, Anyone?



Patti Roscoe
Editor

Every so often we have a program that consists of storyteller after storyteller. Today was one of those days. **President Peter** waxed poetic from the moment he called us to order thru to the flourish of the closing gong. Golf was the topic of the day – and we all know what storytellers golfers are – second only to fishermen. (Apologies to **Bob Fletcher**.) **Darlene Davies** presented a wonderful Inspirational Moment that spoke to failures being opportunities for learning experiences. **Jack Anthony** and **Suzy Spafford** chorused us through the Pledge and *America the Beautiful*. **Mark Burgess** brought us up to date (thanks to this week’s news sponsor **James Buley** of Buley Wealth Management Group), ending with a snappy and acceptable joke. It was great to see **Craig Blower** looking as handsome as ever. Welcome back, Craig. Visitors and SDSU Rotaracts were welcomed. **Paul Nestor** made a quick pitch about our Feb 11th Sweetheart’s Day program. Be sure to contact the office if you will be bringing your sweetheart so we have a good lunch order count. It promises to be a program of song and splendor.

In true spirit of the program, **Marten Barry** described the great time he had at the last golf outing being in a foursome of talented women from SDSU’s golf team. It must be very humbling, being paired with someone who knows an albatross isn’t only a sea bird. Contact Marten for the Feb 26th golf outing.

Thanks to **Jan McDonough** and her Four-Way Test Committee for the fine job they are doing with the kids from Hoover HS. Be sure and read her article to sign-up to help. Kudos to **Phil Blair** for his commitment to helping vets and their spouses circulate back into the work force. Over the past year, more than 50% of the vets introduced have found jobs thru our club. Call Phil if you or anyone you know is looking for an employee who will work hard and is committed to succeed. Among Prez Peter’s golfing friends, he is known as the Silver Propeller – his club flies

farther than the golf ball it is meant to hit. With that, he introduced Club 33’s golfer *par excellence* and all around nice guy, **Tom Wilson**. Tom spent 19 years overseeing the Century Club and as Director of the Farmers Insurance Open. He’s now the USGA 2017 Women’s Amateur Championship Director. A lucky visiting Rotarian from Calgary, Alberta, was feted with a goodie bag from Torrey Pines and the Open. Guest speaker, CBS Sports Analyst and storyteller extraordinaire, Gary McCord, stepped up to the mic and really hit a long ball. He told of his young years in San Gabriel and Escondido.

Gary is a self-professed failure as a professional golfer with 422 tournaments under his belt and nary a win, other than in 1967 in the SoCal Intercollegiate tourney at Torrey Pines. What he lost in trophies, he made up in storytelling, and it does not translate well on the written page. He told of playing in a tournament at Torrey Pines and getting into a shouting—but polite—conversation with a hang glider soaring over the course near the cliffs. The glider invited him to “come glide with me” later. After a brief instruction on the art of gliding and being told they were going to “fly right off that cliff,” Gary walked to the edge, looked down at the beach below, and walked back to his car without a second glance at the flyer or his kite. And then there was the one about ripping his well-worn pants from stem to stern and finishing the round in a loincloth. See ... it just doesn’t translate.

In 1986, Gary was in the right place (observing in one of the golf towers at a tournament) at the right time (during one of the televised rounds), and recognized a rare opportunity. When asked by his play-by-play colleague to “describe the next putt,” he quickly made something up about a downward slope and water hazard.

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Next Meeting

February 4, 2016

Richard Lederer

Author, speaker, and teacher

FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT OUR PRESIDENTS

Union-Tribune history quizmaster and best-selling author Richard Lederer will offer a treasury of insights into the feats, fates, families, foibles, and firsts of our American presidents, including the patterns of their elections.

Paul Harris Fellow Richard Lederer is the author of more than 50 books about language, history, and humor, including his best-selling *An-guished English* series and his current books: *Amazing Words*, *Lederer on Language*, and *Monsters Unchained!*

Dr. Lederer’s syndicated column “Lederer on Language” appears in newspapers and magazines throughout the United States, including the San Diego Union-Tribune, and he is a founding co-host of “A Way With Words” on KPBS Public Radio. He has been named International Punster of the Year and Toastmasters International’s Golden Gavel winner.



Ann Hill
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS

When attending our Thursday meetings, please remember to check in at the registration desk with your badge, even if you are not going to eat. It is important for us to track all attendance. Thank you.

Sodexo Catering will be conducting weekly surveys on their food and service for our Thursday meetings. Please take the time to complete the short survey on your table whenever you attend a program. Your feedback is important to them, as is working with us, to keep the quality of food and service at its best.

BIRTHDAYS

February

Eric Schweinfurter	4
Jenni Prisk	4
Ron Oliver	5
Craig Blower	6
Craig Brown	6
Russ Kirbey	6
Jack Anthony	6

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With all the monitors before him, he hadn't a clue which one he was meant to describe. As fate would have it, he lucked out, made the right call, and his fate was sealed. He is known as an outspoken, sometimes controversial, entertaining, and talented on-air commentator. He had an acting role (as himself) in *Tin Cup* with Kevin Costner, and has written several books: *Golf for Dummies* and *Just A Range Ball In A Box of Titleists*.

CLUB 33 GOLF TOURNAMENT

If you are interested in participating in the next round of the Club 33 Golf Tournament at the San Diego Country Club on **February 26**, please contact [Marten Barry](#) or [Alli Lucas](#) to sign up.



February 11—it's a return to our tradition of a musical Valentine's Day program!

This year's program will feature pianist Bryan Verhoye, renowned guitarist Gregg Nestor and the voices of Brandon Horrocks and the Club 33 Singers. Pat Crowell will entertain us with some of his thoughts about Valentine's day and Suzy Spafford will illustrate live a Valentine featuring Suzy's Zoo characters. There will be a free raffle for a Suzy's illustration, and an additional two lucky Rotarians will win brunch for 2 at the Westgate Hotel, compliments of Richard Cox.

It is a lunch you will truly enjoy, especially if you bring a special sweetheart or two. Please call or email the [Rotary office](#) if you plan to bring a guest to this program.

CALENDAR

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

February

4 - Richard Lederer, Best – selling author

11 - Sweetheart's Musical Program

18—Rady Children's First Pediatric Heart Transplant

25—Brown Bag Luncheon (no meeting at Liberty Station)

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego-La Jolla
Tuesday, February 23
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (MCASD) is the region's foremost forum devoted to the exploration and presentation of the art of our time, presenting works across all media created since 1950. MCASD provides an unprecedented variety of exhibition spaces and experiences for the community, showcasing an internationally recognized collection and a dynamic schedule of exhibitions and public programs. You can also take in the fabulous ocean view from the Edwards Garden Gallery.

Ticket price is \$30. We will have docent guided tours, heavy hors d'oeuvres and adult beverages. More details to follow soon about the exhibits that we will see!

[Click here](#) to register.

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

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MEMBERSHIP

The following applicant was 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 February 10.

- Robyn Sukatski– Clean Earth Restorations - “Restoration Contractor”

NEW YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

The Club Board has spent some time evaluating options for how we can expand our membership with a focus on increasing the number of younger members. Almost every other large club has a special program to attract younger members. We modeled our program after best practices of what has been successful.

The Young Professional program, YoPro for short, doesn't change the requirements to become a member, but does offer flexibility in attendance and some reduced costs. Of most importance it requires that YoPros be involved in committees and club activities. Engagement is a large part of what we expect.

You will hear more details as we further promote the initiative but start thinking about 30-somethings that you could sponsor. Contact the office, review the [membership section on our website](#) or talk with the membership committee leadership—[David Oates](#), [Mary Colaccico](#) or [Jean Young](#)—for more details.

FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST 2016

The Four-Way Test Speech Contest Committee is asking for volunteers to help prepare the Hoover High School Interactors for the upcoming contest. These are great kids that have the courage to write a speech and stand up in front of fabulous, smart and experienced business leaders and speak on a topic that they are interested in talking about.

These kids do not have speech programs in their schools and many of them have had tough upbringings. They hear gun shots at night and witness drug deals outside their homes. In some cases, their parents have been deported. They have survived depression, bullying, and the pressures of high school. But they are brave enough to go through the process of learning how to write a speech, and deliver it in front of a crowd.

The committee would like you to support these kids by doing one or more of the following:

1. **Be a mentor at the pre-contest workshops.** Sit at the tables with the kids – one on one – and help them polish their speeches and give them positive feedback as they practice their speeches during the workshop times on **Fridays at Price Charities from 3 to 5**. Help Divya Kakaiya at High Tech High with her group who are just as nervous, but are courageous enough to go through with the process.
2. **Attend the preliminary Hoover High Contest on Friday, February 19 at 4:00 pm at Price Charities.**
3. **Attend the Club 33 Speech Contest on Monday, February 22 at 6:00 pm at Price Charities.** We'll have 12 speakers – 3 each from Hoover High, High Tech High, St. Augustine and Our Lady of Peace Academy.
4. Finally, **when you make your annual donation to Club 33, you may consider directing all or part of it to the Speech Committee.** Your support will help us to increase the monetary award.

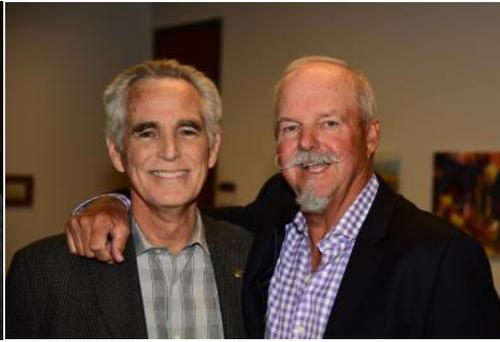
The workshops and contests are held at Price Charities, thanks to the generous donation of Robert Price and the Price family, at 4305 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92105 - 6th Floor meeting room (east side of building) – at Fairmont Blvd. and University Avenue in City Heights. There is ample parking.

Contact Janet McDonough or Jack Berkman for more information.

Janet McDonough – 619-813-8368 janet.mcdonough.law@live.com

Jack Berkman – 619-246-3404 jack@berkmanpr.com

FACES IN OUR CROWD

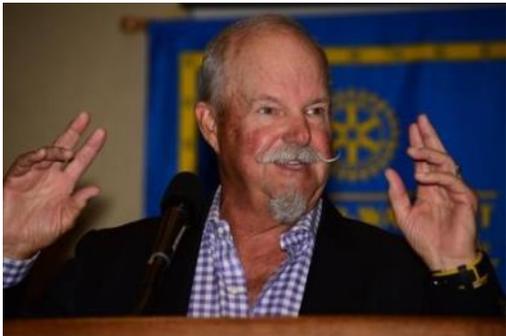


(Left) Phil Blair and our veteran guests from Manpower; (center) Everyone was happy to see Craig Blower's smiling face this afternoon; (right) **Mike Caruso, Mickey Flynn and Pat Crowell** caught up with each other before the program.

Darlene Davies inspired us with a story about failure.



Editor-for-the-Day Patti Roscoe had the challenging task of summarizing today's program.



Guest speaker Gary McCord shared with us the stories of his humble...and hilarious...beginnings in broadcasting.



Gary keep many entertained...including President Peter!