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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

Lunch with the San Diego Humane Society



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No one appreciates the special genius of your conversation as the dog does. Christopher Morley

Today a number of Rotarians met at the San Diego Humane Society for the annual Brown Bag lunch. Fellow Rotarian, **Gary Weitzman** DVM, MPH, CAWA, is the President and CEO of this wonderful organization. Our tour was led by Elkie Wills, the Director of Community Engagements and Partnerships.

Serving San Diego County since 1880, San Diego Humane Society's scope of social responsibility goes beyond adopting animals. San Diego Humane Society offers San Diegans a wide range of programs and services that strengthens the human-animal bond, prevents cruelty and neglect, provides medical care, and educates the community on the humane treatment of animals.

The San Diego Humane Society's Mission is to inspire compassion, and all of us left with such an open heart upon hearing of all the services this organization provides.

They truly embrace community engagement and partnership on a local level. They are also committed to their mission, via national and international efforts. Recently, they assisted with rescuing animals from El Centro, and dogs who were being raised for meat in South Korea. Soon they will take on the challenge of caring for another 700 animals from North Carolina, and in April, another 251 dogs from South Korea. This team is helping organizations that are teaching farmers to use their land for agricultural crops rather than raising dogs for meat.

For San Diego residents, the San Diego Humane Society offers a complete array of services for the entire life span of a pet and its owner, from the puppy/kitten stage (e.g., adoption, micro-chipping, training) to assisting with food, and finally, with helping

owners in the last days of their beloved pet's life. The calendar of events may be found on their [website](#). The following are just some of the programs they offer with the number of people and/or animals helped in 2015:

- Companion animals that found homes: 15,278 (adopted, returned to owners, transferred)
- Admission (e.g., stray, relinquishment): 16,535
- Fostered: 2,816 (increase 488% since 2012)
- Rescued: 8,182
- Wildlife Rescue: 9,510
- Cruelty & Neglect: 1,795
- Kitten Nursery: 3,701 (first in the U.S. and now being replicated across the country)
- Feral Cat Program: 381 (there is a waiting list)
- Behavior & Training: 1,351
- Volunteer Hours given: 400,000
- Number of Veterinarians: 9 – 12 on staff at any given time
- Spay / Neuter: 5,616
- PAWS (owners who are senior, ill, low income, homeless, disabled): 3,784

The San Diego Humane Society's annual budget is \$23 million and 95% of which comes from private donations. We San Diegans love our animals! Some of the upcoming fundraising events include:

- Day of Giving: March 10, 2016 KFMB CBS8, MeTV, Jack-FM and 760-AM
- Fur Ball Gala: August 13, 2016 – A red carpet event for donors and their dogs. Last year, this event raised over \$700,000!

This year, this organization has increased their adoption rate goal by 39.5% and would like to find homes for 16,200 animals. Thank you, Gary, and your entire team! What a tremendous service you provide to our community and others on a national and international level.

Next Meeting

March 3, 2016

Jack Ford

Living in the White House

Even though Jack Ford grew up in Washington, D.C. and had been around politics all his life, he never imagined one day he'd be living in the White House. But that's what happened, and it happened fast. One day, Jack is working as a back-country Ranger in Yellowstone Park and the next he's sitting in the East Room as his father is being sworn in as the 38th President of the United States. From there it only gets crazier: intense media scrutiny for his controversial comments, meetings with world leaders, and socializing with the likes of George Harrison, Andy Warhol, Bianca Jagger and Chris Evert!



Stephanie Saathoff
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS



SAVE THE DATE

ROSTER PHOTOS - MARCH 10 *One date only!*

If you need a photo for our 2016-2017 membership directory or would just like an updated one, a photographer will be available on March 10 starting at 11:30 and again after our meeting at Liberty Station.

Update your contact info for the 2016-17 Membership Directory!

We are currently in the process of putting together the 2016-17 roster. If you have not already done so, please submit any changes to your contact and business information to the Rotary office immediately. The deadline to submit your changes is on **April 4th**. [Click here](#) for the form.

BIRTHDAYS

March

Joe Sammartino	2
Brad Gastineau	3
Mark Burgess	4
Jim Madaffer, Jr.	4
Lisa Carman	6
Gary Gould	6

PROJECT ALLOCATION

2016-2017 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Club's Project Allocation Committee (PAC) has begun accepting 2016-2017 grant applications. To be considered by the PAC for a grant, applications must be completed in all respects and received by the Rotary office via email to mary@rotary33.org no later than **March 18, 2016**.

You can find both the grant application memo and the grant application on our website in the About Us, Member Downloads section. You will find them under **Foundation Downloads**.

<http://www.sandiegorotary.club/about-us/member-information/>

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 March 2:

- LeAnne Stefl - Hub International, Inc. - "Insurance-Strategy and Consulting"
- Doug Taber - Apartment Realty Group - "Real Estate Sales-Apartment Broker"

CALENDAR

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

March

3 *Jack Ford*

10 *California Innocence Project*

17 *Camp Enterprise Kickoff*

24 *St. Patrick's Day Program*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Save the date! Tuesday, April 19
Evans Car Collection
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
More details coming soon!

2016 Peace Award

On September 22, 2016 our club will present its 2nd annual Peace Award and you are invited to submit a nomination for the award. [Click here for the criteria and application form](#). The deadline to submit your nomination is April 30. If you have questions please contact Jenni Prisk at jenni@prisk.com or Jean Young at jyoung@youngcoinc.net.



MEMBERSHIP EVENT

San Diego  **Rotary**
Established 1911

Prospective Member VIP Reception March 24

Who can be a member?

- *Those who are in all levels of management*
- *Those who have a passion for giving back*
- *Those who want to help others professionally and personally*
- *Those who will attend meetings as often as they can*

Share the Gift of Rotary

You and your prospective member are invited to a pre-lunch reception for an opportunity to meet with fellow-Rotarians and Board Members.

Bring one (or more) prospective member!

WHEN: Thursday, March 24, 2016
TIME: 11:15 am **Room:** 202
RSVP: Register on the Club's website event page

<http://www.sandiegorotary.club/event/membership-vip-reception/>

The club will pay for lunch for your guest. Registration is required.

[Click here](#) if you would like a pdf copy of this invite to forward to your guest.

FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH COMMITTEE

The following is the report from the Four Way Speech Contest:

The Hoover High Interact Four Way Speech committee produced 17 impressive speakers at the contest on Friday, February 19. The Speech Committee volunteers showed up in force to support and cheer for the students. Each student presented his or her speech with style and with great courage and had meaningful things to say. The committee is so proud of each and every one of them.

1st Place - **Miguel Sanchez** - \$350.00 - *A Lecture on Syrian Refugees*

2nd Place tie - **Jennifer Bui** - \$250.00 - *Setting Goals*

2nd Place tie - **Dulce Perez** - \$250.00 - *Modern Responses to Social Injustices*

3rd Place **Verenise Martinez** - \$200.00 - *Not a Sad Story*

For their achievements and for completing the six weeks of workshops and presenting their speech, each of the 17 students received from the committee a \$30.00 cash prize, two certificates, and will attend a celebration dinner with the committee. Price Charities also gave each student a \$25.00 gift card. There wasn't a dry eye in the house as the committee was amazed at the achievements of these great kids!

The Club 33 contest was held on **Monday February 22** and 10 speakers from four area high school Interact clubs competed for even bigger prize money. Twenty-one Rotarians showed up for the exciting and motivating event. Several Rotarians commented that it was the most meaningful committee they had ever joined.

1st Place: **Dulce Perez** - \$500.00 - Hoover High - *Modern Responses to Social Injustices* (*She will present her speech at our March 31 meeting*)

2nd Place - **Isabella Pihás** - \$300.00 - High Tech High school - *Dismissal of Young Female Patients*

3rd Place - **Karime Laborin** - \$200.00 - Our Lady of Peace Academy - *The Power of Words*

These students will go on to compete at the **sub-regional contests** next month to be announced in the next week. Mark your calendars for the **District Speech Contest** where the top 6 speakers in the district will compete for **\$3,000, first prize on April 20, 2016 at Liberty Station Conference Center, sponsored by your own Club 33. (Registration will be on the District website)**

Many thanks and accolades go out to the **entire committee of over 25 Rotarians** who presented workshops, mentored the Hoover students one-on-one, worked at the speech contest, and continue to support these great kids who are trying to build skills and succeed in high school and in life.

Questions about the next levels of competition or to help with the committee? Contact [Janet McDonough](#) or [Jack Berkman](#).



2016 BROWN BAG LUNCHEONS

The Art Institute of California, San Diego



NAI San Diego



San Diego Oasis

Jackie Robinson Family YMCA



2016 BROWN BAG LUNCHEONS

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center



Scripps Clinic Anderson Medical Pavilion



Academy Of Our Lady of Peace



2016 BROWN BAG LUNCHEONS

CHP and Caltrans Dispatch Center



STEM COMMITTEE



Students in 3rd-5th grades at Central Elementary School begin a four-session, hands-on life sciences exploration, provided by Ocean Discovery Institute, one of several programs sponsored by our Rotary STEM Initiative. This session focused on the kelp forest and the marine organisms they support.