

Freeing the Innocent



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Editor

A beautiful spring day brought out many Rotarians for a very special speaker and program. **President Peter**, looking relaxed as his Presidential year slips away, opened the meeting by greeting the many guests. **Scott Silverman** inspired us by remembering his much

beloved Rotarian father, Sid Silverman, and his commitment to community activities that he shared with Scott. Sid brought Scott to Rotary and encouraged him to join Club 33. It took many years for that to happen...but, today, Scott had his daughter, Jessica, with him and proudly introduced her as his guest. She is an attorney here in San Diego working on domestic abuse cases. Sid is surely up there somewhere smiling.

Debbie Day led the Pledge and the Club 33 Singers joined her in singing the *Star Spangled Banner*. Masterful pianist, Bryan Verhoye, provided the musical accompaniment. **Stan Lawrence** brought us up to date on the news of the day and did he even say the word 'Trump'? Thanks to **Mike Rowan** of Goodwill Industries for sponsoring the news this week.

Dick Troncone introduced the Cesar Chavez Readers. Eleven dedicated Rotarian members spend time reading with these fifth graders on a regular basis. Today three very composed and articulate students read their notes of thanks to our club for supporting them. They exuberantly described what it was like to go to 5th grade Camp and 'climb REAL rocks'!

Mary Colacicco was next up with news of the March 24th Membership Reception. Think hard and bring someone that would love the gift of Rotary. The meet and greet will be before the belated St Patrick's Day luncheon meeting. (Camp Enterprise will be celebrated on the 17th).

New Member **Nick Ladany** stepped up to

tell us about his love life in how he met his wife...and how a whirlwind global romance led to marriage. His new father-in-law was the one who guided him to Rotary. Nick was destined to be a Rotarian.

Next newest Rotarian is "Cheesehead" **Tim Riley**...he has ownership in the Green Bay Packers, is a San Diego attorney, and has learned that 'actions speak louder than words'. Welcome to our club that thrives on action...though we talk a lot, too.

Our Chair of the Day, retired **Judge Bill Wise**, found a visiting Wisconsin Rotarian. He awarded her some fascinating books on the criminal justice system in America. Bill is well versed in these subjects. He has seen all aspects of law, starting as a criminal defense attorney 50 years ago.

Today he introduced our speaker, Professor Justin Brooks, Director of the California Innocence Project. In a succinct and clear presentation, he discussed the multitudes of reasons that innocent people find their way into prison. There are problems with procedure, false testimony, witnesses that are inaccurate due to fear, confusion, alcohol and other substance abuses, and government misconduct. One of the most troublesome issues regards cross cultural/racial identification. There are 10 million profiles now in the national data bank which can help exonerate some of those wrongfully imprisoned, but the tragedy is the wasted years that can never be recovered. Many of these innocent people have been incarcerated so long that reentry into society is highly distressing. After so many years of confinement, where no choices were offered, freedom leads to despair in recognizing they no longer understand the societal changes and technological advances that have happened so quickly. It must feel like being dropped onto another planet.

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Next Meeting

March 17, 2016

2016 Camp Enterprise
Guest speaker:
Jeremy Poincenot

This is our club's 41st year of bringing high school juniors to camp where they learn about the Free Enterprise System!

The camp provides an important learning environment for students to gain leadership skills and experience team building. Students come away with a greater awareness of their possibilities. Camp Enterprise is truly a life changing and transformative experience.

This year's keynote speaker is Jeremy Poincenot, a world champion athlete who has overcome adversity and found a positive outcome to life's challenges. Jeremy will inspire all of us with his life story.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Jeremy.



Don Teemsma
Chair of the Day

ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 30



More details on this year's projects will be coming soon

QUICK BITS



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.

Club 33 Fishing Trip



Our next fishing trip has been set for September 12-14 aboard the Searcher. Reserve your spot now! [Click here](#) for more details.

BIRTHDAYS

March

Jere With	14
Art Rivkin	15
Lyle Butler	17
Mickey Flynn	18
Massey Pitts	19
John Hawkins	19

Freeing the Innocent continued

This meeting was sobering, heartbreaking and profoundly emotional in many ways. It also raises the distressing topic of capital punishment and the possibilities of executing the innocent. Seeing the [video](#) of a man released from prison meeting his young son for the first time in nearly a decade could not have been more poignant.

Professor Brooks has dedicated his career to finding and helping those who have, through tragic circumstances, been placed behind bars incorrectly. When factual evidence of innocence is discovered by his team, he starts the long and stressful years of legal maneuvering to try to bring these people home again. California is truly lucky to have him. His sense of humanity, compassion and perseverance are awe inspiring.

PROJECT ALLOCATION

2016-2017 GRANT APPLICATIONS

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS MARCH 18

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/>

CALENDAR

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

March

17 Camp Enterprise Kickoff

24 St. Patrick's Day Program

31 TBD

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.



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

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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.

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest members to the club:



Tim Riley (left) with Bill Wise.



(From the left) Joan Friedenberg, Nick Ladany, and his wife Randa Ladany.

Tim Riley “Law-Trusts and Estates, Additional Active.”

Tim is a Senior Attorney with Hughes & Pizzuto, APC specializing in estate planning, probate and trust law.

He received both his undergraduate and law degree from the University of Wisconsin. He has been practicing law here in San Diego since 1986.

Tim enjoys hiking (he hiked the southern portion of the Appalachian Trail,) fishing (especially in the Canadian wilderness,) camping and softball.

Bill Wise, Dick Eger and Sam Carpenter were his sponsors.

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Nick Ladany, Ph.D. “Education-Private University-Leadership and Education Sciences.”

Nick is the Dean of the School of Leadership and Education Sciences at the USD which consists of four academic departments and 12 Institutes and Centers, over 800 doctoral, master’s and undergraduate students, and over 50 faculty, staff and administrators.

He enjoys creative writing, movies, hiking, and Bocce Ball with his wife Randa and their three daughters Nisrine, Mona and Farah.

Joan Friedenberg, Mary Colacicco and Dick Murphy were his sponsors.

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FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

Below is the information on the next level of competition, the “sub-regionals,” for the winners of our speech contest. Please come and support our club winners!

Tuesday, **March 15 at noon** – at the Old Mission Rotary Club in Mission Valley.

Isabella Pihás from High Tech High will compete with a total of seven students.

Thursday, **March 17 at 6:55 am** – at the La Jolla Sunrise Rotary Club at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club.

Dulce Perez from Hoover High will compete with a total of six students. Dulce finished 3rd in the district competition last year.

Thursday evening, **March 24 at 6:30 pm** – at Carlsbad Rotary Club at Hilton Garden Inn

Karime Laboria from Our Lady of Peace Academy will compete against seven other students.

Contact [Janet McDonough](#) or [Jack Berkman](#) for more details or if you have any questions.

FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) SDSU Rotaracts helped to sell Camp Enterprise t-shirts; (right) Club 33 Singers in preparation for their pre-meeting performance.



(Left) the Club 33 Singers entertained us with Irish-themed songs in celebration of St. Patrick' Day; (right) Scott Silverman told us he was inspired to join the club by his father, the late Sid Silverman.



Students from Cesar Chavez Elementary came to say "thank you" to Club 33 members for their support.



(Left) Chair of the Day Bill Wise introduced our guest speaker Justin Brooks; (right) Justin spoke of a few of the clients his organization was able to help exonerate.

STEM

At least 100 families enjoyed a great Family Science Night at Hamilton Elementary School last week, sponsored by Club 33 and with physics-themed interactive stations provided by the Fleet Science Center. In addition to our own volunteers, we were strengthened by help from Past District Governor Louise Andres and Rotaracts from the SDSU, City Heights, and Downtown San Diego clubs!

