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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

Rotarians' Eyes Are Smiling!



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Editor

Never let a little thing like the 41st Camp Enterprise program--the BEST CAMP EVER, according to **President Peter**--get in the way of St. Patrick's Day. So like a good club, we just put it off a week. HUGE kudos to Camp Enterprise chairperson **Don Teemsma** and all

that participated in this amazing, long standing initiative. More on that in a sec.

Steve Hubbard kicked off our meeting by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of *God Bless America*. **Mark Burgess**, website marketer extraordinaire, then presented and also sponsored the news of the day. Both quickly gave way to **Jackie Meyer**, who gave an emotional and poignant recounting of one amazing story from last weekend's camp. One girl, we'll call her "Jennifer," stood tall in front of about 120 Rotarians and fellow students — none of whom she knew just 24 hours prior — to demonstrate her Speed Art talent. It was only after she was finished that we learned her whole story. Up until Camp, she never ventured outside her trailer park home as she struggles with overcoming the psychological trauma that comes with being a survivor of human trafficking. Her story touched everyone that night who greeted her courage with a loud, boisterous and loving standing ovation. If you ever wanted to see how your volunteer and monetary contributions to San Diego Rotary makes a difference, go talk to someone who was at Camp that day. I promise you it will strike a chord!

Peter then returned to the podium to welcome all our guests, many of whom attended the prospective membership VIP reception just prior to the meeting. It was a terrific turnout and thanks to all who helped out, particularly co-chairs **Jean Young** and **Mary Colacicco**. Our ever-present SDSU Rotaracts were also recognized, and deservedly so. Shout out to SDSU Rotaract President Zack Albrecht who emceed the

entire Camp, by the way! **Jenni Prisk** then called for nominations for the annual San Diego Rotary Peace Award, now in its second year. If you know of an organization doing good in the name of peace, consider making an application in their name. It comes with a cash prize and commitment by our Peace Committee to do service work on their behalf. You can find the Peace nomination form [here](#).

Next, our own **Jim Wynkoop** talked to us about getting our colons checked. Yeah, I know, it wasn't the most comfortable conversation during lunch. But consider this, colon cancer victims have only a 10 percent chance of survival if symptoms appear. However, if the cancer is detected before symptoms become apparent, there's a 90 percent survival rate. If you're over 50, go get checked. Following him was **Julia Brown** who took a fine along with **Patti Roscoe**, **Nikki Clay** and **Joyce Gattas**, to let us know of a joint initiative by the San Diego Symphony and San Diego State University's Wind Ensemble for a concert on April 15. Sponsorship opportunities are also available to help cover the ticket costs for students between the 7th and 12th grades. Find out more at San Diego Symphony's website.

All the above led us up to the celebration of all things Irish. Patti Roscoe, our illustrious Chair of the Day (and according to Peter, a past drag racing champion), kicked things off with a stellar two-person bagpipe ensemble and three-person youth Irish dance routine that made my own knees feel like jello. Dr. Michael LaMar, retired board certified physician and amateur Irish historian, gave us the Reader's Digest Condensed version of the history of Ireland. Suffice it to say, it was a violent, tumultuous and oppressive past. Things didn't calm down until the U.S.-brokered peace in 1998 that, thanks to political and economic pressures along with the occasional glass of Guinness and Jameson,

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Next Meeting

March 31, 2016

Chris Sichel
President and CEO
Make-A-Wish
San Diego

The Power of a Wish: Why Hope, Strength and Joy matter in life's greatest battles.

Make-A-Wish began humbly in 1980, when a group of kind hearted police officers made a very sick boy a "cop for a day." This act of kindness began with a small community who came together to make a difference for a child when he needed it most. From that community sprung a movement that now reaches across the nation and the globe that seeks to grant a wish to every child battling a life-threatening illness.

Chris Sichel will discuss the inspiring ways that a wish can truly change a child, a family and a community. Medicine can heal a child's body, but a life-affirming wish can heal their spirit.



President Peter Duncan
Chair of the Day

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.

The **SMALL CLUB JOINT VENTURE COMMITTEE** wants to remind you to consider doing your meeting makeups with the **Southeast San Diego Rotary Club**. They meet on Wednesdays at noon at the Jacobs Center in the Community Meeting Room. Their address is 404 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, 92114. Their lunch cost is \$15. For catering purposes, please contact Diane Crawford at sesdrotary@yahoo.com the day before you plan to attend.

BIRTHDAYS

March

Frank Pavel	29
Chris Powers	30
Gayle Hom	30
Christina Gustin	31
Chuck Duddles	31

April

B.J. Williams	1
Andrea da Rosa	1
Bill McColl	2
Joe Watkins	3

Rotarians' Eyes Are Smiling Continued

have created a stable atmosphere for nearly two decades. Let's hope that continues.

Wrapping things up was Retired U.S. Marine Corps Brigadier General Mike Neal, who along with other proud Irishmen in the crowd, belted out their rendition of "Ireland, My Ireland." If you want to know the lyrics, well...ask someone who's over the age of 18 and make sure you're not in mixed company.

Truly a fun time was had by all! It was an enjoyable session to celebrate the Irish in all of us. I was glad to see as many of you as I could and look forward to doing so again in service!

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 April 6.

- Anthony Pretto- "Swap Meets, Additional Active"

BEQUEST SOCIETY

Please remember to update your estate with the bequest going to our Foundation. Sample language can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Paul](#).

CALENDAR

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

March

31 Chris Sichel, President & CEO, Make-A-Wish Foundation

April

7 Jeff Kightlinger, GM, Metropolitan Water District of Southern CA

14 Rick Baldrige, President & COO, ViaSat

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Save the date for these upcoming Grotarian events!

Tuesday, April 19
Evans Car Collection
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

[Click here](#) for event details and to register.

Tuesday, May 17
Barnes Tennis Center
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
[Click here](#) for event details and to register.

Wednesday, June 22
California Tower at The Museum of Man
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
[Click here](#) for event details and to register.

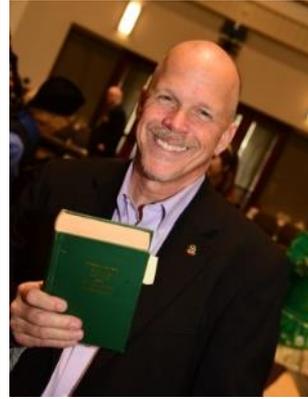
Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106

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FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left and center): Dancers from the Rose-Ritchie Irish Dance Academy in El Cajon amazed us with their footwork; (right) President Peter brought along his book “Songs of Ireland and Other Lands” from which he shared some blessings in his best Irish accent, no less.



Bagpipers Charlie Rosenberger and Kathleen Mars.



(Left) Guest speaker Dr. Michael LaMar and Chair of the Day Patti Roscoe; (center) **Newt Pollock** got into the Irish spirit; (right) Brigadier General Mike Neil along with Mike LaMar sang their traditional bawdy song “When Ireland Was Ireland.”



In keeping with the Irish theme of the meeting, President Peter agreed to nominate Past President **Chuck Pretto** for District Governor if he donned the Irish hat and wig. Being the good sport that he is, Chuck did just that. Many seconded Peter’s motion to nominate him. Good luck, Chuck!

ROTARIANS AT WORK IN TECATE

Club 33 members joined the Rotary Club of Tecate for a joint monthly work day on March 19 at the School of El Polvorin located in Valle de la Palmas, Tecate. Thank you to members **Pat Crowell, John Reid, Dick Jackson** and **Norbert Sanders** for participating. Rotarians and students celebrated the school's new dining hall.



RI FOUNDATION/MICROCREDIT COMMITTEE

With contributions from Club 33 during Past President Chuck's year, the Gulu, Uganda Rotary Club has manufactured 500 solar cookers under the leadership of Geoffrey Okello, and has begun distributing them with the help of Rotaractors from Gulu University. Gulu Rotary Past President Oling Dan Derricks is heading up the evaluation team, using an online evaluation survey developed by Solar Cookers International.

Walter Lam and I will travel to Africa in April to get a first-hand look at how our projects are progressing, and to attend the Rotary District 9212 Conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Roger Haines
RI Foundation Committee Co-Chair



MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On Tuesday, March 22, several MAC members served breakfast and lunch to more than 250 Marines and other military personnel at the Lindbergh Field USO. Most of the Marines were returning from ten days of leave following their graduation from Boot Camp at MCRD. They were headed for additional training and arrived hungry before being loaded onto buses that took them to their new duty stations.

Chaired by **Kate Carinder**, MAC members **Penny Robbins**, **Rick Huenefeld**, **Jim Fitzpatrick**, **Ricardo Da Rosa**, **Claudia Obertreis**, **Diana Marjip-Chuh** and **Peg Eddy** helped with this “Feeding the Heroes” event. President Peter Duncan came mid-morning and was quickly given a spatula to help with the barbecuing.

The photos captured the positive spirit of this volunteer activity. The military personnel were so appreciative of our serving them and the food was a big hit. A big shout out to MAC member, **Kathy Koenig** of Culinary Concepts who generously buys the food products at wholesale and donates a great deal of it for the barbecues.

MAC is once again proving that Service Above Self generates great rewards!

