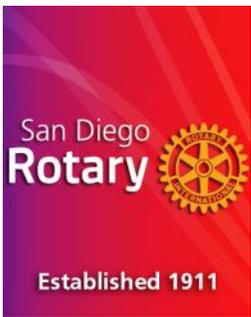


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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

Music to Our Ears!



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Editor

Did you hear the ticking today? It's the Club 33 clock counting down the final minutes of President **Peter Duncan's** year. I know his year ends with a roast which acknowledges, through sharp witted humor, the great job

Peter has done at the helm of our club. But this is my last Rotator for his year and I want to say kudos to you, Peter, for an incredible job in this challenging position. It has been a pleasure to serve on your board and to periodically write up your meetings. But now, get ready for a little roasting in a couple of short weeks.

Peter called his second-to-last meeting to order with a technically perfect bell ring (the key of which our amazing performer recognized immediately.) **Larry Kuntz** inspired us by suggesting we look around the room at the inspiring people in our own club. The Pledge and *America the Beautiful* were led by **Brandon Horrocks** with accompaniment by our own virtuoso **Larry Showley**. Today's news was sponsored by **Nancy Laturno-Bojanic** and Mainly Mozart and read ably by **Mark Burgess**.

Peter welcomed guests and the lone SDSU Rotaract, Jordan Maharaj. Congratulations to President-elect Nominee **Suzy Spafford** whose characters were honored in a flower exhibit at the Del Mar Fair. Please help **Bill Earley** get home to his wonderful wife and daughter. Bill has been locked up for quite some time for a Red Cross fundraiser and needs just \$7,500 for his freedom. Do miracles still happen in baseball? Our own **Steve Hubbard** is singing the national anthem at the Padres game tonight and Peter hopes this just might inspire a win or two! Yours truly plugged the Rotator Committee that is always looking for a few good editors.

So if you're interested, give me a call.

Ed Hearn was presented with a Presidential Citation for the Interact Club of Saint Augustine High School for their outstanding efforts in giving to communities and being a gift to the world by demonstrating an exemplary level of fellowship and service in 2015-2016. Jackson Design & Remodeling's **Jim Groen** left with his wallet \$350 lighter for plugging their new 9000 square foot Home Expressions by JDR and its open house this Saturday.

With the day's business complete, Peter introduced our Chair of the Day, **Nancy Laturno Bojanic**. Did you know she was a competitive roller skater in high school and dealt blackjack at Harrah's Reno Casino between college semesters? Nancy faced the rather rare day when we had no visiting Rotarians, so an intern with John Morrell's firm, Higgs, Fletcher & Mack, received cool Mainly Mozart gifts. Nancy then introduced guest speaker Gary McPherson, Ph.D., Ormond Professor and Director of the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music in Australia. Gary asked for our patience as "American" is his third language after Australian and English.

Gary studies giftedness: the characteristics and development of people who have an unusually high potential for greatness, and focused today on musical prodigies. These amazingly gifted children exhibit unbelievable talent at the earliest ages. Pianist Tiffany Poon began playing at age 3 by banging on a toy piano in time to the music while listening to a recording of lively classical music. She used an aural learning style (self-taught by ear) while listening to CDs. Prodigies like Tiffany are perhaps one in a million or one in ten million.

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Next Meeting

June 23, 2016

Dr. Ramon Resa

Pediatrician, Author & Inspirational Speaker

From Farmworker to Pediatrician

Dr. Ramon Resa was born to a teen mother who had five children before she was twenty. He has never known his father. He was raised by his grandparents in a farm working family with fifteen children. Their lives depended on the crops they picked year round. When the crops failed, they did without, and many times went hungry.

His world was one of poverty, neglect, abuse, and total disregard for education. The odds stacked against him—low self-esteem, a speech impediment, recurring depression, and prejudice—were overwhelming.

It was his second and fourth grade teachers who saw something in him and opened his eyes to the idea of going to college and becoming a doctor. Armed only with his stubborn belief in himself and the love and support of his college sweetheart Debbie, now his wife of more than 30 years, he persisted and finished medical school. He returned to the Central Valley and opened his pediatric practice, where he has been working with poor and under served children, and inspires and encourages them to reach for their dreams.



President Peter Duncan
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS

COMMITTEE SIGN-UPS for the 2016-2017 Rotary year has begun.

[Click here](#) for the form.

Please sign up NOW!

Program Cost

In our recent member survey, you gave very high marks to the staff and experience at Liberty Station. The satisfaction level with the lunch increased, and there was a significant increase in the satisfaction with the service and amenities. We have negotiated a multi-year agreement to remain here into the foreseeable future. **Effective July 1, for those of you that eat, there will be a 3.2% increase which equates to a \$1 per lunch increase.**

Also, as we have mentioned, the weekly cost for us is more than just the food cost for lunch. It includes the room rental, A/V, meeting rooms, etc. (Parking is free!) We surveyed the non-eaters who sit at the beverage only tables or in the seats in back. By a more than 10:1 margin, these members agreed that it is fair that they share the cost of the attendance. **Therefore, effective July 1, there will be a \$5 charge per meeting for non-eaters.**

BIRTHDAYS

June

Chris Rink	21
Laura Wills Ochoa	22
Larry Clapper	24
Judy Forrester	26
Bill McKenzie, Jr.	26

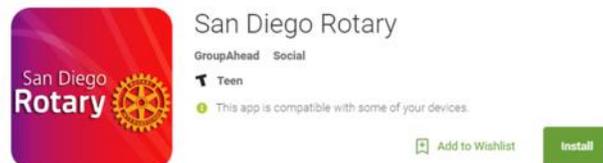
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Key natural ability mental aspects of prodigies include great memory, intellect, creativity, social skills and perception. Superior muscular and motor skills and having perfect pitch are also key. Also key are having the right environment and in-trapersonal cultivating relationships. Finally, a catalyst is typical such as Tiffany's toy piano and for our performer, 12-year-old and very poised Gavin George, a DVD of a concert violinist which he frequently watched.

Describing what then followed is beyond the literary skills of your editor. Gavin wowed the crowd with impeccably performed music he played for a delighted audience. His works included Rachmaninoff's Prelude in G Minor, and a spectacular piece in three movements from Robert Schumann's work titled Carnival, Opus 9. When asked what his goals were, he paused thoughtfully before replying, "To be a concert pianist, and to be the best that I can be." As they say, "you had to have been there." Bravo!

New App Available

Be sure to download our new San Diego Rotary app on your phone and tablet from the App Store or Google Play. Just search "San Diego Rotary" in the store. The app will make it much easier to access information and keep up-to-date on what is happening in the club.



CALENDAR

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

June

23 *Dr. Ramon Resa*

30 *President's Roast*

July

7 *DARK*

14 *Change of Command Ceremony and San Diego Padres Panel*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Friday, July 22
Marine Recruit Graduation
Time: 7:00 am - 11:30 am
Cost: FREE

This will be a full-on Marine Corps experience and guaranteed to be an inspiring event!

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Tuesday, September 13
Annual Grotarian Poolside Chat
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Cost: FREE

Red Badgers! Please come and learn more about Club 33 and our committees as we enjoy President John Morrell's delicious Pozole by the pool.

[Click here](#) for more information 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) 12-year-old piano prodigy Gavin George amazed us with his talent; (right) President Peter with Chair of the Day Nancy Laturno Bojanic, Gavin George and guest speaker Dr. Gary McPherson.



(Left) Ed Hearn received a Presidential Citation for outstanding work by his St. Augustine Interact Club; (center) Jim Groen promoted his company's upcoming event; (right) the day's editor, Andy Liska, tried to recruit more editors for the upcoming new Rotary year.



(Left) New member **Patricia Hodgkin**; (center) John Morrell treated his intern to lunch; (right) **Amnon Ben-Yehuda, Gary Nelson, Ed Misiraca, Sue Rehm, Daryl Ferguson** and **Judy McDonald** joined us for the day.