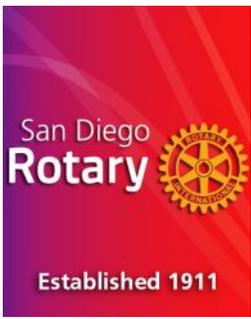


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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB



Inspiration Is In The Air



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It was impossible to walk out of today's Rotary meeting and *not* feel inspired. To begin, the inspired man himself, **President Peter**, kicked off his penultimate meeting as prez with a hearty ringing of the bell. **Joe Zakowski** then led us in the Pledge and the singing of *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, accompanied by **Larry Showley**.

Next came the Inspirational Moment, delivered by a special guest, Hoover High 'Cardinal' Interact Brandon Pintor. Before joining the Interact program, he had a 1.5 GPA, surrounded himself with "the wrong people," and found himself suspended from school. His turning point came when he heard his mother crying on the phone, saying that her hard work taking care of the family wasn't enough. That's when Brandon joined the Interact program. With the help and support of the Cardinal staff, Brandon graduated with a 4.1 GPA. He will be the first in his family to go to college with an almost full ride to UC Davis. Brandon ended his speech by thanking his mom who was with us in the audience, the one person who never gave up on him.

After the rousing applause died down, District Governor Janice Kurth presented awards to two of our own inspiring members. **David Oates** received the District Membership Development Award, and **Jackie Meyer** was presented with the Rotary International Club Builder Award. Congrats to both of you—and well-deserved!

Continuing on with the theme of inspiration, we also learned about two new recognition awards for our club: the **James H. Hughes** Rotary Cogs Donor Society, and the **Michelle Candland** Platinum Donor Society, in honor of their generous donations and continued support and commitment to the club over the years. Both of these outstanding individuals then took to the stage to inspire us all with the reasons they chose to give back to our club.

After President Peter introduced a few other guests, he then turned to a bit of

"fining" business. This time it was **Tracy Sundlun**, who was on the hook for \$500. Turns out that Tracy, recently named one of the Fathers of the Year by the American Diabetes Association, failed to mention Rotary during his recognition, or to wear his pin in the photos (tsk, tsk, Tracy.)

Next, we got to meet our club's newest YoPros (all six of them!), including **Ginger Shulick Porcella**, **Patrick Noonan**, **Kimberly Higgins**, **Daniel Amaro**, **Nick Bernal**, and **Anthony Pretto**. Anthony, of course, is the son of Past President **Chuck Pretto**, who took to the podium after Anthony's introduction to present him with his first Paul Harris Fellowship.

But the introductions weren't over yet. We also got to meet two other new members: **Dr. Janette Gray**, and **Laura Wills Ochoa** (who finally made it to her induction after an ankle break kept her from officially joining us for nearly a year!).

After all of this, how could we possibly feel any more inspired? Easy. Because President Peter then introduced our speaker, Dr. Ramon Resa.

Dr. Resa's story is one of resilience. From the very beginning, when he and his four siblings were given away to his grandmother and her family of 15, he was told that he could never be anything but a farmer. And he believed it.

Grade school proved to be a turning point for Dr. Resa. Though he didn't speak English well, developed a stammer, and wasn't able to bathe, two of his grade school teachers saw something in him and sparked the idea that he could go to college. This inspired him to work as hard as he could, eventually becoming the best student in his class.

The desire to attend college only burned brighter when Dr. Resa got to high school, but so many people (including his own family and high school counselor) told him he would fail that he nearly quit trying. But he kept on going, thanks to a few supportive friends and another very helpful teacher.

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Next Meeting

June 30, 2016

Annual President's Roast

BREAKING NEWS!

Women out of Rotary! Rotaractors up for Academy Awards! It's a bird, it's a plane...NO, it's President Peter's Roast!



You won't want to miss the best program of the year. Be there for the inside scoop, side splitting laughs and a send-off for the ages!



Michelle Candland
Roast Chair

COMMITTEE SIGN-UPS

for the
2016-2017 Rotary year
has begun.

[Click here](#) for the form.

Please sign up NOW!

QUICK BITS

New Program Costs

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
John Zygowicz	27
Bruce Knowlton	27
Phil Gildred, Jr.	27
Emile Misiraca	28
John Driscoll	29
Joe Craver	29
Vin Ciruzzi	30
Mike Murphy	30

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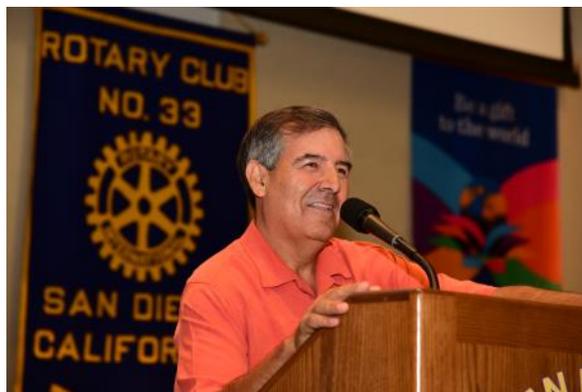
He moved out of his home and got a job as a janitor. He worked hard with his tutors, getting accepted to UC Santa Cruz where he met Debbie, who would become his wife of 40 years.

Watching how poorly his family had been treated by the medical community throughout their lives inspired Dr. Resa to be a doctor. This desire, combined with a lot of hard work, led him to get his medical degree at UC Irvine, and then complete his internship in pediatrics at UCSF Fresno.

After completing school, Dr. Resa secured a loan, started by Rotarians, and started his own practice. (He soon joined, and eventually became president of, his Rotary club.) Today, he continues to take care of poor and underserved kids. He credits Rotary with much of his success, including the chance to write his book, and a documentary about his life is currently underway. And although today is about helping kids who remind him of who he used to be, he thanks Rotary for giving him the voice of who he is today.

With our time almost up, President Peter thanked our speaker, and then took a few moments to appreciate a few people in our club who have played a significant role in his year. These included the board members, the chairs of our club's 62 committees, **Greg Zinser**, and his wife S.L. He then rang the bell for the last time to adjourn the meeting, bringing what could only be described as an inspiring, Malbec-filled year to a close (a close after next week's roast, that is!).

[Click here](#) if you would like to view the trailer for Dr. Resa's documentary.



Guest speaker Dr. Ramon Resa

CALENDAR

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

June

30 *President's Roast*

July

7 *DARK*

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

21 *Zoo Centennial*

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.

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MEMBERSHIP



Welcome to our newest Young Professionals or “YoPro” members (from left to right):

Kimberly Higgins - “Financial Advisor, Additional Active” - Kimberly is the Vice President of Higgins Capital Management, Inc. Her sponsors were **Ray Higgins, Terry Moore** and **Ron Eisenberg**.
Contact info: kimberly@higginscapital.com Business phone: 800-716-6510

Anthony Pretto - “Swap Meets, Additional Active” - Anthony is the Operations Manager for The Kobey Corporation. His sponsors were **Chuck Pretto, Jim Hughes** and **Tom Vecchione**.
Contact info: apretto@kobeys.com Business phone: 619-523-2700

Nick Bernal - “Parking Management” - Nick is the sole owner of Preferred Valet Parking. His sponsors were **David Oates, Michael Anderson** and **Jean Young** Contact info: nick@preferredvaletparking.com
Business phone: 619-233-7275

Daniel Amaro - “Document Management Solutions” - Dan is the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Klarinet Solutions, an IT consulting and document management firm. His sponsors were **Lewis Linson, Tom Gable** and **David Oates**. Contact info: damaro@klarinetsolutions.com Business phone: 619-757-0530

Ginger Shulick Porcella - “Museum-San Diego Art Institute” - Ginger is the Executive Director for the San Diego Art Institute. Her sponsors were **Micah Parzen, Jackie Meyer** and **David Oates**. Contact info: director@sandiego-art.org
Business phone: 619-236-0011

Patrick Noonan - “Law-Litigation Practice, Additional Active” - Patrick is a Litigation Associate with Boss Law Firm, APLC. His sponsors were **Jean Young, Greg Noonan** and **David Oates**. Contact info: pnoonan@bosslawfirm.com
Business phone: 619-234-1776

MEMBERSHIP *continued*

Please welcome our newest members to the club:



Janette Gray, M.D. - "Medicine-Health and Wellbeing." Janette is the Founder and CEO of the Center for Health & Wellbeing. She attended medical school at the University of California, San Francisco and completed her residency at UCSD. She is a licensed internist and practices "Integrative Medicine," emphasizing prevention and embracing both conventional and holistic treatment options. Her sister is fellow Club 33 member Maureen Gray. Her favorite thing to do on the weekend is to hang out with friends and family out on the deck drinking a cold beer.

Her sponsors were **Maureen Gray, Karen Cebberos** and **Judy Thompson**.
Contact info: jjgraymd@hotmail.com Business: 619-814-5500



Laura Wills Ochoa - "Retired-Communications-Services." Laura is retired from the telecommunications industry where she was a Senior Marketing Manager with AT&T for 25 years. She now spends her time mentoring 2 foster boys, reading poetry, biking, swimming, and doing Pilates. Laura also does substitute teaching for San Diego Unified and sells residential real estate in Downtown San Diego. Her sponsors were **Penny Robbins, Ignacio de la Torre** and **Jack Berkman**.

Contact info: lw3251@yahoo.com

FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) The best greeters in the world; (right) **Ray Uzeta** joined us for lunch today.



(Left) Hoover High graduate and Cardinals Interact Brandon Pintor with his mom; (center) Brandon shared his graduation speech with us and brought many to tears with his inspiring story; (right) Brandon with Dr. Resa.

FACES IN OUR CROWD *continued*



(Left) Jackie Meyer and (right) David Oates both received recognition awards for their contributions to the club, presented by District Governor Janice Kurth and SDSU Rotract Jordan Maharaj.



(Left) Greg Noonan gives his son, new YoPro member Patrick Noonan, his membership pin; (right) Past President Chuck surprises his son, also a new YoPro club member, with his first Paul Harris Fellow.



(Left) Congrats to Tracy Sundlun for winning the Father of the Year Award by the American Diabetes Association.



(Left) President Peter recognized his beautiful wife, SL, in the audience and thanked her for her support and patience this past year; (right) the Prez adjourns his last meeting of the year.



MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Members of the Military Affairs Committee participated in the “Feed our Heroes” program at the Lindbergh Field USO on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. The MAC volunteers served more than 245 military personnel and their families, including about 220 Marines just returning to San Diego after their ten days of leave following Boot Camp graduation. Breakfast and lunch was served. Thanks to **Penny Robbins** and her daughter Claire, **Kate Carinder**, **Jim Fitzpatrick**, **Claudia Obertreis**, **David Oates**, **Woody Woodcock**, **Deirdre Maloney**, **Doug Taber** and **Bink Cook**. Outgoing chair and co-chair, **Peg Eddy** and **Rick Huenefeld** were proud to see how well-organized were Kate and Penny, the two incoming MAC co-chairs. Bobby Woods, the Director of the airport USO, sent a wonderful thank you: “Great job yesterday! We are always thankful to have your great team of Rotarians here quarterly as part of Feed our Heroes Program. You make a world of difference in helping USO San Diego with our mission.” Special thanks to Rotarian **Kathy Koenig** of Culinary Concepts who had her team deliver the food along with huge chocolate chip cookies!



GROTARIAN COMMITTEE

It was a beautiful evening for a Grotarian event at the California Tower in Balboa Park on Wednesday, June 22. The climb to the top was worth the amazing view!

