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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

The History of our Finest City

Next Meeting



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Editor

It was a hot and steamy afternoon as Club 33 braced itself for yet another new president. Soon, **John Morrell**, barrister extraordinaire, called the club to order, at which time all past presidents set their watch timers for 1:30 PM.

Could he do it?! As one of his first acts, President John introduced the Inspirational Moment by giving presenter **Frank Caperino** a “Hollywood name” – *Ralph Hoboken* – a combination of Frank’s middle name and birthplace. I think we can expect more introductions like this!

Steve Hubbard, accompanied by **Suzy Spafford**, sang a solo *God Bless America*. It was to be Steve’s final solo at Club 33. Steve and Lee Ann will be moving to North Carolina. Farewell gifts were presented by **Chuck Pretto** and **Bob Russell**, including a Rotary hunting blaze cap and hunting vest. The back of the vest was emblazoned with a bull’s-eye. (Nice going, guys.) Steve told this editor he fully intends to join a club in his new home, will continue to do service projects, and will lead his new Rotary club in song. *You will be missed, dear friend.*

Mark Burgess presented the news sponsored by **David Oates** of Stalwart Communications, ending with a history witticism that almost worked. What we know will work is our refreshed Club 33 website.

Marlee Ehrenfeld gave us a sneak preview of the “*We Are Everywhere*” theme. Watch for its launch soon. *Thanks*, Marlee, to you and your team, for the many volunteer hours contributed to this project.

Hoover HS Interact Committee Chair, **Mia Harenski**, reported this year’s class had a 78% graduation rate with a high percentage of students going on to college. Thanks to Price Philanthropy and other donors,

scholarships of over \$530,000 will help students with their education. Mia introduced the incoming class that was 50 strong. It was a great looking group of young people. Moving the program along, new members **Ginny Ollis** and **Bill Lawrence** introduced themselves to the club.

COD, **Tom Fetter**, board member of the San Diego History Center (SDHC), was described by President John as a “force of nature.” Video clips of Johnny Carson and Joan Embery showed us why. Tom gave a visiting Rotarian from Japan a book of car wash tickets and SD history book. Tom then reintroduced Bill Lawrence, Executive Director, of SDHC. With an 87-year legacy, the SDHC (formerly The SD Historical Society), tells the diverse story of our region – past, present and future – educates and enriches our community, preserves our history, and fosters civic pride. Bill, along with Marketing Director, Matt Schiff, and Interpretive Specialist, Sarah Matteson, enlightened us with more San Diego history.

- In 1542, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, a *Spaniard*, sailed into our bay and named the area San Miguel. It wasn’t until 1602 when a Basque explorer sailed into our bay that its name was changed to San Diego.
- In 1769, Father Junipero Serra founded the first of nine missions in California, built on the Presidio above today’s Old Town. In 1774, the structure was moved to a more protected area at its current Mission Valley site.
- George Marston eventually built a replica of the original mission and named it the Serra Museum. It is now operated by the SDHC.
- In 1940, 95% of all tuna was canned in SD. *continued on page 2*

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San Diego Youth Symphony’s International Youth Symphony

They are returning to Club 33 for an encore performance!

Every summer, this unique three-week orchestral program brings together gifted conservatory musicians from around the world to play with exceptional SDYS musicians under the leadership of SDYS Music Director Jeff Edmons for an intensive and top quality orchestral and chamber music experience.

SDYS's International Youth Symphony, in partnership with Rotary International District 5340, is presenting its 13th season this summer. Their program at the July 30 concert at California Center for the Arts in Escondido will include selections from Mozart's *Impresario Overture*, Mozart's *Symphony No. 31 in D Major*, as well as Beethoven's *Symphony No. 4 in B-flat Major*.

Join us as these amazing and talented musicians perform a preview of their concert. Don’t miss it!



Larry Hoeksema
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS

Roast video

The video of President Peter's Roast is now available. [Click here](#) if you missed the program and wish to see it.

2016-2017 Rosters

Our new 2016-2017 member directories are now available. Be sure to pick one up after our program on Thursday. (They will not be mailed.)

Lunch Cost Increase

A reminder that as of July 1st, lunches for Rotarians and guests are \$32 and for non-eaters, a \$5 meeting charge will apply.

BIRTHDAYS

July

Jim Kidrick	26
Ricardo da Rosa	26
Ellis Smith	26
Mike Murphy	28
Reid Carr	28
Julia Holladay	28
Scott Bedingfield	30
Kimberley Layton	30
Walter Lam	31
Ian Gill	31

Our Finest City continued

- Ryan Airlines was the first to offer air travel service with its SAN/LAX route. It also built the Spirit of St Louis, flown in 1927 by Charles Lindbergh as the first solo non-stop transatlantic flight from New York to Paris.
 - In 1976, Sol Price started big box stores with the advent of the Price Club. It was built in a converted airplane hangar on Morena Boulevard. A San Diego COSTCO followed in 1997.
 - In 1957, Ted Geisel authored *Cat in the Hat* under his pseudonym Dr Seuss. His whimsical stories are among the most read of its kind in the world.
 - San Diego Zoo Global, now celebrating its 100th year, was a dream of Dr. Harry Wegeforth. He heard a roar from a forlorn, caged lion left over from the Panama-California exposition and thought it would be a great idea to open a zoo. The rest is history.
 - In 1975, Dr Kurt Benirschke (and then-director, Chuck Bieler) established a new research department, the Center for the Reproduction for Endangered Species (CRES.) It was later renamed the Institute for Conservation Research (ICR.) Today San Diego Zoo Global is internationally known for its focus on conservation and education.
 - In the early 1900s, San Ysidro Port of Entry was a dusty, easy access border crossing. Today it is the largest land border crossing between San Diego and Tijuana, and the busiest land border crossing in the world.
 - The SDHC served over 20,000 students, many from Title One schools.
 - SDHC houses 45 million documents, 2.5 million photographs, 17,000 objects, many oral histories, 1700 pieces of fine art, and the best historical costume collection in the country.
- At 1:25pm, President John presented his parting gift to the SDHC, made his final announcements, and... YES... ended on time. At which time, all the past presidents silently applauded a job well done.

CALENDAR

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

July

28 SDYS's International Youth Symphony Performance

August

4 Andrew Hewitt, Founder, GameChangers 500

11 Dr. Octavio Aburto, Scripps Institution of Oceanography

18 San Diego Chargers

GROTARIAN EVENTS

**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.

**Save the date!
Tuesday, October 18
Grotarian event at WFW Industries & Workshops for Warriors**

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

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Save the date for these upcoming events. Please note that these events require registration on our website.



Thursday, August 18— Prospective Member Reception

Share the gift of Rotary. Join us for our first reception of the year for prospective new members. Bring a guest (or two) who may be interested in becoming a member to a pre-lunch reception beginning at 11:15 in Room 207 at Liberty Station. This is an opportunity for them to meet with fellow Rotarians and Board members and to learn more about Rotary and our club.

The club will provide a complimentary lunch for your guest. Registration is required so please sign them up [online](#).

Thursday, August 25—Offsite lunch at MCRD

We will hold our weekly Thursday meeting on the beautiful grounds of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD). Entertainment will be provided by the Marine Band San Diego and Drill instructors and recruiters will be present for a Q&A session regarding the recruitment process. What these young men experience at MCRD San Diego during recruit training changes them forever!



If you will be bringing a guest to this meeting, you will have to register them.

WE WILL NEED THE FULL NAMES FOR ALL ROTARIANS and GUESTS FOR ACCESS THROUGH THE MCRD GATE. All attendees must have current government issued identification.

[Click here to register your guests with their full name as shown on their identification.](#)

Saturday, September 17—Stop Hunger Now event with Club 33 and the San Diego Padres at Petco Park. Registration is required and will begin on August 1.

Along with Padres volunteers, we will package over 40,000 meals to feed the hungry all over the world. Volunteers will set up and take down packaging stations and equipment, fill bins with raw ingredients, scoop ingredients into meal bags, weigh and seal the bags, box and stack them on pallets, and load the pallets and equipment onto a truck. Family is welcome!



FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) **Fred Frye**, **Leon Williams** (who was celebrating his 94th birthday) and **Michael Brunker**; (top row from left) guest speakers Sarah Matteson and Matt Schiff; (bottom row from left) COD Tom Fetter and guest speaker Bill Lawrence.



Steve Hubbard was given some parting gifts on his last Club 33 meeting before moving to North Carolina.



(Left) Marlee Ehrenfeld revealed the new look of our website; (right) Tom Fetter and President John exchange flags with a visiting Rotarian from Japan.



(Left) Rotarians **Ray Higgins**, **Bob Fletcher**, **Christy White** and **G.T. Frost** hosted visiting Hoover Interact students at their table; (right) 50 new Hoover Interact students joined us for their first Rotary lunch today.



President John Morrell and Hoover Interact Committee Chair Mia Harenski presented pins and certificates to our newest Interact members.



Hoover Interacts selfie!

Rotary International Foundation Committee



Esther Rigiri, A New Entrepreneur!

Our Club, through its Rotary International and Microcredit Committee, donated \$5,000 last year to the microcredit “table banking” program run by Solidarity House CBO in Meru, Kenya. In April, **Walter Lam** and **Roger Haines** visited Meru and met with recipients, including 28-year-old Esther Rigiri.

Esther joined United Baraka Women self-help group less than three years ago. Members save and borrow immediately (no money is taken to the regular bank—group members serve as the bank). On a given date in a month, with the assistance of a Table Banking Training Officer, members place their savings and loan repayments on the table and immediately borrow all the monies placed on the table—hence “table banking.” Savings include contributions for insurance and education, various penalty fines, membership fees and other micro funds. The group approves and mutually guarantees all loans. Profits are shared by group members as dividends at the end of the year.

Esther has a diploma in Business Management, but like many others, has found it very difficult to secure employment in Kenya. A startup loan of KES 25,000 enabled her to open a small store. And now with an additional loan of KES 50,000, she intends to expand her business to add products sought by her customers. “I am grateful to God and Solidarity House CBO for giving me the opportunity to better my life,” Esther says with a big smile. “The sky is the limit for me now; an affordable loan is all that I need to change my life for the better!”



Walter Lam and Roger Haines in Meru, Kenya with Rotarian Dickson Ntwiga, Executive Director of Solidarity House CBO

Grotarian Event at MCRD



Thank you to **Rick Huenefeld** for hosting the Grotarian event at the Marine Corp Recruit Depot (MCRD) on July 22nd. Our group not only learned about the history of the base, the recruit process and about the rigorous 12-week recruit training, but we also had the privilege of witnessing the graduation of 290 marine recruits, who after 10 days of leave, will begin the honorable task of defending our country.

