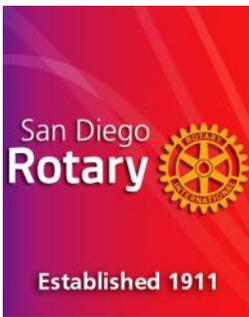


# THE ROTATOR

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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

## A Rotary Inspiration



Tom Gable  
Editor

September got off to a fine start with a mix of humor, philanthropy, fellowship and inspiration—all trademarks of Club 33.

**Mark Stuart** provided the Inspirational Moment; **Debbie Day** led the Pledge and the *Star Spangled Banner* accompanied

by **Larry Showley**; and **Mark Burgess** covered the news sponsored by **Keith McKenzie** of Delphi Private Advisors.

**Marten Barry** presented **Bonnie Schwartz** with her trophy as the 2015-16 club golf champion, earned with a net 63 score at San Diego Country Club. The first round of the 2016-2017 tournament is Friday, Sept. 23, at SDCC. Rotary fellowship and good times take precedence over golfing abilities and Marten encouraged more Rotarians to consider signing up.

The newest Paul Harris Fellow pins were awarded to: (second pins) **Judy McDonald** and **Doug Paul**; (third pin) **Jay Arnett**; (fifth pin) **Larry Stirling**. **Chuck Pretto** received his first RI Foundation Major Donor award, a crystal engraved with his name and a diamond Paul Harris pin. Kudos, Chuck!

The club welcomed two new members: **Kendra Mattson**, who is in financial services, and **Kimberly Higgins**, who is in capital management with **Ray Higgins**, her father and fellow Club 33 member.

**President John** introduced the Chair of the Day **Pat Crowell** as a long and sordid story with humble beginnings that went downhill from there. A Naval aviator, Pat became a trial attorney and his firm kept changing its name and address so he quit.

John recalled Pat falling asleep during a visiting district governor's talk and sliding off his chair. Pat returned the favor when he visited all 66 clubs as district governor and put them to sleep with his presentation. Then John showed a photo of a naked and youthful Pat in a bathtub.

"Mother told me to never follow the dog act," Pat said, upon taking the podium.

Pat welcomed the visiting Rotarian from the most distant club, a guest from India. For a gift, Pat said he has been retired for 22 years so doesn't do anything and couldn't offer a gift related to his work. He does have a new hobby though--making wine into water. He presented the guest with a "starter kit."

Pat introduced Marilyn Sanderson, District Governor, and former president of the La Mesa Sunrise Club (2009-10). Marilyn grew up in Oklahoma and earned her bachelor's and master's degree in education. She taught secondary language arts for many years before becoming a professional union negotiator and organizer for teachers in Oklahoma and California. She retired from the California Teachers Association in 2004 and is now in real estate in San Diego.

Marilyn recalled being introduced to Rotary in Australia, when visiting a stepson who was there as a Rotary Ambassador Scholar. She attended an event where two clubs were debating whether women should be in Rotary, which did not leave a great first impression.

When she moved to La Mesa, she was at the community center and saw a large Rotary wheel. She was curious, asked questions, was invited back and eventually asked to join. She stayed with the club but "didn't get it." She moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, which had three clubs. None was a fit. When she came back to San Diego, her original sponsor convinced her to rejoin, largely to have a new presidential candidate, since 15 of the 18 members had already served. She became president, attended the international convention in Birmingham, England, and started to understand Rotary International.

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## Next Meeting

September 8, 2016

**Dr. Jamie Gates**

Cultural anthropologist and Director of Point Loma Nazarene University's Center for Justice and Reconciliation

### The Facts About Sex Trafficking in San Diego

The ugly truth in our beautiful city is that San Diego is a hot spot for sex and labor trafficking. Dr. Jamie Gates presents research that show how the recruitment of victims is happening in schools and neighborhoods all over the county. Our young people are being groomed into a local commercial sex industry valued at over \$800 million a year. We'll also explore insights on what can be done.

Dr. Jamie Gates co-lead the groundbreaking research project "Measuring the Extent and Nature of Gang Involvement in Sex Trafficking in the San Diego/Tijuana Border Region". He founded and directs the Human Trafficking Research and Data Advisory Roundtable for SD County. He led the PLNU in establishing the Beauty for Ashes Scholarship Fund for survivors of human trafficking to get their college degree and he leads an effort to design and implement a drama-based peer-to-peer human trafficking awareness training in San Diego's middle and high schools.



Bill Gore  
Chair of the Day

## QUICK BITS

The STEM Committee will be holding their first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 8 after our lunch program. If you would like to participate, contact [Bink Cook](#).

 The first round of the 2016-2017 Club 33 Golf Tournament will be held on September 23 at the San Diego Country Club. If you are interested in playing, please contact [Marten Barry](#).

### 2016-2017 Election

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that it has begun work on the 2016-2017 Election. If you would like to nominate a member to serve on the Board or to be considered for the Secretary/Treasurer or President position, please forward your suggestion to the Rotary office or to Nominating Committee Chair Peter Duncan by September 16th.

**Open nominations will close on September 16th.**

## BIRTHDAYS

### September

Ginger Porcella	5
KishaLynn Elliott	6
Don Ramras	7
Kathleen Pasulka-Brown	7
John Alioto	7
Bob Cleator, Jr.	7
Joe Austin	7
Paul Devermann	8
Bob Russell, Jr.	8
John Lindholm	8
Gene Trepte	8
Andy Liska	9
Karen Hewitt	9
Mary Walshok	10
Pat Hodgkin	11

## A Rotary Inspiration *continued*

Marilyn got involved at the district level to learn more. She was invited to a district conference in Kenya. She visited a primitive hospital with old equipment in an old building and lines of people waiting in the hot sun for medical help. One closed ward had babies with encephalitis and anguished mothers living with them in the ward. She visited a public elementary school in middle of muddy field in a dilapidated slum. It had broken windows and old yellow posters on walls with math and grammar lessons. Inspirational messages were painted on the outside walls of the schools. The school needed to be torn down and rebuilt. She knew the way out of poverty is through education.

The last stop was a former classroom with four stainless steel vats for cooking breakfast and lunch for the kids. She saw the tags on the vats that read: Provided by the Rotary Club of Nairobi.

“I got it,” she said. “With Rotary, we find a starting point where there is overwhelming need and we bring hope.”

She had a similar experience volunteering with the Encinitas club to build-a-house-in-a-day in Baja. The volunteers put up the prefab walls on slab, completed construction and painted. The family of five waiting for the home watched. When the president of the club gave the mother the keys to the house, the mother cried, and so did Marilyn.

This one house didn't stop homelessness or reduce crime, she said, but it was a starting point for one family. That's the lesson. All she has done in Rotary goes forward from there. The point is to be inspired to make a difference, even if it's just for one—to be a starting point.

Marilyn closed by noting that the things we do for ourselves are gone when we are gone. The things you do for others are your legacy and can make a difference.



**The Rotary office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.**

## CALENDAR

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

### September

8 *Dr. Jamie Gates-Human  
Trafficking in San Diego*

15 *Mr. San Diego & Mrs. San  
Diego Program*

22 *Nancy Hughes, Stove Team  
International*

29 *Rob Quigley and David  
Malmuth—Innovation of  
East Village*

## 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.

**Tuesday, October 18  
Grotarian event at WFW Industries & Workshops for Warriors**

[Click here](#) for more information about this event 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) Past DG Pat Crowell, Past DG **George Jessop**, Past DG **Bill McDade**, current DG Marilyn Sanderson, Past DG Larry Scott; (right) Chair of the Pat Crowell introduced Marilyn with some personal details his “spies” had uncovered for him.



(Left) Bonnie Schwartz (who was also celebrating her birthday today) accepted the golf trophy; (right) our Paul Harris Fellow recipients.



(Left) Our newest YoPro members Kendra Mattson and (right) Kimberly Higgins.



(Left) District Governor Marilyn Sanderson inspired us with her story on how she came to understand what it meant to be a Rotarian; (right) **Ellen Casey** showed us the very broom she used to scare off an intruder in her home!



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❖ 2016 Committee Showcase ❖

