



# THE ROTATOR

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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

## Balboa Park United—In Service



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Editor

Today marked a first for the San Diego Rotary Club as President Elect **Bob Russell** oversaw today's meeting while globe-trekking, Chico State-boasting President **John Morrell** took some well-deserved time off.

Bob performed so well that management called right afterwards and confirmed that he will have the job for 2017-2018.

He kicked off the meeting by bringing up **Joe Craver** — or, as I call him, Mr. Eloquence — to remind us that patriotism includes things like paying taxes, understanding the responsibility for helping one another, exercising tolerance and expressing loyalty for one's country. **Brandon Horrocks**, along with the **Club 33 Singers** and Bryan Verhoye, then led us in the Pledge of Alliance and the singing of *God Bless America*. **Stan Lawrence** followed by channeling his inner Walter Cronkite to deliver the news thanks to **Ray McKewon** and The Exceptional Music Company. Did you hear the one about the two antennas that got married? Ask Stan about it when you see him next time.

Bob followed with some quick announcements to welcome visitors and then gave way to uber-Rotarian **Diana Marjip-Chu** to discuss the year's annual auction on November 17. If you're among those that haven't participated in many Club activities this year, this could be the event for you. See her to donate items or to help with the preparations. At the very least, mark your calendars for that Thursday meeting. All proceeds are going to our Foundation that grants about \$200,000 toward all the service projects San Diego Rotary conducts each year.

Next up were two new member introductions: **Glenn Rossman** (with primary sponsor **Alan Spector**) and **Mike Clark** (sponsored by yours truly). Both gave keen insight into their interests, with Glenn honoring the three women in his life — his mother, his first wife (who valiantly fought breast cancer for many

years), and his current wife (for giving him strength and unconditional love). Mike is an avid traveler and culture buff, having visited more than 104 countries and is in the middle of writing a book. Be sure to say hello to them at an upcoming meeting.

Our First Lady of Rotary, **Betty Peabody**, then stepped up to the podium as our Chair of the Day. After doling out various Balboa Park gifts to our visiting Rotarian from the greatest distance (in this case, an arduous 20-minute-drive from La Jolla), she introduced the three-person panel: Peter Comiskey, Executive Director of the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership; John Bolthouse, Executive Director of Friends of Balboa Park and Tomás Herrera-Mishler, President and CEO of the Balboa Park Conservancy. All of them had many things to discuss as they emphasized their continued quest to work together as one park and one voice for the betterment of all.

Here is just a taste of some of the tidbits presented:

- Balboa Park is the fifth busiest urban park in the nation, with more than 14 million visitors each year.
- More than 10,000 school children have been given various tours of the park by the Friends of Balboa Park.
- A great many national and international conferences related to park and museum operations are held in Balboa Park, with some being broadcast live worldwide.
- The Balboa Park Cultural Partnership offers a plethora of multi-day, annual and community access passes to its museums for the betterment of park goers.
- An army of dedicated volunteers on all fronts work tirelessly—often behind the scenes—to make a litany of much needed repairs to park infrastructure and attractions.

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## Next Meeting

**October 13, 2016**

**Tracy Sundlun  
And  
Meb Keflezighi**

### The 2016 Rio Olympics—Up Close and Personal

In this past summer's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Tracy was the Head Manager of the U.S. Men's Track & Field Team and Meb ran the Marathon. Tracy will share with us a few highlights of his experience at the Olympics, and Meb will tell us about his race, his 4th Olympic experience, all in the context of his incredible unique life story.

Meb is the only athlete in history to win the New York Marathon, the Boston Marathon and an Olympic Medal—impressive feats for someone who had never run a mile until middle school. His record also includes four NCAA championships, 22 National Championships and a place on three United States Olympic teams.



Budd Rubin  
Chair of the Day

## QUICK BITS



### *Giving Thanks, Giving Back*

**2016 AUCTION**

**NOVEMBER 17**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Plans are under way for our annual **Giving Thanks, Giving Back auction on November 17**. If you would like to make a donation towards our silent or live auction, please complete the [donation form](#) and return it to the Rotary office. Donations of wine need to be at least 91 points or better and cost a minimum of \$25. Any questions? Contact Auction Chair [Diana Mar-Jip Chuh](#).

## BIRTHDAYS

### October

David Oates	10
Chris Christian	10
Lewis Linson	11
Dan Herde	12
Jack Berkman	13
Linda Stirling	13
Dan Amaro	16

## *Balboa Park United—In Service continued*

What's more, the panelists voiced optimism of the growing opportunity by all stakeholders to work collectively to keep Balboa Park the shining example of what such an asset can be for the betterment of its citizens. I look forward to seeing what they, along with a committed government, will do to make this a reality.

To cap off the program, **Jay Arnett** and **Dick Troncione** paid a sincere, heartfelt and emotional tribute to their longtime friend and fellow Rotarian **Bob Cleator, Jr.** who passed away recently. I was taken back to their times at San Diego State as well as funny moments during celebratory milestones that included Jay's engagement party and Dick's great adventures with Bob at the Long Bar in Tijuana. Love was felt very strongly and I was honored to witness it.

I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting next week and, of course, in service.



Interested in participating in Camp Enterprise as a facilitator?

Attend the **Camp Enterprise Facilitator Rally** on Wednesday, October 12 from 5:30pm-7:00pm  
Location: Higgs, Fletcher & Mack  
401 West A Street, SD 92101  
26th Floor

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

## CALENDAR

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

### October

- 13 *Tracy Sundlun and Meb Keflezighi - Rio Olympics*
- 20 *Steve Breen - Editorial Cartoonist, San Diego UT*
- 27 *Women PeaceMakers 2016*

### November

- 3 *Elizabeth Brown, Chief Commercial Officer, Cross Border Xpress*

## GROTARIAN EVENTS

**Tuesday, October 18**  
**WFW Industries & Workshops for Warriors**  
**Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**  
**Location: 2970 Main Street, 92113**  
**Cost: \$20**

Tour Workshops for Warriors, a non-profit school that trains Veterans for advanced manufacturing careers, and VetPowered, a manufacturing company that employs Veterans and wounded warriors.

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

**Tuesday, November 8**  
**American Red Cross San Diego**  
**Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**  
**Cost: \$20**

[Click here](#) for complete 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



President-Elect Bob Russell covered today's meeting for vacationing President John.



Guest speakers (from left) John Bolthouse, Peter Comiskey and Tomas Herrera-Mishler.



Chair of the Betty Peabody gifted several items from Balboa Park to our visiting Rotarian from the farthest distance.



Bob handed out President John's speaker's gifts from the San Diego History Center.



(From left) Jay Arnett and Dick Troncone delivered a touching eulogy for Bob Cleator; our Club 33 Singers; **Pat Crowell** and **Judy McDonald**.



Dick Green and Tom Vecchione visited with Jan Cleator.



Jan Cleator was presented with Bob's framed Rotary badge. Also in attendance were Bob and Jan's sons, Tim and Jeff (back row), Carol Arnett and Laura Alioto.

# MEMBERSHIP



**Glenn Rossman**- “Retired-Actuary.” Glenn is retired from his position as Consulting Actuary/Operations Manager of the Fort Wayne, Indiana office of Buck Consultants. Following his retirement, he has focused on community volunteer work. He joined the board of Balboa Park Central when he relocated to San Diego, serves as a founding member of the San Diego Toy and Doll Museum and has volunteered in the Balboa Park Visitors Center since 2001. He currently serves on the Balboa Park Conservancy Board of Directors.

**Alan Spector, Tim Riley and Jim Hughes** were his sponsors.

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**Mike Clark**- “Banking-Business Banking.” Mike is Senior Vice President and Market Manager for the Business Banking Division of JPMorgan Chase in San Diego. Before getting into the business of finance, Mike was working as a paramedic in Antarctica. He has traveled all over the world, to 104 countries to be exact, and has spent a lot of time with tribal groups. Mike is currently writing a book about them.

**David Oates, Chris Powers and Doug Taber** were his sponsors.

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We would like to welcome back former member **Rod Smith**. Rod was a member from November 2014 to September 2015. He is currently Chief Technology Officer with McKean Defense Group. Welcome back, Rod!