

# THE ROTATOR

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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

## Breen-toons



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Editor

While many of us have a hard time finding a bright spot regarding this year's election, **President John** had one at the ready when he opened the meeting: it's almost over!

After the enthusiastic applause from that pronouncement died down, **Nancy Scott** (graduate of the "Chico State of High Schools") delivered her Inspirational Moment. Nancy gave us some extra context to the upcoming Halloween holiday, reminding us that magic occurs all the time. She gave us a few examples of miracles that happened in just the last 15 seconds, including the 18 times our hearts beat, the 15,000 chemical reactions that happened in our brains, and the 25,000 particles of skin we just shed.

Up next was **Solveig Deuprey** with the Pledge and the *Star Spangled Banner*, accompanied by **Greg Zinser** who also dazzled us with a jazzy "Stairway to Heaven" rendition before the meeting began. We then got our news fix from **Stan Lawrence**, courtesy of **Greg Noonan** of Prudential California Realty. The video of the week followed, which reminded us all that the Simpsons might just be one of the smarter families in America.

The next few minutes were filled with a number of meaningful moments. **Judy Thompson** read two touching and eloquent letters of gratitude from Diana Venable Scholarship recipients. Gerardo Brizuela, President of the Tijuana Rotary Club, took to the podium to thank us for our past work on the "La Escuela" project, and also invited us to his club's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration later this month (event info is on page 2). We also got to meet our newest member, **Josh Green**, the Deputy Chief of Major Frauds & Special Prosecutions at the U.S. Attorney's Office, who got us imagining what kind of pillow talk might be going on with his wife (who happens to be a public defender for the county of San Diego.) Finally, our Prez reminded us about the Warm Clothing Drive, coming up at our November 3 meeting.

It was then time to dive back into the

political pool with a little campaign talk. **Kimberley Layton** and **Daryl Ferguson**, both alumni of San Diego High (go Cavaliers!), urged us all to vote "yes" on Measure I, which they say will save the high school. Since speech is not free at Club 33 meetings, both of these lovely ladies received a fine, with Kimberley getting a bit extra for her unstated but assumed support of the Chargers Stadium initiative as well.

The political speak didn't end there, of course, because it was time for our Chair of the Day and former club president **Patti Roscoe** to introduce our speaker. Steve Breen has been the editorial cartoonist for the Union Tribune since 2001. A two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, Steve's work is nationally syndicated, appearing in papers throughout the country.

We learned a lot of things—some of them surprising—about Steve in the first few minutes. First, we learned that even someone with his extensive experience needs some extra training for this particularly tricky election season. (The special martial-arts video he happened to have with him proved he's ready.) We also learned that Steve strives to be positive and upbeat despite the fact that his negative political cartoons are the most popular. In fact, while it can't be denied that this election season has been great for cartoonists, Steve clearly believes it's been bad for the country. Additionally, we learned that Steve actually steers clear of politics outside of work. We learned that he prefers to be liked by people, despite the fact that he regularly "zings" both sides and is apparently one of the most hated people in San Diego as a result. We also learned that Steve's wife is expecting their 7<sup>th</sup> child, which has nothing to do with politics, but is a fun little nugget nonetheless.

To get a sense of his work this election season, Steve took us through a number of his political cartoons.

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## Next Meeting

**October 27, 2016**

**Women PeaceMakers  
2016**

Currently in residence at the USD Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice are four women Peacemakers from Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan and Western Sahara. These women are negotiators, campaign leaders and advocates in their respective countries, fighting for human rights, women's rights and for peace.

On October 27, Jane Anyango of Kenya, Hamsatu Allamin of Nigeria, Khurshid Bano of Pakistan and Fatma Mehdi Hasam of Western Sahara will speak at our luncheon meeting about their work in their countries and help us to understand the situations in a way that we cannot learn from the news.



**Jenni Prisk**  
Chair of the Day

Jane Anyango lives in the Kibera slum in Nairobi and helps girls and women to gain education and empowers them to rise from their unhealthy conditions. On Thursday, Jane will be bringing merchandise for sale that these women have made to raise funds for their Poly-Com Development project: <http://polycomgirls.org>. There is a suggested \$20 per item.

## AUCTION



### *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

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Mike Morton        | 24 |
| Hal Sadler         | 25 |
| Pat Crowell        | 25 |
| Woody Ledford      | 26 |
| Tom Gammieri       | 27 |
| Laura Nichols      | 27 |
| Bink Cook          | 28 |
| Frank Urtasun      | 28 |
| Jim Hughes         | 28 |
| Garry Ridge        | 29 |
| Matt Hom           | 30 |
| Natasha Josefowitz | 31 |

## Breen-toons *continued*

He began way back in primary season, with “Another Game of Thrones”, a cartoon featuring special “throne” seating for Jeb Bush and Hillary Clinton. The illustrated journey of the last two years (no wonder we’re all so exhausted!) also included such images as Chris Christie tripped up by construction cones, Bernie Sanders acting as the monkey wrench in the Hillary Clinton campaign, Donald Trump’s little hands, Hillary Clinton’s struggle to “connect” to millennials, and an image of Presidents Washington and Lincoln as they fully comprehended who our final presidential candidates had turned out to be. Needless to say, there was a bit of indignation involved. Steve noted that the images, which were relatively recent but clearly no longer relevant in many cases, illustrate how quickly political cartoons can become dated.

Perhaps most fascinating of all was getting to watch Steve at work as he drew for us three different images: one of President Obama, one of Donald Trump, and one of Hillary Clinton, who has changed her hair over the years. (By the way, cartoonists don’t like that.) Steve signed each image, making them even more valuable when they go to the highest bidder at next month’s Club 33 auction. So be sure to save up!

*Rotary Club of Tijuana 85th Anniversary of its  
Foundation of Service to the Community*

*Date: October 29 Time: 2-6 pm*

*Dress Code - Cocktail attire*

*Location: Hotel Marriott*

*Blvd Aqua Caliente #11553*

*Colonia Aviacion, Tijuana*

*Cost: \$25 To register: call (664) 374-4403 or email  
[clubrotariotijuana@prodigy.net.mx](mailto:clubrotariotijuana@prodigy.net.mx)*

*[Diana MarJip-Chuh](#) is available to carpool but you must have a Sentri or Global pass. Contact her for more info.*

The Rotary Club of San Diego Foundation released its Annual Report for 2015-2016. You can read about the amazing projects that your Foundation supports.  
[San Diego Rotary Foundation](#)  
[2015 - 2016 Annual Report](#)

## CALENDAR

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

### October

27 *Women PeaceMakers 2016*

### November

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

10 *Annual Salute to Military Guest speaker: Kris Peterson, M.D., COL (Ret), MC*

## GROTARIAN EVENTS

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

Join Grotarians and Rotarians in visiting our local Red Cross and see for yourself the state-of-the-art Disaster Operations Center, learn hands-only CPR, hear from Red Cross responders and get tips on becoming better prepared for the next disaster or emergency! At the end of the event, we will enjoy wine, beer and appetizers.

[Click here](#) to register.



Save the date for our next social event with the [Ca-rouse & Commerce Committee! Thursday, Nov. 3](#)

**5:00 pm at Bay City Brewing**

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

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# FACES IN OUR CROWD

Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor



Our fabulous check-in crew!



President John and President Elect **Bob Russell** with members of the Rotary Club of Tijuana.



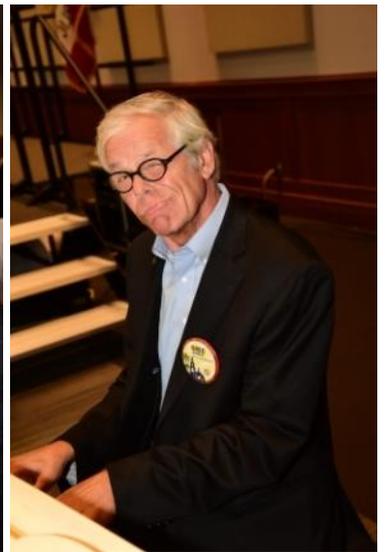
Nancy Scott got into the spirit of Halloween.



Daryl Ferguson and Kimberley tried to laugh off President John's fine for promoting support for Measure I.



Guest speaker Steve Breen in action.



(Left) **Newt Pollock** and his wife Arlene; (right) Greg Zinser hard at work at the piano.

# MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



**Josh Green-** “Federal Government-U.S. Attorney’s Office, Additional Active.” Josh is the Deputy Chief of Major Frauds and Special Prosecutions at the U.S. Attorney’s Office. He is a graduate of The George Washington University School of Law and has been an Adjunct Professor at the California Western School of Law in San Diego, teaching Federal Crimes, since 2010. In 2012, Josh led a team of prosecutors that secured the conviction of Benjamin Arellano-Felix, former leader of one of the most violent drug cartels in the world.

Josh and his wife Jodi, also an attorney, have two boys—Jack and Cal. He and Jodi share a commitment to public service and have jointly coordinated fundraisers for Monarch School. A fun fact—Josh was a Rotary Youth Exchange student in high school.

**Steve Oggel, Gregg Oggel and Craig Nelson** were his sponsors.  
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## WARM CLOTHES DRIVE

SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB  
“SENIOR SERVICES” COMMITTEE

**WARM CLOTHES DRIVE**  
**November 3, 2016**

(Sizes XS – XXXL)

### Donation Suggestions

Socks (white crew)

Gloves

Beanies

Sweatshirts

Undershirts

Warm neck scarves

Jackets

Slippers

Blankets

Throw blankets

Rain Ponchos



***Idea – Ask your favorite store for a donation.***

***Note: NEW items only.***

# DIANA VENABLE SCHOLARSHIP

Judy Thompson, chair of this year's Diana Venable Scholarship Committee, shared some of the thank you letters she recently received from recipients of the scholarship. Each year, our Diana Venable Scholarship Committee awards one high school junior a \$20,000 scholarship towards college. It is solely funded through the generosity of members of Club 33.

The Diana Venable Scholarship was started in 2008 to honor the memory of Diana Venable, a Rotarian who had a passion for children. In particular, Diana would find a worthy high school student who didn't have the money to go to college and she would find a way to make it happen. Carrying on her work, the purpose of the Diana Venable Scholarship Fund is to enable low-income students who have a record of superior academic achievement and personal growth, along with leadership potential for both professional careers and civic contributions, to attend college.

May 29, 2016

Rotary Club of San Diego:

It's always hard starting these letters because there's really no place to start thanking you for this opportunity and for facilitating my experience at the University of San Diego. Every year that goes by I can't help and feel satisfied that I'm one step closer to graduating, however the end of the year also serves as a reminder that I will once again be billed for next year's tuition and that's a lot of stress to deal with.

I have friends who have had to ask for more loans because they don't have enough financial aid and are worried that they won't be enrolled in classes because of this. They have to write letters to ask for more financial aid and sometimes those letters are denied. Thankfully, I haven't had to worry about this because of the Diana Venable Scholarship.

It's an amazing feeling knowing that I have this scholarship that will take care of those outstanding expenses when you, yourself aren't able to pay for them. Hence, I am very thankful that I have this scholarship. I really don't know how different my USD experience would have been without it, nor do I know if I would have been able to continue. I can't express how excited I am that I'm on my last couple of semesters at USD! I feel like it was just yesterday that I was going through orientation and walking to my first class, now I'm almost done and I could not have done it without you! Thank you Rotary Club of San Diego! You have no idea how much I appreciate this and how thankful I am to have this opportunity!

Respectfully,

Vanessa Valdez-Briceno

*(2010 Recipient)*

Dear Diana Venable Scholarship Selection Committee,

I would like to thank you all for choosing me as the 2015 recipient of this scholarship. I am extremely grateful for taking a chance on me and giving me the opportunity to attain a higher education. Earning this scholarship has meant so much more than a monetary award, it has given me hope; hope that there is a chance for low income students like me to get educated and make a difference in this world. You saw something in me, that sometimes, because life can get tough, I failed to see for myself. Money would have been a factor that would have derailed my path to a higher education, but I thank your generous hearts for helping me to a better future.

Going to college would give me the opportunity to bring my family out of poverty, and pessimism, and you have given me all the tools to do so. The day that I received the email that congratulated me on receiving the Diana Venable Scholarship was the day I found much more light in the eyes of my mother and my brothers, because they too started to believe that our destiny can be shaped. Thank you because after that day I saw my mom cry out of happiness, something that I had not seen her do in a very long time, because my older brother put his pride aside and congratulated me, because my little brother told me I was his role model for the very first time, because my father called me after months to tell me he was proud of me, because I finally started to believe in myself.

UC Berkeley was merely a dream the day I walked into your office for my interview, but thanks to you, today it is a reality. I am finally able to call myself a golden bear and it is because you found it in your generous hearts to choose me as the recipient. So thank you for helping me to my future. After a lifetime of rough patches, paying for college will be a smoother road thanks to the award that you have given me.

Best Regards,

Inez Encarnacion

*(2015 Recipient)*

# DIANA VENABLE SCHOLARSHIP *cont.*

6/15/16

Dear Rotary Club 33,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in funding the Diana Venable Scholarship that I received this year as part of my financial aid package. I feel very fortunate to have been chosen as a recipient of this award.

I am currently considering in majoring in International Business/ Computer Technology and I plan to transfer soon to UCSD to achieve a BA while I attend full time, I also use my time in which I am not studying productively to learn new things that this world has to offer such as new languages and cultures. Although it's not always easy to juggle school with life at times, and I am truly grateful for the assistance that I am receiving because of your thoughtful gift. When I graduate and which is soon to come, I hope that I can use what I learned at UCSD or where my destination ends up taking me to make a difference in people's lives, the same way that you and Ms. Venable's memory have made a difference in mine. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Raymond Gamez  
(2012 Recipient)

Dear Diana Venable Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the scholarship award this year and the next. The funding has really helped me throughout the year in paying my expenses, books, and school supplies. Without this scholarship, I would have done work-study, which would have made my transition more difficult.

This school year had been one of the most challenging years I have had. I had a 2.75 at the beginning, which plummeted, but then rose again. I had learned how to push past a physical injury, prioritize, and finally learned how to study effectively. Although my GPA is not at the best, I did better each quarter and strive to keep doing so. As a result of the difficulties I faced, I have become more determined, and aware of why I attended college in the first place.

I want to thank you for giving me a second chance during the Winter quarter, for the scholarship also motivated to do better. As I take Summer Sessions in August, I now can say I am finally prepared for college and for what is to come. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Sincerely,  
Linda Do  
(2013 Recipient)