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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

What Drought?



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Who knew that a presentation on water could be so dry? Of course, I jest. But, as a writer, when you come up with a gem like that, it seems a crime to leave it on the cutting room floor.

This past Thursday, **President John** (who shall henceforth be known as PJ) called the meeting to order by welcoming Club 33 to “San Diego, the city with the best climate in the world,” which was appropriate, given the mid-70s weather we’ve been enjoying all week. As PJ put it, the topic of the program was water—both where it comes from, and how we fight to get it. Or, to quote the great Mark Twain, “Whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting over.”

Native San Diegan **Ben Wood** gave a touching Inspirational Moment about his friend and fellow Challenged Athlete, cyclist Alem Mumuni. Born with Polio, Alem was not able to walk upright until the age of eight, when his friend built him a wooden crutch. In Ghana, where the physically handicapped were looked down upon and, seen as leeches on society rather than contributors to it, Alem’s parents pushed him to become more than his impairment. It was a bicycle that changed Alem’s life, giving him the freedom to move and see the world. With that bicycle, Alem became a world class Paralympian and Rotary International ambassador for End Polio Now.

Debbie Day and accompanist **Katie Fulhorst** led the club through a rousing Pledge of Allegiance and round of *America the Beautiful*. **Stan Lawrence** followed with The News, sponsored by **James Buley** of Buley Wealth Management Group.

Admitting that it was a challenge to find something about water, PJ’s clip of the week came from none other than his favorite film, “Lawrence of Arabia.” (Hasn’t PJ seen “Chinatown”???)

In what was rather surprisingly one of the more entertaining moments of the meeting, **Jan McDonough** implored the members to coach the Hoover High Interact students with the Four-Way Speech Contest. What was so entertaining about this announcement, you ask? Well, unlike her

students, Jan clearly needs no assistance in the public speaking arena. Unwilling to give up the mic when her allotted two minutes were well used up, PJ was forced to issue *two* \$250 fines—as well as pull out a second microphone of his own—to reclaim his rightful place at the podium. For those of you who are interested in learning what else Jan has up her sleeve, she is looking for workshop mentors for the next three Fridays from 3-5 pm at Price Charities.

Although it was a week after Club 33’s Chinese New Year celebration, the Lunar New Year was far from over for **Tracy Sundlun**. Due to the prior week’s rainy skies, the Lunar New Year Festival was rescheduled for the weekend of February 3rd. Held at Qualcomm Stadium, the admission fee will be waived for all those sporting a military uniform or those born in the Year of the Rooster. Admission is only \$1 if you bring a dog. (I wonder how much it is if you bring a rooster?)

Buddy Thomas presented the Cliff Dochterman Awards. Named after a former Rotary International president and dedicated Scouter, they are awarded to the Rotarians who act as a role models and render distinguished and dedicated service to Scouting through active service, leadership or other exemplary contributions to the Scout Association. No two people better exemplify a dedication to our youth and to leadership than this year’s recipients, **Divya Kakaiya** and **Will Hage**. (You can read more about their contributions on page 5.)

Our Chair of the Day was none other than “recovering politician” **Jim Maddaffer**, AKA Jim MacGyver. Ever the gentleman, Jim opened his presentation by thanking Jan for taking up the majority of his speaking time.

As is the duty of the Chair of the Day, Jim welcomed a Rotarian all the way from Seoul, South Korea. Jim generously presented our visitor with a gift basket of water themed items as well as a bottle of freshly desalinated water. I’m sure that our guest was wondering what he did to deserve so many gifts, as well as how exactly he was going to sneak all of that liquid past TSA.

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Next Meeting

February 9, 2017

Sweethearts Day Program



This will be a Sweethearts Day presentation you will never forget! This year we have a rare treat—a music—filled program featuring the students from the San Diego State University Musical Theater Masters program. These students are all Broadway bound and have worked weeks in preparing for this event. We will also have performances by famed classical pianist Bryan Verhoye and internationally acclaimed guitarist Gregg Nestor, son of Burt Nestor. There will be other surprises in store for you as well. Please let the office know if you are bringing a spouse or guest. With Pat and Maggi Crowell as our Chairs of the Day, this is sure to be a fun-filled meeting!



Pat & Maggi Crowell
Chairs of the Day

QUICK BITS

CLUB PICTURE DAY—SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, March 2
from 11:30 am -
2:00 pm.



This will be the one and only date for you to take a new roster photo for the upcoming 2017-2018 member directory. A professional photographer will be taking photos in Room 201.

Do you have a change of address? Changed jobs recently or have a new title?

If there are any changes in your contact information that you would like to make for the new membership directory, please complete the [roster update form](#) and return it to the Rotary office no later than, April 14, to ensure its inclusion.



THURSDAY LUNCH REMINDER

If you will not be eating, to ensure that we have enough seats for all of our diners, please join us at one of our two **Beverage Only** tables, or at the seating located at the back of the room.

BIRTHDAYS

February

Craig Brown	6
Russ Kirbey	6
Jack Anthony	6
Phet Pease	10
Ed Barak	12

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Jim went on to introduce our speaker of the day, Maureen Stapleton. As General Manager of the San Diego Water Authority, it was no surprise that Maureen's presentation was all about the magical sum of hydrogen and oxygen. Our local water authority's fundamental mission is seemingly simple: Make sure there is clean water every time we turn on the tap.

As the largest agricultural-to-urban water conservation and transfer in the US, the San Diego Water Authority provides 80- to 90% of the water used in the county. They have invested over \$3 billion in facilities over the past 15 years. Sparked by the 1991 drought when our region lost almost a third of our water, the authority's fundamental vision is water reliability. Increasing our county's water supply reliability means diversifying our water supply. One of the issues in 1991 was that 90% of our water came from a single source. By 2035, we will be utilizing water from eight main sources and will have water reuse in our region from at least one, if not more sources.

Maureen went on to discuss the current drought situation. In April of 2015, Governor Brown issued an executive order for a 25% water savings. This statewide order did not take into consideration local supply conditions, such as those in our own region. At that point, our Water Authority had been working for over 20 years and invested over \$2 billion, so they began to lobby in Sacramento to modify the executive order per region. In simple terms, there were areas in California with plenty of water and areas with an inadequate supply. That water cannot be moved around, therefore, it did not make sense to penalize those with enough. In a major victory for the City of San Diego, our region's mandate dropped to 0%.

According to the state, the drought is not over. This is in spite of San Diego issuing flood emergencies as recent as a week ago. The Water Authority is advocating for the removal of drought regulations due to trust and accountability, as the state does not have a quantifiable definition for a drought.

Don't miss next week's Sweethearts Program. Although PJ lost his notes on the program, I gathered that there will be lots of singing, and fun will be had by all.

CALENDAR

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

February

9 *Sweethearts Day Program*

16 *Chris Yanov, President, Reality Changers*

23 *Michael Jones, President, The Maritime Alliance*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Tuesday, February 28

Location: San Diego Art Institute

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Cost: \$25

Join your fellow Grotarians for a guided tour, hors d'oeuvres, and cocktails at Balboa Park's only contemporary art museum.

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

Wednesday, March 8

Location: Connections Housing

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Cost: \$15 (\$8 for Rotaracts)

The event will be a tour of the facility and of the services which they provide. With the rise of homelessness in San Diego this is a very current issue and something we should all be aware of.

[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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RYLA



Join the fun and be inspired! Members are invited to be a facilitator at the **District 5340 RYLA** conference being held **April 7-9 in Idyllwild**. Best of all, there is no cost to you or our club to participate.

RYLA is a 3 day leadership conference for 280 11th grade students throughout the district. Its primary intent is to encourage students to become more effective servant leaders. The program includes exceptional speakers, small group discussions and fellowship activities, all within an atmosphere of trust and respect.

If interested, please go to the RYLA website at www.ryla5340.org, click on the facilitator link and follow the instructions to complete the application. If you have any questions, please contact Paul van Roon or 619/262-7000 x107.

2017 FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

Our Hoover High Interact speech contest workshops are well under way. We had 60 students at the first "kick-off" meeting on January 6 and now we are down to about 25 to 30 students who are committed to learning how to write and present a speech for the contest. Thank you to those Rotarians who have had the time to come out and help. We all understand how valuable your time is.

We do need more volunteers and mentors!

Please consider coming out on **Friday, February 10 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm**. We will need all the mentors we can get because it's all about practice, practice, practice! We really need one-on-one work with the kids to give them feedback and tips. Our goal is to bring out their self confidence and make them shine.

The actual **Hoover High Speech Contest** will be held **Friday, February 24**. The time hasn't been finalized but it will probably be around **5:30 p.m.**

Although the formal Hoover High workshops will end on February 10, the students may still need your help with practicing their speeches after school, at Price Charities (4305 University Avenue, San Diego 92105) during the week before the contest. (Feb. 20-24)

The **Club 33 Speech Contest** for Our Lady Of Peace Academy and St. Augustine High School (2 students from each) will be on **Monday, February 27** around the same time (**5:30 p.m.**) Please be sure to come to both contests and see the students' hard work in action.



No matter how big or small of a part you play in the contests and in the workshops, **you will make a difference in the lives of these young students who are trying to find their way in the world. You will be proud of the time you spent on this committee.**

If you have any questions or would like to participate as a mentor, please contact Jan McDonough at 619-813-8368 or janet.mcdonough.law@live.com

FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) President John with guest speaker Maureen Stapleton and Chair of the Day Jim Madaffer; (right) Board members of the San Diego County Water Authority also joined us today.



(Left) For our visiting Rotarian traveling from the furthest distance, Jim gifted a bottle of just-bottled-today desalinated water from the Carlsbad plant; (right) President John fined Jan McDonough for going over her 2 minutes for her announcement.



(Left) **Sandy Purdon, Kathlyn Mead, Candace Wo, Dick Larenn, Cami Mattson and Jim Kidrick;** (right) **Jim Hughes, Mike Morton and Mike Morton, Jr.** visited with **RADM Lindsey** of the US Navy Region Southwest.

2017 CLIFF DOCHTERMAN AWARDS

This year's distinguished Cliff Dochterman Awards were presented to Divya Kakaiya and Will Hage. Congratulations to them both!



Cliff Dochterman



Divya's deep roots in Girl Scouting began in Kenya, where she was a Girl Guide. She led a Girl Scout troop in America for many years, and served on numerous committees of Girl Scouts San Diego. Divya chaired several of the council's annual *Healthy Girls, Healthy Lives* symposia. In 2009, her daughter, Roshni, earned a Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting. For the past eight years, Divya has been a speaker at the Volunteer Conference for Girl Scout Moms. She also serves the Boy Scouts of the Rancho Mesa District as an Eagle Scout Board Reviewer, the final step to becoming an Eagle Scout.

A practicing psychologist for 26 years, Divya is committed to the psychological, emotional and physical wellness of girls. She founded *Healthy Within*, a psychological wellness center, and the *Healthy Within Foundation*, which trains volunteers to conduct eating disorder prevention outreach. Her expertise is recognized internationally, as she has been featured in a TED Talk.

Divya was named one of *Girl Scouts' Cool Women* in 2009, the same year she won Soroptimist International's *Making a Difference for Women Award*. In 2010, KPBS and Union Bank honored her spirit and vision with its prestigious *Local Hero Award*.



Will comes from a family of scouts, his son being a 4th generation Boy Scout. Since joining Club 33 in 2013, Will has been co-chair of the Boy Scouts Committee and has served as a facilitator at Camp Enterprise every year. He has been instrumental in revitalizing our club's support of Scouting.

He is an Eagle Scout, was Pack 546 Committee Chair from 2011-2015 and is currently Chair for Troop 500. He is also the District Chair of the 2017 Friends of Scouting and serves on the Board of Directors for the San Diego Imperial Council. Will is also very active in his son's Boy Scout Troop. Outside of Scouting, Will has been active in the community by serving on the Board of the Peninsula YMCA since 2012.