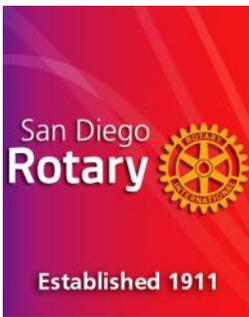


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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

Sweethearts Day



Craig Nelson
Editor

President John Morrell called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the best Rotary Club on the planet!

The IM was delivered with aplomb by **Jay** “not my first rodeo” **Arnett** with his wife Carol in the front row. It started with Jay telling the tale of living with his three amigos

in a Del Mar bachelor pad, nicknamed the “buffalo den,” so the audience was getting a little worried Jay was thinking of the wrong holiday. Alas, for the buffalo den, Jay’s bachelor roommates introduced him to his soon-to-be-sweetheart, and a short 18 months later, he & Carol were walking down the aisle. Still sweethearts, Jay explained. The secret is applying the 4-Way Test to marriage!

Instead of tweeting, our **President John** led the club in the Pledge, and the National Anthem was performed with incredible flair by the Pacific Coast Harmony Barbershop Quartet. **Mark Burgess** delivered the (not fake) news, sponsored by **Courtney Liddy** with UBS Financial Services. Huge story of the day: Russian jets in Syria bomb Turks. Bad. Very Bad. Oh, and has anyone seen Tom Brady’s jersey? In closing, Mark posed the question of the day...If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

Seems we are all about Presidents fulfilling promises this week, so President John ran an amazing tap dance video (last week he promised singing and dancing). Someone suggested it was Fred Astaire and Ginger Rodgers but the couple bore a striking resemblance to **Jim & Carmen Hughes**.

President John brought to the podium **Ginger Porcella** to give the club a preview of the upcoming Grotarian event at the San Diego Art Institute in Balboa Park on Feb 28th. There is still time to sign up on the website, refreshments included with each interpretation and inspiration. Ginger would neither confirm nor deny that the infamous **Pat Crowell** bathtub photo would be on display at the event. Rotarians will have to attend to find out.

Chairs of the Day were **Pat & Maggi Crowell**, sweethearts if ever there were a pair! They introduced the visiting Rota-

rian, who happened to be **John Rebelo**’s wife Sarah who braved the fog, traffic and John’s driving to attend all the way from Point Loma! Her gift as the Rotarian traveling the farthest distance was a young agave plant from Mexico, the kind they use to make tequila. Pat explained she would have to nurture it for 15 years until it was ready to harvest, so he threw in a bottle of pre-mixed margaritas to help her with the wait.

After 42 years of marriage, Pat was sensing Maggi was ready to give him the hook and take his microphone away so he tentatively asked her how he was doing and steadied himself for the reply. A tough critic, Maggi nonetheless gave him well deserved kudos “so far,” and a relieved Pat quipped “a wise man once said...nothing.” No doubt wisdom is key to their 42 years of bliss. On with the show!

Famed classical pianist **Bryan Verhoye** and critically acclaimed international guitarist Gregg Nestor (more famously... son of Burt, brother of Paul) performed “*Preludio*” by Manuel Ponce, to the delight of the audience. This was just the start of a string of amazingly talented performers, but first, a word from #298.

Mike Caruso took the podium and told the audience that in 2004 he was diagnosed with a heart condition and that his prospects were dismal. Working out of the Naval Hospital, Mike did all the right therapies and finally, three years after being diagnosed and placed on the Sharp Hospital waiting list, on May 23rd, 2007, he became heart transplant recipient #298. An organ donor had signed up and the family honored his wish just in time for Mike. It’s quite a fraternity; the donor recipients keep in touch and refer to each other by their numbers. If you know Mike, you know the heart he got was an XL. If you are not already a donor, you might consider Mike’s story.

It felt like a pretty solid meeting already. Little did we know the show we were about to enjoy. **Patti Roscoe** and Jim Tiffany underwrote and masterminded the program, featuring students from the SDSU MFA Musical Theatre program, with their accompanist Rod Councill. Performing eight numbers individually and as a group, the talent level was off the charts.

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Next Meeting

February 16, 2017

CHRIS YANOV

**Founder & President
Reality Changers**

Changing Reality in San Diego

How did a program that began in 2001 with just \$300 produce a \$1 billion impact on San Diego’s economy? And how did it come up with a solution to gang violence by throwing out all the rules of conventional wisdom? On Thursday, February 16, come hear the unlikely success story of how Reality Changers, headquartered here in San Diego, has become a national model for building first generation college students.



Ignacio De La Torre
Chair 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.

2017-18 PROJECT ALLOCATION

GRANT APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE ON FEBRUARY 16.

The **SMALL CLUB JOINT VENTURE COMMITTEE** wants to remind you to consider doing your meeting makeups with the **Southeast San Diego Rotary Club**. They meet on Wednesdays at noon at the Jacobs Center in the Community Meeting Room. Please contact Diane Crawford at sedrotary@yahoo.com the day before you plan to attend.

BIRTHDAYS

February

A. J. Antun	13
Greg Pyke	14
Don Tartre	14
Tom Hom	15
Nick Bernal	16
Steve Treadgold	16
Sid Tobiason	18
Nick Westendorf	18

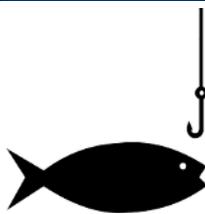
Sweethearts Day *continued*

Their roots may be SDSU, but you can be certain they are headed to the La Jolla playhouse and Broadway. With **Paul Nestor** producing you could drop this production into the Civic Theatre as is and have a hit. It was that good. The production closed to a standing ovation usually reserved for heads of state or **Malin Burnham**.

Suzy Spafford came forward to recognize Bryan Verhoye for his amazing work with the Club 33 Singers who have been in place now for 23 years. Together they bestowed a Paul Harris Fellowship on Bryan for his ongoing dedication with the group and the club.

President John officially closed the meeting by presenting the "glorious" Paul Nestor with a framed photo from the San Diego History Museum for his terrific work on the program, and then we all tap danced out of there.

CLUB 33 FISHING



Attention, Rotary Anglers! This year's trip will again be on the Searcher, one of the fleet's Premier Long Range Vessels. We'll be going out on a 1.5 Day excursion (Trip # 24) that will leave at 4 pm on Monday, September 11th, fishing all day on Tuesday, September 12th, and returning on Wednesday, September 13th. The price for the trip includes bait, bunk in stateroom accommodations and all your meals and snacks. Passport or passport card is required, and a Mexican or CA fishing license is extra. The cost is \$495.00, and you can book online at www.searchersportfishing.com, or by calling Fishermans Landing at (619) 221-8500.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO BOOK NOW!

Since this trip is sponsored by Turner's Outdoorsman', you will have a chance to win some great prizes! You will also have a chance to wrest the Big Fish Trophy away from **Rick McElvain!**

Some believe that 2017 will showcase the return of the legendary Albacore Tuna, a species that have been missing since 2008! So come on and join us for Rotary fishing fellowship! Any questions, give **Bob Fletcher** a call at (619) 454-7580.

CALENDAR

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

February

16 **Chris Yanov, President, Reality Changers**

23 **Michael Jones, President, The Maritime Alliance**

March

2 **Gordon Carrier, Design Principal, Carrier Johnson + CULTURE**

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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2017 FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

We do need more volunteers and mentors!

Hoover High Interact Workshops continue on **February 17** and the afternoons of **February 20 through 24** from **3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** at Price Charities, 6th Floor assembly room, **4305 University Avenue, San Diego, 92105.**

Rotarians who are skilled and experienced in speech writing and formal presentation and speech competition skills, **please be mentors** to help the Hoover High Interact kids practice and perform their speeches to build their speaking skills and to compete with other area high school students for prize money and awards.

We would like one on one mentors - Rotarians to Students - to help them memorize, practice and polish their speeches over and over - backward, forward, from the middle and sideways.

The **Hoover High Speech Contest** will be held **Friday, February 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** at Price Charities. Top three winning students will go into the district contests to compete.

The **Club 33 Speech Contest** for Our Lady of Peace Academy, High Tech High and St. Augustine High School (2 students from each) will be **Monday February 27 at 5:30 p.m.** at Price Charities. Top three winning students will go into the district contests to compete.

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

RYLA



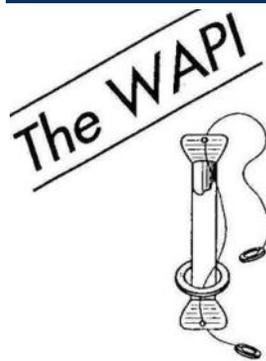
Join the fun and be inspired! Members are invited to be a facilitator at the **District 5340 RYLA** conference being held **April 7-9 in Idyllwild**. Best of all, there is no cost to you or our club to participate.

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.



WAPI PROJECT



UCSD Rotaract has an exciting service event coming up, and all Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary clubs in the district are invited to attend.

Their third annual WAPI Project is coming up on **Sunday, February 26th**. If you are unfamiliar with what the WAPI Project is, it's an event they hold every year where they gather all Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs in the district to make 1,000 WAPIs (water pasteurization indicators) in just one day! Last year they were able to exceed that number and this year they hope to do so again with your help.

Club 33 member **Roger Haines** will also be speaking at the event of his recent work with the WAPIs and solar cookers abroad, so that volunteers see exactly where their WAPIs are sent to and what the impact of their hard work and service at that very moment means for the people in Nairobi, Kenya.

Water Pasteurization Indicator

Sign ups this year will be through **Eventbrite**. You won't need to bring your ticket to the event, but please do sign up so they know how many people to accommodate. www.wapiproject.eventbrite.com

The event will be held from **9 AM - 2 PM in the Great Hall**, but feel free to come and go as you please. They are aware that some volunteers may be able to attend only a part of the event. They are trying to get as big a turnout as possible this year, so feel free to invite any of your family, friends, and fellow club members to show them how awesome international service is! Both breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Please contact [Roger Haines](#) with any questions.



FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) President John with Chairs of the Day Maggi and Pat Crowell; (right) Thank you to the generosity of Jim Tiffany and Patti Roscoe for sponsoring the program.



(Left) Mike Caruso spoke from (and about) the heart; (right) Ginger Procella urged everyone to visit the San Diego Art Institute on February 28.



(Left) Suzy Spafford present Bryan Verhoye with a Paul Harris Fellow on behalf of the Club 33 Singers; (right) Production master Paul Nestor and his guest Sarah.

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(Left) Bryan Verhoye and Gregg Nestor performing “Preludio”; (right) Members of the Pacific Coast Harmony Barbershop Quartet performed the National Anthem.



(Left) Soprano Kimberly Moller singing “My Lady Greensleeves”; (right) students, and our performers, from the SDSU MFA Musical Theatre program.



(Left) Jonathan Brugioni and Susana Vaughan performing “Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better”; (right) Domonique Evans performing “Georgia on My Mind”.

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