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Putting on the Ritz—in the East Village!



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Seattle rain and clouds have subsided and we are back to the glorious weather we San Diegans love and cherish – and don't forget, we get to live here! President **John Morrell** is completing the third quarter of his term, and despite initial skepticism, is doing a remarkably good job for a Clairemont

High Chieftain who wound up at Chico State. Higgs Fletcher, however, has about had its fill with him, but more about that later. After John called our meeting to order, Ball State alum **Penny Robbins** inspired us with something quite close to home—in fact, it was our home. Lest we not forget, she reminded us how lucky we are to be here in San Diego. Club 33 Board Member **Chris Sichel** (Chris, you've been hiding those pipes from us) led us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by *The Star Spangled Banner* accompanied by President Nominee **Suzy Spafford** tickling the ivories. Thank you, Suzy!

Today's news was generously sponsored by **Rich Debolt** and, for one last time, San Diego Van & Storage (it was announced that Rich sold his business this week). I am not sure if it was the real news or alternate news, but **Mark Burgess** read it well as usual. Keeping with the spirit of this religious week, President John's movie clip, always one of my favorites, told the little-known story of the 15, or, 10 Commandments.

Congratulations are in order to **Darlene Davies** for her upcoming induction into the San Diego Women's Hall of Fame! And welcome back **Jenni Prisk** who flew back from New Zealand just to catch today's lunch. The March 8 Grotarian event at Connections Housing is a joint venture with the San Diego State Rotaracts, and **Ellis Smith** promises it will be a great event followed by fellowship, food and beverages. Visit our website for details and to sign up. **Daryl Ferguson** left the meeting with her wallet \$250 lighter, thanks to a fine for promoting the Icons In Transformation Art Show at All Souls Church. And speaking of fines...

some breaking Club 33 news: President John is leaving Higgs, Fletcher & Mack after more than 30 years, 20 of those as managing partner (herding cats, as he puts it) to join forces with Douglas Wilson Companies. John and **Doug Wilson** each graciously agreed to \$1,000 fines for this announcement! Thank you, John and Doug, and good luck, John, in your new venture. Just one thing, John...did you speak to Doug about his company's vacation policy?

Once the dust settled on this bombshell, John turned the podium over to Chair of the Day, and Club 33 Board Member, **Jean Young**. Jean welcomed a visiting Rotarian from Sweden, and then began today's program. Employers in US Urban Centers of Innovation continue to evolve, and the spaces designed to support them are morphing as well. Today's panel of speakers included Gordon Carrier, Founder and Design Principal of Carrier Johnson + CULTURE, Brad Richter, VP of Planning with Civic San Diego, and Michael Mc Nerney, Senior VP of Lowe Enterprises Real Estate Group.

Downtown San Diego has undergone an amazing transformation in the last 50 years, and that pace is not slowing. Since 2000, there have been 170 development projects approved, 15,000 residential units constructed and 4,500 hotel rooms added. Downtown's current population of 37,000 is expected to grow to 90,000 in the next 20 years. Most of today's current residents commute outside of Downtown to their jobs. One of the goals is to grow existing downtown businesses and bring new business Downtown so residents don't have to leave to work. Affordable housing remains a priority for Downtown Planners, who also focus on open space, greenway linear parks and protected bike lanes. Homelessness and parking remain complex issues for Downtown. Vertical planning, instead of horizontal planning, makes sense to these visionaries, as available space is limited. There are lots of exciting changes coming and I for one am looking forward to the next Grotarian event at the new five star Ritz Carlton that will share space with the Clermont Hotel and Whole Foods!

Next Meeting

March 9, 2017

PETER CALLSTROM,
PRESIDENT & CEO
San Diego Workforce
Partnership

&

MAX VILLALOBOS, COO
Kaiser Foundation Hospitals &
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan

Peter Callstrom will highlight the significant role of San Diego's healthcare organizations as major employers, and discuss the demands for a qualified workforce for the healthcare sector. Max Villalobos will preview the opening of the new \$1 billion flagship Kaiser Permanente San Diego Medical Center, and discuss the future of patient care through technology and innovation.

More than 1,000 new jobs are being created at this new hospital, located in Kearney Mesa (Interstate 15 and Clairemont Mesa Boulevard), which will be the first certified LEED Platinum healthcare facility in the world. This is a sneak peek opportunity to learn about the incredible process of building and opening a \$1 billion facility, including dramatic drone footage of the construction and time lapse of the project, as well the intricate process of opening for patient care.



Rodger Dougherty
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS

GET YOUR 2017 CAMP ENTERPRISE T-SHIRT! The committee is now accepting donations for this year's shirts, before and after our Thursday meeting. Be sure to visit their table in the lobby. Minimum donation is \$50.

ATTENTION ALL ROTARY GOLFERS (MEN & LADIES)

The second round of GOLF for the 2016/2017 Club 33 Tournament will be held Friday, March 24th at the San Diego Country Club. First tee time TBD. The field will be limited to 24 golfers. SDCC members are asked and encouraged to sign up early. The first twelve players to sign up will receive 50% (\$50 instead of \$100) off of their green fees at this exclusive, private course!

The cost of this event will be approximately \$118, including \$18 for the electric cart, plus each player's pro rata share of the cost of refreshments. The cost will be billed to your account.

Please contact Sarah Anane at sanane@naisandiego.com or at (619)241-2342 to sign up.

BIRTHDAYS

March

Gary Gould	6
Lisa Carman	6
Kirk Jackson	7
Tom Day	7
Stephanie Rossis	8
Janette Gray	9
Peter MacLaggan	10
Richard Cox	10
Michael Anderson	11
Kathy Koenig	12
Mary Zoeller	12

CLUB 33 GRANT APPLICATIONS

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS MARCH 31

The Club's Project Allocation Committee (PAC) has begun accepting 2017-2018 grant applications. To be considered by the PAC for a grant, applications must be completed in all respects and received by the Rotary office via email to mary@rotary33.org no later than March 31, 2017. Applications may be downloaded from our website on this page: About Us => Member Downloads <http://www.sandiegorotary.club/about-us/member-information/>

SAVE THE DATE- OUR NEXT PROSPECTIVE MEMBER RECEPTION WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 13 IN ROOM 201, FROM 11:30 PM-12:15 PM

Be sure to register yourself and your prospective member on our [website](#).



Lucy Killea

A reminder that the Killea family welcomes you to join them in celebrating Lucy's life at a memorial Mass and reception on Thursday, March 9, 2017, 3 p.m., at Saint Paul's Episcopal Cathedral on Sixth Avenue in San Diego.



Congratulations to Darlene Davies –On March 5 she will be inducted into the San Diego Women's Hall of Fame as a Historian.

Darlene has been involved in recording the history of San Diego for many decades. She volunteers her time and skills as the Official Historian of the Old Globe in Balboa Park, volunteers and supports the San Diego History Center, and has written the history on the San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women. For Darlene, researching and recording history is a responsibility and service she takes on with the utmost care.

CALENDAR

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

March

- 9 *Max Villalobos, COO, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals*
- 16 *Camp Enterprise Kickoff—Keynote Speaker: Stephan Aarstol, Founder & CEO, Tower Paddle Boards*
- 23 *Carl Guardino, CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group*
- 30 *San Diego Padres*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

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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ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY 2017



**SAVE THE DATE
FOR OUR 2017 ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

**MORE DETAILS AND
ONLINE REGISTRATION
COMING SOON**

The RAW Committee is accepting submissions for projects as well as committee members to help organize them. Please contact [Craig Nelson](#) or [Emily Rex](#) to participate.

Rotarians At Work Day happens the last Saturday in April each year. Started in 2006 as a joint effort between two Rotary Districts (one in the United States and one in Mexico), Rotarians at Work Day continues to grow. Each year, Clubs around the world identify a hands-on project that all members can participate in to help their local community.

2017 FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST UPDATE

There were three speakers from Our Lady of Peace Academy and two from St. Augustine High School who competed at our club's second Four-Way Speech Contest on Monday, February 27, 2017 held at Price Philanthropies. **Pauline Halley** from OLP took home the first place prize of \$500.00. The second place winner was **Nainoa da Luz** from St. Augustine with \$400.00 and 3rd place was **Karime Laboria** from OLP with a prize of \$300.00. Karime represented our club last year in the district contest. All three will advance to the next level of district competitions which will begin as early as **March 14**. We wish them luck. Stay tuned for the contest dates for the district sub-regional and regional competitions. **We still need qualified Rotarian Speech Mentors to support the three Hoover High students to polish their speeches and practice their poise, presence and performance skills in preparation for their next competition in the sub-regional contests.** Contact [Janet McDonough](#) for more information or contact [Beatriz Valencia](#) at Price Philanthropies to schedule dates and times to mentor the kids. The district speech contest will be held during our own club meeting **Thursday, April 20, 2017**.



Our participants from OLP and St. Augustine High (from left to right): Soyoung Park (finalist), Nainoa da Luz (2nd place), Paulina Halley (1st place), Karime Laborin (3rd place) and Timothy Feiner (finalist)

FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) Penny Robbins delivered the Inspirational Moment; (right) President John with guest speakers Gordon Carrier, Brad Richter, Michael McNerney and Chair of the Day Jean Young.



(Left) Ellis Smith promoted the March 8 Grotarian event; (right) Doug Wilson was fined for hiring President John as the new president of the Douglas Wilson Companies.



(Left) Daryl Ferguson was fined for promoting the art exhibit of Ludmila Pawlowska, a visiting Rotarian from Sweden; (right) **Simona Valanciute**, guest Dan Hom and **Diana MarJip-Chuh**.