

The Answer, My Friend, is Blowing in the Wind, and at Club 33!



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Editor

President **John Morrell** turned the Rotary time machine back to 1965, and then called the meeting of STBRCITW (strictly the best Rotary Club in the world!) to order. And what a special meeting it was. We had a house full of District Governors including our own **George Carter Jessop** who is celebrating 93 years of his wonderful life. George joined Club 33 in 1959, the same year President John was born! The Inspirational Moment was given by **Larry Hoeksema** who quite appropriately discussed the healing power of music. Small world it is: Larry and his (then girlfriend) wife saw Peter, Paul and Mary in concert in Wisconsin in 1968.

What followed after the *Pledge of Allegiance* was perhaps my favorite presentation of a Club 33 patriotic opening song: *This Land is Your Land*, led by our guest speaker, Peter Yarrow of—you guessed it—Peter, Paul and Mary fame. This patriotic song, written by Woody Guthrie, was a staple at Peter, Paul and Mary concerts, and even included a new Rotary verse. Peter had the whole club singing along with him for this song (and other songs that followed). 1965, we've come back!

Today's news, ably read by **Mark Burgess**, was sponsored by Club 33 musician **Ray McKewon** and The Xceptional Music Company. Soon-to-be "lame duck" President John showed a classic video of Peter, Paul and Mary performing with Jack Benny. Our Club's own visionary, **Natasha Josefowitz**, who is forever young at heart, graciously took a \$250 fine. We welcomed new member **Chris Gruenwald** who thanked his primary sponsor, **Craig Evanco**. Don't miss the next Grotarian event, which is a visit to the Junipero Serra Museum on May 23rd. **Tom Fetter** promised a fun time for all and you can sign up, as always, on the Club's website. And don't forget to nominate candidates for the 2017 Peace Award. Contact the club office or hammer-toting (*If I Had A Hammer*) **Jenni Prisk** for more details.

Mia Harenski took the stage for another of my favorite occasions, the introduction and recognition of the 2017 Hoover Interact Graduating Class. These wonderful

young men and woman never cease to amaze. Only 50 of 150 applicants were accepted into the latest class at Hoover. These super stars put in an amazing 7,000 hours of community service and exemplify Service Above Self, while also achieving tremendous academic success. Good luck and Godspeed to these impressive students as they transition from high school to college.

President John then turned the program over to Chair of the Day, **Paul Nestor**. Paul once again came up with an amazing program that, as usual, both delights us and drives the office crazy with logistics. Paul and Peter met thirty years ago and quickly became great friends. (Lucky for us!) Paul recognized and thanked the furthest traveled Rotarian with a Peter, Paul and Mary book graciously signed by Peter Yarrow himself. Paul introduced Peter, and the 1965 magic continued. Good friend **Amnon Ben-Yehuda** showed a video montage of Peter, Paul and Mary clips and then Peter picked up his guitar and started doing what he does so well—entertaining.

In 2000, in an effort to combat school bullying, Peter helped start Operation Respect, a nonprofit organization that brings to children, in schools and camps, a curriculum of tolerance and respect for each others' differences. The project, which is now in 22,000 schools in the nation, began as a result of Peter and his daughter Bethany and his son Christopher having heard the song *Don't Laugh At Me*. Honorary Rotarian Peter played us that song, and reactions to the song Peter then elicited from two of the Hoover Interacts in attendance were touching. Sensing the crowd's interest in hearing some Peter, Paul and Mary classics, Peter, who turns 79 this month, closed the day with a medley of PP&M standards: *Puff The Magic Dragon*, *Blowing In The Wind*, *If I Had A Hammer*, *We Shall Overcome*, and closed with a *This Land Is Your Land* encore. During his performance, in classic 1960's style, Peter had us standing, group hugging, hand holding and clapping along with the music. Still the activist, Peter broke Club 33 tradition by going well past our standard 1:30 p.m. meeting adjournment. But I really don't think anyone mind-

Next Meeting

May 18, 2017

SAFER TOGETHER: Emergency Preparedness and Response for Seniors

If a disaster struck, and your senior loved one/neighbor is at home or in a skilled nursing facility and is evacuated, where will they be taken? How will you find them? Will their special needs be met? Will they have their medications, water, walker, cane, oxygen, etc? Join us to hear what it was like in the 2004 and 2007 wildfire evacuations, and the innovative models that have been developed since to make it "safer together" for our loved ones.

Our expert guest panel will include:

Scott J. Tarde, CEO & Executive Director, George G. Glenner Alzheimer's Family Centers. (Scott is also a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator)

Pauline Thomas, RN, QAS, Public Health Preparedness and Response (PHPR) Branch, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency

Justin Weber, Executive Director, Casa de Manana



Cheryl Wilson
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS



On September 21st our club will present its 3rd annual Peace Award,

and you are invited to submit a nomination for the award.

[Click here](#) for the criteria and application form. **The deadline to submit your nomination is June 30.**



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.



Don't have the **San Diego Rotary app** yet? You can download the San Diego Rotary app on your phone and

tablet from the App Store or Google Play. Just search "San Diego Rotary" in the store. The app will make it much easier to access information and keep up-to-date on what is happening in the club. (This app is only for San Diego Rotary Club members.)

BIRTHDAYS

May

Al Harutunian III	15
Diane Bell	15
Bob Witty	15
Anthony Llompart	16
Sue Rehm	17
Bill Littlejohn	17
Jackie Meyer	17
Michael Holland	20
Ray Uzeta	20

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



Chris Gruenwald - "Information Technology." Chris is Owner and President of Bayside Networks, and IT support company that primarily serves small to medium sized companies here in San Diego. He started the company in 1986 and serves 100 businesses throughout San Diego.

Chris and his wife Anita, a hospice nurse, have been married for 20 years. He enjoys sportfishing, working on diesel engines, and dirt biking.

Craig Evanco, Keith McKenzie and Tom Gable were his sponsors.

Email: Chris@baysidenetworks.com

Special May 25 meeting

On May 25 we will be joined by Mayor Kevin Faulconer and Tijuana Mayor Gastelum for a special presentation to the Tijuana Rotary Club in support of Phase 2 of their Community Center. The Mayor's, along with Malin Burnham, will discuss our mega region and the importance of mutual collaboration. Members from the Tijuana Rotary Club will be in attendance as well.



CALENDAR

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

May

18 Emergency Preparedness and Response For Seniors

25 Bi-National Cooperation - Mayor Kevin Faulconer, Tijuana Mayor Gastelum and Malin Burnham

June

1 Addressing Homelessness in San Diego: Past, Present and Future

GROTARIAN EVENTS

**Tuesday, May 23rd
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Event: The Junipero Serra Museum in Presidio Park
2727 Presido Drive
San Diego, CA 92103**

Cost: \$40 per person

So many of us drive Highway 8 and see this beautiful museum up on the hillside, and now you will finally be able to explore it!

The site is the first permanent European settlement in what is today the State of California. We will tour the museum, including the exhibits, and if you dare, you may walk out onto the top of the iconic tower!

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

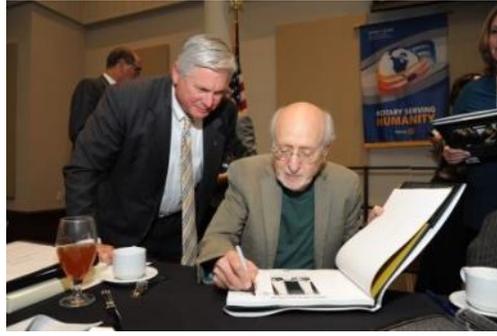
Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106

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FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) Chair of the Day Paul Nestor gets a little love and support from Peter Yarrow during his remarks; (center and right) Peter autographed copies of his book “Peter Paul and Mary: Fifty Years in Music and Life.”



(Left) Peter privately debuted a song he wrote for the Don't Wait...Vaccinate Committee to district and club committee members. (Right) Later in the meeting, Amnon Ben-Yehuda gifted Peter with a personal donation to Peter's organization, Operation Respect.



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The crowd got into the sing-along.



Hoover Interacts stayed after the meeting to hear more inspirational words and songs from Peter.

