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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

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Defeating Homelessness



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Editor

While the title of my report may seem a bit aggressive, it seems to fit our Club program this week... and of course the short-timer's attitude of our soon-to-be-retired **Prez John!** It should be noted that when our Prez opened the meeting by announcing the virtual end of his Iron-Rule, the Club burst into applause!

Bringing us back to normalcy, Monarch School Prez **Erin Spiewak** provided a wonderful "education of the heart" Inspirational Moment (and congrats on her second wedding anniversary!). The Pledge of Allegiance and *God Bless America* was led by **Brandon Horrocks** with **Suzy Spafford** on the ivories. **Mike Rowan** of Goodwill Industries San Diego sponsored the news presented by the Golden-Tonsil **Stan Lawrence**. Our video-of-the-week was a clip from *Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid*, which our Hysterical... oops, Historical Prez, claims was the finest western movie ever produced. (At least it was in color this week.)

Prez John then reminded us all to sign up for committee assignments ASAP. Each Rotarian must designate their participation in Club committees annually, and it's that time again! That Most Esteemed Leader, **Andy Liska**, of the Most Glorious Rotator Committee, followed with a pitch for joining us Editors on this remarkable journey of reporting. (But despite what Andy said, the Club does NOT pay us!)

Next, we were introduced to **Luisa McCarthy**, our newest club member, who apparently put on a spectacular Memorial Day event that was given some high praise by her sponsor, **Nancy Scott**. Welcome, Luisa!

Prez John moved on to present a second Paul Harris Fellowship award to **Larry Kuntz** and a ninth to incoming prez **Bob Russell**, who also received a Major

Donor award from the Rotary International Foundation. Congratulations, Rotarians!

Larry took over as Chair of the Day and welcomed two visiting Rotarians from the Tecate Club, who not only traveled the farthest, but came bearing a terrific invitation to their Festival La Paella & El Vino on June 17 at the Rancho Tecate Resort. Please call the Rotary office for more information. Larry then introduced our panel for today's program on ending homelessness in San Diego. Kris Kuntz, Senior Associate at LeSar Development Consultants, and Rick Gentry, President & CEO of the San Diego Housing Commission, covered a lot of ground in a very short amount of time. Kris provided us an overview and history of homelessness in San Diego, while Rick dug into what is being done to end homelessness. With 9,116 homeless, the total numbers don't seem to be appreciatively increasing, but those without housing has. As of 2016, San Diego had the fourth largest homeless population in the nation, only behind New York City, Los Angeles, and Seattle. With programs sponsored by the SD Housing Commission like Housing First-San Diego, and sufficient resources to complete wrap-around services once housed, we can "end" homelessness. In this case "end" means a system that ensures homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring. To paraphrase Rick: It's not that we're doing something wrong, we're just not doing enough right. Homelessness cannot be ignored any longer.

Programs proposed under the next phase of Housing First-San Diego represent an estimated investment of \$78.7 million in Federal, City of San Diego and SDHC resources over three fiscal years. Through this effort, housing opportunities will be made available for up to 3,000 homeless individuals and families.

To read the SD Housing Commission's newest report on the Housing First program, [click here](#).

Next Meeting

June 8, 2017

**Marilyn Hannes,
President
SeaWorld**

The New SeaWorld... What's Next is Now

SeaWorld is changing... from the announcement 15 months ago to end killer whale breeding and theatrical killer whale shows, to 2017 being the largest attractions opening ever. SeaWorld Park President, Marilyn Hannes, will share the future mission and vision and facts you may not know about SeaWorld, including rescue, education, conservation and research efforts. Be in the know about SeaWorld's role in the San Diego economy and tourism landscape.



**Don Kent
Chair of the Day**

2017-18 COMMITTEE SIGN-UP

Be sure to sign up for a committee by June 23!

Please visit page 2 of the Rotator for more information.

QUICK BITS

Featured on KUSI:

Mayor Faulconer's visit to our club on May 25, along with the presentation of our gift to the Tijuana Rotary Club, was highlighted on KUSI. [Click here](#) to view the video.

Annual Donation:

There is still time to make your annual donation before this Rotary year ends! Please call the office to make a donation by credit card, or mail your check before June 30th.

BIRTHDAYS

June

Julia Brown	5
Doug Arbon	5
Craig Benedetto	6
Chuck Nickel	6
Chip Goodwin	7
Tracy Sundlun	7
Tom Fetter	9
Martha Gilmer	10

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



Luisa McCarthy - "Memorial Parks."

Luisa has been the co-owner and general manager for La Vista Memorial Park & Mortuary in National City for the last 10 years. La Vista is one of San Diego's oldest and most historic cemeteries.

Before joining La Vista, she held a career in law enforcement and corrections.

Nancy Scott, Solveig Deuprey and Divya Kakaiya were her sponsors.

2017-18 Committee Sign-Up

Dear Valued Member of Club 33:

Hard to believe, but we are quickly approaching the end of a Rotary year and the start of a new one. I believe you will find, as I have, that the greatest joy in Rotary is getting involved with one or more of our many committees and the many opportunities for camaraderie and service that those committees provide.

So--to all you new members of Club 33, take this opportunity to choose how you want to get involved. To all you long-time members who have not been actively engaged, take this opportunity to reconnect with your fellow Rotarians. And lastly, to all of you who are already actively involved in one or more committees, thank you. Keep up the good work, stay involved, and encourage your fellow Rotarians to join you!

Let us all now get engaged with the good works of Rotary to even better serve our community. Do this by joining at least one Rotary committee. The club's [website](#) identifies the description of each committee. Some of the committees meet monthly, and others only meet on an as needed basis.

Here is the link to sign up: [2017-18 Committee Sign-Up](#). Simply click on the buttons next to the committee(s) you would like to join and then click the "Done" button at the bottom of the page to submit your selections.

Please sign up by June 23 so that we can notify committee chairs of their new roster.

Remember, the Rotary year begins anew on July 1st, so you must re-enlist for the committees you have worked on in the past.

Thank you for all you do for our wonderful Rotary Club. I am looking forward to working with you in service this coming Rotary Year.

Bob Russell
President, 2017-2018



CALENDAR

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

June

8 *Marilyn Hannes, President*
SeaWorld

15 *Biotechnology in San Diego*

22 *Steven Moore, President,*
Moore Worldwide

29 *Annual President's Roast*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Save the dates for these upcoming Grotarian events:

July 18 - Walking Tour of Balboa Park

August 29 - Tour of General Atomics

September (date pending)-
Poolside Chat

October 31 - SDSU Film Festival

December 5 - Grotarian Holiday Party at the Timken Museum

More details coming soon!

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

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FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) Our meeting's Editor, Richard Ledford, with our visiting Rotarians from the Tecate Club; (center) Chair of the Day and owner of Nelson Photo, Larry Kuntz, with **Gary Nelson** (who was the original owner of Nelson Photo), and Kris Kuntz, Larry's son and one of our guest speakers; (right) Larry's wife, Nancy, demonstrates how to use the camera that Larry gifted to our visiting Rotarians.



(Left) President John congratulates Bob Russell on receiving a Major Donor recognition from the Rotary International Foundation; (center) Erin Spiewak opened our meeting with the Inspirational Moment; (right) **Kristen Ford** with her daughter Sylvia and guest Jonathan Castillo.



(Left) Guest speaker Kris Kuntz meets with club members after the program to answer more questions; (right) guest speaker Rick Gentry discussed the San Diego Housing Commission's Housing First-San Diego program.



(Left) President John fined **David Oates** for heckling from the audience; (center) **Divya Kakaiya** was spotted in the crowd; (right) President John made his rounds through the crowd and visited with **Steve Porter** and **Jim Hall**.