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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

Biotechnology in San Diego



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Editor

President **John Morrell** said it best himself, “The best thing about being president is that the presidency is almost over.” Oh John, the roast should be good!

John personally thanked **Jackie Meyer** for her support to the club and his presidency by fining her \$1000, but then added he would pay it on her behalf.

John then went on a roll and randomly fined 25 other members for no apparent reason, from **Guy Maddox** to **Tyler Cramer**, to **Dick Green** to **Will Newbern**. His message: donating to the club makes you feel good and it does wonders. So please do it!

We then welcomed new member **Ameer Nassar** to the club. We also briefly met new member **Trevor Blair**, but since his sponsor, and father, **Phil Blair** couldn't make it to the meeting, Trevor's formal introduction was postponed until Phil could grace us all with his presence.

Glenn Rossman announced the July 18 Grotarian Event, which will be a walking tour of Balboa Park. See page 2 for more details.

The Rotarian of the Quarter award was presented to **Lynn Congemi**, who joined Rotary in 2014 and since has demonstrated service above self to the highest degree. Congratulations, Lynn.

Tom Gable, our Chair of the Day, got the program rolling after gifting President John with his bag of goodies meant for visiting Rotarians (there were none), and after introducing the day's guest panel of speakers.

We first heard from **Steve Mento**, President & CEO of Conatus and Chairman for the BIO2017 Steering Committee (BIO). BIO is the world's largest trade association representing biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centers and related organizations across the United States and in more than 30 other nations.

BIO members are involved in the research and development of innovative healthcare, agricultural, industrial and environmental biotechnology products. BIO also produces the BIO International Convention, the world's largest gathering of the biotechnology industry, along with industry-leading investor and partnering meetings held around the world.

To advocate for the industry, BIO is organized into four different sections to best represent our members and their goals: emerging companies, health, industrial + environmental and food + agriculture.

We next heard from **Sara Radcliffe**, President + CEO of California Life Sciences Association (CLSA) which advances California's world-leading life sciences innovation ecosystem by advocating for effective national, state and local public policies and supporting entrepreneurs and life sciences businesses.

She presented us with an overview of the 2017 California Life Sciences Industry Report, and agrees that San Diego is truly everyone's favorite place for this convention.

California is a life sciences powerhouse. The state's research community and private sector develop and advance science and technologies solving some of the world's most challenging problems. California leads the industry in growth and trends to continue by leading the nation in new drugs, therapeutics and medicines.

San Diego is 4th largest for life science jobs (Bay Area #1) and has a profound impact on the state's economy. California leads the nation for the largest number of venture capital investments in 2016 (\$4.4 billion.)

California graduated more life sciences PhDs in 2014 than any other state with 1,319—New York placed second with only 909. California also outpaces all states with \$3.6 billion in National Institute of Health funding.

Next Meeting

June 22, 2017

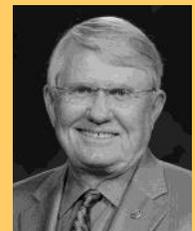
**Steven Moore,
President
Moore Worldwide**

Love him or hate him, very few Americans expected Donald Trump to be elected President. Trump's election comes in the wake of years of Congressional dysfunction.

Steven Moore spent nearly a decade on Capitol Hill, serving for 3 1/2 years as chief of staff to a member of House leadership. He gives a compelling, non-partisan, data-driven presentation explaining the drivers behind Trump's election, the logjam that is Congress and the role of the media in both.

Moore Worldwide is a political strategy, public opinion research and lobbying firm with experience in more than a dozen US states and eight countries worldwide.

Steve brings an array of tools to bear on public policy problems.



**Larry Stirling
Chair of the Day**

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QUICK BITS

2017-18 COMMITTEE SIGN-UP

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

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

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.

We are looking forward to working with you in service this coming Rotary year.

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

Pete Ellsworth	19
Laura Ochoa	22
Larry Clapper	24

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Lastly, we heard from **Kathy Lynch**, Senior Director of Global Government Affairs & Public Policy at Illumina. Illumina is a global leader in genomics – an industry at the intersection of biology and technology, which makes San Diego the genomics capital of the earth.

Illumina's mission is to improve human health by unlocking the power of the genome, and the people who work there live by that mission every day, in every conversation.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary next year, Illumina has 20 offices globally, with \$2.40B in revenue with an 8% revenue growth year over year. Illumina went public in 2000 and has about 5,500 employees to date. Illumina strives to make their solutions increasingly simple, more accessible, and always reliable. As a result, discoveries that were unimaginable even a few years ago are now becoming routine – and are making their way into patient treatment.

Illumina is the leader in full genotyping sequencing, and is getting the cost per genome down: to get your DNA sequenced in 2003 you would spend \$3M. Today the cost is at \$1000, with the goal to be affordable for everyone.

Kathy explained that the companies 23 + Me and ancestry.com are not sequencing your genomes, rather it's giving you a small bit of info. Illumina reads *every* gene in your body—full genotyping sequencing.

“We now can sequence at an unprecedented scale. Collectively, this will give us a much deeper understanding of genetics than ever before. We will begin to truly unlock the power of the genome. These advances will trigger a fundamental shift in healthcare and beyond. Medicine will continue to become more preventive and more precise. We will be healthier, longer. We have only just begun.”

CALENDAR

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

June

22 *Steven Moore, President, Moore Worldwide*

29 *Annual President's Roast*

July

6 *DARK*

13 *Change of Command*

20 *CAPT Joseph Buzzella, Jr., US Coast Guard*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Balboa Park Revealed: a one-hour walking tour led by Tomas Herrera-Mishler, President and CEO of the Balboa Park Conservancy. While we can all celebrate our wonderful treasure of Balboa Park, we may not realize many of the issues with which the park is faced and how the Conservancy, in partnership with the city, is working to ensure the long-term sustainability of the park.

Following the tour, we'll enjoy food and beverages catered by Panama 66.

Date: Tuesday, July 18
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$25 per person

[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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MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest members to the club:



Ameer Nasser - “Real Estate Services, Mortgage Banking, Additional Active.”

Ameer is a mortgage banker for the Chase Private Client division at JP Morgan Chase Bank.

He enjoys billiards, swimming, working out and photography.

Recently, Ameer was trekking through the mountains of a remote island in the Caribbean and spotted a Four-Way Test sign in the road. He proudly said he was reminded that Rotary’s motto of “Service Above Self” will follow him all over the world.

His sponsors were Bill Wise, Divya Kakaiya and Brad Sund.



Trevor Blair - “Executive Search-General, Additional Active.” Trevor is the founder and owner of Blair Search Partners, LLC, a full-service recruiting firm that started as a division of Manpower West (owned by his father Phil Blair and Mel Katz.)

He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, received an MBA from USC, and is a 2007 LEAD San Diego alum.

Trevor has competed in over 200 triathlons around the world, is a 10-time Ironman finisher and a 3-time Boston Marathon finisher. He is a avid yogi, barista and craft beer enthusiast.

His sponsors were Phil Blair, Mel Katz and David Oates.

FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) Sara Radcliffe from the California Life Science Association, Steve Mento from Conatus, President John, Chair of the Day Tom Gable, and Kathy Lynch from Illumina; (right) Terry Moore delivered our Inspirational Moment.



(Left) Congratulations to Lynn Congemi, our Rotarian of the Quarter; (right) **Dan Amaro**, incoming member Scott Schindler, and new member Ameer Nasser.



President John handed out a total of 25 random fines throughout the audience today. Luckily, his victims were all good sports about it.



SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

Seventy visiting seniors enjoyed a wonderful Spring Holiday luncheon, and were treated to music by our own Club 33 Singers on May 19th. Thank you to the Club 33 Singers and Bryan Verhoye! Judging by the happy faces in the photos, and the thank you cards received, the seniors had a great time. Thank you to all the Senior Services Committee members who gave up their time to help, and be table hosts during lunch (Club 33 singers chipped in, too). San Diego Rotary was well represented – many of the cards mentioned Rotary in their sentiments. Last, but not least, thank you San Diego Rotary for supporting this wonderful annual program! It could not be done without all of you! *Cheryl Wilson, Chair – Senior Services Committee*

