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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

Chico and the Man



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Editor

Lucky **John Morrell** to follow Past President **Peter Duncan**! It's our club's tradition that the Presidential predecessor organize an annual roast, and oh, what a splendid job Peter did!

Memorable for its quality, elegant simplicity, and witty humor, "Chico and the

Man" entertained us Rotarians with songs, skits, dumb Irish jokes, and the most clever video I've ever seen: a Bad Lip Syncing video written and performed by Bill Earley, titled "Chico and the Hand." (You can find the link to the video on page 2.)

The opening act set the stage to poke a half-hour of good-hearted fun at President John. He's the "least interesting man in the world," according to John's dog, Stella, skillfully played by **Deidre Maloney**. **David Oates** and **Michael Brunker** complemented the performance to make an exceptionally well-written script truly hilarious.

The talented musical ensemble of **Simona Valanciute**, **Suzy Spafford**, **Larry Showley**, **Joe Zakowski** and **Brandon Horrocks** delighted all with molested renditions of *Chico and the Man* and *The Chico State Fight Song*. Creative lyrics and choreography, too!

It was painful (but funny) to watch distinguished Past Presidents **Mark Trotter**, **Tom Vecchione**, **Wayne Goodermote**, **Michelle Candland**, **Dick Troncone**, and **Stan Hartman** trudge on stage to deliver their assigned lines, absolutely silly Irish jokes.

Bob Russell, **Andy Liska**, and **Mike Morton, Jr.**, also filleted John with aplomb. With skits titled "Fast Times at Clairemont High", "Ferris Morrell's Day Off", and "Disasters of John's Presidency", how could they go wrong?

Among the best skits was "WomanFeed," brilliantly delivered by **Rachel Inmon**. What a hoot! In these politically correct times, one wonders how President John gets away with hosting an annual "ManFeed" for men only (and male dogs) at his cabin in Pine Hills. It's like Pinterest for guys.

Audience favorites were ballads adapted by **Greg Zinser**, accompanied by Brian Verhoye: *Nowhere Man* and *San Diego's Got the Blues*. The close harmony of Greg, Peter and **Paul Hartley** was breathtaking. You could almost close your eyes and hear the Beatles' Paul, John and George. Nice trio, guys!

Past President **Pat Crowell** usually stabs the outgoing Presidents by revealing embarrassing photos and anecdotes. "Light travels faster than sound. Some Presidents seem very bright until they open their mouths," he said. But Pat anchored the program with well-deserved, nice words about John.

In response, President John thanked all who helped make his Rotary year a success, including his family, colleagues, the Board, Executive Committee, committee chairs, professional staff and Rotarians. With some leftover business...and at **Marten Barry**'s insistence...he issued a final fine to Marten to the tune of \$1000.

John's final words were, "Being your President has been the honor of a lifetime."

John, the honor was all ours.

Next Meeting

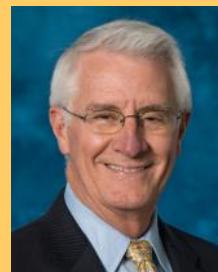
The club will be dark on Thursday, July 6th



July 13, 2017

Change of Command

It is 2017-18 President Bob Russell's inauguration day! Mayor Kevin Faulconer will do the honors of swearing-in our club's 108th president. Please join us as our newest leader shares his vision for this exciting new Rotary year.



Robert G. Russell
2017-2018 President



Happy 4th of July

The Rotary office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

QUICK BITS

New Program Cost

Effective July 1, the lunch and program cost per person will be \$33.

No 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.

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 sesdrota-rv@yahoo.com the day before you plan to attend.

Committee Sign-Up

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.

BIRTHDAYS

July

Patti Roscoe

3

Tom Gable

4

John Rebelo, Jr.

7

Betty Peabody

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CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN! THE CLUB THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP.



[Click here](#) to view President John's year-in-review video.

[Click here](#) to view the Roast Committee's version of that video. This was featured at the Roast as John's final "video-of-the-week."

HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

We are looking for 2-3 San Diego Rotary volunteers to share about your career and how you got there to 5th-8th grade students, at the "Get Fuzzy" Career Day. This is part of the YMCA Summerbridge Program, created in honor of Craig Blower.

The Blower Family has been involved with this program for many years and Craig's unwavering support is what led to the creation of event, named in honor of the blog he kept throughout his battle with cancer.

The Y's Summerbridge Program is a year-round effort that culminates in a unique, five-week, summer session designed to prepare students for high school and beyond. They have been accelerating academic achievement and preparing these students for career opportunities and to become the first in their families to attend/graduate from college. Your involvement in the Get Fuzzy Career Day can help spark an interest these young people didn't know they had!

[Contact Ignacio de la Torre if you would like to participate... email \[id9354@att.com\]\(mailto:id9354@att.com\)](#)

CALENDAR

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

July

6 *DARK*

13 *Change of Command*

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

27 *International Youth Symphony*

GROTRIAN 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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