



# THE ROTATOR

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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

## Comic-Con International

## Next Meeting



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Editor

**President Bob Russell** was back this week, fresh from Maui with a head cold and blaming it on the Mai Tais.

We now have a new annual award for our club—the **Captain Paul J. Hartley, Jr. Membership Development Award**, named after the late Paul Hartley Jr., Club 33 president in 2001-02.

According to President Bob, President Hartley was obsessed with bringing in new members. This award will be given to a Rotarian who brings in the most new members each year. The inaugural award goes to a very well-deserving **David Oates**. Congratulations, David!

President Bob asked for everyone to leave \$1 on the table if they weren't wearing their Rotary pin. By the end of the meeting, you could see dollar bills littering the tables.

**Massey Pitts** introduced her new exchange student, 17-year-old Vasek Jelinek from the Czech Republic. Vasek will be attending his senior year at Poway high school. Thank you to Massey for opening her home to host Vasek this school year.

Welcome new members Allison and Aimal! **Allison Whitney** is Founder and President of B.I.A.N.C.A., Inc., which stands for Be Involved, Act Now, Cure Autism. Bianca, her niece, was diagnosed with autism when she was 3 years old and was the inspiration for Allison's program. **Aimal Laiq** is Community Planner for the Naval Engineering Command Southwest.

Daft Punk fan and Chair of the Day **Richard Cox** took to the podium to introduce the speaker of the day and to bestow Massey Pitts and her new exchange student with lots of goodies from The Westgate Hotel. Score!

Next, onto the program with our speaker, David Glanzer, Chief Communications and Strategy Officer of Comic-Con.

Overseeing all advertising, sponsorship and third party promotional associations, as well as over 3,000 members of the domestic and international media, David's primary responsibility is maintaining both an accurate and positive public image of Comic-Con. (David started with Comic-Con in 1984 as a volunteer.)

Comic-Con began in 1970 from humble beginnings—a group of friends decided to bring together a certain aspect of art that didn't get a lot of attention (and wasn't considered "art" to most). They had 300 attendees at their inaugural event in comparison to 2017 at 135,000 and that this growth has happened organically.

Glanzer went on to explain it's not just a comic convention. It's also a place for many vibrant forms of artistic expression: fantasy, sci-fi and film. Thanks to the popularity of Harry Potter and Game of Thrones, sci-fi is no longer considered "fringe," but rather mainstream.

It was interesting to learn that a lot of the old silent films aren't around anymore – only 14% are in existence today. They have either been digitized or destroyed or belong to foreign countries, so the Library of Congress has now set out to protect them.

While the demographics are mostly male, ages 17-34, thanks to Manga (Japanese animation) which is geared towards females, the demographics are now close to 50-50.

"We produce the type of event we would want to attend. We make sure the advertising and exhibits offer something our attendees would be interested in – fine art or popular art," says Glanzer.

Glanzer acknowledged the space limitations as well as the crowds and endless lines. Move out of San Diego? No, he says – they don't want to. They are happy here and would definitely like to stay. Well, let's keep our fingers crossed.

**August 24, 2017**

## District Governor Scott Carr And Our Annual Committee Showcase

A perennial program, this is your chance to learn about how our club spends more than 100,000 volunteer hours annually in the service of others and making a difference in the lives of so many. Our international, youth, community and vocational committees will be showcasing their projects.

Arrive early to have the opportunity to visit the committee tables and displays to see what they are all about and how your generous donations to our Foundation is being spent. And if you haven't already done so, be sure to sign up to serve on a committee!

**The Showcase begins at 11:15 and our regular program will begin at 12:30 with guest speaker District Governor Scott Carr.**



## QUICK BITS



The Peace Committee invites you to attend the Better Angels Workshop on Saturday, September 16. Please visit [betterangels.org](http://betterangels.org) to learn more or contact Peace Committee Chair [Jenni Prisk](#).



Don't have your Member Directory handy? Remember that Club 33 members have access to our online directory found on our website. The online version will have the most up-to-date contact information, including those of our newest members. Log on with the email address we have on file for you, or use the "forgot password" function to set up or reset a password. If you need your information in the directory updated, please contact Mary in the office.

## BIRTHDAYS

### August

Charlie Van Vechten	21
Ben Clay	22
Pete Wilson	23
Pat Caughey	24
George Kaplan	24
Luisa McCarthy	25
Josh Buchholz	27
Bill Thaxton	27

## MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest members to the club:



**Aimal Laiq**—"Community Planner." Aimal is Community Planner for the Naval Engineering Command Southwest.

He is a graduate of Cal State San Marcos with a Bachelors in Political Science, and of San Diego State with a Masters in City Planning.

Aimal is a former Afghan refugee and attended a private British school where he learned English. He arrived in San Diego in 1999 and played on the football and basketball teams at Westview High School.

His goal is to have a positive impact on his community and be part of the next generation of leaders in San Diego.

**David Kvendru, Mia Harenski and John Neuhart** were his sponsors.



**Allison Whitney**—"Health Services-Autism." Allison is Founder and President of B.I.A.N.C.A., Inc., which stands for Be Involved, Act Now, Cure Autism.

B.I.A.N.C.A., formed in 2011, is a non-profit that make grants that benefit children struggling to cope with the affects of autism. It is a conduit for families coping with Autism Spectrum Disorders and provides services that enhance each child's development, enabling autistic children to grow up to be a productive member of the community.

Bianca, Allison's niece, was diagnosed with autism when she was 3 years old. Seeing the struggles that her sister had to go through to get help for Bianca, inspired Allison to help other children like her in San Diego get the help they need.

**Kristen Ford, Dan Amaro and Diana MarJip-Chuh** were her sponsors.  
Email: [allison@biancanpo.org](mailto:allison@biancanpo.org)

## CALENDAR

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

### August

**24 Scott Carr-District Governor & Annual Committee Show-Case**

**31 Stem Cells and Their Regenerative Powers**

### September

**7 Sally Roush, Interim President, SDSU**

## GROTARIAN EVENTS

**Tour of General Atomics  
August 29 5:30pm-7:30pm  
Cost: \$20 per person  
3550 General Atomics Court  
San Diego, 92121**

For decades, General Atomics has been a world leader in fusion research and development. Their work is part of the global effort to recreate the natural energy-making process of the stars, producing a virtually unlimited clean energy supply.

We will have a rare behind the scenes tour of the magnetic, doughnut-shaped vessel, the DIII-D tokamak reactor, the largest fusion energy program of its kind in the nation.

***This event is limited to 40 guests. [Click here for more details and to register.](#)***

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

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# 2017 Mr. & Mrs. San Diego



*The Past Presidents of San Diego Rotary have proudly selected*

*Mr. Mel Katz*

*as the recipient of the*

*2017 Mr. San Diego Award*

*&*

*Mrs. Linda Katz*

*as the recipient of the*

*2017 Mrs. San Diego Award*

*Please join us on September 14th at the Liberty Station Conference Center to honor  
them for their contributions to our community.*

Thank you to Diane Bell for her wonderful column in the UT introducing our honorees.

[Click here to read.](#)

# RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT



## Second Annual Rise Against Hunger Event with the San Diego Padres September 16, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

After a very successful, sold out, first time event last year, we are once again joining with the Padres Volunteer Team with the goal to pack 60,000 meals (twice as many as last year, which means room for more volunteers) in two hours on Saturday, September 16 at Petco Park. The meals will be distributed by “Rise Against Hunger,” an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world’s most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030.

Rise Against Hunger’s meal packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. The program was created to give dedicated individuals and organizations — from businesses to civic clubs — the opportunity to participate in a hands-on international hunger relief program and to become educated, engaged advocates for the world’s hungry. The events also give volunteers hands-on experience in leadership development, team-building, relationship-building, creative problem-solving, and goal-setting and achievement.

**Registration (required!) is open to members and their families only (ages four and up.) Space is limited to the first 100 people who register.**

Rotaracts, Interacts and non-Club members, **DO NOT** register online. Please contact [Mary@rotary33.org](mailto:Mary@rotary33.org) if you are interested in participating.

More details will be sent to registrants as we get closer to the date. We look forward to another successful event this year and having some fun with the Padres volunteers!

[Click here](#) to be directed to our website for registration.

# CAMP ENTERPRISE 2018

**2018 CAMP RALLY**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 5:30-7:30PM**

Did you sign up for the Camp Enterprise committee? Do you have interest in learning what our club’s largest community program is all about? Or do you simply want another opportunity to meet your fellow Rotarians in a casual setting? Then by all means, please plan to come to our RCE 2018 Camp Rally! We will have a short presentation and introduction of Rotary Camp Enterprise along with appetizers and refreshments. Fellow Rotarian David Kvendru has graciously offered his place of business, Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS in Kearny Mesa, for the event. There will be plenty of parking available. We hope to see you!

Location address: 4845 Ronson Ct. SD 92111

[Click here to RSVP](#)



# NEW YOUTH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

San Diego Rotary Club 33 has over **50 Committees** listed in our 2017-2018 Roster. Of those, **fully one half** are involved, in one way or another, and at one time or another, with **YOUTH** in our community!

Because so many members of our Club have committed themselves, together with other family members and friends, to volunteering their time and talents through involvement with youth, **Rotary's Youth Protection Policies and processes** take on considerable significance. Through the course of our members' service in our local communities and neighborhoods, and by entrusting a young person to our care and supervision in safeguarding them from suffering emotional, mental or physical harm, youth protection is of the **highest priority!**



**This information sheet** includes a list our Club's committees, to the extent we know or understand, in which youth may be involved, **along with several other specific Youth Exchange activities (i.e., members who serve as host families)**. These are the committees and activities which require the **"CERTIFICATION"** of any and all Club 33 members, family members or friends, who could be involved with youth through the course of their committee service. The information also explains what we hope in an easy to understand and straightforward process for completing the application, including undergoing a background check, and training and testing for becoming compliant with current Youth Protection policies. In support of our Club's efforts regarding certification, the District will maintain an electronic file of all applications received, background checks conducted and training completed.

Please look carefully at the information, in particular the "Certification" process and note that involvement with certain committees may require "Certification" on an annual basis, while others may be required every other year.

Serving on a committee, or being involved with an activity involving youth, your assistance, timely compliance and support as we go forward is an extremely important matter, as our Club is required to verify through an **"Affidavit of Compliance"** to the District on an annual basis. Consequently, your cooperation is imperative and deeply appreciated.

**Rotary members, including those who have previously been certified, will have until September 30, 2017 to attain the new Youth Certification qualification.**

I would request that all **committee chairs** thoroughly review the **Youth Protection Policy, updated July 2017**, to insure that every participant on your committee is properly certified in accordance with the latest requirements.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and I'll do my best to either give or get an answer to you just as promptly as possible.



**Thank you very much!**

**Larry Hoeksema**  
**Chair-Youth Protection**

# FACES IN OUR CROWD



Thank you to all of our members who brought a guest to our Prospective Member reception. It was a great turnout!



(Left) Massey Pitts and exchange student Vasek Jelinek; (right) Past President Jo Dee Jacob inspiring us to pick up the phone now and then to share encouraging words.



The Hartley family was present to bestow the inaugural Capt. Paul Hartley, Jr. Membership Development Award to David Oates.



(Left) Chair of the Day Richard Cox gifted exchange student Vasek Jelinek with a gift certificate from the Westgate Hotel; (right) guest speak David Glanzer of Comic-Con.

