

CLUB 33 HISTORY MINUTE #24 1/28/2010

In gearing up for Rotary Club 33's Centennial in 2011, let's turn the clock back to 1954 – fifty-five years ago. Fielder Lutes, classification Musical Instruments assumed the gavel, and our Club was off to another great year. A major project under President Fielder was in support of the Boy Scouts who had acquired King Creek Ranch near Descanso. The Ranch included 160 acres of mountain land, and San Diego Rotary Club 33 assumed full responsibility for financing AND providing physical labor in creating a water storage and distribution system for the Ranch. Our Club pledged the initial \$5000 for a 20,000 gallon storage tank and over 5,000 feet of pipe. Club 33 members and 25 Camp Pendleton Marine volunteers wielded picks and shovels, and provided brain and brawn to help lay the pipe for the water system. Also during Prez Fielder's term was the official adoption of the "Four Way Test" by Rotary. Created by then-Rotary International President Herb Taylor over 21 years prior, the test remains one of the pillars of Rotary tradition. One of Fielder's "unsung" accomplishments in 1954 was re-negotiating an increase for luncheon prices by the San Diego Hotel BACK DOWN to \$1.50 from the hotel's announced increase to \$1.75. And that's your Club 33 History Minute.