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## The Art of Sports Photography



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Editor

White to persevere in life, often on somewhat minor details, like basketball free throw practice for example, if we want to achieve lofty goals such as winning the NCAA Basketball National Championship, or perhaps riding to the top of Mount Sole dad on a bike! The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Steve Hubbard**, followed by the *Star Spangled Banner* accompanied by **Greg Zinser**. The news of the day was sponsored by **Ken Andersen** and the Walter Andersen Nursery, and was masterfully reported by one of our Club's own great photographers, **Stan Lawrence**.

President Chuck thanked Sally Bucko for the MOST slide show and then turned the podium over to **Tom Vecchione** to speak about MOST, and to introduce **Katherine Guevara** and **Sal Hernandez**, two of the folks who are instrumental in keeping this fantastically amazing effort going year after year. The Mercy Outreach Surgical Team (MOST) started in 1987 and has since made 80 trips to 20 different cities deep into Mexico, and has performed at last count an incredible 10,781 cases. The medical services provided to those people in Mexico who have no other way of receiving this care are wide-ranging and include repairs to cleft palates, lips, toes, ears, eyes, and even in fitting for eyeglasses. On average 45 volunteers—remember these people are not paid-go on each trip, including doctors, pharmacists, nurses and other assistants. The hard costs of a trip are about \$150,000, and if the value of the volunteers' time and service are included, this figure is nearly \$1,000,000.

**T**ax day has come and gone, so why not have a great Rotary meeting! Short-timer **President Chuck Pretto** called our meeting to order a bit early to accommodate a busy agenda. We were inspired by **Christy**

The most recent trip was to Te huacan and our own Chuck Pretto went along to offer his help. Sal provides organizational work at the locations, including coordinating with local Rotary Clubs in Mexico, and Katherine provides the organization on this end by coordinating the volunteers for each trip. Local Rotary clubs including our own Club 33 provide key assistance as well. In thanks for their services, Sal and Katherine were both made honorary members of our club. Service Above Self at its finest, to say the least!

Three military veterans were introduced to us by **Phil Blair**. Remember, it's not just who you know, but who they know, and so on. Fines were levied on **Patti Roscoe** (soon to be Dr. Roscoe – congrats, Patti!) and **Jenni Prisk**, both of whom were prominently featured in articles in SDSU's 360 Magazine and the UT- San Diego, respectively. Great job, Jenni, in getting on the front page (albeit below the fold) of the U-T. **Dick Troncone** introduced our newest honorary member, **Francisco Santos**, an Aztec alum and the principal of Cesar Chavez Elementary School. Please also welcome new member **Alan Lerchbacker**, a 26-year Navy veteran who now runs his own board room. Alan was sponsored by **Mike Conner**.

With announcements done, Chuck turned the program over to Chair of the Day, **Karin Winner**. Karin welcomed a visiting Rotarian from Ranch Bernardo, and then introduced our speaker, U-T news and sports photographer Sean Haffey. Sean developed a passion for photography in college, considered very briefly being a war photographer, and then found his niche in news and then sports photography. Sean began working for and with Karin at the U-T in 1990 and has covered events all over the globe.

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## NEXT MEETING

**April 24**

**Barry Edelstein of the  
Old Globe**

"The Old Globe: Art,  
Entertainment, and  
Community"

Nearing its 80th year as the flagship arts institution of San Diego, The Old Globe continues to thrive as an important force locally, regionally, and—as the country's sixth-largest theater company—nationally. Artistic Director Barry Edelstein will discuss the theater's upcoming season as well as its plans to enrich San Diego audiences with works of artistic excellence even as it broadens its reach into the wider community.



**Jenni Prisk**  
Chair of the Day

## QUICK BITS

### PROJECT ALLOCATION

The 2014-2015 project allocation form is available on the website

<http://clubweb.rotary33.org/pdf/news196.pdf>

Deadline for submission is May 15

**Rotarians At Work Day** is SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014. There is still plenty of room in several of this year's projects. Sign up online.

**San Diego Rotary Spring Tennis Tournament** is on May 14th at 5:00. This is a doubles tournament—register online now.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our membership survey and provided us with some valuable suggestions!

## BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Enright April 23

Dom Addario, M.D. 24

Katie Fulhorst 25

Laura Buckley 26

Roy Bell 28

## The Art of Sports Photography

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Sean narrated an amazing slide show of sports photographs which ran the gamut from local events to five Olympic Games. His photographs were artistic, creative, dramatic and nothing short of spectacular. Sean likes to get shots from a variety of angles and positions, which rarely call for him to stand up normally.

Many of Sean's pictures and comments involved local sports and athletes. Four iconic sports figures in San Diego, Trevor Hoffman, Tony Gwynn, Sean Merriman and LaDanian (LT) Tomlinson, were featured in many of his shots. By sheer luck, Sean was in a tunnel at Qualcomm Stadium at the moment a Chargers team doctor gave Drew Brees the news in 2005 that his shoulder was injured and the injury could possibly be career-ending. Quite a poignant moment indeed!

Sean took a risk at the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup final game by not taking a position behind the goal as all of his colleagues did. The risk paid off when Sean captured an incredibly dramatic shot of Brandy Chastain, jersey in hand, celebrating her game winning penalty kick. We were treated with incredible photos of events as diverse as a surfer riding a 70 foot wave to an ultra-endurance runner during the 135 mile Badwater Ultramarathon. The conditions were so hot that a Japanese team that was sent to the race to study the effects of heat on athletes all succumbed to the heat themselves.

Ironically, Sean is not a big sports fan himself. As interesting as his life has been, he also faces some challenges doing his job, such as photographing a surfer on a giant wave from a jet ski perilously close to the wave itself. During the Sydney Olympics Sean averaged three hours of sleep a night for three weeks. At a typical Chargers game, Sean will shoot up to 2,200 pictures and wind up with 5-7 pictures he actually submits to the UT for publication. What a treat to listen to and watch such an interesting and talented artist.

## CALENDAR

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

### APRIL

24 *Barry Edelstein—Old Globe*

### May

1 *Ingrid Croce*

8 *John Corcoran*

15 *Dr. Richard Della Penna*

22 *Jeff Bacon, Cartoonist, Navy & Marine Corps Times*

29 *Iris Engstrand, Balboa Park History*

## GROTRIAN EVENTS

April 23 - Mixer with SDSU Rotaracts at Higgs, Fletcher and Mack. 5:15 - 6:45 pm. Register at [www.rotary33.org](http://www.rotary33.org)

May 27 - San Diego Library & e3 Civic High School Tour - 4:30-7:30 pm. Register at [www.rotary33.org](http://www.rotary33.org)

### Future Events:

June 22 - San Diego Polo Club

July 15 - America's Cup "Yacht America" Sailing

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

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## FACES IN THE CROWD AT OUR MEETING



Sean Haffey, Chair of the Day Karin Winner and President Chuck.



Sean Haffey dazzled us with his amazing photos.



**Marc Tarasuck** and **Peter Duncan** are impressed with Jennie Prisk's front page coverage in the UT.



Patti Roscoe was fined for being bestowed with an Honorary Doctorate by SDSU.



President Chuck, new member Alan Lerchbacker and his sponsor Mike Conner.



Dick Troncone, Cesar Chavez Principal and new Honorary member Francisco Santos and President Chuck.

# NEW MEMBERS



New member **Alan Lerchbacker** - "Private Equity Investments" -introduced himself to San Diego Rotary today. Alan is the Managing Director of The Miller Group. Mike Conner, **Judy Thompson** and **Michelle Candland** were his sponsors.

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New Honorary member Francisco Santos was introduced today. Francisco is the Principal of Cesar Chavez Elementary School. Dick Troncone was his sponsor.

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New Honorary member **Katherine Guevara** was introduced to San Diego Rotary today. Katherine is the Project Coordinator for MOST. Chuck Pretto was her sponsor.

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New Honorary member **Sal Hernandez** was introduced to San Diego Rotary today. Sal is the Mexico Liaison for MOST. Chuck Pretto was his sponsor.

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