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ROTARY CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

Change of Command



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Editor

A whole bunch of Club 33 members, the Pretto/Kobey family reunion and about a dozen SDSU Rotaracts entered our new home at Liberty Station (four dollars richer) to find smartly designed Rotary pins adorned with U.S. flags waiting for us. We were also graced with

the amazing musical talents of Bryan Verhoye, **Stan Lawrence** and Zack Zinser while we waited for the meeting to start.

Fresh from her hilarious roast, *extremely* short timer **President Jo Dee C. Jacob** called her final meeting to order. **Bonnie Schwartz** (Past President 2010-11) inspired us by sharing her own wonderful experiences, thanks to the gift of Rotary. Front man emeritus **Steve Hubbard** kept with the new U.S. flag theme by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed appropriately by the *Star Spangled Banner*, accompanied by Bryan Verhoye.

No news is good news given the recent deluge of political events and Jo Dee went right into a brief bit of business as her last moments in office waned. On Friday, July 19, 2013, join fellow club members at the Del Mar Race Track for Club 33 Day at the Races. Gates open at 2:00 p.m. and **Steve Bond** thinks he has found a clever way to deduct any losses you may incur. Please call the office to reserve your tickets.

For those maritime history buffs who have a bit of cash left after betting on the ponies, the Grotarians are hosting an evening at the San Salvador in Spanish Landing on July 23, 2013. **Pamela Stambaugh** advised that registration and additional information can be found on the Club 33 website.

Congratulations to a very surprised but very deserving **Diana MarJip-Chuh** for being the Rotarian of the Quarter. Now, an even *shorter* timer Jo Dee began to let her

Navy guard down as her last moments in office ticked away. Jo Dee loved her roast and thanked her Roast Committee brilliantly led by **Wayne Goodermote** (Past President 2011-12) and his band of talented conspirators.

In what would prove to be a day chock-full of thank-yous, Jo Dee thanked all of us for making this the greatest year of her life. Unfortunately, President "What did I say?" Jo Dee really began to slip off the dock (I knew she should have said no to that second glass of milk). Don't worry, "Michelle Canfield," we all remember that our President-Elect this year is still **Michelle Candland**. Jo Dee must also be an alumna of the University of Goodermote. The visiting Rotarian who traveled all the way from Torrey Pines received—big surprise!—boxes of Girl Scout cookies, always a welcome treat. But enough about you Jo Dee, your time has run out.

Next, Jo Dee had the honor of introducing us to Club 33 President-elect **Chuck Pretto**, 2012-2013, who she promptly turned into "President Chuck" (I kind of like that too, Chuck) with a simple, albeit if somewhat bumbling, swearing in ceremony.

Gavel firmly in hand, President Chuck introduced his 2013-2014 Board of Directors and Officers and then attempted to swear them in (think 2009 Obama swearing-in).

Chuck "Rocket Man" Pretto then spent the next half hour introducing and yes, *thanking*, the entire Pretto/Kobey clan; a table and a half of SDSU Rotaracts; numerous friends, mentors and just plain special people in his life, including his wife and the love of his life, Kimberly Kobey-Pretto. By this point, next year's roast committee already had half of its material for Chuck's roast. You see, Chuck, too, is a self-admitted alumnus of the University of
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NEXT MEETING

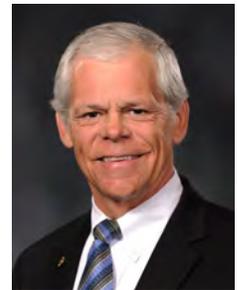
Thursday

July 18, 2013

Liberty Station
Conference Center

Roger Hewitt, Ph.D. Southwest Fisheries Science Center Assistant Director, Ships & Infrastructure

Roger will present an overview of the mission of the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, a description of its new La Jolla Laboratory, and information about the new research vessel, the NOAA Ship *Reuben Lasker*, which is expected to arrive on the west coast early in 2014.



Chair of the Day
Greg Zinser

QUICK BITS

MEETING SITE MOVED FOR 2013-2014

Our weekly lunch meeting is now at the Liberty Station Conference Center (LSCC) at 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106. The meal price remains \$28 for members and guests. Parking is free.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 19—Club 33 Day at the Races-call the office for tickets
July 22-24—Club 33 Fishing Trip-call the office for tickets
July 23—Grotarians Visit the San Salvador-details online
Aug. 13—Grotarians Visit the Media Arts Center's Digital Gym
Register for events at www.rotary33.org or www.rotary5340.org

CLUB 33 DISTRICT GOLF TEAM RESULTS

At Rancho Bernardo Inn on July 8, **Don Tartre, Rod Eales, Mark Burgess** and **Guy Maddox** won golf balls for their efforts. San Diego "A" is in first place of the Blue Division. San Diego "B" is in the cellar. The next event is Aug. 26 at Riverwalk Golf Course. Tee times start at 9:30 AM.

Through the Looking Glass



Bruce A. Hunt
Executive Director

What is attending a Rotary International Convention like?

I've been to three conventions now: Los Angeles in 2008, Bangkok in 2012, and Lisbon in 2013. An international trip to an RI Convention is an adventure unto itself.

I never feel lonely at an RI Convention, even in those large cities. It is comforting to know that there are thousands of people around me wearing the Rotary wheel who would be happy to talk or help if I needed it.

I am amazed at the sense of belonging to something much, much bigger than Club 33 and District 5340. At an RI Convention, I sense the force of being at the center of 34,000+ Rotary Clubs and 1.2+ million members from more than 200 countries and territories.

It is inevitable to perceive the goodness that emanates from every Rotarian at the convention because of their desires to make the world a better place. Water wells, sanitary systems, conflict resolution, polio inoculation, hospitals, schools and economic development are the tools engaging Rotary and changing lives. The pride of being a Rotarian is palpable because of the surrounding people and what they believe and do.

President Chuck and **Kimberly Pretto**, **PP Stan** and **Leigh Hartman**, **PP Jim**, **Carmen** and **Sophie Hughes**, **Mike Conner** and **Judy Thompson**, **Bink** and **Jack Cook**, **President-elect Michelle** and **Art Candland**, and my wife and I enjoyed the experience. Let's go to Sydney in 2014!



CALENDAR

JULY

25 **Mike Niggli, SDG&E**
*Liberty Station
Conference Center*

AUGUST

1 **Program TBD**
*Liberty Station
Conference Center*

8 **Rick King**
*Former RI President
Liberty Station
Conference Center*

15 **Ernie Dronenberg**
*San Diego Real Estate
Update
Liberty Station
Conference Center*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

JULY 18

*All Committee Chairs Room 201
Membership Room 202*

BIRTHDAYS

Dick Eger	July 15
Dan McKinney	15
Gene Rumsey	16
John Ohanian	17
Nancy Scott	18
Vern Aguirre	18
Phil Klauber	19
Bill Beamer	19
Rick McElvain	20

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



Pictured at left from top to bottom:

L to r: Zach Zinser, Bryan Verhoye and Stan Lawrence provided lunch music, and Steve Hubbard led the Pledge and song

The head table for Change of Command



President-elect **Michelle “Canfield” Candland**, **President Chuck Pretto** and Past President **Bonnie Schwartz**, who gave the Inspirational Moment

Past President **Jo Dee C. Jacob** enjoyed mentoring Chuck, the new President

Steve Bond encouraged us all to reserve tickets for Club 33 Day at the Races on July 19

Pictured at right from top to bottom:

Pamela Stambaugh asked us to sign up for the visit to the San Salvador on July 23

Diana MarJip-Chuh received the Rotarian of the Fourth Quarter from PP Jo Dee

President Chuck and PP Jo Dee after the swearing in

President Chuck explained his 2013-2014 goals for Club 33

Roger Haines displayed the solar cooker he created



Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor

MORE “CHANGE OF COMMAND” BY ANDY LISKA

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Goodermote.

After all of his “thank yous” and numerous standing ovations, President Chuck presented us with his version of the Rotary theme for the year: “Engage Rotary, Change Lives.” Chuck’s vision and goals for 2013-14 are based upon his deep passion for Rotary.

First and foremost, Chuck wants to increase Club 33 membership. Under the able leadership of Director and past Membership Committee Chair **Joe Craver** (2010 Mr. San Diego), our Club added more than 80 new members in two years. Chuck has enlisted the largest Membership Committee in Club history, co-chaired by **Jackie Meyer** and Director **Bill Earley**, to lead the charge for even more members. But the membership committee needs the help of each of us to locate prospective members to receive the gift of Rotary.

The next goal plays well off of the first: Increase fellowship opportunities. Rotary was founded on the simple principle of mixing business and friendship, which is the fellowship of Rotary. Thursday lunches are great, but get together with your fellow Rotarians more often. While he would like to have the entire Club over for dinner (could you hear Kimberly gasp?), Chuck promised to have Club 33 members come to dinner at his home, and encouraged us to increase our fellowship with each other.

Chuck’s third goal is to improve member participation in committees. The obvious passion Chuck has for Rotary did not always exist. According to Chuck, his first three years in

Club 33 were, in his words, almost a failure. The problem was that Chuck was not getting involved. Then one day, a Rotarian sitting next to him at a Club lunch suggested that Chuck get involved in the Youth Exchange Committee by hosting an exchange student for a year. The result was life changing for Chuck’s entire family, and he cherishes the wonderful relationships he and his family have had with exchange students ever since.

While Youth Exchange may not be your cup of tea, our club has plenty of different and varied committees from which to choose. Pick one—or more—and get involved. You won’t be disappointed.

Chuck announced his newest committee is the Rotary Science Academy/STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), chaired by **Bink Cook, Doug Arbon** and **Craig Blower**. The idea for STEM came from a simple hour of fellowship with other Rotarians and has blossomed into reality. Plans are to get Camp Enterprise-type STEM programs into three elementary schools to start, and then increase it to middle and high schools.

The STEM concept has also inspired Chuck to make **Roger Haines’** brilliantly simple and effective solar cooker his speaker’s gift. Three hundred of these amazing cookers have already been shipped to Kenya and are being used successfully.

Thank you, Jo Dee, for a great year, and good luck to President Chuck for a great 2013-14!

MORE FACES IN THE CROWD AT OUR MEETING



Top left: **Mike Rowan** and Past President **Stan Hartman** sponsored **President Chuck Pretto** into Club 33 in 1992. Chuck’s third sponsor, **Vin Ciruzzi**, was unable to attend.

Bottom left: The Pretto family, Chuck, Liza, Anthony and Kimberly

Above: President Chuck—”It’s good to be the King!”

2013-2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Jo Dee C. Jacob
Past President



Chuck Pretto
President



Michelle Candland
President-Elect



Peter Duncan
President-Nominee



Craig Blower
Secretary/Treasurer



Doug Arbon



Joe Craver



Bill Earley



Peg Eddy



Kevin Enright



Joe Farrage



Joe Horiye



Woody Ledford



Lisa Miller



John Morrell



David Oates



Greg Zinser

SIGN UP FOR GROTARIANS VISIT THE SAN SALVADOR

San Salvador 1542

San Salvador
Flagship of an expedition under the command of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, was a 200-ton galleon built on the Pacific coast of Guatemala in the late 1530s. She is now brought to life as an historically accurate replica vessel.

The Voyage
San Salvador set sail on a voyage for California in June 1542, intending to explore the North Pacific and eventually reach Asia.

The People
Over 170 Spaniards, Portuguese, and other Europeans, together with indigenous helpers from New Spain and Central America, as well as West Africans, set out on the expedition. They met and established friendly relations with the Native American communities of coastal California.

The Legacy
San Salvador and her epic journey resulted in the first visit by a European-organized expedition to the port of San Diego, and a first encounter with the original peoples of this region. She symbolizes our seafaring past and our origin as a community of many ethnicities and cultures.

\$30
per person

**Bring
Friends
and
Family!**

Grotarians visit the San Salvador

Join us and bring your friends
5:30 - 7:30 pm on
Tuesday, July 23rd
to learn all about the voyage of
the San Salvador, tour the
building site and enjoy the
camaraderie, some food and
an adult beverage or two.
Register at www.rotary33.org
4300 N. Harbor Drive.

*Take tours with the Naval Architect, the
Historian and the Project Manager!*



**Thank
you to
the
Maritime
Museum**