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ROTARY CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

The Super Bowl of STEM



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Editor

One out-of-order note before I begin with the customary chronicle of last Thursday's Rotary Program. Not long into the announcements of the week, **President Chuck Pretto** made an amazing declaration.

Two members of our now 100-strong Bequest Society, while wishing to remain anonymous, have informed our Club's Leadership that they have directed \$1 million (yes – with an "M") be given to the Rotary Club of San Diego in their estate plans. I don't know who you are, and I hope we don't for a long, long time. Yet, I'd be remiss if I - on behalf of all of us - didn't thank you for your wonderful generosity!!

Now on to the program. We started off with the Inspirational Moment by **Tom Wilson** who imparted many of the lessons he's learned about life, most of which having to do with our interactions with others. **Steve Hubbard**, after leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, belted out "You're a Grand Old Flag" while accompanied by **Larry Showley**. **Bert Wahlen** then told us all the news that's fit for human consumption thanks to **Eric Schweinfurter** and his company, APEX Contracting & Restoration.

Getting back to the Bequest Society News, soon-to-be President Nominee **John Morrell** introduced four of the newest members of that esteemed group: **Bob Russell**, **Doug Arbon**, **Ed Chaplin** and **Amnon Ben-Yehuda**. He also mentioned additional new members who could not be present at the meeting: **Jerry Jessop**, **Jim Madaffer**, **Leon Parma**, **Peter Ellsworth**, **Kimberly Layton**, **Kate Carinder** and **Gene Rumsey**. You all are so gracious with your support. Thank you!

Next, President Chuck came back to award **Tracy Sundlun** his second Paul Harris Fellow on the occasion of his contri-

butions to Rotary International totaling \$2,000. He also had t-shirts from the most recent San Diego Rock'n'Roll Marathon to hand out. Tracy is always giving back and we're thankful to have him as part of our Club!

Richard Coutts then took to the podium to welcome the newest members of the Paul Harris Society that recognize individuals who annually give \$1,000 to Rotary International. Congratulations and thanks to **Jim Hughes**, **Chuck Pretto**, **Michelle Candland**, **Peg Eddy** and **Amnon Ben-Yehuda**. Chuck then turned around to present Richard Coutts with his Society pin so as to alleviate the awkwardness of Richard having to call himself to the stage!

With only a couple of weeks left, our soon-to-be "has been" President continued to dole out fines. His latest subject was **Walter Lam**, who littered the tables with promotion materials for the upcoming World Refugee Day Breakfast that will take place on Friday, June 20 at the La Jolla Presbyterian Church. The proceeds will support the Alliance for African Assistance child scholarship fund to educate Uganda's most vulnerable children. Given the worthiness of the cause, **Roger Haines** quickly stepped up to split the fine with Walter. Thanks, Roger, and thank you, Walter, for all you do! Next up were new member introductions. Welcome to the club **Cathryn Branch** (primary sponsor **Pamela Stambaugh**), **Evan Wahl** (primary sponsor **Rachel Inmon**), **Greg Pico** (primary sponsor **Chuck Pretto**) and **Phil Pace** (primary sponsor **Paul Nestor**). There were plenty of great stories from all of them, but one very notable was by Phil, who made a donation to our Club that covered the cost of our lunch which featured his savory specials from his restaurant, Phil's BBQ. Thanks, Phil, and to all of you who are now Rotarians!

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NEXT MEETING

June 19

**San Diego Police Chief
Shelley Zimmerman**

Since taking over in March as San Diego's first female Chief of Police, Shelley Zimmerman has faced a myriad of challenges: an FBI investigation, recruitment and retirement issues, and recent scandals involving officers, while drugs and gang issues remain priorities. Learn how this 31-year veteran has taken the reins to decisively lead and create a culture of excellence to meet her vision of maintaining peace and order by providing the highest quality police services.



Patti Roscoe
Chair of the Day



MONARCH
SCHOOL

Please join us for the Monarch Class of 2014 Commencement Ceremony on Friday, June 27th at 1:00pm on the Monarch campus located at 1625 Newton Avenue, San Diego 92113. We hope to see you there!

QUICK BITS

There is still time to sign up for the Grotarian Polo Event or the Club 33 Golf Tournament! Visit our website for details.

If you know of a prospective member, please consider taking them to the Grotarian Polo Event on June 22nd. The club will cover their admission cost. Contact the Rotary office if you would like to participate.

The Music Committee is still looking for additional pianists to assist with the patriotic song at the meetings. Please contact Suzy Spafford if you would like to learn more about this opportunity.

BIRTHDAYS

Kristin Bertell	June	16
Richard Walker		16
Mike Collins		16
Kate Carinder		17
Kristin Garrett		17
Cathy LeClair		17
Wayne Goodermote		17
Brandon Horrocks		17
Mary Colacicco, Ph.D.		17
Don Schoell		18
Steve Mueller		18
Evan Wahl		18
Pete Ellsworth		19
Brandy Christian		21
Chris Rink		21
Sid Silverman		21

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Before turning over the podium to Chair of the Day, **Bink Cook**, Chuck had a surprise. He presented Doug Arbon with the Avenue of Service Award, in recognition for all he does in all five Rotary avenues of service. Congrats and well deserved, Doug!

Bink then welcomed the visiting Rotarians who traveled the farthest distance and began our program discussing the celebration of science. She began with a report on the progress our own club's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Committee has been making with its partner, Joyner Elementary in City Heights. While the vision for such an initiative came from Chuck, it was Bink along with fellow Rotarian **Joe Austin**, former Principal of Joyner who is now heading up Hoover High School. The response to the hands-on, interactive events being put on for students at the campus has been extremely positive. They have even introduced activities to make the lessons relevant, fun and impactful. It's the start of what very well may be a catalyst for other programs to begin and thus encourage school age kids to take a greater interest in STEM activities.

From there, Bink introduced our guest speaker, Larry Bock, Founder and Principal of Science Spark and the Creator of the USA Science & Engineering Festival that attracted nearly one million participants in its inaugural year. The three-day event broke attendance records at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center this year and not only encompassed a series of interactive activities, but also sent scientists into the schools and sent students to technology companies to not only become more aware of all the initiatives taking place in our society with regards to science, but also to become inspired by those who do it. In Larry's words, "You get what you celebrate." It's in this vein that he seeks to get young people – and the greater population at large – to look up to scientists, engineers, mathematicians and technologists in the same way we do with professional athletes, actors and musicians. The passion we saw Larry exhude was infectious and if anyone is going to help bring a love of STEM back into mainstream America, it's people like him.

That's it for now. A reminder that Chuck's roast is only two weeks away and there's lots we can all do to wish him a proper send off. In the meantime, I'll see you all in service!

CALENDAR

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

June

19 *Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman*

26 *President Chuck's Roast*

July

3 *Dark*

10 *Change of Command*

17 *Dr. Matt Hom—WWI Medicine*

24 *Vicky Carlson, LEAD San Diego*

31 *Palliative Care Panel Discussion— CEOs from Life Bridge, Sharp Hospice and The Elizabeth Hospice*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

June 22 - San Diego Polo Club, Fairbanks Ranch Classic
12:30-4:30 pm. \$60 per person
Information and registration at www.rotary33.org

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

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FACES IN THE CROWD



Chair of the Day Bink Cook, Guest Speaker Larry Bock and President Chuck



Martha Dennis enjoyed the presentation.



Richard Coutts and President Chuck awarded new Paul Harris Society members their pins.



Doug Arbon received this year's Avenue of Service Award.



Tom Wilson's Inspirational Moment inspired us with some of his life lessons.



Walter Lam invited fellow Rotarians to attend the 2014 World Refugee Day breakfast on June 20th.

New Members

New member Evan R. Wahl introduced himself today. Evan is the Operations Manager for Republic Services, Inc. His classification is “Waste and Recycling, Additional Active.”

Rachel Inmon, April Langwell and Siyamak Khorrami were his sponsors.

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New member Cathryn Branch introduced herself today. Cathryn is the CEO of Kindred Hospital San Diego. Her classification is “Hospitals-Post Acute Care.”

Pamela Stambaugh, Dr. Matthew Hom and Joe Farrage were her sponsors.

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New member Greg Pico introduced himself today. Greg is Principal at Lee & Associates. His classification is “Real Estate Sales-Commercial, Additional Active.”

Chuck Preto, Bill Earley and Bill Thaxton were his sponsors.

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New member Phil Pace introduced himself today. Phil is CEO of Phil’s BBQ. His classification is “Restaurants-Barbecue.”

Paul Nestor, Paul Palmer and Chris Cramer were his sponsors.

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