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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

Chuck Roast!



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Editor

Wow! What a day—the lobby was filled to the brim with swap meet “treasures” that spilled over into the meeting room, which was packed to the gills with Rotarians. I’m not sure the meeting was ever “called to” or “in order” (more like organized chaos), but Past President **Jo Dee Jacob** was the first to the podium and got the Roast rolling.

Soon-to-be-Past-President

Chuck was ushered into the room with the Past Presidents, each bearing swap meet treasures, to the driving beat of Bryan Verhoye and his combo playing the “Funky Town” theme. Chuck was sporting a medieval gown topped with a crown made out of a solar cooker, setting the tone for what was to come. The step-stool dancers kept rhythm (mostly!) as visiting talent Sasha Weiss in a blond wig belted out “‘Chucky’ Town,” and at this point, any visiting Rotarians probably fled the room thinking they had mistakenly happened upon Santa’s workshop on summer vacation rather than a Rotary meeting.

Roast mastermind **Peter Duncan** took the helm and called on “Slick Willy” **Bill Earley** to report live from the tarmac of Kobey’s Swap Meet and with that, the Roast was in full swing. We were treated to an inside view of the Roast committee meeting where no one could recall the accomplishments of Chuck’s administration, but he was a lot of fun to watch all year, as **Solveig Deuprey** belted out, “You might as well face it, you’re addicted to Chuck!” And thus, the skits began.

First was the infomercial “Where would we be without a Solar Cooker?” starring **Paul Nestor** and **Jenni Prisk**

(you two will be hearing from PETA any day now) and what appeared to be a cast of hundreds of Rotarians in on the joke.

All year, I have enjoyed watching the expression on the face of the speaker of the day as Chuck explained he was awarding them a solar cooker, which was always followed by a look of relief as they realized it was being shipped to someplace in Africa, and not going home in their car. So naturally, my favorite skit was when **Club 33 Singers** sang about a shipment being sent to *where??* - then **Walter Lam** answering the phone in “Google, Uganda,” and asked the caller why they are getting 500 solar cookers, and who the heck is Chuck Preto?!

Steve “Pavoratti” Hubbard belted out his finest operatic baritone in “O, Solo Cooker” and brought down the house, who then rose to their feet with a standing ovation, bringing him back to the stage for a few more bows.

Next, in honor of Chuck’s blended-religion family, a group of 8 ‘Benedictine monks’ paid homage to Chuck’s favorite phrase we have heard him say at least ten times at each meeting all year. But as each ‘monk’ had taken a vow of silence, they could only hold up signs—so, to the tune of “Hava Nagila,” the ‘Hasassah Chorus’ belted out the words as each held up his (her?) word in “Thank You So Very Much.” The 8th Monk—Kim Preto herself—had the final say as she held up her word at the end: “Chuck!” Then **Rick Jackson** of KSON and a couple of his radio personality buddies ended the skits with some Jamaican spice (to the tune of “Day-O”) in “Pret-to” --and got the audience to sing along with the refrain: “Thursday come, he don’ wanna go home.” But go, he must!

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NEXT MEETING

July 3 DARK
July 10 Change of Command

There is no meeting on July 3rd.

Our next meeting will be on July 10th for the President’s “Change of Command” with Mayor Kevin Faulconer.



OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Rotary office will be closed July 3rd and July 4th.

We wish you and your family a fun and safe July 4th Holiday!!

QUICK BITS

Thank you to **Jan McDonough** for putting together the wonderful Grotarian event at the San Diego Polo Club on June 22nd and to everyone who participated and came dressed in their finest polo fashion.

Here are the winners of Jan's hat contest.

Most Elaborate Hat:
1st place—Rachel Inmon
2nd place—Massey Pitts

Sleekest Hat:
1st place—Ron Eisenberg

Best of Show Hat:
1st place—Laurelle Pico (new member Greg Pico's wife)
2nd place—Yolanda Canphaus (prospective member)

Check out the event pictures on page 5.

BIRTHDAYS

Vin Ciruzzi	June 30
Mike Murphy	30
Jean Young	July 1
Patti Roscoe	3
Mike Daniels	3
Tom Gable	4
Rick Gentry	4
Sandy Mayberry	5
Karen Cebreros	5

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Past President Pat Crowell of the rat pack next stepped up to the podium and roasted Chuck skewer by skewer, full PowerPoint included, as only Pat can. Incriminating photos were boundless and in the end, the Rotarians gave Chuck another standing ovation.

Next up was **Past President Jim "Just the Facts" Hughes** who ran through an impressive list of accomplishments during Chuck's term including growing Club 33 to the 4th largest Rotary club in the world, hiring a new Executive Director and Administrator in the same year and achieving, then exceeding, 100 Bequest Society members. It's just Jim's nature to always say nice things about people, and after all the skewering and roasting, Chuck was due for a whole lot of toasting.

There were videos from around the world thanking Chuck, but the highlight was when Tiago Campos of Sao Paulo, Brazil, surprised Chuck by showing up in person to thank him and tell how Chuck, his family and Club 33 had literally changed his life. Tiago had stayed with Chuck as an exchange student, which led to a job and a move to Chicago where he met his future wife.

Finally, it was time to bring President Chuck up and let him have the podium (and stepstool). Chuck thanked everyone "so very much" and smartly singled out his wife Kim, bringing her to the stage and awarding her with a Paul Harris Fellowship. A nice touch as he intended to give her a solar cooker until he remembered the 2 dozen that were already in his garage.

It was quite a show, and I can't do it justice in writing, but I'll tip my fedora to the entire Roast committee...it was the finest I have seen.



CALENDAR

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

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*

New Members

The following applicants were recommend to the Board by the Membership Committee and will be approved for membership unless objections are received by the Rotary office no later than July 7th.

Kathy Koenig—"Catering"

Bridget Meckley—"Management Consultant—Business Strategies, A.A."

Danitz Villanueva—"Publishing-Periodicals-Local, A.A."

Duke Sobek—"Social Service & Welfare-Neighborhood House Assn."

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FACES IN THE CROWD



President Chuck was a good sport about all of the skits that poked fun at him. PP Jo Dee Jacob, looking rightfully pleased, has her handprints all over this creative program.



Roast MC and Creative Director Peter Duncan kept everyone queued and on time.



Rick "The Butcher" Jackson told everyone he only sold "Chuck" steak.



Bill Herrin participated in a skit as a pizza vendor that only sold "Chuck E. Cheese" pizza.



The Club 33 Singers —with **Joyce Gattas** dancing like an animated centerpiece— in "Google, Uganda."



The crowd, including President Chuck's son, Anthony, were entertained by all of the solar cooker jokes.

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President Chuck was officially welcomed into the “Past Presidents” club.



Chuck thanked his wife, Kim, for her support throughout this past year.



Nine monks performed to a catchy “Thank You So Very Much” song.



Chuck was overwhelmed with emotion by the surprise visit from Tiago Campos, his former exchange student.



Rick Jackson and fellow radio hosts got the crowd to join in on a sing-along.



Chuck was surrounded by his beautiful family.

Grotarian Polo Day

Forty members and their guests attended the Grotarian Polo event. It was a fun-filled afternoon of friendship and fun.

