



# THE ROTATOR

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ROTARY CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

## San Diego 2024 Olympics



**Geri Warnke**  
Editor

Smiling Girl Scouts were showing happy faces as we gathered today for another great meeting. Mom **Sandy Mayberry** was beaming as well. Her gorgeous clone of a daughter, Cassandra, was thrilled that Rotarians stocked up on her need-to-be-sold cookies. **Keith McKenzie's** daughter, Lauren, was selling as well and later Keith was hit with an unexpected but well-deserved fine for supporting Lauren's free enterprise endeavor.

**President Chuck** had been given time off for mostly good behavior and has gone to Mexico with the MOST team. That left **Michelle Candland** "Queen for a Day," or "President-in-Waiting."

She immediately challenged old dogs to learn new tricks by skipping the Inspirational Moment and sending **Greg Zinser** to lead us in the Pledge. Club 33 Singers were in great form singing *America the Beautiful*. And, yes, I think we can agree that America is beautiful, and we are lucky to live in its finest city. But more on that later. Bryan Verhoye played before our gathering, again leaving no doubt that he is San Diego's finest and most generous pianist. **Mark Burgess** brought us the news of the day. (Editorial opinion: San Diego now having a Dunkin' Donuts shop downtown cannot be great news.)

**Jack Berkman**, our public relations giant, stepped to the podium to introduce Club 33's newest 4-Way Speech Contest winner, Yuri Gomez. She has been under the tutoring and guidance of Jack, **Paul Nestor** and **Don Teemsma**. Yuri is a student at Hoover High School and, apparently, there were many in the crowd reliving their past Hoo-

ver High days. She told a story of how her family was torn apart by her parents being deported five years ago. She and her sister were left behind as they were American citizens. She spoke to the emotional challenges of immigration reform, and the punishing effects on children of illegal immigrants. At the end of her speech, Jack Berkman, ever kind and generous, provided her with a surprise that brought heartfelt tears from Yuri. At the end of this school year she will be given transportation to see her parents whom she has not seen in five years. What a wonderful gift. Thank you, Jack, for making Rotary personal.

A few noteworthy comments about the District Assembly on March 22, and then **Phil Blair** was up to introduce three veterans as our guests. Two Marines and one Army veteran each have amazing qualifications that should prove useful in finding employment. Phil noted that our ongoing program to make these vets a high priority for hiring has given 50% of them jobs thus far.

New member **Massey Pitts** introduced herself to the club. She is a former Colorado Rotarian. She works for Cox Communications and is eager to join club committees that need an assist with marketing and media. Welcome to our club, Massey.

Our Chair of the Day, **Bill Earley**, a professional legal eagle, and now more interested in Olympic athletics, stepped to the podium with a bag full of gifts. Bill is currently Vice Chair of the SD 2024 Exploratory Foundation Committee. Our visiting guest from La Mesa was lucky enough to be gifted with several movie DVDs, a box of Thin Mints...and a bottle of wine to enjoy the viewings.

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### NEXT MEETING

**Thurs., March 13, 2014**  
**Liberty Station Conference Center**

### Camp Enterprise

Join us to launch the 29th annual event where we will take 80 high school juniors through a fun and transformative program that literally changes lives! Let's all be there to give them a warm Rotary welcome.

### **Keith McKenzie**



**Chair of the Day**

### 2014-2015 Rotary Roster

Preparations for the annual Roster are now under way. Roster update forms were emailed to everyone on Friday, Feb. 28th. Please complete the form and return it to the Rotary office no later than March 14th if you have any changes to your contact information listed in last year's roster. Forms will also be available at the meetings.

## QUICK BITS



### *Roster Picture Make-Up Day March 27*

There will be one last opportunity to have your roster photo updated! Before the meeting at 11:30 and after the meeting, Stan Lawrence will be taking photos for the upcoming 2014-2015 Roster. Please plan to participate to have your photo updated, or if you are a new member in the past year and need to have a photo taken for inclusion in our annual printed roster. We will let you know which meeting room the session will be in before the meeting.

## BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|----------|
| Peter MacLaggan    | March 10 |
| Claudio Stemberger | 10       |
| Richard Cox        | 10       |
| Michael Anderson   | 11       |
| Mary Zoeller       | 12       |
| Murray Tenney, Jr. | 13       |
| Jere With          | 14       |
| Art Rivkin         | 15       |
| Darren Cecil       | 16       |

## 2024 Olympics

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Bill acknowledged many people have contributed to the two-plus years' efforts to bring the Summer Olympics to San Diego...but perhaps none more than **Vince Mudd**. And, with that fair warning, we were off and running with the grand dreams to have San Diego be the host city. We are getting ready to "go all out" to win this privilege. The website has been launched, thanks to IT wizard **Reid Carr**. Vince Mudd has been the driving force as Chair of this committee that seeks to enrich our city.

A slick and powerful video was played showing the splendor of our region. We have much of the infrastructure already in place. We have underutilized land and venue assets. Transit issues have been addressed as has the hotel capacity/accommodation needs. We are known to be culturally diverse, have the right climate and location and we do have that ocean. It can be used to ferry people up and down the coast to different event sites.

The Olympics would link all parts of the county. Vince explained that the 'gaps' being dealt with now are critical. They involve the need for public/private funding and political/civic involvement. He is convinced we can make this a win for all. Competition for this honor is keen, and many other cities are vying for the prize. It would bring a couple hundred thousand people to our county as well as the eyes of the entire world. It would be an economic powerhouse. As Forbes has named us "America's Most Inventive City," let's show the world what we can do. Make it happen, San Diego.

Sign up for the **District Training Assembly on March 22nd** on the District website at [www.rotary5340.org](http://www.rotary5340.org). Held only once a year, this program offers training for all Rotarians including club officers, directors, and committee chairs to help them become more effective club leaders. Red Badgers are welcome and encouraged to attend, too!

## CALENDAR

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

### MARCH

- 13 *Camp Enterprise*
- 20 *Kyoto Prize winner Robert Dennard*
- 27 *John Laird, California Resources Cabinet Secretary*

### APRIL

- 3 *James Verdi, FBI*
- 10 *Brown Bag Lunch*
- 17 *Sean Haffey, Sports Photography, U-T San Diego*

## GROTARIAN

**March 11 – Gem Institute of America Tour.** This will be a daytime event from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. It includes a VIP tour of the vault and a catered lunch. Organized by Diana MarJip-Chuh. **A couple of spots opened up.** Please contact the office for more information.

**April 22 – A Private Grotarian Cooking Class at Great News Cooking School,** hosted by Ron Eisenberg. Register now at [www.rotary33.org](http://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 AT OUR MEETING



President-Elect Michelle Candland, who filled in for President Chuck while he is volunteering in Mexico on a MOST trip, with Chair of the Day Bill Earley and speaker Vince Mudd.



Chairman of the San Diego 2024 Olympic Exploratory Committee Vince Mudd presented an update on the status of bringing the Summer Olympics to San Diego.



Hoover High Interact Yuri Gomez was the winner of the Four Way Test Speech contest.



Jack Berkman presents a very surprised Yuri Gomez with a trip to Mexico to visit her parents whom she hasn't seen in five years.



**Randall Densley** sets a new standard for greeting as he welcomes **Jo Dee Jacob**.



**April Langwell** and **Todd Struyk** buy Girl Scout cookies from **Cassandra Mayberry** and **Lauren McKenzie** while **Sandy Mayberry** looks on.

# WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER

**Massey Pitts** - "Cable Television—Media Sales"  
introduced herself to Club 33 today.  
Massey is a Sales Manager with Cox Communications  
**Paul Palmer** was her sponsor.

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## STEM COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers, techies or not, are needed for the "Tech Workshop," hosted by the Rotary STEM Committee at Joyner Elementary School this Wednesday, March 12 at 3 PM. Joyner's 3rd - 5th graders will have brought in a broken toy or small appliance, and with minimal support from us, they'll fix it -- or create something new! They'll also learn something about the scientific method and "smart problem-solving," and we'll all have fun! (A test run last week was a huge success.) Send questions or RSVPs to Bink Cook, binkcook@gmail.com, 858.337.7300.

## HOOVER INTERACTS VISIT ROTARIANS AT WORK



The Hoover Interact students went to visit **George Ramirez** at Union Bank on February 19 and learned about careers in banking and opportunities to work in a wonderful organization.



On March 3rd, the Hoover Interact students went to visit with **Jen Weissman** and her company, Project X Media, to learn about careers in art and graphic design. Jen did an amazing job inspiring the students.



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## ROSTER UPDATE FORM

**E-Mail (mary@rotary33.org), fax 619/299-3340 or mail to the Rotary office.**

**Please:**

1. Check your picture & **all** information in the **current** Roster. (2013-2014)
2. Select the appropriate response below.
3. If you need a new photo, please have your picture taken at either the Feb. 27 or March 27 Club 33 meeting. A photographer will be present for this purpose.
4. **Return** this information to the Rotary Office, **Friday, March 14** in order to have your information correct in the **2014-15 Roster**.

**Place an X in the box before the number that best describes your situation:**

1. There are no changes to my information in the Roster. Fill in your name and return.
2. Everything remains the same and please include my cell and/or website.
3. See the changes below. Fill in your name and all applicable lines and then return.

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Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

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**Home**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_

{ } Paul Harris Fellow                      { } Club 33 Fellow                      { } RI Benefactor

{ } Paul Harris Sustaining Member      { } Club 33 Sustaining Fellow      { } Club 33 Benefactor

Other Information \_\_\_\_\_

If you need a change in classification, please send a letter of request to the Classification Committee at the Rotary Club address.

\*Please note, if there is a business fax, the home fax will not appear in the roster.