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ROTARY CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

2015 Balboa Park Centennial Celebration



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Editor

San Diegans are celebrating Memorial Day week with the return of our usual Chamber of Commerce weather. Having hit the home stretch of his illustrious year as President, very short-timer **Chuck Preto** called our meeting to order a bit early to accommodate another busy agenda. Mr. San Diego himself, **Joe Craver**, reminded us that Memorial Day is also a day to remember and honor the friends and families of deployed service men and women who also make their own important sacrifices for the good of our Nation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Nominee **Peter Duncan** followed by the *America the Beautiful* accompanied by **Suzzy Spafford**. President Chuck's return to the podium was delayed a bit by Peter, who apparently has developed a taste for the Presidential power he one day will wield. It was all for a noble purpose as we sang Happy Birthday to Chuck. Peter's "Al Haig" moment then passed and Chuck resumed command.

Chuck recognized Past District Governor Larry Scott and then thanked **Mel Katz** for graciously hosting last Tuesday's Grotarian tour of the new San Diego Library. **Bert Wahlen** broke a long standing tradition for him by dedicating today's news, sponsored by **Mike Rowan** and Goodwill Industries, to visiting guest Sam Rinaker, Jr. Bert acknowledged and thanked Sam's father for his mentoring early in Bert's career, and then presented the news as only he can.

President Chuck introduced **Kate Carinder** and asked her to update us on the need to find three families to host a Danish student who will be coming to San Diego through the Youth Exchange Program. Kate, like Chuck, discovered early in her Rotary Career how rewarding it was to participate in the Youth Exchange Pro-

gram. Please contact the Rotary Office if you are interested in hosting or finding out more about the Youth Exchange experience. Looking dapper as usual, **Phil Blair** introduced three military veterans to us who are all recent graduates of the Manpower Training Program, which, we learned, also gets them a good deal on sport coats at Macy's.

The beautiful Alcazar Gardens at Balboa Park will soon have a new adopted family: Club 33! **Pat Caughey** explained that our Club is adopting these Gardens for the 2015 Centennial Celebration. Each season of 2015 will see a new design thanks to our Club and a number of local business partners. This project will also focus on water conservation and provide an educational experience for visitors. Plan to spend a Saturday or two during the year assisting with our newly adopted gardens.

Our Club's ranks grew by three new members as we welcomed attorney **Laura Lamb**, industrial flooring contractor **Richard Garcia**, a native San Diegan, and engineer **Troy Scott Wilson**, son of our own **Cheryl Wilson**! Chuck noted that it is rare in Club history that a mother has introduced her son as a new member. Congratulations and welcome to Laura, Richard and Troy.

With the business of the day finished, Chuck introduced our Chair of the Day, long time Balboa Park volunteer and sex education teacher (who knew?) **Betty Peabody**. Betty welcomed three visiting Rotarians, the furthest traveling of whom received Balboa Park books, and of course, the "obligatory bottle of wine." Hard to miss with the grape, isn't it? Betty then introduced us to our Speaker and fellow Balboa Park aficionado, Dr. Iris Engstrand. Iris' credentials are impressive and include a 2004 Living Legacy award and a 2007 award bestowed on her by none other than the King of Spain himself.

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NEXT MEETING

June 5

Courage to Run

"During my many years as a world class runner as well as during my ten year tenure as a US Congressman, I found many opportunities to dig down deep for the courage to accomplish what needed to be done. I enjoy sharing my life experiences as a 10-year-old child looking for a role model and finding him in the TV series "Superman," to running against Olympians on the world stage of track and field competition. June 5th is an historic day in my life and it is an honor to be sharing this day with all of you."

On June 5, 1964 Jim Ryun became the first high school runner to break four minutes for the mile. From there, Jim went on to become the most renowned athlete of his day. He received Sports Illustrated magazine's "Sportsman of the Year" award, the James E. Sullivan Award as the nation's top amateur athlete, and was named the ABC's Wide World of Sports Athlete of the Year. ESPN has him rated as the Number 1 high school athlete of all time.



Tracy Sundlund
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS

GROTARIAN EVENT: Sign up for a riveting afternoon of **POLO, LUNCH, & CHAMPAGNE** with your fellow Rotarians! VIP seating and service will be at the **Fairbanks Ranch Classic, Sunday, June 22, 12:30-4:30 pm.** Register on our website now!

ATTENTION ROTARY GOLFERS! The 3rd and final round of this year's **Club 33 Tournament** will be held on Wednesday, **June 25th at the San Diego Country Club.** Tee time is at 10:00. Visit our website for more details and contact Alli Lucas to sign up at (619) 241-2342.

Iris Engstrand donated a few free passes to the San Diego History Center. Contact the office if you are interested in the passes.

BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Pretto	June 3
Julia Brown	5
Doug Arbon, M.D.	5
Craig Benedetto	6
Chuck Nickel	6
Tracy Sundlun	7
Chip Goodwin, Jr.	7
Pamela Stambaugh	8

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Iris, a Distinguished Professor of History at USD, really knows her stuff when it comes to Balboa Park and the 1915 Exposition. The genesis of the Exhibition was the California Gold Rush which led to an increased awareness of the Golden State, and served as the catalyst for the construction of the Panama Railroad in 1855. This project in turn led to the plans for a trans-isthmian (say that three times fast) canal, first by the French and then by the U.S. with the newly created Republic of Panama.

A grand celebration was in order as San Diegans appreciated the significance of the opportunity. In 1910, Chamber of Commerce President Aubrey Davidson championed San Diego as deserving of a port of call. None other than Teddy Roosevelt joined the band wagon and the drive was on for a grand Exposition. East Coast native Bertrand Goodhue was selected as the architect for the Exposition. Inspired by his travels in Mexico on his way to San Diego, Bertrand developed an admiration of the styles of Spanish Colonial Mission and Colonial Revival. It was not an easy path, however, as Goodhue argued with many over what the design style should be for the Park, including Irving Gill. Eventually Goodhue's ideas won out over more traditional Victorian Period styles and resulted in the beautiful buildings and structures we will commemorate with next year's Centennial Celebration.

Thankfully, we have a tremendous amount of historical information about the 1915 Exposition in the form of newspaper reports, photographs and even postcards. John Spreckels tried unsuccessfully to have his street cars traverse the Park (probably a good idea in hindsight) and settled for an organ pavilion. An annual pass for the Exposition set one back \$10.00. Not a bad deal!

Iris concluded by updating us on her committee's efforts to make 2015 a grand celebration. Although not as grandiose as the prior Centennial Committee had contemplated, it sounds like San Diego and the world is in store for a wonderful yearlong celebration!

CALENDAR

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

June

- 5 **Jim Ryun - 50th anniversary of his record-breaking sub 4 minute mile**
- 12 **Lawrence Bock—STEM**
- 19 **Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman**
- 26 **President Chuck's Roast**

July

- 3 **Dark**
- 10 **Change of Command**
- 17 **Dr. Matt Hom—WWI Medicine**

In Memoriam

Philip M. Klauber
1915-2014

Club 33 President 1960-1961

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FACES IN THE CROWD



Chair of the Day Betty Peabody, Speaker Iris Engstrand and President Chuck.



Iris gave an interesting overview on the history and architecture of Balboa Park.



Joe Craver gave an Inspirational Moment centered on the sacrifices of the families of those serving in the military.



President Chuck was surprised with an early birthday wish.



Manpower invited three vets looking for jobs. Pass the word!



Pat Caughey discussed plans for Alcazar Garden in Balboa Park of which Club 33 is a long-time supporter.

New Members

New member Laura Lamb introduced herself today. Laura is an estate planning attorney with Seltzer, Caplan, McMahon, Vitek. Her classification is “Law—Trusts & Estates, A.A.” **Tom Gable**, Michel Zelnick and **Keith McKenzie** were her sponsors.

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New member Rich Garcia introduced himself today. Rich is President and CEO of True Champions, Inc., a general contractor specializing in industrial coatings and flooring. His classification is “Construction—Industrial Flooring.” **Jean Young**, **Joe DeRosa** and **Bonnie Schwartz** were his sponsors.

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New member Troy Wilson introduced himself today. Troy is a Geologist with Christian Wheeler Engineering. His classification is “Engineering—Geotechnical A.A.” **Cheryl Wilson** and **Chris Christian** were his sponsors.

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The following applicants were recommended to the Board by the Membership Committee and will be approved for membership unless objections are received at the Rotary office by June 10.

Cathryn Branch—”Hospital-Acute Care”
A.J. Antun—”Education—Creative Arts”
Brandon Horrocks—”Youth Organizations - Boys & Girls Club”
Phil Pace- “Restaurants—Barbeque”
Greg Pico—”Real Estate Sales - Commercial A.A.”
Evan Wahl—”Waste & Recycling, A.A.”

India Women's Shelter



At the end of 2013, four women peacemakers were introduced at a Rotary luncheon. One of them, Rutuparna Mohanty, has stayed in close touch with **Jenni Prisk** regarding a Center for Excellence that she would like to build in her home state of Orissa, India.

Rutuparna owns an acre of land for the building in which she wants to shelter female rape victims whose babies are removed from them at birth and the women are cast out of society. Rutuparna would like to shelter the women and their babies together, and provide counseling, healthcare, job training and rehabilitation. (Since 2004 Rutuparna has been heavily involved in rescuing and rehabilitating trafficked women through her organization, Maa Ghara.)

Rutuparna is coming to San Diego in the first week of June as she is being honored for her work at a couple of events. She has kindly agreed to meet with Rotary the morning of **June 5th** before our lunch, and will stay with us for our program. We will meet at the **Liberty Station Conference Center at 10:00am in Room 201** where Rutuparna will be able to set out her plans and answer all your questions.

If you would like to “meet” Rutuparna, here is a video from Dec 2013 : http://www.callawyer.com/CLE/clstory.cfm?eid=932350&wteid=932350_Rutuparna_Mohanty&participatory=20&attributeid=162346&additem=1 and her Facebook page has many of her accomplishments: <https://www.facebook.com/rutuparna.mohanty.54>

If you are interested and available, please plan to attend. Contact Jenni Prisk if you have any questions.

Congratulations to the 2014 Hoover Interact Graduates

