



# THE ROTATOR

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ROTARY CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

## The Secret Language of Elephants



**Geri Warnke**  
Editor

Another beautiful day at Liberty Station found Rotarians in full readiness for the upcoming holiday season. **President Chuck** opened the meeting by reminding us that this marks Polio Eradication Day, and our worldwide efforts to combat what is left of this dreaded disease. **Lesslie Keller** brought us an inspirational message that we should remember we are all 'cracked pots'...but our flaws often times become our strengths. **Keith Bryant** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and "You're a Grand Old Flag" accompanied by **Suzu Spafford** on the keyboard. All the news worth repeating was given to us by **George Alexander**.

And then a rousing Happy Birthday was sung to our very own **Pauline Hill** who makes this club happen on a daily basis. She was given a gift from the club, a birthday cake with only enough candles to allow her to blow them all out in one breath, and lots of hugs and best wishes.

A welcome was given to the SDSU Rotaract members joining us today. A new member, **Bryan Cunningham**, introduced himself as a 3rd generation San Diegan. He sure looks good for someone who has not slept for four years—two little ones under the age of four assures he has lots more sleepless nights ahead. Somehow he manages a very successful commercial real estate leasing company during the daytime hours.

Society 33 will be meeting Nov 14 at Miguel's. Just sign up and go! **The Mortons** continue to generously support so many of our social functions.

**Cari McCormick** cleverly reminded us that some exercise might help burn the upcoming Halloween candy spree calories and prepare us for the excesses of T-Day.

Get up on Saturday, November 16, and make your way to Mission Bay for some fun, fellowship and painless exercise walking. It is not a competition.

**Bruce Binkowski** asked for new clothing items to be brought to the Senior Services Warm Clothing Drive on November 14. This is one event that everyone can participate in easily. Scarves, socks, gloves, blankets...all needed for those in need.

**Peg Eddy** reported on the upcoming Veteran's Program on November 14 asking for volunteers to greet, meet and eat with our guests that have given so much to our country. Please contact Peg if you are willing to host.

Always articulate, **Jenni Prisk** announced the Dec. 6 performance of "A Christmas Carol" at the Cygnet Theatre in Old Town. The holidays are truly upon us.

**Patti Roscoe** stepped up before she was fined stating she would gladly pay the fine if we would help support "Movember." November is Men's Health Month which includes supporting prostate cancer research. There will be a Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament November 13. Richard Lederer will be giving tips on how to win before the tournament begins. Sounds like great fun and will be a very worthy fundraiser.

**Joe Watkins** took a hit for encouraging Rotarians to attend this weekend's Fall Festival at Point Loma Nazarene University. He graciously added that he will personally assure a parking place for any Rotarian that calls him.

Our Chair of the Day, **Mark Stuart**, bestowed upon the Rotarian guest from London a plush toy Tasmanian Devil from the San Diego Zoological Society. He also certainly mystified the visiting member along with the audience by bringing forth elephant dung-derived note cards. Quite the gift that keeps on  
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### NEXT MEETING

Thurs., Oct. 31, 2013

San Diego Central Library

(Ninth Floor)

330 Park Blvd., S.D., 92101

The San Diego Central Library @ Joan & Irwin Jacobs' Common

"If you build it, they will come"

Rob Quigley, Deborah Barrow  
Dr. Helen Griffith

The San Diego Central Library will have been open for one month and we will hear the amazing progress report of how it is doing, the record number of people attending and the material being checked out. The architect Rob Quigley will speak about how he got the public's input. Dr. Helen Griffith will talk about e3 Civic High, the school in the library, and how it is changing the way we deliver education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Deborah Barrow will talk about how this library is so much more than "just" a library.



**Mel Katz**  
Chair of the Day

**LIBRARY PARKING** is available in the Petco Park parking lots south of the library. Cost is \$5.00.

Take Hwy 5 to Imperial and go towards Petco Park...before reaching Petco turn right into the parking lot. An attendant will be there to give you a parking ticket. Or, go south on 10<sup>th</sup> street, make a right at the end of the street, make your first left, turn left onto Imperial and then turn left into the parking lot. Attendant will be there.

## QUICK BITS

### IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 14—5:00 p.m.

Society 33 at Miguel's (Old Town)

Nov. 16—8:30 a.m.

Rotary Walk at Mission Bay Park

Register for events at

[www.rotary33.org](http://www.rotary33.org) or

[www.rotary5340.org](http://www.rotary5340.org)

### WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

The Senior Services Committee will be holding a warm clothing drive on November 14. The Committee is looking forward to great participation from our club. **Hundreds of low income seniors are in need of your generosity.** Plan to bring your NEW ONLY donations to the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. (Shopping ideas: White socks, gloves, beanies, sweatshirts and pants, warm neck scarves, sweaters, jackets, slippers, blankets and throw blankets. All sizes – X-Small to XXXL). (New items please).



## THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

### STEM COMMITTEE UPDATE

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, Club 33 hosted its first STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) program for students, 3rd - 5th graders at Joyner Elementary School, where our member **Joe Austin** is Principal. Ocean Discovery Institute (ODI), an award-winning nonprofit focusing on environmental research, stewardship and education, was the presenter-facilitator, and excited and engaged the students with hands-on experiments comparing the density of fresh vs. salt water, and warm water vs. cold. In addition to the 60+ students who participated in the afterschool enrichment program, **Doug Arbon, Craig Blower, Chuck Pretto, Dick Eger, Joe Austin and Bink Cook**, plus SDSU Rotaractors Josh Beverly and Elle Masri, 6 STEM experts from the community at large, and 3 ODI staff members all took part.



## CALENDAR

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT LIBERTY STATION CONFERENCE CENTER

### NOVEMBER

7 *Gregory Levelle, GM, Non-Conventional Resources Conoco-Phillips*

14 *Lu Lastra Retired Master Chief Navy Seals*

21 *David E. Harker Comet ISON*

28 **DARK**

### DECEMBER

5 *Cygnat Theatre Christmas Carol*

12 *Rotary Auction*

19 *Holiday Program (Sheraton East)*

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### OCTOBER 31

Auction	Ballroom
Invisible Threat	Ballroom

## BIRTHDAYS

Bink Cook	Oct. 28
Jim Hughes	28
Frank Urtasun	28
Garry Ridge	29
Matt Hom	30
Paul Chacon	30
Natasha Josefowitz	31

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:*

**Lesslie Keller** gave the inspirational moment

**Cari McCormick** pitched the November 16 Rotary Walk at Mission Bay Park

**Joe Watkins** was fined for promoting the October 26 Fall Festival Point Loma Nazarene

**Jenni Prisk** pitched the December 6 Grotarian event at the Cygnet Theatre, "A Christmas Carol"

*Pictured at right from top to bottom:*

**Keith Bryant** led us in song

**George Alexander** delivered the news

**Patti Roscoe** was fined for promoting Movember to support Prostate Cancer and Men's Health

**Bruce Binkowski** encouraged us to support the November 14 Warm Clothes Drive to support local seniors

*Photos courtesy of Mike Conner*



## PLEASE WELCOME...

**Bryan Cunningham**, "Real Estate Services-Commercial Leasing, Additional Active," who introduced himself to Club 33 today. Bryan is Vice President of Jones Lang LaSalle. He is married to Andrea and they have two children. He is a member of International Council on Shopping Centers.

**Mike Rowan** is his sponsor.

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# MORE OF “THE SECRET LANGUAGE OF ELEPHANTS” BY GERI

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giving. This led to the introduction of our speaker, Dr Matt Anderson, Director of Behavioral Biology at the Zoo, who has studied the habits of the African elephant population that was relocated from Swaziland to the Wild Animal Park in 2003. He and his colleagues over the world have studied the vocal fingerprints that are found in hi tech listening devices that supplement visual observation. This research has shown that the sound frequencies that we humans can hear is only 75% of

what is being emanated by herds of elephants. Gestation is 21.5 months. Females form a strong dynamic society that gives protection to the newly born. The males are encouraged to leave their home early and join the bachelor herds. The interplay between hormones and behavior is expanding the knowledge of how to save the species world-wide.

The lucky Rotarians (no guests!) that sign up NOW for the few spaces left for next week's meeting at the new library will be Halloween Happy!

## MEMBERSHIP

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 November 4 .

Sue Goldstein  
San Diego Sexual Medicine, APC  
“Healthcare-Sexual Medicine”  
Sponsor: **Stan Lawrence**

Armon Mills  
San Diego Business Journal  
“Publishing-Business Weekly”  
Sponsor: **Wade McKnight**

Pamela Luster  
San Diego Mesa College  
“Education-Community College-Administration”  
Sponsor: **Cathy LeClair**

Robert Wright  
Wright & L'Estrange  
“Law-Litigation Practice, Additional Active”  
Sponsor: **Linda Stirling**

## RESIGNATIONS

The following members have resigned as of October 25, 2013:

Sophie Akins and Debbie Ruane

## MORE FACES IN THE CROWD AT OUR MEETING



Pictured left to right: Chair of the Day **Mark Stuart**, guest speaker **Matt Anderson**, President **Chuck Preto** and **Suzy Spafford** on the keyboard.