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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB



Give Peace A Chance



Ginny Ollis

President Bob opened the meeting by announcing it was International Day of Peace. We hope it is contagious!

Megan Pogue, a California native and Executive Director of the Timken Museum, has taken the Timken audience to more than twice its pre-Megan days. She was, therefore, well-chosen to deliver the Inspirational Moment. From Socrates to the moments of our lives today, she pointed out the laser-power of Passion. After **Solveig Deuprey** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and *America the Beautiful* accompanied beautifully by **Katie Fulhorst**, **Deirdre Maloney** acknowledged the achievements of news sponsor **John Peelle** of Peelle Wealth Management, then reported the news, including that San Diego will require an additional 220,000 homes by 2028, and that the Miramar Air Show will honor Viet Nam Veterans.

President Bob then gave a big welcome to all guests. Noting that it has been a very busy week of Club 33 activities and, asking those who participated in the several events to stand and be recognized, he read an email received from the Beaumont, TX, Rotary Club (see page 5) to whom Club 33 sent a sizable donation (see page 4 for a list of club donors.) It was, they raved, the largest contribution they received, and it pointed out to them that people should not wait to be asked to help, but see a need and step in! As is Bob's tradition, he told the tale of **Leslie B. Mills**, 17th club president, serving from 1927-28. Mills promoted contact with other clubs, collaborating with Chula Vista, Coronado and others. Under his leadership our club reached 200 members for the first time.

New Member, **Tasreen Khamisa**, told of her birth in Kenya, under the rule of Idi Amin, from whom her family fled. Growing up in Seattle, she earned her degree in Sociology at the U/Washington, always with youth service as her passion. Welcome Tasreen!

Steve Coopersmith, explaining how a lawsuit led to a major donation to our Club Foundation, joined with **Camille Newbern**, to announce their joint \$60,000 donation toward a \$300,000 RI Global Grant. In total, and using the power of grant leverage, Club 33 was responsible for more than \$250,000 of the overall budget. The grant will outfit a new hospital in Atiak, Uganda that serves not only that population, but also refugees from across the border in Sudan (specifics are on page 4.)

Jenni Prisk, Chair of the Day, gifted our Rotarian visitor from the Chico Rotary Club, then turned both solemn and joyous as Chair of the Peace Committee. She presented the Peace Award for an individual to Dr. Robert Moser, Executive Director of Catholic Charities. Jenni noted that Dr. Moser had been highly recognized by the State Department for his achievements. Dr. Moser then shared that as he dropped his sons off at school, he reminded them to "Be good, do good, and have a good day." The Peace Award for an organization went to Yalla, a college prep organization that uses soccer to promote education and help immigrants and refugees in San Diego. Receiving the award were Sarah Tuakli Cooper, William Ackerman and Amira Matti.

Then Jenni stepped into her Program Chair role and introduced fellow Rotarian **Walter Lam**. Walter is a Uganda refugee who in 1989 founded the Alliance for African Assistance. This program offers its clients food, support, child and home care, employment training, immigration process assistance, and housing. He spoke from caring. "We belong to each other," he quoted Mother Teresa. Peace is not something the military can enforce or that is the responsibility of government. It begins with each of us. He related how in 1945 the UN used Rotary principles as inspiration, as did Unesco a few years later. "Peacemaking is a local process," he said, beginning with family, neighbors, and growing outward.

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Next Meeting

September 28, 2017

Game On!

San Diego Gulls Hockey

Get a preview of the team's third season, and plans to make the fan experience at the Valley View Casino Center even better, by Matt Savant, President of Business Operations for the Gulls. We'll hear how hockey is alive, well and living in America's Finest City!

Professional hockey in San Diego has a rich history, dating to the San Diego Skyhawks of the Pacific Coast Hockey League in 1944. Since then, San Diego has been home to several professional teams and leagues throughout the years.

The San Diego Gulls took to the ice on October 10, 2015 to open their inaugural American Hockey League (AHL) season in San Diego. One of seven teams in the AHL's recently created Pacific Division and one of five playing in their inaugural season, the San Diego Gulls concluded the 2015-16 regular season with a record of 39-23-4-2, earning second place in the Pacific Division and fifth in the Western Conference.

Also during their inaugural season, San Diego ranked second among the league in average attendance (8,675), bringing nearly 300,000 fans to watch Gulls hockey.



Chair of the Day
Ernie Hahn

QUICK BITS

2018 Camp Enterprise Rally— Wednesday, October 11 5:30-7:30pm

If you signed up for the Camp Enterprise Committee, or simply just want to learn more about the program, we will have a short presentation and introduction of Rotary Camp Enterprise along with appetizers and refreshments.

[Click here for details and to sign up.](#)

The **Small Club Joint Venture Committee** wants to remind you to consider doing your meeting makeups with the **Southeast San Diego Rotary Club**. They meet on Wednesdays at noon at the Jacobs Center in the Community Meeting Room. Please contact Dianne Crawford at sesdrota-ry@yahoo.com the day before you plan to attend.

BIRTHDAYS

September

Haney Hong	27
Peter Bowie	27
Steve Gross	27
Mike Rowan	28
Chris Sichel	28
Christy White	30

October

Greg Augustine	1
Buddy Thomas, Jr.	1
Mike Morton, Jr.	1

Give Peace a Chance

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He praised the Storefront efforts of **Jim Groen**, the Monarch School, the medical care sent to Uganda, the ovens provided by **Chuck Pretto** to allow people not to have to hunt firewood, among others. There are more than 65 million people displaced at this moment, he said, and national boundaries are closed. These people have lost family and all their worldly substance. They only want a welcome and a way to make a contribution and, lastly, peace at home, so they can return. Refugees admitted to the U.S. are the most vetted anywhere. The UT reported that refugees contribute \$63 BILLION to the American coffers.

When awarding Walter his symbolic 4 Way Test paperweight, President Bob also ripped off his peace tie and gave it to Walter. He then closed the meeting with announcements and a quotation from John Lennon: "Give peace a chance!"

A eulogy by **Hal Sadler** and a moment of silence were held in highest respect of our late member, **Lyle Butler**, who passed on July 9th at the age of 92. Hal smiled that Lyle was a 22-year Rotarian, and appropriately born on St. Patrick's Day. Growing up in Mission Beach, learning a lot as a lifeguard, he served as a U.S. Marine on battleships in the South Pacific. After graduating from San Diego State College, as SDSU was then known, he opened Butler Realty. With his wife Marylyn Stephenson, who passed away in 1998, he had two kids who have succeeded greatly in life, and the luck of the Irish held true as he found his second wife, Bonnie Brauel. The two had 10 extremely happy years together.



William E. Beamer
1940-2017

We sadly announce the passing of member and Past President of Club 33, Bill Beamer. Bill has been a member since 1984 and was our 1994-1995 Club President.

Information on a memorial service is pending.

CALENDAR

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

28 Matt Savant— President of Business Operations, San Diego Gulls Hockey

October

5 Matt Reynolds-Extreme Sailing San Diego

12 Patti Roscoe-Experience San Diego—The 20-Year Plan

19 Joe Harper— CEO, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club

GROTARIAN EVENTS



Halloween with SDSU TV, Film & New Media Production

October 31 5:30pm - 9:00pm

Cost: \$10.00

This event is limited to 25 guests

Join us at the Don Powell Theatre at SDSU for an approximate 1 ½ hour program of a selection of student-made, short horror films.

[Click here for more details and to register.](#)

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

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MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



Tasreen Khamisa—“Youth Organization-Tariq Khamisa Foundation.”

Tasreen is the Executive Director for the Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF), a nonprofit with a mission to educate and inspire children in the restorative principles of compassion, forgiveness and peacemaking.

In 1995, Tasreen’s 20-year-old brother, Tariq, was murdered during a gang-involved robbery. In an act of deep compassion, her family chose to forgive the 14-year-old assailant. Her family recognized that there were victims on both ends of the gun and began the foundation in an effort to stop youth violence. Tasreen recently began playing a vital part in the release of the assailant from prison.

Tasreen is a proud and active mother, frequently volunteering at her children’s school, sports and community activities.

Jenni Prisk, Divya Kakaiya and Diana MarJip-Chuh were her sponsors.

Email: tasreen@tkf.org

BEQUEST SOCIETY



The San Diego Rotary Club was founded in 1911, and the 33rd Rotary Club was formed. That’s 106 years ago! This Club was here long before you were born, and will be here long after you are gone.

There are currently 102 club members who have named The Rotary Club of San Diego Foundation in their estates. *Thank you to each of you for your generosity!*

The United States is in the midst of the largest transfer of wealth in our history. True, there are some fellow Rotarians, past and present, who have left very significant gifts to the Club. We invite you to join their ranks if you can. However, if you’re like many of us, you kind of need the money until you are gone. Leaving a gift after you are gone may be more realistic than a major gift right now. There are many ways that you can do this. For example, you can name Rotary as a beneficiary of one or more of your retirement accounts today and save your family in taxes tomorrow, or you could leave a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your residual estate after your primary beneficiaries are taken care of. It doesn’t have to be complicated. The important thing is to do something to ensure that our club continues

to be the shining light on a hill in San Diego and around the world.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and entire club, I want to offer a very special thanks to **Judy Thompson** and **Mike Conner** for hosting our upcoming **Bequest Society reception** at their home in **Point Loma on Sunday, October 15th**. We’re guaranteed a sunny afternoon filled with good company and plenty of Rotary inspiration. This is open to anyone who has informed the club that you already have or plan to name the club in your estate. (Formal invitations will be mailed.)

You can’t take it with you ...so don’t put it off. You can ask any one of the 102 Rotarians who are already participating – it’s fast, easy and comforting to know that you can ensure that Rotary continues to do good work here and around the world, long after you are gone.

Please contact [Paul](#) at the Rotary office of your designation. Thank you!

Atiak Uganda Global Grant

The Global Grant for equipment to outfit the new hospital in Atiak, Uganda was an effort driven by Roger Haines, **Dean Crowder**, Walter Lam and many others including members of the Club 33's RI/Microcredit committee. Through their collaboration and outreach, they were able to leverage the Club's donation (made possible by the generosity of the Tom Hom Group, **Will Newbern**, Camille Newbern and Steve Coopersmith), to exceed the \$300,000 budget. Thank you to all involved.

Total Budget - \$300,000

San Diego Rotary and its members were responsible for \$251,150

Member Donations and PAC grant- \$74,100

District Designated Funds Match - \$70,000

Rotary International Match - \$107,050

Additional donations from other Rotary Clubs, PDG Janice Kurth and PDG Philippe Lamoise. A special thanks to the following Club 33 members who donated:

Roger Haines
Dean Crowder
Chuck Pretto
Mike Meaney
Linda Crogan
Mia Harenski

Hurricane Harvey Donors

Thank you to the following members for donating to the Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. As you will read on Page 5, your donations truly made a difference. The need is ongoing, and additional donations are welcome.

Anonymous
Dom Addario
Larry Richman
Jim Hughes
Lisa Miller
Bob Russell
Ginny Ollis
Claudia Oberteis
Peg Eddy
Paul Devermann
Patti Roscoe
Amnon Ben-Yahuda
Jackie Meyer
John Rebelo
Bill Wise
Mike Morton Sr
Christy White
Wayne Goodermote
Andrea Da Rosa
Dick Tronccone
Sam Rinaker
Glenn Rossman
Jim Hall
Bill McDade
Tom Gable

Treacy Sommer
Ed Chaplin
George Kaplan
Dick Eger
Penny Robbins
Tracy Sundlun
Dick Green
Rodney Eales
Linda Stirling
Bink Cook
Rachel Inmon
Daniel Amaro
Divya Kakaiya
Don Balfour
Pete Bowie
Jean Young
Steve Carlson
Steve Porter
Linda Crogan
Tom Fetter
Chris Christopher
Woody Ledford
David Kvendru
Deirdre Maloney
Larry Showley
Larry Kuntz

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

As a result of your generosity, your Foundation Board has authorized an additional \$10,650 to both the Corpus Christi Club and District 5910 that includes Port Arthur, Beaumont and other gulf areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey. These grants bring the total amount sent to \$41,300. The following are updates from the Beaumont and Corpus Christi Clubs:

September 20

Thank you both very much for your donations towards our Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts! Entire school districts are still closed – some with opening dates still to be determined, others will start mid-October. Thousands of students have been sent more than an hour away to attend school somewhere else in the meantime. Moving companies, roofers, builders, and adjusters are all backed up. I talked to a friend yesterday who said they found a builder, but he cannot even get started until December.

Our church is one of many, who are hosting the Red Cross and South Baptist Disaster Relief Teams. The SBDRT at our church alone, prepared 6,000 meals per day and the Red Cross distributes them. Salvation Army is preparing the same number of meals a day. Some volunteers had to leave to head to Florida, so church members have stepped up to the plate. I heard on the news last night that one of the feeding stations in one town was going to be shut down finally by the end of the month as a restaurant will be reopening. It's still hard to believe.

On the positive side, one football team is still getting together and playing – they find it to be good stress relief for everyone. I've learned about an organization called Green Cross (one of the ladies involved is a Rotary Club President in Washington). They work with disaster relief specifically in terms of stress management - that's so important with what everyone is going through. There is another man here now, David Hall, who used to be a Major Gifts Director for TRF, who is here giving backpacks filled with special sensory items to special needs kids. Since my daughter has Asperger's, it is extremely meaningful to me, especially considering how she has handled the situation. So in the midst of some awful times, some good has come together. Texans are great about taking care of one another and their "gitter" done attitudes!

In terms of our club's response, we have finished hand-selecting the committee that will decide how the funds should be used. Our first meeting will be on 9/25/17 and we have a goal of dispersing the funds by Thanksgiving. I will keep you updated as plans unfold.

Again, thank you for your support.

Lysa Chapman
Executive Director
Rotary Club of Corpus Christi

September 14

Please tell your members we are overwhelmed by San Diego Rotary generosity! The gifts from you were among the first received and the largest, as I hear it. The San Diego donation was made to the District Relief fund. I spoke with the District treasurer just a little while ago, and while she did not seem to have an actual total yet, she implied that it was over \$50,000, perhaps closer to \$60,000. We have 39 clubs in the district; I haven't heard an actual number of clubs in the really hard-hit areas, but I would guess roughly a third or more. There is no shortage of need.

Yesterday, we had our first meeting since August 23, and it was good to be together again. I have been organizing manpower teams to muck homes, so we have been together in small groups, but to get back in one room was cathartic and healing. There were tears of sadness with those suffering through having completely lost their home, cars, and personal belongings, and some tears of relief, happiness and joy just to be together and back to somewhat "normal" again.

Please tell all the Rotarians that we are so grateful. It's hard to accept such generosity when you are accustomed to giving. What you/San Diego has taught us by your example is not to wait to be asked to help, but to see a need and give a hand up. I think my club is finally "getting it." There were several tears over that yesterday too.

Jacque Chapman
Executive Director
Rotary Club of Beaumont

FACES IN OUR CROWD



Camille Newbern, Steve Coopersmith, President Bob, Nora Newbern and Will Newbern



Megan Pogue and new member Tasreen Khamisa



Jenni Prisk and President Bob with the Peace Award recipients YALLA (at left) and Dr. Robert Moser of Catholic Charities



Walter received a standing ovation at the end of his remarks.



President Bob gave Walter his World Peace Day tie



Hal Sadler delivered a touching eulogy of Lyle Butler