

Breeders' Cup



Patti Roscoe
Editor

Thursday was National Seafood Bisque Day, so naturally, **President Bob's** tie was adorned with lobster, shrimp, and crab. He must have a secret internet site to order them. (crustacionsareus.com, maybe?)

It was a fine Rotary day when we came to order and listened to an inspirational story from **Christy White**. In fact, there were so many great comments in our program that I highly recommend you listen to the audiotape. You will hear us solemnly Pledge and sing the National Anthem, led by **Brandon Horrocks**, accompanied by **Greg Zinser**.

Mark Burgess told us the Governor had more than 1,000 bills come across his desk this year, over 800 of which were passed. One included declaring San Diego the 23rd happiest city in California. Thank you to **Greg Noonan** of Prudential California Realty for sponsoring the news. Opening announcements by our Prez included his owing an additional \$210 to the Lincoln Interact Club for their prowess at football last week. Put on your calendar to bring a bottle of 91+ wine next week for our auction, or any other auction-valuable item you may have. Hats off to the Honorable **Leon Williams** for having a block of E Street named after him. Well deserved, Leon!

Puerto Rico still needs our help. Call the office with a donation to be charged to your credit card. Thanks to **Judy Thompson** and **Mike Connor** for hosting the Bequest Society event last Sunday. It was a big success. **Claudia Obertreis**, who has never been fined and purposely kept a low profile to insure that, used her time to recap the presidential year of Club 33's 21st president, Claire A. Nelson. **Steve Coopersmith**, along with **Camille** and **Will Newbern**, had settled a lawsuit and donated \$60,000 to the Uganda Hospital Project. Well, it turns out their lawsuit had another \$3,000 available that they will be donating to the Rotary Tree Project. Have you done so yet? It is a great project and a key objective of President

Bob's year. Call the Rotary office with your tree pledge. In fact, the passion struck the audience and three additional \$1,000 donations were made on the spot. Thanks to **Jim Hughes**, **Chuck Pretto**, and **Peter Duncan** (who requested that his tree be named after the late and great **Craig Blower**). Thank you, gentlemen.

Kim Higgins pitched the prospective member reception next week. Bring one! Pres Bob reminded us that members are the "lifeblood of our club." **Mark Allen** and friends modeled new (and warm) clothing from COSTCO that could be donated to our Warm Clothes Drive for seniors. Please bring your NEW items in next week, from wherever you purchase them. Try Amazon.com and remember to direct their SMILE link to Rotary Club of San Diego Foundation. Thanks to **Robert Price** and Price Philanthropies for joining us in sponsoring the Hoover High Youth Exchange program. **Larry Hoeksema** introduced us to the 2017 Hoover High students participating in this global project, as well as a young man from the Czech Republic who is our current exchange student being hosted by **Massey Pitts**. A nod to **Andrea da Rosa** and **Joe da Rosa** of Balboa Travel for helping with all the arrangements.

New member **Caitlin Hawkins**, originally from Austin, TX (hook 'em horns), joined our club because she believe in our tenet of service above self and the importance of giving back. New member **Rob Canton**, whose family left Cuba in the '60s, also felt it important to give back to the community and the importance of family in one's life.

If you missed the article, congratulations are in order to **Chris Yanov** of Reality Changers for having Mexico's past president, Vicente Fox, named to their board. Chair of the Day, **Kristen Ford**, gave two visiting Rotarians from Ann Arbor the new book on the Game of Thrones and a DVD of the movie "Black Stallion" in honor of the day's program.

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Next Meeting

October 26, 2017

Cloud Walkers

**Phillip Grove,
Video Documentarian**

Phillip Grove will recount how a group of American amputees tackled the tallest mountain in Africa—Mt. Kilimanjaro—and share the behind-the-scenes complexity of being their videographer and of bringing their triumphant story to the big screen. Sixty percent of able-bodied people fail to do what the team accomplished. This group of "Cloud Walkers" braved extreme conditions, went to war with a mountain for eight days, and came back closer to whole.



Chair of the Day
Frank Pavel, Jr.

**Our annual auction is on
November 16!**

We are now accepting items for our live and silent auctions. Go to page 3 for the link to the donation form.

Thank you for your support.

QUICK BITS



The 2017-18 Club 33 Golf Tournament begins on Friday, Nov. 3rd!

Join us for the first round of our annual tournament at the beautiful San Diego Country Club. Tee time is at noon. Cost is \$140 and includes golf, cart, and lunch.

Please email Golf Committee Chair [Rich Donnelly](#) if you would like to play or have any questions.



**WANTED—
Rotary Readers**

Rotary Readers are needed for Cesar Chavez Elementary School, approximately half an hour a week. For more information, contact committee chairs [Dick Troncone](#) or [Joe da Rosa](#).



**Member Directory
Reminder:**

Please remember that our member directory is NOT to be used for commercial mailing lists or non-Rotary purposes.

BIRTHDAYS

October

Tom Karlo	23
Phil Blair	23
Mike Morton, Sr.	24
Katie Khasim	24
Pat Crowell	25
Hal Sadler	25
Nicole Simpson	25
Woody Ledford	26
Tom Gammieri	27
Tom Cohen	27
Laura Nichols	27
Frank Urtasun	28
Jim Hughes	28
Bink Cook	28
Stephanie Bozzuto	29
Garry Ridge	29

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The affable Joe Harper, Director, President and CEO of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, took the microphone and waxed poetic about his childhood as the grandson of Cecil B. DeMille.

Joe is a native Californian and a trustee of the Cecil B. DeMille Foundation, active in supporting education and film preservation.

He remembers visiting his first Rotarian meeting ever in 1970 at the El Cortez Hotel, where Club 33 originally met. That launched into a wonderful story about Ronald and Nancy Reagan and Joe's first job as an advance man for two very different people. He had no idea what an advance man did, had never met the Reagans, and the tales went on from there. (Definitely, listen to the audio.)

Joe has been at the helm of the Thoroughbred Club since 1978 and guided the historic track, founded in 1937, through a period of growth and success unparalleled in American racing history. He is a member of the Jockey Club and former president of both the Thoroughbred Racing Association of North America and the Federation of California Racing Associations. In 1982, a group of prominent thoroughbred breeders from Kentucky created the Breeders' Cup, a race that allowed horses of all breeds to compete. It is a two-day event; this year it falls on Nov 3 and 4. To date, over fifteen million dollars in admission tickets have been sold, 76% to people who have never been to California or San Diego. It will put our city in the spotlight of an ultra-sport with an upscale audience bringing global attention, and an economic impact of \$100-150 million to the region.

JOIN OUR HOLIDAY CHORUS

It's once again time to think about the holiday season and what better way for you to get involved in the spirit of the season by joining the Holiday Chorus for our annual Holiday Program. The program this year is on December 14, and we need your help to make it an experience to remember. You don't have to be a music star or have any special training. If you love holiday music and even enjoy just singing in your car or shower, then we would like you to join us in the Rotary Chorus. Rehearsals begin Monday, November 20 at the Girl Scouts' Florence Burnham Hall on Upas Street at 5:30pm. We will have four Monday night rehearsals and a one dress rehearsal. For more information, please contact Brandon Horrocks at bhorrocks@gmail.com. We look forward to singing with you this year!

CALENDAR

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

October

**26 Phillip Grove-Director,
Producer, Documentarian-
Cloud Walkers**

November

2 Women in Rotary

9 Salute to Military

16 Auction

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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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Share the gift of Rotary

Prospective Member Reception October 26, 11:30 am-noon Liberty Station Conference Center-Lobby L

Bring a prospective member (or two) to a pre-lunch reception on October 26 for an opportunity to meet with fellow Rotarians and Board members, and to learn more about Rotary. Then they can enjoy a complimentary lunch and hear our guest speaker, documentarian Phillip Grove, share stories about the Cloud Walkers, a group of amputees who climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro. [Click here to register for the reception.](#)



Giving Thanks, Giving Back

2017 AUCTION-NOVEMBER 16

Save the date!

Plans are under way for our annual **Giving Thanks, Giving Back** auction on **November 16**. If you would like to make a donation towards our silent or live auction, please complete the [donation form](#) and return it to the Rotary office. **Donations of wine need to be at least 91 points or better, have a minimum cost of \$25, and must be labeled with your name and the retail value of the wine.** Any questions? Contact Auction Chair [Diana Mar-Jip Chuh](#).

SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE



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ANNUAL WARM CLOTHES DRIVE

November 2, 2017

Please bring your donations to our meeting at Liberty Station

Donation Suggestions

(Sizes XS – XXXL)

Socks (white crew)

Gloves

Beanies

Sweatshirts

Undershirts

Warm neck scarves

Jackets

Slippers

Blankets

Throw blankets

Rain Ponchos



Idea – Ask your favorite store for a donation.

Note: NEW items only.

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest members to the club:



Caitlin Hawkins—“Executive Recruiting-Technology.” Caitlin is an Associate Partner in technology recruiting for Proven Recruiting.

An avid community volunteer, she is passionate about the fight against cancer, water conservation, and helping military veterans, particularly those that struggle with PTSD.

Caitlin and her fiancé, Kevin Root, will be married in just a few short weeks on November 10th.

Rachel Inmon, David Oates and Penny Robbins were her sponsors.

Email: caitlin.hawkins11@gmail.com



Rob Canton—“Youth Organization-Boy Scouts.” Rob is the District Executive for the Boy Scouts of America San Diego-Imperial Council.

He served in the US Navy for 22 years as an Independent Duty Corpsman and he has visited 53 different countries (but has yet to visit Cuba where his parents are from). He and his wife have been married for 12 years and have fraternal twins, a boy and a girl.

Bruce Doole, Will Hage and Buddy Thomas were his sponsors.

Email: robert.canton@scouting.org

FACES IN OUR CROWD

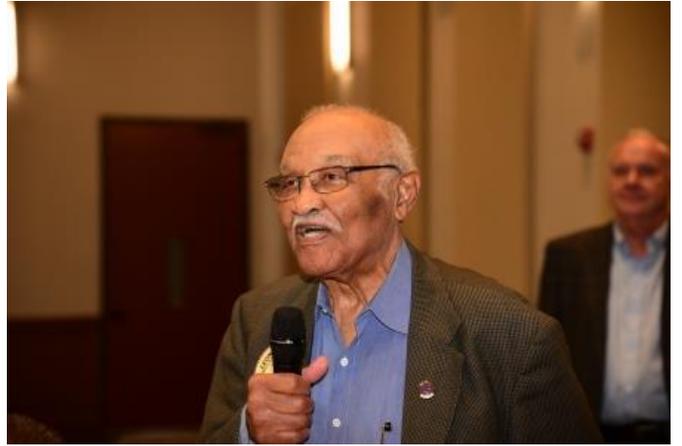


(Left) **Hal Sadler**, guest speaker Joe Harper, and **Bill McKenzie**; (right) Richard Valdez, former law partner of President Bob and currently serving on the board for the 22nd District Agricultural Association, Del Mar Fairgrounds.



Thank you to Will Newbern, Camille Newbern, Steve Coopersmith, Jim Hughes, Chuck Pretto and Peter Duncan for their very generous pledges towards President Bob’s tree project!

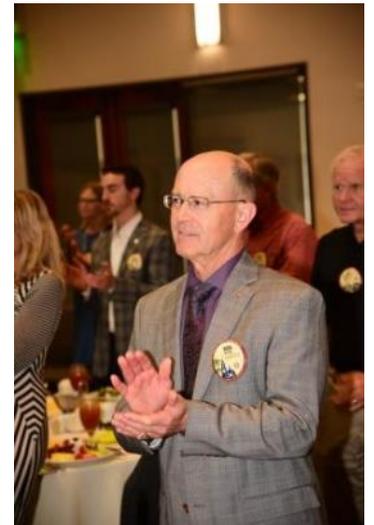
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(Left) Claudia Obertreis finally ends her no-fine streak; (right) congrats to Leon Williams who will be honored with a street named after him.



(Left and center) Our Senior Services Committee showed us how a small amount of money can go towards some very nice warm clothes for their annual drive; (right) our Hoover Interacts who participated in the past summer's 2-week youth exchange program. Countries visited include the Netherlands, Finland, Belgium, Italy, Romania, Austria and the Czech Republic.



In our crowd: (left) **Suzanne Frontz, Nick Bernal, Bink Cook**; (center) **Simona Valanciute**; (right) **Rob Dean**.