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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

Cloud Walkers



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Editor

This past Thursday, I was in a bad mood. And I could not blame it on anything more than waking up on the wrong side of the bed. But then I remembered that it was Thursday. I love Thursday. Because not only is it the day before Fri-yay, it's also Rotary day. If there's anything

that can turn my frown upside down, it's the fellowship, camaraderie and all-around good vibes of a Club 33 meeting.

PBR (President **Bob Russell**) called the meeting to order, noting that Thursday was National Day of the Deployed. Past President **Gary Nelson**, a Club 33 member for 42 years and counting, delivered the Inspirational Moment. As a young man, Gary joined Rotary with the intention of building his business. Over the years, he realized that being a Rotarian means so much more. It has gifted him with a gratifying way to fill his retirement as he works with young people. Gary encouraged everyone to introduce a friend to Rotary and change their lives for the better.

The news was delivered by Dodger fan **Stan Lawrence**, sponsored this week by **Mike Conner** with Phoenix Water Management. A big thank you to **Dan Amaro** and the membership committee for arranging another successful prospective membership reception.

Don't forget to bring an extra outfit next week. Don't worry; you don't have to do a wardrobe change. It's the Senior Services Committee's warm clothes drive. Bring in new clothing for our local seniors. Or, if the thought of going to the mall makes you shudder, follow this link to our Amazon wish list and have everything delivered without ever having to leave your chair. <https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2MKL3B4WOH6QC>.

Congratulations to **Michael Brunker**. The doors opened to the new Jackie Robinson YMCA this past Saturday. Well worth the wait for this beautiful facility.

Congratulations are also in order for PBR. As of last week, his goal to raise \$25,000 for the tree project is fully funded.

A special thank you to **Amnon Ben-Yehuda** for his generous gift that pushed us to the top of our goal, without which these 500 trees going to the Safari Park would not be possible.

In the weekly presidential moment, PBR dedicated the meeting to Past President Harry B. Calloway, who led from 1932-1933. Though the members at that time were feeling the economic strain of the time, Harry attempted to keep the mood light, inviting famous fan dancer Sally Rand to make one of her rare public appearances at a meeting.

Standing in for auction chair **Diana MarJip-Chuh**, **Chris Sichel** reminded us that the annual auction is less than three weeks away. Apparently, Club 33 is not feeling a great sense of urgency this time around as donations are way down compared to last year. Down, as in, at this time last year, they had collected 106 bottles of wine. Right now, they only have twelve. Chris doubted that in this past year, our members have gone dry. (I'm wondering if maybe it's the opposite and we drank it all.) Live and silent auction donations are at a fraction of last year, as well. So, in his five ways to increase your chances of getting into Heaven, Chris prompted members to show up on November 16, donate one or more good bottles of wine (at least 91 points and \$25 in value), contribute to the live and silent auctions, participate in the "raise-a-paddle" portion of the auction and bring a companion, provided they like champagne, have money, enjoy auctions and suffer from poor impulse control.

Unbelievably, it's time again for the holiday program. **Brandon Horrocks** needs your voices. Very little time is required and you don't have to be a trained singer. All that's needed is a passion for the holiday season. Contact [Brandon](#) for details.

Chair of the Day was none other than the man responsible for removing my wisdom teeth, **Dr. Frank Pavel**. Among his lesser accomplishments, Frank is a retired oral surgeon, who had the fortune of practicing with his father for many years, and is an avid outdoorsman and athlete.

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Next Meeting

November 2, 2017

Women in Rotary

Dr. Sylvia Whitlock

Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of this important and historic event. We'll salute to the first five women who joined our club and hear from Dr. Sylvia Whitlock, Past Governor of Rotary District 5300 and the first woman to ever hold the position of Rotary Club President in the U.S.



Chair of the Day
Divya Kakaiya

**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 dona-
tion form.**

Thank you for your support.

QUICK BITS

Join our holiday chorus!

It's time, once again, 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 dress rehearsal. For more information, please contact Brandon Horrocks at bhorrocks@gmail.com. We look forward to singing with you this year!

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

Registration has closed for this event. If you would like to be added to the wait list, please email Golf Committee Chair [Rich Donnelly](mailto:Rich.Donnelly). The next tournament will be on January 26.

BIRTHDAYS

October

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| Matt Hom | 30 |
| Natasha Josefowitz | 31 |

November

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| Dick Baxter | 1 |
| Carl Hilliard | 1 |
| Nikki Clay | 1 |
| Tom Mosher | 2 |
| Sandy Purdon | 3 |
| Lisa Miller | 5 |

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Our speaker of the day was Phillip Grove, 23-year-old graduate of Occidental College who is living his dreams as a filmmaker. Phillip started off by showing the sizzle reel (industry speak of a five-minute teaser trailer) of *Cloud Walkers*, a documentary about eight amputees who successfully climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. Standing at a daunting 19,314 feet, this is no small accomplishment. Sixty percent of able-bodied climbers fail at what these individuals achieved. Spearheaded by Mona, the hikers were encouraged to focus on what they *can* do, not what they can't do. These men and women choose not to be defined by a disability; the only disability is your attitude.

Besides the obvious challenges of eight amputees climbing the tallest mountain in Africa were the unexpected difficulties. Hiking for 7-8 hours a day, the climbers trekked through five different climate zones. While this makes for cool aesthetics, film-wise, it made things extra difficult for the amputees, as well as the three-person camera crew and four-person medical staff. Phillip's takeaway from this experience was that it wasn't so much about the summit. It was about the journey and the friends he made along the way. Kind of sounds like Rotary.

We closed our meeting by saying goodbye to another friend, Past President Bill Beamer. Eulogized by **Pat Crowell**, Bill will be remembered as a fine lawyer, father and husband, community leader and Rotarian with a dedication to helping others.

Especially appropriate was PBR's thought for the week, courtesy of Kenny Chesney- "Don't blink, life goes faster than you think."

CALENDAR

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

November

2 *Women in Rotary*

9 *Salute to Military*

16 *Auction*

23 *Dark—no meeting*

30 *Shelley Zimmerman-SD Police Chief*

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. Space is still available. Registration closes at midnight on Monday, Oct. 30th.

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

Grotarian Holiday Party at the Timken Museum

December 5 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Cost: \$40.00

Please join the Grotarians as we celebrate the holidays at the Timken Museum of Art. We will enjoy fine art, scrumptious food and drinks, and delightful company!

[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

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.

Please consider making a donation towards our silent or live auction. Complete the [donation form](#) and return it to the Rotary office asap. 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.

Attendance is also a key part of the success of our auction so we encourage you to bring your family, friends, neighbors or co-workers so they, too, can do some pre-holiday shopping!

The Silent Auction will begin at 11:00am.

Safari Park Tree Project

We did it!



President Bob is proud to announce that our Tree Project has been fully funded! Thanks to the generosity of so many of our members, we were able to raise the \$25,000 for 500 trees that will be planted at the Safari Park. On behalf of our Board of Directors and RI President Ian Riseley, thank you for making this project possible! We will be notifying you soon of the plans to celebrate the project at Safari Park.

Our generous donors include:

Doug Arbon
Linnea Arrington
Amnon Ben-Yehuda
Trevor Blair
Michelle Candland
Mike Caruso
Ellen Casey
Ed Chaplin
Garet Clark
Tom Cohen
Steve Coopersmith
Tyler Cramer
Pat Crowell
Ricardo Da Rosa
Darlene Davies
Solveig Deuprey
Paul Devermann
Chuck Duddles
Peter Duncan
Tom Fetter
John Gallagher
George Gildred
Sue Goldstein
Wayne Goodermote
Dick Green
John Hattox
Larry Hoeksema
Julia Holladay
Jim Hughes
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Walter Lam
Sarah Lamade
Woody Ledford
Andy Liska
Diana Marjip-Chuh
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Betty Peabody
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Celia Ramirez
Tim Riley
Penny Robbins
Bob Russell
Stephanie Saathoff
Bonnie Schwartz
Nancy Scott
Ellis Smith
Mark A. Stuart
Donald Tartre
Don Teemsma
Ramona Walker
Christy White

SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

We are making it easier than ever for you to help with our Senior Warm Clothes Drive for Thursday, November 2!

Attached is a link that we set up on Amazon so you can easily select some items that you can donate to the drive. You can even have Amazon send it directly to the **Rotary office at San Diego Rotary, 2247 San Diego Ave, Ste 233, San Diego, Ca 92110.**

Also, if you happen to be going to Costco before Nov 2nd, Costco has some great deals on warm clothes right now, all under \$20!

Thank you for supporting our senior community and helping them stay warm this winter season!

Click here to view our Amazon wish list: <https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2MKL3B4WOH6QC>



SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

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.

FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) President Bob, guest speaker Phillip Grove and Chair of the Day Frank Pavel; (right) with no visiting Rotarian guest in attendance, Frank presented Gary Nelson with his gift.



(Left) Brandon Horrocks invites you to sing in the holiday chorus (real talent not needed!); (right) members of the Beamer family (Jennifer, Sharon and Will) joined us to hear Pat Crowell deliver a wonderful tribute to the late Bill Beamer.



(Left) Not one to miss a holiday, President Bob made sure to represent Halloween; (right) **Rachel Inmon** participating in our speaker's Q&A session.

San Diego Rotary Africa Safari 2018

Join fellow San Diego Rotarians on a 20-day trip of a lifetime to Kenya and Uganda, April 19 to May 8, 2018. Enjoy the best safaris while getting to know African Rotarians and visiting Rotary projects. The trip is flexible, you are free to make your own travel plans, and reserve whatever part of the trip is convenient for you. The facilitator of the trip, PDG Philippe Lamoise of the Del Mar Rotary Club, has led many such trips to Kenya and Uganda. If you are interested in the Gorilla Trek, let Philippe know soon, as reservations fill up quickly. philippe@lamoise.net cell: 619-300-6060. Here's our proposed itinerary, with approximate prices, and subject to change:

| Date | Description | Cost |
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| 19-Apr-18 | Arrival in Nairobi. Transfer by road to Naivasha. 3 nights at the conference host hotel: Enashipai Resort, or other hotel nearby. | |
| 20-Apr-18 | District 9212 Conference in Naivasha. | |
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| 22-Apr-18 | Transport to Masai Mara Safari (Kichwa Tembo?) | \$490 for transportation |
| 23-Apr-18 | Masai Mara Safari | \$880 per person for Safari Lodge \$160 park fee per person |
| 24-Apr-18 | Transport back to Nairobi and flight to Entebbe. Transport from Entebbe to Kampala. Overnight in Kampala. We will either stay in a simple hotel or be home hosted. | \$100 per couple unless we are home hosted |
| 25-Apr-18 | Departure to Atiak. Visit of hospital project. Overnight at Bomah Hotel Gulu. B, L, D. | |
| 26-Apr-18 | Visit of refugee camp. Overnight at Bomah Hotel Gulu. B, L, D. | |
| 27-Apr-18 | Transfer to Murchison Falls park. Overnight at Paraa Safari Lodge. D. | |
| 28-Apr-18 | Morning game drive and afternoon launch cruise to the bottom of falls. Overnight at Paraa Safari Lodge. B, L, D. | |
| 29-Apr-18 | Departure to Siriba. Visit of Siriba Adopt-A-Village Project. Return to Kampala. | |
| 30-Apr-18 | Flight from Entebbe to Kihhi. Scott Kellermann Bwindi Community Hospital Overnight at Mahogany Springs Lodge. B, L, D. | |
| 1-May-18 | Full day Gorilla trek. Overnight at Mahogany Springs Lodge. B, L, D. | |

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| 2-May-18 | Morning Batwa pygmies experience and afternoon visit to the ride for a woman community project. Overnight at Mahogany Springs Lodge. B, L, D. | return flight from Entebbe to Kihhi. |
| 3-May-18 | Return flight to Entebbe. Transfer to District Conference hotel in Entebbe. | |
| 4-May-18 | District 9211 Conference in Entebbe. | |
| 5-May-18 | District 9211 Conference in Entebbe. | |
| 6-May-18 | Return flight to the US or optional stay to visit Nkondo project. Departure to Nkondo. Visit of Nkondo Adopt-A-Village project. Overnight in Nkondo. | |
| 7-May-18 | Return to Kampala. On the way, visit of Lords Mead Vocational College, and the Source of the Nile. | \$100 per couple unless we are home hosted |
| 8-May-18 | Return to Entebbe. Departure to the US. | |

Enashipai Resort & Spa

Host hotel for the Kenya District 9212 Conference:

www.enashipai.com



Murchison Falls

Paraa Safari Lodge:

www.paraalodge.com

Imperial Hotels, Entebbe

Rotary District 9211

Conference in Entebbe :

[www.imperialhotels.co.ug/
ImperialGolfViewHotel.html](http://www.imperialhotels.co.ug/ImperialGolfViewHotel.html)



Mahogany Springs Lodge

Gorilla Trek and Batwa
Pygmies:

www.mahoganysprings.com



Rotary Project Visits

[Atiak Hospital](#), [Siriba
Adopt-A-Community](#),
[Nkondo Adopt-A-Village](#)

