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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

To Serve and Protect

Next Meeting



Tom Gable
Editor

President Bob opened the meeting with good news from last week's auction: a record \$128,000 raised for the fourth largest club in the world and one that has been making a difference for more than 100 years!

Joe Zakowski led the Pledge of Allegiance and *America the Beautiful*, accompanied by **Katie Fulhorst**. **Stan Lawrence** covered the news sponsored this week by **Ray McKewon**. Club 33 welcomed new members **Karen Batcher** and **Laurie Coskey**. **Michael Brunker** introduced four visiting seniors ranging in age from 73 to 82. They were hosted by **Gil Johnson**, **John Hawkins**, **Bill McColl** (87), and **Leon Williams** (95) and were sponsored by **Richard Ledford** (39!). **Christy White** pitched members on nominating deserving 11th grade children, grandchildren and friends to attend Camp Enterprise.

Alex Robertson, visiting from the Torrey Pines La Jolla Club, pitched the Rotary International Convention next June in Toronto. December 15 is the cutoff date to receive a \$100 discount. District Governor Scott Carr talked about the importance of having good team members to assist the district governors and introduced the newest member of their team, our very own **John Neuhart**. Read more about John's appointment [here](#).

Jim Madaffer, Chair of the Day and former San Diego City Councilman, introduced Shelley Zimmerman, the first female police chief in San Diego history. She worked her way up the ranks serving in almost every area of the department.

Chief Zimmerman hit the highlights of the challenges of serving the eighth largest City in the U.S. Having the world's busiest international land border crossing being one of them. We also have the lowest pay per capita for a big city police department.

San Diego has been losing experienced officers to other cities and the police department is having difficulty in recruiting new people to apply. The city council is voting on a pay raise on Tuesday, Dec. 5. The pay raise notice had immediate positive outcomes with dozens who were getting ready

to leave pulling back their applications. Some who left have inquired about coming back. Zimmerman urged Rotarians to call their city council representative and encourage voting for the pay raise so San Diego can continue to be the safest big city in the U.S.

"Our crime rate is lower today than decades ago when far fewer people lived here," Zimmerman said. "In 2016, the City of San Diego had the second lowest index crimes which include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and vehicle theft."

For three years in a row, San Diego has had the lowest homicide rate of any of the largest cities in the U.S.

Zimmerman provided updates on the success of the Body Worn Camera Program. The department has seen a 41 percent decrease in serious complaints and a 47 percent decrease in allegations, comparing 2013 when we had no cameras to 2016 when the city had a full year of implementation.

"In addition, there was an 86 percent decrease in allegations where a definitive finding could not be made," she said. Video evidence takes ambiguity out of any encounter.

The department is using technology to improve community safety in other ways. One year ago, it placed a ShotSpotter gun-fire detection sensor system into a 3.6-mile area in an area that had been experiencing a high number of gun homicides. In this past year, there were a total of 128 confirmed gunshot activations in the area. Only 23 percent of the activations were called into the dispatch center. ShotSpotter enabled officers to respond 100 percent of the time and to a more precise location. Response time was reduced by 2.5 minutes.

"Gun homicides in the area of coverage averaged more than four a year the previous four years," she said. "This past year there were zero."

Speaking on the homeless issue, Zimmerman said the homeless problem started escalating after the passage of Proposition 47 three years ago. It reduced most drug felonies to misdemeanors and removed the incentive for chronic drug offenders to get treatment.

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**John Ohanian, CEO
211 San Diego**

211 San Diego is one of the most dynamic public agencies in San Diego you've probably never heard of. Join us and hear from CEO John Ohanian about how the agency is a nexus to bring the organizations together to help people efficiently access appropriate services, and provide vital data and trend information for proactive community planning. You'll come away with a greater appreciation for their work and impact.



Erin Zlotnik
Chair of the Day

ANNUAL DONATIONS:

If you would like to make your annual contribution before year end for tax purposes, please call the office with a credit card or mail your check before December 29. Mailed checks must be postmarked no later than the 31st. The office will be closed at noon on Dec. 29 so please make arrangements prior to that time if you plan to pay with a credit card. Checks should be made payable to Rotary Club of San Diego Foundation. Thank you.

QUICK BITS

Catch up with the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi and the Rotary Club of Beaumont on their Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Our Club donated \$20,650 to each of the Clubs for their relief efforts. Both Clubs have been diligent in their follow-up and have kept us updated on their progress. On pages 5 & 6 they detail how they have used the donations and the present state of their communities. They are extremely grateful to Club 33 for our support!

HOSTS NEEDED

The **Rotary International Assembly** is coming in January and we're looking for members to host District Governor Elects and their partners from around the globe on the evening of Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 5:30 - 10:00 p.m. Go to the [District website and register!](#) You can host from one to as many as you like and there are no pre-conceived expectations - just food and fellowship. Questions? Contact [Michelle Candland](#).

BIRTHDAYS

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Norbert Sanders	4
Ed Muns	5
Andy Hewitt	5
Frank Caperino	5
Tom Creamer	8
Miro Copic	10

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It created a revolving door in the community justice system, with chronic offenders being cycled from arrest, to court date, to the street, over and over. She supports the Serial Misdemeanor at Rick Track (SMART) program, a collaborative effort to help get the chronic offender off the street and back on track.

Future problems are foreseen with the passage of Proposition 64 that will legalize marijuana. In San Diego, with 11 medicinal marijuana dispensaries, our police department has responded to 272 radio calls at these legal dispensaries over the past two and a half years. The calls were for burglaries, robberies, thefts, assaults and shootings, plus numerous armed and strong-armed robberies of delivery service drivers. Zimmerman sent teams to Denver to learn its challenges.

"They were told the revenue generated never accounted for the increased costs of the negative effects of marijuana plaguing their City," she said. "These negative effects include DUI fatalities, emergency room visits of children, pesticide exposures, volatile gas explosions and fires, increases in crime, organized crime and homelessness."

On the controversial topic of immigration, Zimmerman emphasized that "we are not immigration officers and don't want to be." The department treats a victim or witness to a crime or suspects in a crime the same as citizens.

"The department receives 1.4 million radio calls a year into our communications center, and when we get there we have an opportunity to make a positive difference in someone's life at what is usually their worst possible moment," she said.

In closing, Zimmerman stressed their commitment to continuous improvement. They welcome criticism in an ongoing learning process. They view every member of the department as a community relations officer. Officers attend more than 400 community events every month.

"I truly believe today's police officers are better trained, better educated and more professional than at any time in the history of our profession," said Zimmerman, who is retiring soon after 35 years of service.

She said being a police officer is not just a job, it is a sacred commitment to protect society—"often the most vulnerable and humblest among us."

"Please, let all of us continue to partner together to make our great City even better," Zimmerman urged.

CALENDAR

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

December

7 **John Ohanian, CEO, 211 San Diego**

14 **Annual Holiday Program**

21 **DARK**

28 **DARK**

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Stay tuned for information on all of our exciting events happening in 2018!

Annual Fireside Chat

Tuesday, January 30

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Cost: Free

Location: Academy of Our Lady of Peace

This event is for Grotarians only. Please no spouses or guests.

Red Badgers – please come and learn more about Club 33 and our Committees as we sit by the fire on a cool evening in San Diego. We will have 8-10 Committee Chairs speak about their committees and how you, as a committee member, can help. Even if you attended the Poolside Chat, we encourage you to attend this event too, as we will have different Committee Chairs speaking. This is always a wonderful evening at OLP. The event includes dinner and adult beverages. [Click here](#) for complete event 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 members to the club:



Laurie Coskey—“Associations-United Way.” Laurie is the President and CEO of the United Way of San Diego County.

At age 10, Laurie told her parents she wanted to be a Rabbi. After receiving a degree from Stanford University and 5 years of seminary at Hebrew Union College, she was ordained as a Rabbi in 1985.

Laurie served a local congregation for several years, then stepped away from the pulpit to raise her two sons and earn a doctorate in leadership at USD.

She also serves on various Boards such as the San Diego Convention Center Corporation, the Union Tribune Community Advisory Board and the Regional Task Force on the Homeless.

Doug Arbon, Bink Cook and Kristen Ford were her sponsors.

Email: laurie.coskey@uwsd.org



Karen Batcher—“Law-Corporate and Securities.” Karen is Senior Counsel with Teeple Hall, LLP.

Karen is a former member of the Chula Vista and Escondido Rotary Clubs. She encouraged her mother to join Rotary, who eventually began president of the Chula Vista club.

She comes from a family of avid sailors and grew up sailing on the San Francisco Bay. When she was 12 years old, she and her family moved on a boat and sailed for three and half years, mostly in the Sea of Cortez.

Karen earned an undergraduate degree at UCLA and her law degree from USD. She is a single mom raising two very active teenagers.

Paul Hartley was her sponsor.

Email: karen@teeplehall.com

CAMP ENTERPRISE-LEGACY APPLICATIONS

Members of San Diego Rotary Club 33 are allowed to nominate an eligible high school junior to attend Camp Enterprise as a “legacy.” **The definition of a legacy is a son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, direct relative of the member or close family friend.** Rotary Camp Enterprise is on **March 15 – 17, 2018 at Camp Cedar Glen, Julian.**

Below *are the steps for you, the nominating Rotarian*, to complete for the nomination of your legacy candidate:

Step 1: Check with your nominee and nominee’s guardians as to their interest in attending. Share this website for information: <http://www.sandiegorotary.club/service/camp-enterprise/>

Step 2: Confirm nominee can attend the entire duration of Camp from Marcy 15-1, 2018

Step 3: Obtain permission from nominee’s school to miss two days of school.

Step 4: Fill out the nominee information form and send to [Christy White](#) no later than **January 19, 2018**

Step 5: Ensure student has a ride to our Rotary meeting on Thursday, March 15. (Camp Enterprise Student Chair will confirm nominee’s spot in Camp)

Please complete the information and return the form via mail or email by **January 19, 2018**. If you have questions please contact Christy White at 858-336-4795 or Bridget Meckley at 619 886-3606.

*****COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS ARE E-MAILED TO THE STUDENT IN MID-FEBRUARY*****

[CLICK HERE FOR THE NOMINATION SUBMISSION FORM](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR THE LEGACY PARENT INFORMATION PACKET](#)

FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) **Andy Hewitt** brought in donuts in honor of the police chief's visit; (right) President Bob with **Larry Hoeksema** and **Jan McDonough**.



(Left) District Governor **Scott Carr** with new Assistant Governor **John Neuhart**; (right) Prez Bob with Chief **Zimmerman** and **Alex Robertson**, President of the Torrey Pines Club.



Thank you to Police Chief **Shelley Zimmerman** for addressing the club a final time before her retirement.

Rotary 
Club of Corpus Christi

Club No. 2062, District 5930, Chartered 1914

November 13, 2017

Dear Mr. Paul Devermann:

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Thank you for contributing to our Club for the relief efforts around Hurricane Harvey. This letter is to bring you up to date regarding the progress of the Hurricane Harvey Relief Committee within the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Our committee, organized in mid-September at the request of our current president, Suzel Mendieta, is comprised of six people with significant Rotary experience and local contacts. Collectively we have four past presidents, one current County commissioner of an affected county, one past District Governor, one person in the insurance business, one past Port commissioner, and one former City council member.

We met in late September to review the funding strategy, both incoming and outgoing, and to review the potential recipients of funding. We recognize that there is a much larger need in the surrounding impacted communities than we could possibly address, so we focused on one thing: helping children get back to their new "normal" by supporting affected school districts with their immediate classroom and educational needs.

We identified Port Aransas ISD and Aransas Pass ISD as our initial recipients. We expect to add an additional district and to deepen our support to these two districts as our funding increases.

After meeting with representatives of both school districts, the committee proposed and the Board agreed that we would provide Port Aransas ISD with \$10,000 to go toward teacher classroom supplies across all grades and the band program to replace instruments lost in the storm. We are providing Aransas Pass ISD with \$10,000 to be divided as follows: \$7500 to teacher classroom supplies across all grades and \$2500 to be allocated to student activities funds. It was brought to our attention during conversations with district staff that the student organizations would begin raising money for student events in the fall and the local businesses that normally sponsor them may not be able to do so this year. We are not fully funding any one event or any one club, but providing seed money for them to get started, at the discretion of the local district staff.

The initial \$20,000 was distributed in October to the two school districts. We have additional funding in the account, but wanted to take a measured approach to the disbursement process. We expect to make additional disbursements before Christmas.

Although the national news may have stopped covering Hurricane Harvey, the adults and children living in these small towns are still recovering, both physically and emotionally, and will continue to do so for years to come. In the Coastal Bend communities devastated by Harvey, an average of 30% of home units were destroyed or unrepairable. Imagine hundreds of acres of across cities and towns and one out of three homes cannot be lived in again. One of the large priorities in the next Legislative session, according to our State Representative, is the mental health of the children affected by the hurricane. Many of the students have lost all personal effects, have had to go to another school for months while repairs were underway, and have recurring hurricane thoughts every time we have a hard rain. Again, thank you for being a part of this effort to support these children and for your generous support to our area.

Yours in Rotary Service,



Tim Stephens
Chair, Hurricane Harvey Relief Committee
Immediate Past President

Paul:

The donations your club/foundation sent were made to the District 5910 Foundation fund. The District Disaster Relief committee is reviewing grants submitted, and many still to come. They are reaching neighboring committees like Vidor, Port Arthur, Orange, and others – all of which were also in the flooded parts of the area. These District grants are helpful in that we can leverage our Foundation funds and with the District match, so we are able to multiply our work significantly! So, essentially, some of your donation is going to several projects by many of the District's 39 clubs – I think I heard that 19 clubs of District 5910 were in disaster-affected cities/communities. I can get more information from the committee or our District Governor about which projects they have given grants to, if you like.

Speaking for our Club, we have applied for 2 or 3 matching grants from the District fund thus far, and will continue to do so for each project until all is expended.

We will be working this weekend with Habitat for Humanity, rebuilding three "post-Harvey" homes. One is that of a single mom of three children living in a Habitat home that was severely damaged. One child has autism and is not doing well with being displaced. We are trying to get them back in familiar space by Thanksgiving. The other two homes in this project are nearby – also replacing all walls, insulation, etc.

Another group that will get our help and a match from the District fund is a group called Nehemiah's Vision. They are skilled workers, rebuilding damaged homes, and we will try to assist to the degree that we are able, but mostly will be purchasing building supplies (sheetrock, insulation, tape & mud, etc.). The cost of building supplies has skyrocketed (supply and demand at work!) so the financial assistance has been a blessing.

We completed a major undertaking at a local elementary in a neighborhood where the majority of the families received much damage. We measured the children and purchased a new pair of shoes for each of the nearly 700 children of the school. United Way got involved and supplied backpacks and some basic school supplies, and other groups helped with socks and personal items. I think we are going to continue to work with this particular school with toys at the holiday, etc.

There is another community group planning an effort to supply winter jackets to children in a different part of the city which also suffered much flooding. We have committed funds to them. I am not sure if we will be helped with a District Grant for this project or not, but it could be that some of your donation will go there as well.

If you want me to get more specifics from the District committee, let me know and I am happy to contact one of the committee members who would have a list of what has been disbursed already and to what project. There are recovery and rebuilding efforts going on everywhere, and we will be working for a long time to come.

We will always remain grateful to you and your club for the awesome support and financial gifts. You were a buoy in the midst of the storm, for sure!

With Gratitude and Best Wishes,

Jacque Chapman

Executive Director

Rotary Club of Beaumont