

Inside Camp David



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Editor

Congratulations President **Bob Russell**, on a great first half of your term. I don't know that in my time at Club 33, I have seen a new president so comfortable so fast, other than perhaps my partner, Past President **Peter Duncan** (and no, I don't have to say that). That being

said, I have begun to wonder if President Bob is making up his identification of what national day of the year falls on each Thursday. Today, he insists, is "National Step In A Puddle And Splash Your Friend Day". Well, President Bob, we will take your word for it, but understandably Bob didn't have a tie for the occasion. He did, however sport a tie for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and announced that our own **Michael Brunker** was awarded the 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Dignity award. Congratulations Michael, on such a well-deserved honor!

President Bob called the meeting to order on time again (you can take the man out of the Navy but you can't take the Navy out of the man). Today's Inspirational Moment was given by **Josh Green** who quite appropriately read a summer *camp* poem by Shel Silverstein. Fresh off his stellar direction of our Holiday program, **Brandon Horrocks** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the *America The Beautiful* accompanied by **Greg Zinser**. Today's news, sponsored by **Mike Rowan** and Goodwill Industries of San Diego County (thanks, Mike), was ably given by club reporter **Deirdre Maloney**.

Time for announcements. Red badgers, don't miss the Fireside Chat being held at Our Lady of Peace on January 30. This (or the Poolside Chat) is required for a "blue badge" and provide helpful and interesting insight into our Club and its many and diverse committees. On February 2, 2018, our Club's annual golf tournament tees off at the San Diego Country Club. **Jenni Prisk** (I think she was joking when she said she gets nervous speaking in public) announced a Better Angels facility workshop coming soon. See Jenni for details. A Grotarian event, a special performance of the West Coast premiere of *The Last Wife*, is being

held on February 7 at the wonderful Cygnet Theatre in Old Town. Now, one would think that announcing a Grotarian event couldn't possibly lead to a fine. Not so, as **Christy White** discovered, when President Bob levied a \$250 fine on her. Apparently, Bob's moles discovered that Christy is on the Board of Directors for the Cygnet Theatre.

We have a superstar angler in our midst. The 2017 Fishing Trophy went, for the second year in a row, to **Rick McElvain**. Everyone on the trip caught their limit in tuna, and next year's event is on September 18. Contact **Bob Fletcher** for details. And congrats to **Simona Valanciute** and San Diego Oasis for its "fine" work and her guest appearance on KUSI. President Bob advised Simona that Club 33 is a "fine club" and that no good deed, or publicity, goes unpunished. Simona and her cohorts were fined a whopping \$1,000!

Now on to today's program. Chair of the Day, **Jeff Hill** welcomed a Grotarian from England with gifts from the U.S. Attorney's office (thankfully not a subpoena), and then introduced our speaker, Rear Admiral Michael Giorgione, USN (Ret.) Mike, a former member of Club 33, was the 17th commanding officer of Camp David from 1999 to 2001, and his tour overlapped Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton. Camp David is a presidential retreat set on 200 acres in the Catocin Mountains in Maryland. It was started in 1942 by FDR when it was determined that the presidential yacht, which FDR loved to visit, was deemed to be too vulnerable to attack during World War II. Camp David is a Navy installation because the sailors that were on the presidential yacht changed their duty to the newly formed Camp. FDR originally named it *Shangri-La* and that name was changed to Camp David by President Eisenhower in honor of his grandson David (who happened to have been a professor of Jeff Hill).

Mike told us of both the excitement and doldrums of raising two young children in this rustic but remote location.

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Next Meeting

January 18, 2018

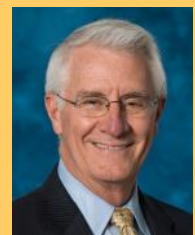
**Ian Riseley,
President
Rotary International**

We're honored to have the sitting Rotary International President join us. Come to hear first hand how the more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs from over 230 countries are making a difference. Mr. Riseley will also join us in celebrating our commitment to planting 500 trees at the San Diego Wild Animal Park this year.

President Riseley is a member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham in Victoria, Australia.

His honors include the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in recognition of his work in East Timor, the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the Australian community, the Distinguished Service Award and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from The Rotary Foundation.

A Rotarian since 1978, Riseley has served as treasurer, director, Foundation trustee, and member and chair of numerous RI and Foundation committees.



**President Bob Russell
Chair of the Day**

QUICK BITS

CONGRATS TO PRESIDENT BOB ON HIS RETIREMENT!

After more than 42 years at Procopio, he has retired! Effective immediately, please use his new email address bobrussell45@gmail.com. He will no longer be using his Procopio phone number or email address.



GOLF!! The 2nd round of our Club 33 golf tournament will be held on February 2nd. We will tee off at 9 AM at San Diego Country Club. Come out and join **Paul Devermann** and **Rich Donnelly** for a fun and relaxed day of golf and fellowship. The \$80 cost includes golf, cart, lunch and a drink. Rotary members only please! Contact rdonnelly@DWA-SD.com to reserve your place.

YOUTH PROTECTION

UPDATE – Per the District, the online training is still being revised. Anyone who has submitted an application and completed the IntelliCorp background check is provisionally certified until the online training can be completed.

BIRTHDAYS

January

Don Balfour	15
Murray Joslin	15
Mark Trotter	15
Jan Driscoll	15
Steve Green	16
John Wertz	17
Alan Spector	21
Marie Huff	21

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It was a fascinating presentation filled with personal anecdotes and tremendous pictures, including a Pulitzer Prize winning photo of JFK and Eisenhower meeting shortly after the ill-fated “Bay of Pigs” mission, and a picture of FDR meeting with Winston Churchill over cigars and whiskey. Thanks, Mike, for a great talk. If you are interested to learn more, Mike has just published a book called *Inside Camp David* which gives you all of the interesting details.

President Bob’s closing thought, compliments of Rush, “If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice.”



In Memoriam L. Clark Siebrand 1937-2018

On January 4th, 2018, former Club 33 member Clark Siebrand lost his battle with pulmonary thrombosis.

Clark joined our club in 1994 but was forced to resign due to his health. He was an active Rotarian and a friend to many.

Service information is still pending.



TENNIS ANYONE? The Australian Tennis Open is on Jan. 15-28 so this is a perfect time to sign up for the **Club 33 Tennis Committee!**

If you want to serve, stroke, volley and rally with your fellow Rotarians in 2018, please email Bruce Hunt at bruceahunt@prodigy.net or text him at 619.200.5565 before the Aussie Open ends.

All levels of play are welcome; from wanting to learn to being able to teach.

CALENDAR

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

January

18 **Ian Riseley, RI President**

25 **Gary McCord**

February

1 **Hillary Theakston-The
Clarity Foundation**

8 **Jeff Lanza-Cyber Security**

GROTARIAN EVENTS

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

Night at the Cygnet Theatre

Wednesday, February 7

Time: 6:45 pm - 9:30 pm

Cost: \$42

Join us for the West Coast premiere performance of the critically acclaimed *The Last Wife*.

[Click here](#) for more details and on how to purchase tickets.

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

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BEQUEST SOCIETY

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to become a member of the Club 33 Bequest Society, an easy way to do so is to merely designate our Rotary Club of San Diego Foundation as a named beneficiary to your retirement account(s). There is no need to change or amend any estate planning documents as the beneficiary designation form to a retirement account directs the retirement funds at the owner's demise, not a will or a trust.

By naming our club Foundation as a partial or full beneficiary to your retirement account, the designated amount or percentage you have stipulated on the form will go quickly and easily to Rotary, thus allowing you to become a member of the Bequest Society and enjoy the special events hosted each year for members.

Usually you can obtain a new beneficiary form online, or by contacting the custodian of your retirement account(s), or by contacting your investment advisor. Once you have made this beneficiary designation change to benefit our Foundation, please let the Rotary office know.

(As is good practice, please consult with your own tax advisor regarding this suggestion.)

Happy New Year,
Peg Eddy



FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

The **Hoover Interact speech sub-committee** is busy working with a **record 52 high school students** who want to go through the speech workshops led by **Jack Berkman** and Jan McDonough. They need your help on **Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m.** at Price Philanthropies at **4305 University Avenue, Suite 600, San Diego, CA 92105** (assembly room) to mentor the kids on speech writing and presentation skills.

Workshops go on for seven weeks from **Friday, January 5 to February 16 with the contest to be held on Friday February 23 at 4:00 p.m.** On the week of the contest, we also need Rotarians to help with the kids to practice their speeches and give them feedback and positive reinforcement. Call or email **Janet McDonough** to volunteer. 619-813-8368 or janet.mcdonough.law@live.com



FISH ACROSS THE BORDER

January 5-7, 2018—This was our 25th year, and it was one of our best! The weather was beautiful and we had a great turnout of Rotarians from several southern California clubs, as well as a full complement of members and their families from the Ensenada Rotary Club.

We spent Friday night as a well oiled machine filling food bags and blowing up soccer balls. Once that job was completed, we spent the rest of our time that night loading pickups and SUVs in preparation for the distribution of bags, blankets and toys on Saturday morning.

After a great breakfast on Saturday morning, our group of Rotarians and family members headed out in more than a dozen different directions to help needy families that had been previously selected by members of Ensenada Rotary. Some of the members of our club also visited the Alberge de San Vicente homeless shelter. We gifted the head of the shelter \$500 to help with her efforts, and then returned to our hotel to get ready for the annual Fiesta.

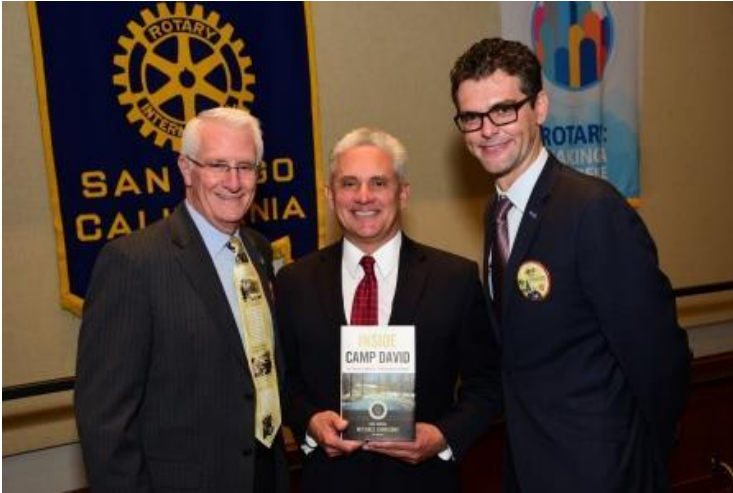
The fiesta was again held at the home of longtime Ensenada Rotarian Dr. Eloy and his wife Charro Perez, where we celebrated another very successful year!

I received plaques of appreciation to both the Sportfishing Assoc. of CA and San Diego Rotary, and gave Eloy and Charro \$500 to assist with their good works. After accepting the money, Charro got up and tearfully described how last year's gift was spent and how this year it will be spent helping those same needy families bury their loved ones who had passed on. Needless to say, there was not a dry eye in the place!

Thank you to all Club 33 members who participated with us. We are looking forward to serving with you again next year.



FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) President Bob, guest speaker Michael Giorgione and Chair of the Day Jeff Hill; (right) Michael shared his personal memories of his time at Camp David.



(Left) Josh Green presented our Inspirational Moment; (right) Simona Valanciute, **Steve Oggel**, **Ryan Kussner** and **Bill Wise** were recognized for the great work they do at San Diego Oasis.



(Left) For the second year in a row, the winner of the Club 33 Fishing Trophy was Rick McElvain; (right) YoPro members **Dan Amaro**, **Sylvia DuBeau** and **Kim Higgins** hosted several prospective members at our meeting.