

San Diego International Airport

Next Meeting



Patti Roscoe
Editor

A rare liquid sunshine day in San Diego did not deter Club 33 Rotarians from showing up. **President Bob** asked for a moment of silence for his long-time business partner, mentor, and Rotary sponsor, Paul Wells, who passed away recently. There will be a cocktail reception and Celebration of Life at 2:30pm on March 2nd at Tom Ham's Lighthouse. How fitting that it was National Margarita Day. **Mike Morton** is even offering a 2 for 2 deal on the popular salty cocktail. What a guy!

Jay Arnett, whose dad turned 93 last week and was a 33-year Rotarian, gave an Inspirational Moment with one of his father's many lessons: "Your present thoughts determine your future actions." Your editor was sitting next to Jay's lovely daughter, Price, who said her grandfather was the "original" Warren Jay Arnett. Your secret is out, Jay! Thanks to **Solveig Deuprey** and **Larry Showley** for leading us in the Pledge and *America the Beautiful*, and to **Stan Lawrence** for The News, courtesy of our Chair of the Day, **Gil Johnson**. President Bob dedicated the meeting to Club 33 Past President W. Allen Perry (1947-48), whose post-war programs included topics on communism, atomic energy and China and the Middle East.

Chris Christopher asked us to be sure and sign up for the April 28th Rotarians at Work Day. Each year, 1.2 million Rotarians commit time and talent to this giving-back day of service. Special thanks to **Jan McDonough** and all the Rotarians who have been assisting with the students who are participating in this year's Four-Way Test Speech Contest. And thanks to Jan and the committee members who took a fine to help support the contest. **Jackie Meyer**, Chair of Camp Enterprise, asked the audience what this time of the year was. The rousing response ... "It's Camp Enterprise time!" Collector t-shirts will be on sale March 1st and 8th for \$50. Get one before they sell out.

Chair of the Day Gil Johnson introduced our two visiting Rotarians, both from the Downtown Breakfast Club. Fortunately, Gill had

several gifts they were happy to share. Gil then introduced Kimberly Becker, the President and CEO of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority as of May 1st, 2017. Kim has nearly thirty years of experience in the aviation industry and, most recently, held the same position at the San Jose Airport.

The Airport Authority is an independent public entity created by State law. It is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the airport, future long-term transportation needs, and serves as San Diego County Airport's Land Use Commission overseeing sixteen airports in the County. It is governed by a nine-member board appointed by elected officials from various regions of the County including the Mayor of San Diego and City Council. Board members serve for a serve three-year terms.

Our airport, now in its 90th year, has a \$10 billion impact on the regional economy and accomplishes that on a meagre 661-acre site with one runway. In 1970, our airport (SAN) handled 5 million passengers, compared to 22 million last year. Current employee count for the Authority is 407 and 8,000 for the airport itself. We have 550 daily flights carrying an average of 60,000 passengers.

Last year, direct air service was started to Zurich on Edelweiss Airlines and to Frankfurt on Lufthansa. There is now also direct service to additional U.S. and Mexico cities. Kim helped to establish air service to China from San Jose and has started discussions about the same from San Diego. This is a three to four-year process, but she is hopeful it can happen. She did say that airlines respond to passenger feedback and asked Rotarians to make their desires for more long-haul flights known to the airlines.

The Airport Authority established the Small Business Development to support local, service-disabled veterans and emerging businesses to help build diverse relationships between the Airport and local business community.

March 1, 2018

Camille Newbern

San Diego Rotary in Africa

It took two trips across the globe to transform Camille Newbern from a member of Rotary into a true Rotarian (yes, there is a difference!) Hear a first-hand account from one of our youngest members about her life-changing trip to Kenya, the moments of inspiration she witnessed and how she finally caught the Rotary bug. You'll come away with a great sense of how our club is putting humanity in motion around the globe.



Roger Haines
Chair of the Day

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QUICK BITS



Club 33 Golf Tournament—3rd and Final Round

March 23 at 9am—San Diego Country Club

Join us for the final round of our annual tournament. Contact Golf Chair Rich Donnelly to sign up! rdonnelly@DWA-SD.com

Save the date!
Thursday, March 29
is Picture Day for the
2018-19 Member
Directory.



Member Directory and Club App Reminder:

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

BIRTHDAYS

February

Greg Zinser	26
John Ahlering	26
John Peelle	26
Terry W. Moore	26
Don Kent	27
Aimal Laiq	28
Hernan Luis y Prado	28

March

Joe Sammartino	2
Brad Gastineau	3
Mark Burgess	4
Jim Madaffer	4

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We've probably all driven past or rented space in the 2-million square foot Rental Car Center that opened for business in January 2016. Local businesses received more than \$186 million in construction contracts (60% of total project costs), of which \$70 million was awarded to small businesses.

Kim kiddingly said an airport is a "construction site with a runway." It is rare one flies into any city without construction equipment seemingly everywhere. A parking plaza for Terminal 2 with 3,000 spaces will open this spring. Underway is a new and more technology equipped customs facility, and a below-ground 100,000-gallon rainwater reuse storage unit. Public art, creative wayfinding information systems, and a music program have added softer touches to our busy airport environment.

Long term plans (2035) include remodel of Terminal 1 to make it more efficient and inviting for the traveling passenger, including modernized equipment in the baggage claim areas. We will also see more gate seating and concessions. There are discussions underway about better and additional access points from Harbor Drive and the opportunity for a transit connection is preserved on the north side of the airport. All operations as well as any new construction must be self-sustaining. There are no tax ramifications to the local community.

Thanks to Kim for her informative presentation. (We need to draft her into Club 33!)

President Bob asked us to buy Girl Scout Cookies or donate them to Operation Thin Mint (cookies are sent to service members in faraway and foreign places as a reminder of home.) He also acknowledged your editor for LEAD San Diego's recognition with the 2018 Neil Morgan Visionary Award. Bob's thought for the week was courtesy of the rock band *The Eagles*: "Freedom, oh, Freedom. Well, that's just some people talking. Your prison is walking through the world alone." In Rotary, you are never alone.

CALENDAR

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

March

1 Camille Newbern-San Diego Rotary in Africa

8 Cindy Marten-Superintendent-SDUSD

15 Camp Enterprise Kick-Off

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Women's Museum of California
2730 Historic Decatur Road
Suite 103, 92106

March 13 5:30-7:30 pm
Cost: \$20 per person

Please join the Grotarians as we tour the Women's Museum of California located in Liberty Station. The museum is one of only three stand-alone museums of women's history in the country. It was founded in 1983 as the Women's History Reclamation Project. A docent will give us a tour of the permanent exhibits at the museum, as well as the current exhibit entitled, "March to Empowerment." After the tour, we'll enjoy adult beverages and heavy appetizers.

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

[Click here](#) to view information on our April 24 event at the new Jackie Robinson Family YMCA.

Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon,

2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106

Bob Russell, President ♦ Paul Devermann, Executive Director
San Diego Rotary ♦ 2247 San Diego Avenue, Ste. 233, San Diego, CA 92110-2943

Liberty Station Conference Center,

MEMBERSHIP

The following applicants were recommended to the Board of Directors by the Membership Committee and will be approved for membership unless objections are received at the Rotary office by March 7:

- Price Adams - Nuffer, Smith, Tucker - “Public Relations-Regional, Additional Active”
- Travis Anderson - Sheppard Mullin - “Law-Litigation Practice, Additional Active”
- Toni Giffin - Goodwill Industries of San Diego County - “Social Service and Welfare-Goodwill Industries”
- Robert Marsh - DeepSea Power and Light, Inc. - “Marine Technology”
- Raymond Simas - HomeStreet Bank - “Banking-Regional, Additional Active”

FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST
We encourage all of you to attend and show your support for the participants.

Club 33 Four-Way Speech Contest

Our Lady of Peace Academy, St. Augustine High and High Tech High Interactors

When: Monday, February 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Place: Our Lady of Peace Academy, Carondelet Room, 4860 Oregon Street, San Diego, CA 92116

Information: Janet McDonough, Jack Berkman or Lauren Lek

We hope to see you there!

ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY 2018



Save that Date
Saturday, April 28, 2018

Rotarians at Work Day is a Rotary International program where Rotarians all over the world go into the community on a single day to provide service. Our club has supported this program since its inception. This is a great day to bring your kids, grandkids and prospective rotary members to see our club in action.

Besides planning to attend, if you know of a community project that you and your fellow Rotarians can complete typically in four hours or so on Saturday April 28th, please contact committee chairs Chris Christopher at 619 777-3427 or at cchristopher@dardenbrothers.com, or Emily Rex at 619 607-1001 or at emily.rex@dpnr.com.

If you would like to serve on the committee to help find and manage one of our projects, please contact Chris or Emily as well.

PEACE COMMITTEE



Earlier this month, **Walter Lam** introduced us to 29-year-old Azizullah (Aziz for short) and his 9-month old son, Sahel. This refugee family of two arrived from Afghanistan. Aziz's wife had passed away just before they left for the US. Within one hour of Walter's request for some basic necessities for the father and son, the Peace Committee had fulfilled the list!

Bink Cook, Jean Young, Leanne Stefl and I drove to Aziz's home on February 17th to deliver the Peace Committee's gifts. He was quite overcome with the generosity shown to him and his son. Sahel immediately took a liking to all of the fun toys that Leanne brought him.

The Peace Committee plans to stay in touch with the family and assist with their needs as they try to build a new life. They are currently in need of a small table and two chairs, and a lamp. You can reach me at jprisk@ucsd.edu with any information. Thank you!

Jenni Prisk, Chair, Peace Committee

FACES IN OUR CROWD



Thanks to all who supported the Girl Scouts cookie sale at our meeting!



(Left) Jay Arnett and his daughter Price Adams; (right) President Bob addresses the guests at our Prospective Member Reception.



(Left) Chris Christopher promoted our April 28 Rotarians at Work Day; (center) guest speaker Kim Becker; (right) President Bob representing National Margarita Day!



Mingling at our Prospective Member Reception: (Left) Gale Johnson, Chair of the Day Gil Johnson, Wendy McKinney and **Charlene Zettel**; (center) **President Elect Suzy Spafford**, Toni Giffin and **Mike Rowan**; (right) Suzy, Hope Roel, Lynn O'Shaunessey and Peg Eddy.