

San Diego Rotary in Africa



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Visiting students from the **High Tech High Interact Club** were acknowledged by President Bob for their efforts in raising money to support the Uganda hospital project, which will be enough money to furnish the hospital with 2 beds. President Bob surprised them by saying he would match the money raised for a total of \$600!

A quick **Grotarian** announcement to sign up for the March 13th event to tour the Women's Museum in Liberty Station. Please sign up on the website.

President Bob's History Moment was dedicated to 1967 President **George Carter Jessop**, our club's 57th president. (Only 8 years after he joined the club!)

With the room filled with past and present District Governors, as well as the entire Jessop family, we next heard from **Pat Crowell**, whom served as Club 33 President 1987-1988, as well as District Governor 1993-1994, and surprised George Jessop with a special video presentation by Rick Clark (past President of the Rotary Golden Triangle club) featuring Rick King, past President of Rotary International. President King's sentiments were heartfelt and funny, saying George is the "Quintessential Rotarian and mentor. He is enthusiastic about everything and is impossible to say no to."

Current District Governor Scott Carr announced that March 1st is now officially "George Carter Jessop Day" with a special message from current RI President Ian Riseley. *You can read more about this special day and of George's many contributions to San Diego on the [district's website here](#).*

President **Bob Russell** called the meeting to order. **Tom Wilson** provided an Inspirational Moment, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and *America* led by **Chris Sichel**, accompanied by **Larry Showley**. The News of the Day was given by **Mike Conner**, sponsored by the now retired **Rich**

Jerry Jessop spoke fondly of his father, and President Bob read the Proclamation from **Mayor Kevin Faulconer** officially announcing that Thursday, March 1st as George Carter Jessop Day in the City of San Diego!

Flowers were then presented to Mary, George's aid, for bringing George to Rotary every week.

We then heard from George himself. He said he is extremely happy and says it's our own club members that makes Rotary so great. Congratulations again, George!

President Bob then called on **Walter Lam** about some KPBS spots that were aired on living in San Diego as refugees. He asked Walter why he didn't mention Rotary in his appearances. But Walter lucked out...the **Rotary Fine Fairy** paid his fine of \$350 for the offense.

Next, we were introduced to our newest Rotary member, **Wendy Urushima-Conn**, President and CEO of the Asian Business Association. Wendy enjoys Ultra Marathons; she ran a 50-mile race from Idaho to Montana!

Our Chair of the Day **Roger Haines**, also known as our "Crazy Solar Cooker Guy," and who also happens to lead a 16 French horn group called *Hornswaggle*, introduced our speaker **Camille Newbern**.

Camille Newbern is a 5th generation San Diegan, a commercial actress, a Pilates instructor, and now works with her family at the Tom Hom group. She runs a super successful blog called, "[LA Survival Guide](#)," and has over 123K [Instagram](#) followers.

In true millennial form, she began her presentation by showing text messages to her dad upon her arrival to the Kakuma refugee camp, panicking that she wouldn't be able to make it. (You can read their texts on page 3.)

Next Meeting

March 8, 2018

**Cindy Marten,
Superintendent
San Diego Unified School
District**

There's rarely a day when the second largest public school district in California doesn't find itself in the news. There's a great deal going on for this organization, and we're honored to have the Superintendent, Cindy Marten, provide us an update. Hear her insights on academic progress in schools and the often overlooked economic impact of public education.



**Phil Blair
Chair of the Day**

2018-2019 Rotary PAC Grant Applications

It is that time once again for the annual Club 33 Project Allocation process to begin. If you wish to submit a grant application for next fiscal year which begins July 1, [click here](#). Applications are due March 30. If you have any questions, please contact [Paul](#) at the Rotary office, or PAC co-chairs [Dick Troncone](#) or [Mike Caruso](#).

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.



Attention, Rotary Anglers! The next Club 33 Fishing Trip is scheduled for September 18th

with a 4pm departure time. We will be fishing all day on September 19, and returning on September 20 at 7am. We will be fishing on the Searcher out of Fisherman's Landing. Please email or call [Bob Fletcher](mailto:Bob.Fletcher) with questions or on how to register. Space is limited so it isn't too early to sign up!

BIRTHDAYS

March

Gary Gould	6
Lisa Carman	6
Kirk Jackson	7
Tom Day	7
Stephanie Rossis	8
Janette Gray	9
Peter MacLaggan	10
Richard Cox	10
Michael Anderson	11

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By joining the Rotary International Micro Credit committee, she seized the opportunity to join Roger Haines and Walter Lam on a trip to East Africa, whom she says are some of the most amazing people she's ever met. She explained that at the beginning of this trip, she didn't really feel like a true Rotarian, however that was soon to change.

She described her trip to the refugee camp as the worst ever—traveling by two planes and on a rough road with gigantic pot holes without air conditioning. Exhausted and uncomfortable, she felt ashamed to be complaining about it, because she realized she was still far better off than those in the refugee camp.

Along with Roger and Walter, they attended the Solar Cooker festival with 500 children. Camille felt that she stuck out like a sore thumb, but found some commonality with the children by sharing photos on her phone with them. Interestingly, the children there also have smart phones and take a million pictures, too. Through this experience, she realized she wasn't really any different than them, just dealt a different set of cards, and felt very lucky to be born into the life and family back in San Diego.

It was during that time in Kakuma, sitting on the ground on the middle of the refugee camp, that she finally became a true Rotarian, and understood Rotary and "service above self".

Camille realized that she can go out and make a difference, even if just a little bit at a time. She concluded that she's a different person than she was a year ago. By joining Rotary, she has a new, appreciative perspective on life, and is looking forward to going back again next month, this time with her dad **Will Newbern**.

"I feel such gratitude in my life in a whole new way. Being Rotarians make us better people. We get to serve the world around us and improve ourselves in the process."

And with that conclusion, she received a standing ovation.

CALENDAR

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

March

8 Cindy Marten-Superintendent-SDUSD

15 Camp Enterprise Kick-Off

22 San Diego Padres

29 Mercy Outreach Surgical Team (MOST)

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.

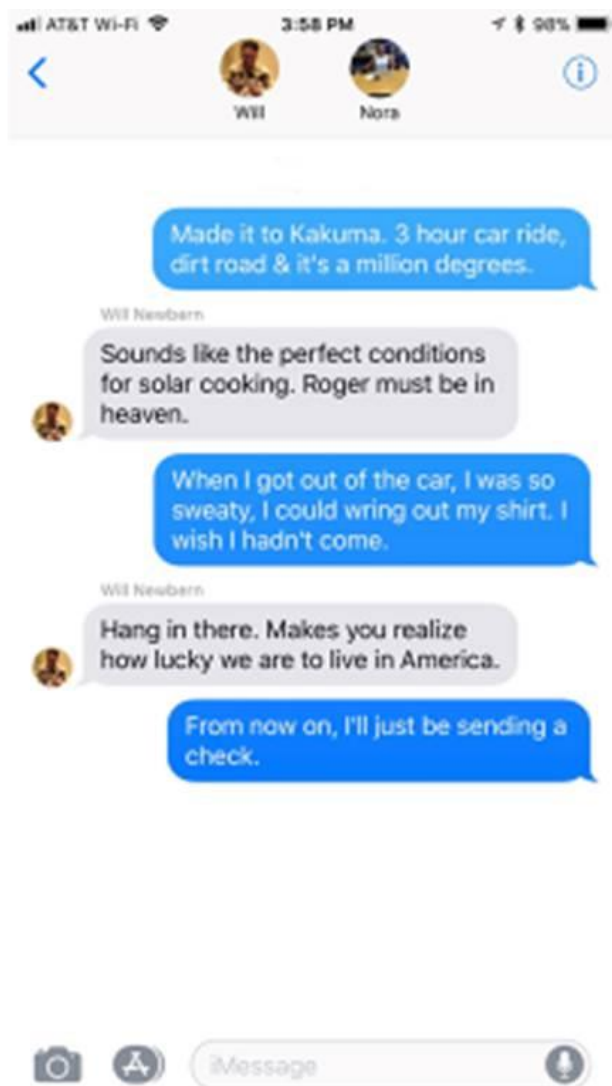
Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106

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MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



Wendy Urushima-Conn—“Associations-Asian Business.” Wendy has been the President and CEO of the Asian Business Association of San Diego for the last 6 years.

She has more than twenty years of experience in community outreach, marketing and public relations.

Wendy's core belief however is to improve our community, and has served on numerous boards for local non-profits since moving to San Diego in 1986. She has been a respite care provider for foster youth, and has been honored with numerous awards including: California's 20 Most Powerful and Influential Women Award, San Diego's 500 Most Influential Business Leaders, Cool Women Award from Girl Scouts San Diego, Women of the Year from Assembly member Brian Maienschein, and Volunteer of the Year from the North County Philanthropy Council.

She is a graduate of UCSD, is married with two wonderful daughters, and enjoys running Ultra-marathons.

Trevor Blair, Diana MarJip-Chuh and Joe Horiye were her sponsors.
Email: wendy@abasd.org

FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST



Finalists for Cardinals Interact of Hoover High School, Our Lady of Peace, High Tech High and Saints were selected last Friday and Monday respectively. Cardinals Interact set an all-time Speech Contest record by sending 22 students to their own speech presentation contest last Friday afternoon. The event last Friday was attended by families, friends of students, Rotarian team members and our own President-elect, **Suzy Spafford**.

Hoover Cardinals will enter three (3) students and one alternate into the Regional Semi-Finals and the other three schools will put in a total of three students. Their event was held at our Lady Of Peace last Monday.

Semi finals begin on March 15 throughout San Diego County with

Finals of the Rotary 4-Way Speech contest being held at Club 33's meeting on Thursday, April 26th. About 300 Rotarians, students, families and guests are expected to attend this highly inspirational event. Save the date!



FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) Camille shared personal photos taken on her trip to Africa; (right) Chair of the Day (and one of Camille's travel companions) Roger Haines and President Bob.



Looking on proudly from the crowd was Camille's family: (left) Camille's mom Nora Hom-Newbern; (center) her grandfather **Tom Hom**; (right) Walter Lam (Camille's other travel companion), her dad **Will Newbern**, and Deb Plotkin.



(Left) On behalf of the Jessop family, Jerry Jessop thanked the District and Club 33 for the honor's bestowed upon George today; (center) District Governor Scott Carr presented George with a plaque from the District; (right) President Bob presents George with Mayor Faulconer's Proclamation.



(Left) President Bob with new member Wendy Uru-shima-Conn and her sponsor **Trevor Blair**; (right) **Mark Trotter** and **Jeremiah Doran** having some fun for the camera.



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The Jessop Family and Past District Governors joined us for a pre-lunch reception to salute George for his decades of service to our community.

