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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

The Willingness to Give



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Editor

If there was ever a time when you were uncertain about the impact the Rotarians in our Club and worldwide were having, our program today would do much to ground you. This Editor has spent years in public service as chief of staff to a variety of elected officials.

There was a time in my past when I worked hard to effect broad societal changes. But what I've learned in my service to our community is that beneficial change occurs not with grand statements or programs, but with each of us who have something to give; giving to someone who needs it. Service above self...which was obviously the theme for today's meeting.

Prez Bob launched our "4th largest Club in the world" by announcing it was National Mom & Pop Business Day of all things. Wearing one of **John Hawkins'** infamous Cloud 9 Shuttle ties, he promised to fine John at the next opportunity. And someone please enlighten our Prez! John build a huge business so I doubt if he'd appreciate being called a "Pop"! Prez Bob's Rotary History Moment took us back to 1951 and to then Prez William Elser. Seems his claim to fame was limiting fines to \$10. The remarkable **Buddy Thomas** settled us down with an Inspirational Moment dipping deeply into the value and meaning of compassion and its tie to Service About Self. Our Pledge and patriotic song were led by that melodic Rotarian, **Brandon Horrocks**, accompanied by **Larry "fast-fingers" Showley** on the piano. **Stan Lawrence** provided us with the news, this week sponsored by **Courtney Liddy** of UBS Financial Services.

Our Prez made a couple of announcements giving a shout out to **Jackie Meyer** and the Camp Enterprise crew for a job well-done, to **Toni Giffin** from Goodwill for her generosity in helping to keep the kids at Camp Enterprise warm, and to the Scripps Foundation for all their support for the MOST program.

New member, former cable/satellite equipment guru now wine-guy, **Bruce Riesman** was introduced to the Club and became immediately popular by donating a case of his winery's product for a fundraising raffle. Welcome Bruce! Bruce #2 (that would be **Bruce Hunt**) promo'ed the April 20 Club tennis event. And what a sales pitch it was! Heck, you don't have to know anything about tennis at all. Just register on the Club's [website](#)! Next up was the District 5340 "Rockin" Social Event announcement by **John Neuhart**. You can find details and registration on the [District's website](#). **Will Hage**, vice chair of our Boy Scouts Committee, introduced Travis Lindsey from the Scout Council to present our Club with an award for our continued support.

It was time for the program but not before Prez Bob, who I'd like to point out again shamelessly promoted John Hawkins' business with his tie, stuck our own MOST kind hearted, MOST generous, MOST giving **Dr. Tom Vecchione** with a fine for... yup... distributing a fundraiser flyer for the 7th Annual MOST Mariachi Festival (June 2, [tickets and info here](#)). Apparently, this was a revenge-fine because Tom stuck Prez Bob with a \$300 fine back in 2004 when Tom was Prez!

Our program chair today was the king of valet service/military reservist **Nick Bernal**. It was Nick's honor to introduce our three guest speakers. For Nick and many other new members in the audience, this was their first introduction to a Club sponsored program that has made a remarkable difference in the lives of over 13,000 individuals. Rotarians/Doctors Tom Vecchione, **Doug Arbon** and **Bill McDade**, reviewed in photos, videos and in their own words, the work of compassion and the gift of giving that MOST provides. Their stories of their work with MOST reinforced the truth that change and miracles happen one person at a time. An inspirational program that our Prez summed up as "all the best of Rotary". It certainly is that.

Next Meeting

April 5, 2018

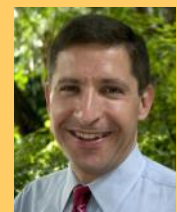
**Dr. Ron Swaisgood,
The Everett and Rose-
marie Brown Endowed
Director of Applied
Animal Ecology**

San Diego Zoo's Journey To Earth's Most Pristine Place

San Diego Zoo Global operates a field station in one of the world's most remote and biodiverse locations in the Peruvian Amazon.

The Cocha Cashu Biological Station is located in the heart of the UNESCO Manu Biosphere Reserve in the Peruvian Amazon, and has earned international renown for its role in understanding and preserving biodiversity.

Dr. Ron Swaisgood will share stories of science and community engagement, including the signature intensive training program for Peruvian undergraduate students and a new research program designed to understand and address emerging threats to the endangered iconic giant otter.



Mark Stuart
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS



Club 33 Tennis
Friday, April 20
4-5:30 pm at the
SD Tennis & Racquet
Club. All levels of

play are welcome! [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

Do you have a change of address? Changed jobs recently or have a new title?

If there are any changes in your contact information that you would like to make for the 2018-19 member directory, please contact the [Rotary office](#) no later than April 13, to ensure its inclusion.



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](#) with questions or on how to register. Space is limited so it isn't too early to sign up!

BIRTHDAYS

April

Bill McColl	2
Carolyn Ross	2
Joe Watkins	3
Gary Nelson	4
Hugo Douge	4
Cari McCormick	8
Jon Greulich	8

FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH COMPETITION

Two students, one from Hoover Interact Club and one from Our Lady of Peace Academy Interact Club, are moving forward to the next level of competition - the Regionals - after placing 1st in their respective contest! We hope that you will come to the next levels of competition and support our speakers.

Regionals South Contest – April 11, 2018 7:00 a.m. San Diego Downtown Breakfast Rotary Club - The University Club – Symphony Towers 750 B Street, Suite 3400, San Diego, CA 92101

Regionals North Contest - April 19, 2018 noon - Rotary Club of Fallbrook Grand Tradition - 220 Grand Tradition Way, Fallbrook, California 92028

Please let [Jan McDonough](#) know that you are coming so that we can alert the hosting Rotary Clubs of the number of guests.

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 April 11:

- Daniel Butler - Waste Management - "Waste and Recycling, Additional Active"
- Wendy McKinney - American Red Cross - "Social Service and Welfare-Red Cross"
- Mona Minton - Neighborhood House Association- "Social Service and Welfare-Neighborhood House Assn., Additional Active"

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



Bruce Riesman—“Winery-Retail and Vineyards.” Bruce retired from the broadband and satellite equipment and service industry in 2009. He now focuses his time on his winery in Temecula, the Lorimar Vineyards and Winery.

Bruce and his two sons are huge sports, political and entertainment memorabilia collectors. He hopes to write a book one day on his experiences in meeting these famous people.

Tom Cohen, Will Newbern and Dan Amaro were his sponsors. Email: briesman001@gmail.com

CALENDAR

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

April

- 5 *Dr. Ron Swaisgood, San Diego Zoo Global*
- 12 *Bob Brewer, former Soviet Spy prosecutor*
- 19 *Vicente Fox, former President of Mexico*
- 26 *Four Way Test Speech Contest—District Finals*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

The All-New Jackie Robinson Family YMCA
151 YMCA Way, SD 92102
April 24 5:30-7:30 pm
Cost: \$20 per person

Join the Grotarians for a tour of the all-new Jackie Robinson Family YMCA that just re-opened with a completely renovated and expanded facility! The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA has been serving the Southeast San Diego community since 1943. We will tour the new amazing sports complex, gym, and community center. After the tour, we will enjoy some good food and non-alcoholic drinks, while we socialize with fellow Rotarians.

[Click here](#) to register.

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

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FACES IN THE CROWD



(Left) Doug Arbon, President Bob, Tom Vecchione and Bill McDade; (right) Bill with his grandsons.



(Left) The Boy Scouts presented President Bob with a token of their appreciation; (right) YoPro member Nick Bernal served as our Chair of the Day.



(Left) Guests from the Scripps Health Foundation joined us ; (right) **Past President Geri Warnke and Hal Sadler.**

