

Cocha Cashu



Ginny Ollis
Editor

Calling the meeting to order at 12:29 pm, **President Bob** reported that it was “National Love our Children Day,” with a savvy statement that it should be this day every day of the year, and flashed his associative tie with a finger-painting design. He then thanked Bryan Verhoye and the **Club 33 Singers** for their pre-meeting musical welcome, and introduced **Rabbi Laurie Coskey** to present the Inspirational Moment. Laurie, Pres. Bob pointed out, is a renowned leader for social justice, advocacy and LGBT rights, among multiple other recognitions and achievements. Dr. Coskey informed us that Passover is the Jewish commemoration of their liberation by God from slavery in ancient Egypt and their freedom as a nation under the leadership of Moses. She then asked us to consider what enslaves each of us and what it will take to make ourselves free. Talk about inspiration!

Brandon Horrocks rose to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and joined the Club 33 Singers in ushering us into the National Anthem. **Stan Lawrence** took the podium to deliver the news, sponsored by **Allison Whitney**, Founder and President of B.I.A.N.C.A., an autism-focused health service. Stan mirthlessly reported that both the Dodgers and Padres are having a slow start to their seasons, but urged confidence.

President Bob reminded us of Rotarians at Work Day on April 28th, during which we can give 3 hours of our day to make a difference and asked that we sign up as soon as possible (go to page 3 for more information.) Bob introduced us to 1952-53 Club President Frank J. Guasti, whose category was retail. Guasti increased the club’s focus on youth work and encouraged the sponsorship of a Little League team which had a season record of 16-2. At his “Swoon Song” meeting, longtime friend and Hollywood icon, winner of 3 Academy Awards, head of both the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and Directors Guild of America, Frank Capra, joined in to share in the celebration.

Emphatically detailing the elaborate achievements **Joe Craver** has accomplished

with the U.S.O., as well as being a long-time member of Club 33 and a past Mr. San Diego, our President proudly elucidated the support our club has given to the U.S.O. as well as our other military activities. He fined Joe for his moment in the spotlight promoting the upcoming [USO gala on May 5](#).

New members **Karlle Lopardo** and **Travis Anderson**, both native San Diegans who left for college then roared back to resume their lives as contributions to America’s Finest City, gave their self-introductions.

President Bob then introduced our Chair of the Day, “Pickpocket Extraordinaire” and President of the Zoological Society of San Diego, **Mark Stuart**. Mark earned his “pickpocket” nickname by raising unprecedented funds for the Zoo’s continued growth into “San Diego Zoo Global”, the largest zoo-based multidisciplinary research effort in the world. Mark first recognized our Rotarian guest from the farthest distance, Herr Christoph Offen from Worms, Germany, gifting him with a stuffed Koala and a couple of clever jokes. Then Mark introduced our speaker for the day, Dr. Ron Swaisgood, PhD. from U.C. Davis, the Everett and Rosemarie Brown Endowed Director of Applied Animal Ecology, whose focus on conservation is just what the world needs right now.

Dr. Swaisgood showed us fascinating photos and information about the Cocha Cashu Biological Field Station, the most biodiverse area of our planet, which he works in tandem with UNESCO in the Peruvian Amazon at Manu National Park. Three days of land and water trekking from Machu Picchu, where insects are as plentiful as other life forms, there are 62 species of fish, countless species of other Amazon monkeys, cats, alligators, etc. etc., and where they work hard in tandem with communities, school children and teachers to develop a roadmap of future initiatives for preservation. Threats to the area are not only by civilization taking over lands but the effect of mercury being absorbed into waterways from gold mining.

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Next Meeting

April 12, 2018

Robert Brewer
Local attorney and former
LA prosecutor

The Experience of a Lifetime By Prosecuting a Soviet Spy

In 1981, at the height of the Cold War, the U.S. was secretly developing, at the Hughes Aircraft Company in LA, the next generation of products that would allow airplanes to fly invisible to all known conventional radar. The technology would have given us an incredible advantage over the Warsaw Pact countries we opposed in Eastern Europe.

When the theft of the ultra top secret technology by a deeply embedded KGB spy was discovered, the FBI investigation and prosecution in Los Angeles Federal Court of the culprit impacted a young prosecutor’s life for almost 3 decades. That true story will be told by local attorney Robert Brewer.



President Bob Russell
Chair of the Day

April 19 guest speaker: former Mexico president Vicente Fox

We do expect a large crowd for Mr. Fox’s visit, so to help us determine a more accurate lunch count, please register any guests you are bringing. Thank you. [Click here](#).

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.

Site for Grotarian Poolside Chat

The Grotarian Committee is looking for a location for our next Poolside Chat in August 2018.

We are looking for a backyard with a pool (but that is not a requirement), a beautiful view or simply a pretty backyard. We usually have about 25 -30 people at these events. The Grotarian Committee will organize the food and beverages.

We want to keep the event in "central" San Diego, i.e., Point Loma, downtown, Mission Hills, Kensington area, etc., so that people do not have to travel far after work and do not need to fight a lot of traffic.

Please let Grotarian Chair [Cari McCormick](#) know if you are interested in hosting this event at your house, or if you know someone in the Club that may be interested. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS

April

Kurt Volker	9
Lauren Lek	10
Jim Fitzpatrick	11
Jeanne Schmelzer	11
Rachel Inmon	12
Bob Cairncross	12
Don Teemsma	15

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Reminding us of the fragility of our planet, Dr. Swaisgood spoke of how they are using every tool at hand to preserve and protect—monitoring species, research, park management, VIP tours to spread the word, outreach to the international academic community, and international conferences. The resident giant otters are threatened by the fur trade. And like so much of our planet, the harm to any species threatens its geographically proximate nature neighbors, plant and animal alike.

The Peruvian government provides no financial support to this project, not having the funds available. An important reminder that we have one planet that we all share and should shepherd carefully.

CALENDAR

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

April

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.

Save the date for these upcoming events:

May 22 - Scripps Pier

July 10 - Ale Smith Brewery

September 18 - San Diego Zoo

In Memoriam

George B. Harris III
1929-2018



George passed away on March 21st. Our condolences go out to his family. George was a Club 33 member since 1959. It was he that gave the Club 33 Singers their name.

A service is scheduled at Fort Rosecrans on Friday, May 11 at 12:30 pm.

[Click here](#) to view George's obituary.

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:



Karlie Lopardo—“**Real Estate Sales-Residential, Additional Active.**” Karlie is a residential realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices.

A native San Diegan, she attended the University of Arkansas where she initially wanted to pursue a degree in Animal Science so that she could become a vet for the San Diego Zoo. Karlie quickly realized that was not for her when she discovered that the sight of blood would make her faint!

She began to pursue a career in real estate in 2014, an industry she was very familiar with since her father was a realtor in San Diego for many years.

Karlie is active in the fundraising efforts for the Portuguese community in Point Loma and is on the board of the San Dieguito Boys and Girls Club.

Kim Higgins, Ray Higgins and Dan Amaro were her sponsors.

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Travis Anderson—“**Law-Litigation Practice, Additional Active.**” Travis is a Partner with Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton, LLP. He specializes in trade secret disputes, general business disputes and wrongful termination claims.

Travis is also a native San Diegan and attended Washington University in St. Louis. He completed his law degree at USD.

His hobbies these days include playing soccer and going to the beach with his two children, Caleb and Abby. Travis and his wife Lara are expecting their third child very soon.

Phil Blair, Mel Katz and Trevor Blair were his sponsors.

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ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY

JOIN US FOR ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Registration for this year's projects is now open!

Remember to wear your San Diego Rotary t-shirt. If you do not have one, the RAW committee will be handing them out at our Thursday meetings. [Click here for more detailed information and to register.](#)

Balboa Park Nursey

Time: 8:00 am – Noon

of volunteers needed: 15-20

Storefront Youth Shelter

Time: 8:00 am – Noon

of volunteers needed: 6-8

San Diego Humane Society

Time: 9:30 am – Noon

of volunteers needed: 15

Jackie Robinson YMCA

Time: 9:00 am – Noon

of volunteers needed: 10

Swan Canyon with Hoover Interacts

Time: 9:00 am – Noon

of volunteers needed: 10-15

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery

Time: 8:00 am – Noon

of volunteers needed: 20

San Diego Zoo-Animal Enrichment

Time: 9:00 am – Noon

of volunteers needed: 70-80

Currently open to Military Affairs Committee members only. MAC members, please contact Mike Caruso if you are interested in this project.

St. Paul's Senior Center

Time: 8:30 am – 11:30 am

of volunteers needed: 6-8

Boy Scouts

Time: 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

of volunteers needed: 6-8

FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

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

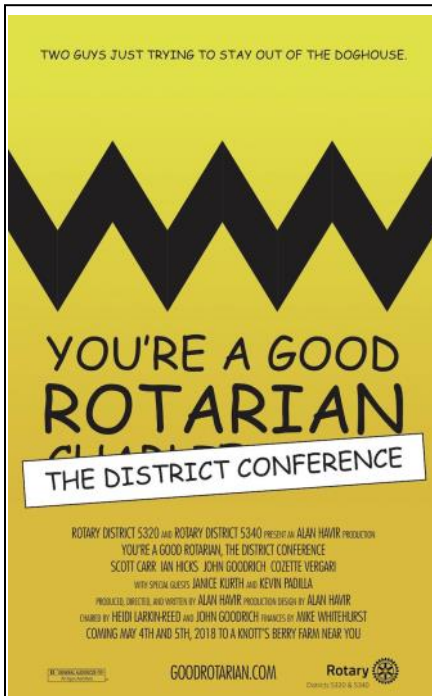
Please let [Jan McDonough](#) know that you are coming so that we can alert the hosting Rotary Clubs of the number of guests.

CAMP ENTERPRISE

This is just an example of the impact that Camp Enterprise makes on the students that attend: Jackie Meyer, this year's Camp Enterprise Chair, received the following email from a student after camp.

Good evening Mrs. Jackie! I'm a former attendee from camp enterprise, and even though camp has ended over 2 weeks ago, the program has left a lasting impression on me. I'm going to be the first person in my family that is planning to attend a four year college, so there is a lot of pressure on me to pick a major that I am passionate and happy about. So far picking a passion has been very difficult since they teach us science, English, history, and government at school. What they don't teach us, however, is business. It just so happens that that's the major I am interested in. Truthfully, I am terrified of the fact that I might be going into a major that I don't know that much about. I don't want to disappoint my family, and I feel that if I choose the wrong major I will let them down. Regardless of my fears of failure, Camp Enterprise helped me realize that business is exactly what I want to study. Now, I am able to confidently say that business is the major for me. I would not have been able to say those words without you and the other Rotarians giving me this amazing opportunity. I will try my best to get into SDSU and after seeing and hearing from the Rotaract how amazing rotary is, I cannot wait to become a Rotaract! I want to grow up and show other students, that even though I'm low-income and I'm a first generation college student that I was still able to achieve my dreams. During your closing statement at camp, I truly felt your passion. I even cried. It made me so excited to join rotary in your future. I know this email may seem out of the blue but I wanted you to know what this experience has meant to me. Thank you for this amazing opportunity and hope to see you in other opportunities! Have an amazing rest of your evening and Happy Easter!

DISTRICT 5340



The annual **District Conference** will be held on May 4-5 at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel.

Meet the People of Action, inspired by the work of Charles Schulz! The conference will feature compelling speakers, breakout sessions, entertainment and a Hospitality Night.

[Click here for registration details.](#)

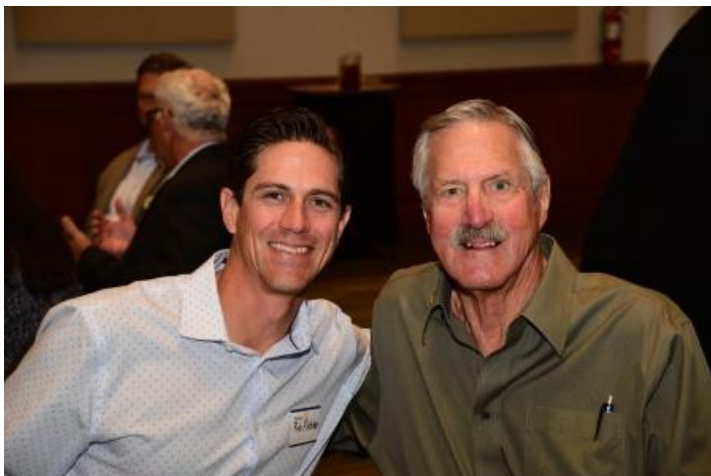
FACES IN THE CROWD



(Left) Rabbi Laurie Coskey presented the Inspirational Moment; (right) President Bob's tie represented "National Love Our Children Day."



(Left) Our visiting Rotarian from Germany received a Koala from Chair of the Day Mark Stuart; (right) Guest speaker Dr. Ron Swaisgood.



(Left) **Bob Fletcher** and his son, Robert Fletcher, Jr.; (right) **Dick Green** and **Katie Fulhorst**.

SPONSORED ADS

Thank you to **Christy White** for sponsoring an ad in this week's Rotator.

Rotary members SAVE \$10 per ticket!*
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A Little Night Music

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Thank you to **Allison Whitney** for sponsoring an ad in this week's Rotator.

April 23, 2018 at The Country Club of Rancho Bernardo
5th Annual

GOLF 4 AUTISM Charity Golf Tournament

For more information or to register, go to <http://www.golf4autism2018.eventbrite.com>

Scramble Format
12:30pm Shot Gun Start

Enter discount code word "Rotary" for Early Bird pricing!

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- ❖ Entry in \$5,000 Putting Contest
- ❖ 18-holes of golf on private course
- ❖ Goodie Bag (Valued at \$500)
- ❖ Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Last Place
- ❖ Green fees.
- ❖ Golf Cart
- ❖ Range Balls.
- ❖ Light Lunch
- ❖ Dinner
- ❖ Auction



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