

TO CATCH A SPY



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Editor

Thursdays are special days for us all. My first hello was to **Stan Hartman** who shared a story. While walking with his granddaughter in Bozeman, a rabbit hopped across their path, only to be plucked out of the air by an eagle. Heartbroken, the child asked, "Does that mean the Easter bunny won't come?" Grandpa Stan assured her one would surely visit her. That story was a harbinger of our program--a spy and the FBI. But, first ...

President Bob sadly announced that **George B. Harris III** passed away on March 21st after a long illness. George will be remembered for his long-time dedication to Club 33 and for coining the phrase *Club 33 Singers*. Welcome back, **Daryl Ferguson**! We missed you and are so happy your health is better. And congratulations on becoming a great grandmother. Today's meeting was dedicated to Arthur J. Jessop, 43rd president of Club 33 in 1953-54.

It was National Grilled Cheese Day. No cheese tie seen. Instead, a Boy Scouts tie in honor of the last week's Boy Scout Fair. At a recent District event, Club 33 had the most members in attendance. (This editor suspects craft beer was in play.) If you really want to learn about Rotary and meet Rotarians from other clubs, put the District Conference on your calendar - <https://rotary5340.org/sitepage/district-conference>. The Four Way Test Speech regional finals were held at the SD Rotary Breakfast Club. Three of the six finalists are sponsored by Club 33. Contest finals will be at our meeting on April 26th (all non-Rotarians are required to register on the club's website.) Thanks to **Jack Berkman** and **Jan McDonough** for their tireless work in leading this significant project.

The message of *Do Your Best to Help Others* was **Rob Canton's** Inspirational Moment message. **Debbie Day** and **Greg Zinser** led us in honoring our country. Our news, intoned by **Mike Conner**, was sponsored by Procopio Cory Hargreaves & Savitch. The market was up (always good news.) There was an Irish joke about two Murphys and the CIA. Ask Mike. The newly remodeled and reimagined Jackie

Robinson Family YMCA is a wonderful facility for the neighborhoods it serves. Sign up for the [Grotarian Event on April 24](#). Do wear comfy clothes and shoes and be sure to coach kids, shoot hoops, or try the state-of-the-art fitness center while you are there. Three new Rotarians introduced themselves: **Joan Bullock**, President/Dean of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law; **Raymond Simas**, President of the HomeStreet Bank in Pt. Loma; and **Price Adams**, Vice President of Nuffer Smith Tucker. Welcome all!

President Bob, acting as Chair of the Day, greeted two visitors. A Coronado Rotarian won two bottles of wine, one empty. Bob had good intentions until he had to repair his home sprinklers on Saturday. Enough said! The second was a fine vintage of Pinot Noir.

Bob Brewer and President Bob were USD classmates and friends. Brewer's wife is retired Judge Irma Gonzalez. Brewer was a prosecutor in L.A. from 1975-1982, serving as a Deputy District Attorney and an Assistant U.S. Attorney, prosecuting cases involving espionage, bank robberies, smuggling, narcotics, and murder for hire. Moving back to San Diego in 1982, he entered private law practice specializing in civil litigation and white-collar defense. In 1982, he was summoned to U. S. Attorney's office where sat four FBI agents. His immediate thought was, "Do I need a lawyer?!" He took us on a 27-year tale that started during the Reagan years. In June of 1981, at the height of the Cold War, a Polish spy named Marion Zacharski was arrested in L.A. and charged with espionage.

William Holden Bell, an engineer and deeply-imbedded Soviet spy, worked for Hughes Aircraft in El Segundo. Zacharski, a Polish businessman lived in the same apartment complex. Bell had experienced a series of dire life-changing events, was deep in debt, and easily recruited by an operative of the Polish government. Zacharski stole top secret documents for the Polish Intelligence Service and the KGB. Brewer learned that Zacharski was fleeing to the Soviet Union.

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Next Meeting

April 19, 2018

**Vicente Fox
Former President
of Mexico**

On Friday, April 13, we were informed that President Fox will need to be in Mexico City on the 19th and therefore will be speaking to us remotely via Skype instead.

In the year 2000, Vicente Fox became the first President of Mexico elected from an opposition party since 1910. Fox began his career as a truck driver for Coca-Cola, rose to become President of Coca-Cola Mexico, and graduated from Harvard Business School. While often outspoken on controversial issues, he's always been a steadfast advocate for stronger U.S.-Mexico relations. President Fox's local impact includes serving as a board member for the San Diego-based nonprofit Reality Changers.



**Chris Yanov
Chair of the Day**

To help us determine a more accurate lunch count, please register any guests you are bringing to this program. 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.

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 30, to ensure its inclusion.

The **Small Club Joint Venture Committee** wants to remind you to consider doing your meeting makeups with the **Southeast San Diego Rotary Club**. They now meet on Wednesdays at noon at the Jackie Robinson YMCA. Please contact Dianne Crawford at sesdrotary@yahoo.com the day before you plan to attend.

BIRTHDAYS

April

Camille Newbern	16
Joyce Gattas	16
Sarah Lamade	18
Steve Oggel	18
Geri Warnke	18
Chris Wright	19
Doug Taber	20
Ryan Kussner	21
Karen Batchner	21

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A ruse was created in the form of a traffic accident in front of their apartment building. Zacharski was outside looking at the scene so the FBI closed in on Bell. When discovered, Bell “disintegrated” into a heap. He was headed for death row. The FBI read him his rights and had him call his lawyer. Brewer negotiated with 10 years or life in prison, if Bell would agree to wear a wire and get Zacharski to say something incriminating. The FBI did get the evidence they needed and Zacharski was arrested. The case went to trial and Brewer prosecuted. Bell was sentenced to 8 years, and Zacharski, although sentenced for life, spent less than 4 years in jail. His return to his home country was made in exchange for 23 American agents.

Mike Wallace and *60 Minutes* did a story on the case. Brewer was grilled for four hours on how the FBI handled the case. Later, the Polish press wanted Brewer to meet with Zacharski in Tijuana as part of a documentary they were filming. Zacharski and Brewer (with a bodyguard) did an interview on the International Bridge and then went to lunch. Each asked the other if he hated him. Both agreed, no. It was just business. *We were soldiers doing our jobs.* Zacharski had written a book on the subject, which he gave to Brewer. It’s in Polish. A fitting end to this story. Brewer and Zacharski stay in touch via email.

President Bob’s final thought was from George Strait: *There's a difference in living and living well. You can't have it all. All by yourself. Something's always missing. 'Til you share it with someone else. There's a difference in living and living well.*



Our April 28 Rotarians at Work Day projects are filling up quickly!

[Click here](#) to see which projects are still available and to sign up.

CALENDAR

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

April

19 *Vicente Fox, former President of Mexico*

26 *Four Way Test Speech Contest—District Finals*

May

3 *Daniel Paramo, Warden, Donovan State Prison*

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.

[Click here](#) to register.

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

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We are proud to announce that
San Diego Rotary has been nominated for a Malin Burnham Award—Most Admired Service Organization 2018
Voting is now open! You can vote once per day in each category until April 26
at www.Malin.RealityChangers.org/Vote.



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2018

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MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest members to the club:



Joan Bullock—“**Education-Law School Administration.**” Joan is the president and dean for Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

Joan moved from Orlando, Florida to San Diego last July to join TJSL. Her husband and 3 sons still reside in Orlando.

She is a graduate of Michigan State, received her law degree from the University of Toledo and received her MBA from the University of Michigan.

She wanted to join Rotary because she feels very strongly about making a positive difference in the lives of others.

Bill Wise, Jan McDonough and Dick Eger were her sponsors.

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Price Adams—“**Public Relations-Regional, Additional Active.**” Price is Vice President of Nuffer, Smith, Tucker Public Relations.

Price is proud to be continuing the legacy of Rotarians in her family. Club 33 member Jay Arnett is her father. She remembers attending her first Rotary meeting at the age of 13, and attending Camp Enterprise when she was a junior in high school. She is named after her grandmother (whose maiden name was Price) and who was a tireless volunteer and taught Price to give back to her community.

She is an avid craft beer fan and loves scuba diving. She and her husband Brad have a 4-year old son and 9-month old twin girls.

Jay Arnett, Tom Gable and Dick Troncone were her sponsors.

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Raymond Simas—“**Banking-Regional, Additional Active.**” Raymond is Vice President and Branch Manager of HomeStreet Bank in Point Loma.

Raymond says his favorite hobby is volunteering. His immigrant parents taught him the importance of giving back to the community. He is proud to be involved with several non-profit organizations, including the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation.

Andrea da Rosa, Todd Hoff and Mike Morton were his sponsors.

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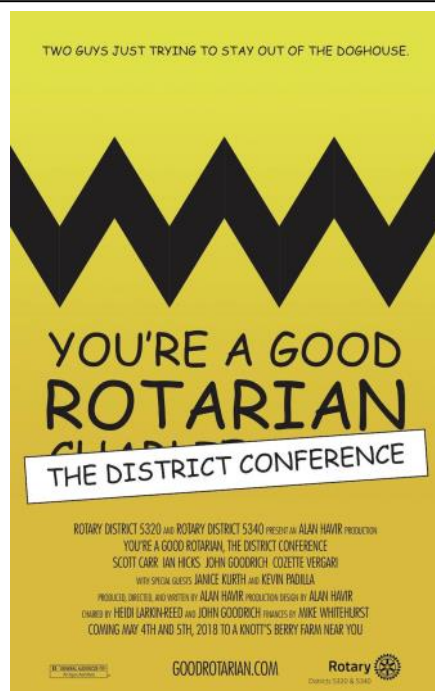
On April 11th, **Joe Farrage** and **Andre Jimenez** spoke to 50 Cardinals Interact at the Price Philanthropies building in City Heights. Both were special presentations where the students said they learned a lot from each Rotarian and left with a clear understanding of areas they need to work on. But most importantly, they felt motivated to work hard for their dreams. Thank you Joe and Andre, for spending time with the Interacts and participating in this special partnership with have with Price Philanthropies.



Recently, **Buddy Thomas** spoke at a City Heights Rotaract Club business meeting. The Rotaracts were interested in hearing about careers in the personal finance industry. They appreciated Buddy's discussion on how to handle their own personal finances as recent college graduates just beginning their professional careers. After asking a lot of questions, the Rotaracts quickly snapped up the copies of Buddy's book he graciously handed out. Thanks Buddy. for your support of the City Heights Rotaract Club!



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



We were all thrilled to see Daryl Ferguson back at our meeting!



(Left) Michael Brunker promoted the April 24 Grotarian event at the new Jackie Robinson Family YMCA;
(right) Past President Debbie Day led us in the Pledge and patriotic song.



Guest speaker Bob Brewer shared with the us the his incredible story of Soviet spy Marian Zacharski's capture.

