

President Vicente Fox



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Editor

This week's meeting had a definite presidential flair, starting with our own fearless leader, **President Bob**, who opened the meeting with a resolute ring of the bell before informing us that it was "National Hangout Day". (No tie to accompany this one, but we forgive him.)

Judy Thompson then took to the podium to deliver a heartfelt Inspirational Moment. Focusing on gratitude, her IM included appearances by Oprah, Eckhart Tolle, and Maya Angelou (we even got to hear Judy's lovely impression of Maya's low, deep, intoxicating voice.)

Another presidential moment came next, when former prez **Debbie Day** brought us the Pledge and *Star Spangled Banner*, accompanied by **Larry Showley**. **Sandy Purdon** followed with the news (which included a "simple" test of one's marriage that this Rotary editor might advise against. Just say-in'.)

A flurry of announcements came next, including a reminder that *Rotarians at Work Day* is around the corner on April 28th. (Slots are filling fast!) We also got the scoop on the weekly Rotary meeting coming up on May 10th, which will be held at the San Diego Air & Space Museum in Balboa Park. *Everyone* must register for this one, which will include museum access after the program. Head on over to the club's website to register for both of these events!

We received the lovely news that Reality Changers has selected our club as a 2018 honoree for the Reality Changers 100. As if that honor wasn't enough, we are also in the running for this year's Malin Burnham award...and you can help us win it by voting [here](#). You can vote each day up until April 26th.

Next up, was a doozie of a fine bestowed upon the beloved and infinitely fashionable **Nancy Scott**. Turns out that Nancy had the pleasure of writing up a two-page story on fellow member **Luisa McCarthy** for *Giving Back* magazine. The good news is that Nancy's article was printed verbatim. The bad news? There was no mention of Club 33. The result? A \$5k fine...and a warning from President Bob that this might

not be the last!

We then got to meet our newest members, **Toni Giffin** and **Rob Strasberg**, before **Chris Yanov** officially began his role as Chair of the Day. Chris has his own presidential history, meeting four U.S. presidents personally, in addition to our guest. (There was also a *how-the-heck-did-he-do-that?* moment when we learned that he earned four college degrees in five years!)

After bestowing gifts on the two visiting Rotarians from furthest away (a coin flip determined which one got the very special presidential prize), Chris introduced our guest, former President of Mexico Vicente Fox. President Fox appeared on the big screen, as he joined us through the wonders of Skype. He gave his perspective and speaking points on a number of topics, including the following:

- **NAFTA:** He believes that the U.S., Mexico and Canada can use their combined capacity to function as the center of the world, leading global change with compassion, democracy and freedom. He believes NAFTA is the most powerful way to achieve this, and also believes NAFTA will keep the U.S. economy strong.
- **Mexican economy:** He talked about his belief that building a strong middle class, filled with a society that is mature, knowledgeable, and has sufficient income, is critical to a true democracy. He said that NAFTA and other partnerships with the U.S. have helped 70% of Mexico's population of 130 million become middle class.
- **Immigration:** He believes the immigration issue is an economic one. He says NAFTA and other strategies have considerably increased the income of people in Mexico, which has reversed the immigration trend, leading many originally from Mexico to leave the U.S. and return home. He also repeated sentiments from many other interviews, where he criticized the current Trump administration, saying he believed a wall would not work and that Mexico will not pay for it.

Next Meeting

April 26, 2018

District 5340 Finals Four Way Test Speech Contest

For the second consecutive year, Club 33 will be hosting the District 5340 finals, where finalists from all across San Diego will compete for cash awards and the chance to go on to other regional Rotary contests. Watch these amazing high school students overcome their fear of public speaking to tell us about themselves and issues of concern to them, all while showing us how their topic stacks up against the standard by which 1.2 million Rotarians act in everything they think, say and do. We'll announce the winners before the end of the program so be sure to stay throughout!



Jack Berkman
Chair of the Day

2018 CLUB MEMBER SURVEY



Our annual survey was sent out on Tuesday, April 17th. Please check your email and complete the survey by April 30th.

Your input and opinions are important!

Thank you

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QUICK BITS

CALLING ALL CLUB 33 HOSTS FOR INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MUSICAMP 2018!!!

Every year over 20 international youth musicians between the ages of 15-22 visit San Diego for three weeks to perform with our own top rated San Diego Youth Symphony. Rotarians are needed to provide housing to the students during their 3-week stay. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in a young person's life, introduce them to San Diego (often its their first time to the US!), and bring music and international culture into your home. The Host Families are supported with transportation to and from rehearsals and, if needed, concerts. Fellow District Rotarians provide them with parties, surfing, zoo and Sea World trips. As a Host Family, you are invited to rehearsals, fellowships with other Rotarians and their international youth students, and all concerts. Students arrive approximately July 14th and depart August 5th. If you are interested in hosting or learning more about this life-changing opportunity please contact either Club 33 member Christy White (858-336-4795, cwhite@christywhite.com) or Camp Director Gary McCord (858-525-1202, gcmcelroy@gmail.com).

BIRTHDAYS

April

Kevin Enright	23
Suzanne LaTour	24
Dom Addario	24
Katie Fulhorst	25
Laura Buckley	26
Roy Bell	27
Darlene Davies	28
Terry D. Moore	28
Judy Thompson	28
Mark Allan	29
Tasreen Khamisa	29
Dodie Rotherham	29
Jen Weissman	29

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- **Leadership:** He said the best way is to build bridges to our young people, and allowing them to exchange their culture, energy and dynamism. He believes that these young people are our future leaders, and that it only takes one to peacefully change the world.

Related to the point above, both President Fox and Chris Yanov were excited to announce a new foreign exchange program to help low-income youth on both sides of the border. As part of this program, high school students from Reality Changes will take a class at Centro Fox, the first presidential library in Mexico, and students living in poverty near the library will come to UCSD for a three-week program.

Following President Fox's remarks, President Bob got us ready for next week by reminding us about another important youth program, the Four-Way Test Speech District Finals, which will take place at next week's meeting. Come, be inspired, and get to hear who wins by the end of the meeting!

President Bob then closed the meeting with his own remarks, taken from singer Luke Bryan: "I believe this world ain't half as bad as it looks...I believe most people are good."

A perfectly presidential way to end, if there ever was one.



SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Our Rotarians at Work Day projects are filling up quickly!

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



Our May 10th program will be offsite at the San Diego Air & Space Museum in Balboa Park. [Click here](#) for program details and to let us know if you will be attending.

CALENDAR

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

April

26 Four Way Test Speech Contest—District Finals

May

3 Daniel Paramo, Warden, Donovan State Prison

10 Offsite meeting-San Diego Air & Space Museum

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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2018 Mr. Mrs. Ms. San Diego Nominations

Club 33 needs your help in proposing a candidate or two for the prestigious annual “Mr.-Mrs.-Ms. San Diego” award which will be selected in late June by our Past Presidents.

A candidate should be a living person, not now in government elective office, who has contributed outstanding community service and leadership to the San Diego region in a variety of ways and over a long period of time.

The standard is high. Past recipients of the award include such luminaries as Clair W. Burgener, Dr. Roger Revelle, Ernest W. Hahn, Bishop George McKinney, Cecil Steppe, Malin Burnham, Herb Klein, Bob Breitbard, Deborah Szekely, Hal Sadler, Yvonne Larsen, Bob Payne, Father Joe Carroll, Tom Hom, Betty Peabody, Leon Williams, Lucy Killea, and Mel and Linda Katz.

If you would like to propose a candidate, please contact Mary at the Rotary office for a nomination form. Nominations need to be submitted back to the Rotary office by June 1st.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and interest.

Cordially,

Fred Frye, George Gildred, Mike Morton, Sr., and John Morrell
“MMM San Diego” Coordinating Committee

Only a few more days to vote!

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



CAMP ENTERPRISE

Here is another story about how Camp Enterprise offers life-changing experiences...even for Rotaracts! Thanks to **Solveig Deuprey** for sharing.

Max Louie, a SDSU Rotaract, volunteered to help at Camp Enterprise for two years in a row. Max wanted to go to law school. Specifically, Max wanted to go to USD School of Law. He was insecure and uncertain whether he was smart enough or good enough to be accepted. With a little encouragement and some advocacy from me, he got in.

The article referenced in his email below explains the international moot court competition in which Max and his team were involved. They traveled to Hong Kong to compete in one of the most difficult and prestigious contests in the world. There were 126 teams, and Max's team was one of only five U.S. teams to make it to the final round of 32. This was the highest placement that any USD team had previously achieved.

Hi Solveig,

I hope you had a great weekend! I just wanted to share some great news with you. I just returned from Hong Kong for an oral advocacy competition. Several of my classmates and I represented USD Law in the Vis East Moot (an international arbitration competition). Please see the link below:

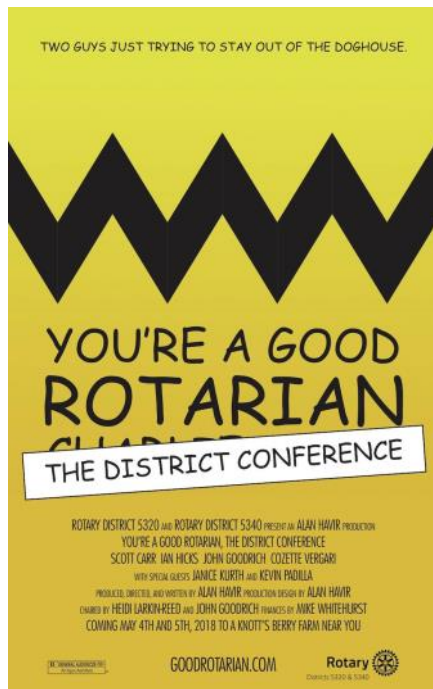
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This was the highlight of my law school experience. I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to represent USD and we had great success at the competition. I can't thank you enough for always believing in me.

It is hard to believe graduation is just one month away! I hope you can make it on May 19th! I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

*Best,
Max Louie*

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.](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest members to the club:



Toni Giffin (center) with her primary sponsor **Mike Rowan** and President Bob.

Toni Giffin—“**Social Service and Welfare-Goodwill Industries.**” Toni is the President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of San Diego County.

She is a native Californian; born in Temple City and raised in Rancho Mirage. She moved to Chula Vista after marrying her husband John, a retired Methodist minister of 36 years. They have 7 children and 5 grandchildren.

Toni is an outdoor enthusiast. She loves gardening, hiking, fishing and golf.

There are three things that have formed her into who she is today: faith, family and Goodwill.

Mike Rowan, Bob Russell and **Micah Parzen** were her sponsors.

Email: tgiffin@sdgoodwill.org



Rob Strasberg (center) with his primary sponsor **Bill Wise** and President Bob.

Rob Strasberg—“**Social Service and Welfare-Humble Design.**” Rob is the Co-CEO of Humble Design, a non-profit that helps families and veterans transitioning out of homelessness by providing donated furnishings and design services. He shares oversight of the company with his wife, Treger.

They started the company in Detroit. It has since grown in Chicago, Seattle and now San Diego, with the help of national sponsors such as U-Haul, Starbucks, Crate and Barrel and Microsoft.

Rob is from Long Island, New York where he met his wife (who is originally from El Cajon.) They have two children.

Bill Wise, Alan Spector and **Dick Eger** were his sponsors.

Email: rob@humbledesign.org

FACES IN THE CROWD



A first in Club 33 history! Guest speaker President Fox addressed the club remotely from Mexico City via Skype.



(Left) **Kirk Volker** with his guests John and Karin Donaldson; (right) **Mia Harenski** with her son Jack and guest Jennifer Winward.



(Left) **Dick Eger**, Bill Wise, Dr. Jerry Spector, Penny Wise and Christopher Prilaman; (right) **John Neuhart** with visiting Rotarians from the Tijuana Club: Daniel Wood and David Cash.

