

The Four-Way Test At It's Finest

Next Meeting



Michelle Candland
Editor

The packed room was brought to attention by our fearless leader **President Bob**, proudly sporting his "National Pretzel Day" tie. Where does he find these beauties? He recognized the many visiting Rotarians present to cheer on their club's 4-Way Test Speech Contest contenders in the 2018 District 5340 Finals. Also present were several visiting Past District Governors and current DG, Scott Carr. **Larry Kuntz** shared an Inspirational Moment encouraging the students who were preparing to speak to be confident, be prepared and to not be afraid! **Past President Debbie Day** lead us in the Pledge and was accompanied by **Katie Fulhorst** on the piano with a resounding rendition of *America The Beautiful*.

President Bob introduced our Chair of the Day and MC, **Jack Berkman**, co-chair of our 4-Way Test Speech Contest Committee, who kicked off the event with his typical zany humor and energy. We were riveted by six students doing an extraordinary job of sharing each of their subjects with passion and commitment. It was very difficult for the judges to single out first, second, and third place winners after hearing all the students demonstrate their remarkable public speaking skills and emotionally deliver their specific messages. To listen to each of the speeches in their entirety [click here](#) and be prepared to be wowed!

Speaker #1 Jess Kennedy, sponsored by the Vista High Noon Club, explored her personal journey through a mid-teen crisis as she narrowed down her career choices and landed on a solid middle class decision--a high school English teacher. She explained that although initially her decision seemed to be a disappointment to her parents, by the end of her speech, it was clear she had followed her heart and was confident she would pursue a truly noble path.

Speaker #2 Annaclare Splettstoesser, sponsored by the Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Club, began her speech using the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting as an example of heartbreaking tragedy and explained that even in those dark times, something positive can come out of it. She

identified the student movement to impact the current gun control laws as one of the powerful demonstrations of confidence, hope and tenacious focus that came out of that horrible day and acknowledged that the students who lead that movement were all active in speech and debate classes. Something worthwhile can always come out of tragedy.

Speaker #3 Cole Mullins, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Coronado, reflected on what a difference the Boy Scouting experience has made in his life. He talked about his first camping trip on Catalina Island and how frightened he was that he would be eaten by island foxes! Over the years, he has learned to be confident, dependable and service-minded. Without scouting, he is certain he would not be the successful young man he is today.

Speaker #4 Ashley Lo, sponsored by the Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Club, began with a quote from Bill Gates, "Be nice to nerds. Chances are you will end up working for one!" She is a self-identified nerd and described how the standard perception of a brainiac was someone to be bullied, belittled and ignored. She is out to change the perception of a nerd. Her new definition is: A Nerd: a person who refuses to accept stagnation in society. One who does not fear breaking the barriers of knowledge. A person who is hungry for progress.

Speaker #5 Kaseba Chibweth, sponsored by Club 33, passionately described what beauty is in her eyes and how much harm and pain can be inflicted when someone is judged merely on their exterior appearance rather than given the opportunity to demonstrate their inner beauty. Society has labeled and judged people who may or may not be tall, slim, blonde and blue-eyed and treats them accordingly. Kaseba has an inner beauty that radiates and she's confidently sharing her message with all those around her to look beyond the cover of the book.

Speaker #6 Josh Tran, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Carlsbad, opened his speech using courtroom lingo and confidently explained he was drawn to the Supreme Court and civil rights law.

Continued on page 2

May 3, 2018

**Danny Paramo, Warden
Richard J. Donovan
Correctional Facility**

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's primary mission is to protect citizens, as well as the staff and inmates. At the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility (RJDCF), they expand the primary mission by focusing on the rehabilitation of the inmate population.

Warden Danny Paramo will speak about the common misconceptions of prison life as well as their programs which focus on rehabilitation.



**Ignacio De La Torre
Chair of the Day**



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.

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

Dick Jackson	30
Larry Showley	30
Budd Rubin	30
Bob Kelly	30
Duke Sobek	30

May

Steve Cairncross	1
Jim Groen	3
Deborah Szekely	3
Bev Siligmueiller	5
Simona Valanciute	5
Meb Keflezighi	5
George Gildred	6
Randal Densley	6

The Four-Way Test At It's Finest Continued from page 1

He presented an oral argument for the fact that our judicial system is broken and needs to be repaired. He is committed to service and all things civil rights oriented and intends to dedicate his life to righting wrongs and making our judicial system a more just, fair, equality based process.

The speeches were judged by three esteemed individuals: Steve Cohen, News Director at KUSI TV, Fred Pierce, CEO of Pierce Education Properties and Beth Kransberger from National University. When they left the room to confer, the students were individually introduced and asked a number of questions by Jack Berkman regarding their future plans and advice they would give a younger student about entering the 4-Way Test Speech Contest. We were all awed by their mature thoughtful answers. When the judges returned, the following were the results of a very close competition:

1st Place: Kaseba Chibweth	\$1,000 award
2nd Place: Jess Kennedy	\$ 750 award
3rd Place: Josh Tran	\$ 500 award
Finalists:	\$ 300 award each
Ashley Lo	
Cole Mullins	
Annaclare Spletstoeszer	

A huge thanks went out to all Rotarians who took the time to help all the students who had the courage to participate and as members left the room, many of them could be heard saying, "This is one of my favorite programs all year," "Amazing," and "Inspirational!"

[Click here to view the KUSI clip on the contest.](#)

Give the gift of Rotary

Save the date for our next
**Prospective Member
Reception**
May 31, 11:30 am-noon

CALENDAR

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

May

- 3 **Daniel Paramo, Warden, Donovan State Prison**
- 10 **Offsite meeting-San Diego Air & Space Museum**
- 17 **An Update on Balboa Park: John Bolthouse, ED, Friends Of Balboa Park, Tomas Herrera-Mishler, ED, Balboa Park Conservancy, And Peter Comiskey, ED, Balboa Park Cultural Partnership**

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Scripps Institution of Oceanography's Private Pier
8622 Kennel Way, La Jolla
May 22 5:30-7:30 pm
Cost: \$25 per person



Come enjoy a glass of wine and the ocean views from Scripps Institution of Oceanography's private research pier. With specialties that span all aspects of marine, earth, and atmospheric sciences, you'll also discover how Scripps Oceanography is addressing the planet's most pressing environmental challenges.

[Click here](#) to register.

Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106
Bob Russell, President ♦ Paul Devermann, Executive Director
San Diego Rotary ♦ 2247 San Diego Avenue, Ste. 233, San Diego, CA 92110-2943
Phone: 619/299-3309 Fax: 619/299-3340 ♦ e-mail: paul@rotary33.org ♦ website: <http://www.sandiegorotary.club>

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:

- Paul Theil - "Pending Reclassification"
- Marie Raftery - Smart Management III, Inc. - "Healthcare Management-Dental"
- Whitney Skala - Whitney M. Skala, A.P.C. - "Law-Real Estate"

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

HOOVER INTERACT

On Wednesday April 25th, 17 Rotarians joined the Price Philanthropies team to interview 105 Hoover High freshmen for the incoming Interact Class of 2021. It was a great afternoon for everyone as our club continues its wonderful partnership with Price Philanthropies.



GROTARIAN COMMITTEE

Thank you to **Michael Brunker** for hosting our April Grotarian event at the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA. Everyone truly enjoyed seeing the newly renovated facility. We did not just see a softball field and a gym, but we learned how the funds were raised for these areas, the support that this YMCA has from the community, and more importantly, about the people who use the facilities and what this YMCA means to them. Michael, for your first Grotarian event, you sure knocked it out of the ball park!



2018 District Four-Way Test Speech Contest



Jan McDonough meets with the contest judges.



Contest finalists: (from left) Annaclare Spletstoeszer, Ashley Lo, Kaseba Chibweth, Club 33 Contest Vice-Chair Jan McDonough, Jess Kennedy, Cole Mullins and Josh Tran.



Cole Mullins with his supporters from the Coronado Club.



Jess Kennedy is interviewed by KUSI.



Susan Cramer with High Tech High students who were participants in the preliminary contest.



Contest MC Jack Berkman.



Congrats to Kaseba Chibweth from Our Lady Of Peace for winning first prize! (Pictured here with Jack Berkman, **Lauren Lek**, her mom, DG Scott Carr, **Jan McDonough**, and fellow students from OLP)



Stephanie Saathoff preps Annaclare Spletstoeszer before the contest.



Jack interviews Josh Tran.



Pictured: Kaseba's mom was emotional when Kaseba was announced as this year's winner.



Contestant Ashley Lo.

ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY 2018

Thank you to all Rotarians and their friends and family who participated in this year's day of service! Your dedication and commitment to the mission of Rotary was seen and felt all over the San Diego community on Saturday. Thank you to Rotarians at Work Day co-chairs **Emily Rex** and **Chris Christopher** for securing the projects at the San Diego Zoo, San Diego Humane Society, The Storefront, Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Jackie Robinson Family YMCA, Boy Scouts, St. Paul's Senior Center, and at Swan Canyon with the Hoover Interacts.

