

The Right Stuff



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Editor

Road trip! Our Club's off-campus meetings always prove to be fun and interesting and the San Diego Air & Space Museum was no exception. **President Bob Russell**, in the twilight of his presidential term, called the meeting to order underneath an impressive canopy of . . . (sorry, typing was paused for a passing plane) vintage aircraft. Today is National Train Day and, yes, President Bob had on a train tie!

Today's Inspirational Moment was provided by **Dr. George Kaplan** who, like Bob, hails from Texas and spent time in the Navy. **Brandon Horrocks** led us in the Pledge followed by an *a cappella* version of (. . . another plane, not to worry, just 17 more to go) *America The Beautiful*. Today's news was sponsored by **Ray McKewon** and the Xceptional Music Company, and was ably given by veteran newscaster **Mark Burgess**. Today, President Bob remembered our Club's 45th President, Norman B. Foster, who served us in 1955-1956. President Bob has only six meetings left, and a whole lot of Club 33 Past Presidents to cover. Look for an emergency Club 33 Board meeting to postpone President Elect **Suzy Spafford's** term a few years so that Bob can complete the remaining Past Presidents.

Visitors were welcomed by Bob, and then **Will Newbern** and his lovely daughter **Camille Newbern**, just back from another amazing trip to Africa, presented Bob with a very special gift: a colorful and bold presidential medal Bob can wear around his neck. Yet another reason why Bob may have a hard time turning the helm over to Suzy. **Trevor Blair**, son of our own **Phil Blair** (yes Phil, Trevor had the mike, not you) announced a prospective member reception that will be held on May 31st. Trevor was followed by Membership Committee Chair **Daniel Amaro** who is looking for volunteers on June 9 and 10 for a Youth Soccer Tournament that will be held with the assistance of the City Heights Rotaract Club. Call (. . . sorry, another plane) the office for details.

President Bob then introduced Chair of the Day (and former 15th ranked body

surfer) **Steve Porter**. Steve welcomed visiting Rotarians with the obligatory bottle of vino and then introduced our speaker, Gordon Permann. Gordon is a former U.S. Navy helicopter search and rescue swimmer and door gunner and holds the distinction of being the longest-serving volunteer at the San Diego Air & Space Museum. Gordon is an amazing representative of this iconic museum and is an encyclopedia of knowledge regarding San Diego's rich aviation heritage.

The first flight in San Diego was a glider ride in 1883. Naval aviation, as we know it today, started in Coronado in 1911. Many of the first aviation records for women were set in San Diego's beautiful skies. Charles Lindbergh's wife, in fact, obtained the first female glider pilot license in the Nation here in San Diego. In the 1910s and 1920s the skies were full of amazing aerial stunts performed by these early aviators.

World War II saw Consolidated Aircraft Corporation lead the Nation in the war effort. In 1938 it had 1,300 employees and by 1943, it had 45,000 employees working long shifts to turn out record numbers of planes, including 8,000 4 engine bombers and another 3,000 PBY Catalinas (the latter of which were built primarily by woman). Six of the first seven astronauts trained here, and scores of Atlas rockets were built here. And anyone who lived in San Diego in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s remembers PSA and its smiling planes.

The Aerospace Museum itself has a long history in San Diego. It was founded in 1961 and achieved immediate recognition from the community and the Country. A tragic fire in 1978 destroyed the museum, which was rebuilt and reopened in 1980. It has the third largest aviation archive in the United States and is the only museum that has the honor of being an affiliate of the Smithsonian. San Diego is blessed to have such a prestigious aviation history and a museum that honors and supports that heritage.

President Bob closed with his weekly quote thanks to Bob Dylan: If your time to you is worth savin', then you better start swimmin' or you'll sink like a stone, for the times they are a-changin'. Amen.

Next Meeting

May 17, 2018

An Update On Balboa Park

It's been a year since we've had an update on all the current and planned activities to keep this San Diego asset an iconic treasure.

We'll be hearing from John Bolt-house, Executive Director of the Friends of Balboa Park, Tomás Herrera-Mishler, Executive Director of the Balboa Park Conservancy, and Peter Comiskey, fellow San Diego Rotarian and Executive Director of the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership.



Betty Peabody
Chair of the Day

Give the gift of Rotary

**Attend our next
Prospective Member
Reception
May 31, 11:30 am-noon**

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

QUICK BITS

San Diego Rotary App



You can download the San Diego Rotary app on your phone and tablet from the App Store or Google Play. Just search "San Diego Rotary" in the store. The app will make it much easier to access information and keep up-to-date on what is happening in the club. (This app is only for San Diego Rotary Club members.)

BIRTHDAYS

	May
Jim Nickel	14
Ginny Ollis	14
Diane Bell	15
Al Harutunian	15
Bob Witty	15
Anthony Llompарт	16
Andrew Holets	16
Bill Littlejohn	17
Jackie Meyer	17
Sue Rehm	17
Michael Holland	20
Ray Uzeta	20

2018-19 COMMITTEE SIGN-UP

GET INVOLVED!

Dear Valued Member of Club 33:

Welcome in the upcoming Rotary year starting on July 1, 2018!

One excellent way to get to know the wonderful folks in Club 33 and form deeper friendships is by becoming involved in the good works our club does all year round. The best and most rewarding times I've had have been when I was participating on a project, enjoying the fellowship that is part of it, and gaining a deeper sense of what all Rotary means to our greater community. The thing is, we do good work! And we do a LOT of it.

There are so many ways you can serve, and it is that time of year to sign up to be on one or more of our committees. Every year you have a new opportunity to select where you wish to serve. **Even if you have participated in certain committees this past year, you must re-sign-up to remain on them.** And do consider all the many choices. The club's [website](#) identify our committees and their purpose. Some of the committees meet monthly, and others only meet on an as needed basis.

Click here to sign up. Simply click on the buttons next to the committee(s) you would like to join and then click the "Done" button at the bottom of the page to submit your selections.

Some of the committees will need to prepare their schedules and rosters prior to the start of the new year so **please sign up by June 1st.**

Remember, the Rotary year begins anew on July 1st, so you must re-enlist for the committees you have worked on in the past.

Thank you for all you do for our wonderful Rotary Club. I am looking forward to working with you in service this coming Rotary year.

**Suzy Spafford
President, 2018-2019**

CALENDAR

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

May

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*

24 *Virtual Reality at the San Diego History Center*

31 *Amnon Ben-Yehuda*

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

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PEACE COMMITTEE



The Rotary Club's Peace Committee is delighted to announce that the 4th Annual Peace Award will be presented on September 20, 2018. This year's theme is Human Trafficking.

If you know of an organization, or individual, in San Diego County who is working to prevent trafficking or to protect or support survivors, please complete the [nomination form](#) which is due on June 30.

Trafficking is a scourge in San Diego. Our city is 13th on the list of trafficking centers in the United States. Children as young as nine are trafficked. By recognizing this crime we can help to create greater awareness in our community.

Please send your completed nomination form to jenni@prisk.com. Thank you.

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

FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) President Bob welcomes members to our meeting at the Air & Space museum; (right) Dr. George Kaplan presents the Inspirational Moment.



(Left) Camille Newbern presents President Bob with a Rotary President medallion she brought back from Africa; (right) guest speaker Gordon Permann discusses the history of women aviators.



(Left) Members enjoying the atmosphere of our offsite meeting; (right) **Laurie Coskey** and **Lisa Miller** learning more about the memorabilia displayed at the museum.



(Left) Museum President & CEO **Jim Kidrick** addressed the audience; (right) Mark Burgess during our Q&A session.



TREE DEDICATION CEREMONY

On Saturday, May 12, the San Diego Zoo Safari Park held a tree dedication ceremony for Club 33. This was in celebration of the 500 trees donated to the park by the club, a donation that was sparked by RI President Ian Riseley's challenge to plant a tree for every member of the club. Thank you to **Shawn Dixon** and to **Mark Stuart** for putting the event together and for hosting such a fun day for our Rotarians and their families. A special thank you to all of the Club 33 members that made this project possible.

