

## Balboa—Your Park. Our Passion.

## Next Meeting



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Editor

**Woody Ledford** set the stage for today's program by delivering an Inspirational Moment from his heart: "...that our forefathers set aside 1,400 acres; that in 1915, a town of 40,000 hosted an international exposition, bringing to San Diego 4 million visitors; and then twenty years later to do it again, in the depths of the Great Depression, drawing 7 millions visi-

tors... to the passionate organizations that work so hard to preserve, protect, and restore this Jewel of San Diego... all of this shows that, while inspiration is purely internal, visionary inspiration can impact us all."

Three key custodians of this San Diego treasure shared singleness of purpose and common vision for Balboa Park's future. • **Peter Comiskey**, Executive Director of the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership spoke about "One Park-One Team" and collaboration among stakeholders. We learned about the Balboa Park Pass, sustainability, community engagement, brand and product and major capital projects, including Plaza de Panama, Mengei International Museum, and the Comicon Center.

• **Tomas Herrera-Mishler**, Executive Director of the Balboa Park Conservancy, noted the importance of creating positive activities like Food Truck Fridays and concerts, which counter negative activities like vagrancy. The Conservancy sponsored recent improvements in the Alcazar Gardens, accessibility, greenspace, and the Visitor Center.

• **John Bolthouse**, Executive Director of Friends of Balboa Park, takes pride in leading "the little non-profit with big dreams, that gets things done!" FOBP fills the gap between the park's needs and the city's budget. He rattled off a long to-do list, including restoring the Carousel, Moreton Bay Fig Tree project, California Tower Speaker upgrade, gateway monuments, Palm Canyon Honymoon Bridge, and water capture projects.

With passionate Friends of Balboa Park like Rotarians **Betty Peabody** (Mrs. San Diego 2015 and Chair of the Day), **Jim Hughes**, **Dean Crowder**, **Jack Carpenter**, **Neil Larson** and **Pat Caughey**, dreams really can come true!

Thanksgiving is exactly half a year away, so today's program featured gratitude for and recognition of generous Rotarians.

Clever banter between **Luisa McCarthy** and **President Bob** started out as a fine for littering tables with handbills announcing La Vista Memorial Park's Memorial Day celebration. Luisa's co-conspirator is **Nancy Scott**, who was fined \$50,000, in absentia. Yes... **\$50,000!** We can hardly wait hear more about this historic fine when Nancy returns from Aspen in June.

Steve Brown, former Trustee of the Rotary International Foundation, inspired us with progress on RI's Polio Plus campaign. We Rotarians are "that close" to eradicating polio worldwide. Nine generous club 33 members and their spouses have pledged leadership gifts to match The Gates Foundation challenge of \$100 million. Thank you! (see photo on page 4)

**John Hawkins**, who just earned his 8th Paul Harris Fellow, led seven other Rotarians in earning their recognition from the Rotary International Foundation.

**Mia Harenski** praised the accomplishments of Cardinals Interact students as they graduate from Hoover High School and head to college. Interact President Cain Elizarraras thanked the club for years of support and mentoring.

**Prez Bob Russell** remembered our 46<sup>th</sup> President Gordie Frost, **GT Frost's** dad and father-in-law to Rotarians **George Gildred** and **John Ahlering**.

Please extend thanks to Club 33 Rotarians who supported our program today:

- Badge: **Bill Herin, Ray Higgins**
- Registration: **Dean Crowder, Toni Giffin, Ron Oliver, Christy White, Glenn Younger**
- Greeters: **Daniel Amaro, Steve Carlson, Bridget Meckley, Mark Stuart, Ramona Walker**
- The National Anthem led by **Brandon Horrocks**, accompanied by **Greg Zinser**
- Our dedicated professional staff, solo this week, **Mary Radovan**

The News was sponsored by **Cheryl Wilson** and St. Paul's Senior Services and reported by **Stan Lawrence**. His joke, *The Missing R*. A young monk researched ancient laws which had been copied by hand for centuries. A critical mistake was discovered, and the error passed down through the ages. The word is CELEBRATE. CELEBRATE!

May 24, 2018

3R's Robotics

## How Modern Technology Is Unlocking The Secrets Of The Presidio

For the first time, Virtual Reality (VR) technology is being used to provide an unparalleled view of San Diego's past that hasn't been seen in more than 200 years. 3R's Robotics, a San Diego based high tech visualization and educational firm, and the San Diego History Center have partnered to allow viewers to turn back the years and experience how San Diego's Presidio looked in 1790. You'll be given a "behind the scenes" look at the VR experience and be able to take your own "step back in time."

*Arrive early! We will have a demonstration area in the dining room so you will have an opportunity to experience this virtual reality for yourself before the program begins.*



Bill Lawrence  
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



### Save the Date for our next Tennis event!

Wednesday, June 20  
from 5:30 to 7:00 PM  
(site TBD). Club 33

members, family members and friends are welcome. Registration will open June 1. For more information, please contact Bruce Hunt at 619.200.5565 or [brucea-hunt@prodigy.net](mailto:brucea-hunt@prodigy.net).



### No lunch reminder

To ensure that we have enough seats for all of our diners, please join us at one of our two **Beverage Only** tables, or at the seating located at the back of the room if you will not be

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](mailto:sesdrotary@yahoo.com) the day before you plan to attend.

## BIRTHDAYS

### May

Ann Bethel	23
Arnulfo Manriquez	24
Ed Chaplin	24
Rick Huenefeld	25
Justine Wong	25
Jim Brown	26
Mort Jorgensen	26
Charlene Zettel	26
Trevor Blair	26
Judy McDonald	26
Mike Meaney	26
Ray McKewon	27

## 2018-19 COMMITTEE SIGN-UP



Sign up for a committee by June 1st.

[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.

You can visit our [website](#) to learn more about a specific committee you are interested in. Some of the committee chairs will need to prepare their schedules and rosters prior to the start of the new year so please sign up now!

**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 - We look forward to working with you in service!

### 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.)

## CALENDAR

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

### May

24 *3R's Robotics - Virtual Reality at the San Diego History Center*

31 *Annon Ben-Yehuda*

### June

7 *Chris Thornberg, Beacon Economics*

14 *RDML Yancy Lindsey*

## GROTARIAN EVENTS

*June event—TBD—details coming soon.*

Our event in July will be held at the AleSmith Brewing Company.

We will tour the world-class 106,000 square foot brewing facility, which is the second largest facility in San Diego County. The tour is approximately 45 minutes and covers the entire brewing process from wort creation, fermentation, filtration, carbonation, bottling, packaging, and more. with other new Rotarians.

[Click here](#) for more details and to register early!

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

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# YOUTH SOCCER COMMITTEE

The committee is looking for volunteers to help with their inaugural soccer tournament on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

There are three “Shifts” to sign up for:

- 8am – 11am
- 11am – 2pm
- 2pm – 5pm

Roles we need to fill:

- Registration – checking teams in and making sure that kids have all the necessary information
- Game Management – making sure that games are running on time. Recording scores and outcomes of games
  - Operations – set up and tear down of fields, tables, etc.
  - Food – making sure that each team receives their allotted lunch

Please contact [Daniel Amaro](#) for more details or to volunteer. Thank you.



**San Diego Rotary**  
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**CITY HEIGHTS**  
YOUTH SOCCER TOURNAMENT

**6-ON-6 SOCCER TOURNAMENT WITH MEDALS FOR CHAMPIONS**

**JUNE**  
**9TH & 10TH 2018**  
**ROSA PARKS FIELD**

**DIVISIONS:**  
**BOYS: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14**  
**GIRLS: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14**

**DEPOSIT: \$40, REFUNDED AFTER PARTICIPATION**  
**LUNCH, WATER AND SNACKS PROVIDED**  
**SIGN UP TODAY AT: SOCCER SOLUTIONS**  
**4151 EL CAJON BLVD, SUITE C SAN DIEGO, CA, 92105**



# FACES IN OUR CROWD



Steve Brown recognized the Club 33 members and their spouses who have generously contributed to Rotary International's End Polio Now Campaign: (from the left) **Mike Conner, Judy Thompson, Tom Vecchione**, Sylvia Vecchione, **Jim Hughes**, Carmen Hughes, **Richard Coutts, Michelle Candland, Bob Russell** and (not pictured) **Amnon Ben-Yehuda** and **Patti Roscoe**.



(Left) Bottom row: Kathy Kim, Michelle Singlerland, **Pat Caughey**; top row: George Hardy, Stanley Maloy, Libby Carson, **Chris Christian**; (right) President Bob and Steve Brown presented Paul Harris Fellow awards to several members, including John Hawkins who received his eighth pin.



(Left) Guest speakers John Bolthouse, Tomas Herrera-Mishler and Peter Comiskey taking a selfie before the program; (right) President Bob did the honor of introducing our Chair of the Day Betty Peabody.



(Left) President Bob with Hoover Interact President Cain Elizarraras, (right) this year's graduating Interact students posing for a last photo with President Bob.



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

## Rotarians visit Hospital Project in Atiak, Uganda

Atiak, Uganda was hard hit by two decades war in northern Uganda. The worst day was 20th April 1995 when the rebels rounded up hundreds of civilians, handpicked young boys and young girls for their troops and sex slaves and executed over 300 of the remaining captives by gunfire. The conflict left the healthcare infrastructure struggling, and the population remains economically disadvantaged. The situation recently became worse, as more than a million refugees from the fighting in nearby South Sudan have flooded into northern Uganda.

Uganda has one of the highest rates of maternal and neonatal deaths in Sub-Saharan Africa. Infant mortality is 57.6 per 1000 births, compared to Europe at 4 per 1000 births. The rate of maternal death is also very high (1 in 47 compared to 1 in 5800 in Europe). Mortality for children under five is also high due to

pneumonia, malaria, diarrhea, measles, whooping cough, tuberculosis, hepatitis and HIV/AIDS. Northern Uganda has also been affected by Ebola and tropical diseases, including sleeping sickness. Presently, the only medical facility in Atiak is a small health clinic. The nearest hospital is 71 kilometers away in Gulu, Uganda.



In 2015, the local Atiak community donated five acres of land for a hospital, to be named in memory of Theresa Ayiko, who was born in Atiak and was the

mother of San Diego Rotary Club 33 member **Walter Lam**. The hospital's foundation stone was laid by the Prime Minister of Uganda on September 3, 2017, and the hospital is expected to open in early 2019. It will provide a broad range of services including surgery, anesthesiology, maternity, pediatrics, and dentistry, for a population of 100,000.

Club 33 has joined with ten other Rotary Clubs on a Global Grant to provide \$300,000 in equipment for the new hospital. Last month, seven San Diego Rotarians, including Club 33 members **Roger Haines**, **Camille Newbern** and her father **Will Newbern**, traveled to Atiak, to visit the hospital construction site.

The group was given a parade through town, with dancing and singing, followed by dinner with community leaders.

The day after visiting Atiak, the Rotarians visited the nearby Palabek Refugee Camp for South Sudanese refugees, where Club 33 has joined with the Gulu, Uganda Rotary Clubs on a solar cooker demonstration project. The cookers will be produced locally in Gulu, and plans are to scale up to make more cookers available in northern Uganda. Firewood is increasingly scarce because areas around the camps are deforested, and the cost of charcoal goes up every day. Conditions in the camps are very difficult, as refugees often arrive with only the clothes on their backs, and food is scarce.

Still, there is optimism. After the group's visit, one of the drivers, Jude, recalled his service in the Ugandan army during the fighting in northern Uganda, when the countryside was devastated. He had tears of gratitude for what Rotary is doing for the people of northern Uganda today.

