

San Diego's Navy Mayor

Next Meeting



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Editor

With his usual warmth and smile a little hampered by a dead microphone, our **President Bob** courageously persevered despite a taunt of "We want Suzy!" and other teases, and called the meeting to order only 1½ minutes late. He recognized National Bourbon Day and proudly displayed his highball-glass

tie!

Ignacio De La Torre, with a stunning list of leadership accomplishments, provided our weekly Inspirational Moment in absolute bonding with the program of the day. He quoted President John F. Kennedy, who in spite of significant back problems, was a Lt. J.G. in the Navy and who said, "I can imagine no more rewarding or worthwhile effort than serving in the U.S. Navy."

Brandon Horrocks, along with the **Club 33 Singers**, then led us in the Pledge and the *Grand Ole Flag*. Very sadly we learned that Brandon is leaving Club 33 after this meeting to move to Utah. We will miss you, Brandon!

Mark Burgess delivered the news of the day to us with a smile and aplomb. The news was sponsored by **Eric Schweinfurter** of Apex Contracting and Restoration. Then President Bob applauded the very successful first City Heights Soccer Tournament, chaired by **Nick Bernal** and **Daniel Amaro**. Eighteen teams and two hundred kids joyfully participated. The City Heights Rotaract Club was recognized for achieving the status of Best Rotaract Club in District 5340. President Bob told us of the very fun Grotarian event at Petco Park, thanking **Cari McCormick** for her 4 years of exemplary service as chair. He next reminded us of the upcoming tennis tournament on June 20th (sign up on our website by June 18.) Finally, he warned the audience that the past presidents had experienced a preview of the **Suzy Spafford**'s year to come and that they were thoroughly dazzled.

Addressing his Club 33 President History, President Bob reported, in one of life's little ironies, that our 50th president Phil Klauber wanted the club's administration better prepared, including what to do when the p.a. system did not function!

Bob Fletcher recruited help for his Fish Across the Border committee, now renamed to "Helping Hands Across the Border". This project has been very successful for 25 years, with a new goal of providing 1500 bags this coming year!

Two new members were welcomed with their self-introductions: **Robert C. Fletcher, Jr.**, and **Robert D. "Bobby" Marsh**. You can read about them on page 3.

President Bob introduced the Rotarian of the Quarter: following the heritage of his Rotarian grandfather and father, Realtor and Import/Exporter, past #15 World Body Surfer, and our History Chair for the past 10 years, **Steve Porter**! Congratulations, Steve!

Chair of the Day **Tom Gehring** then took the podium. Born in Germany and growing up in France, Tom became a Navy officer in 1976 and spent 18 years in submarines and big ships. After a career at Booz Allen Hamilton and then as CEO the San Diego City Medical Society for 14 years, Tom helped found Destination Care San Diego with **Malin Burnham** to encourage medical tourism to San Diego. Tom did the honor of introducing our Speaker of the Day, Admiral **Yancy B. Lindsey**, Commander of the Navy Region Southwest.

Admiral Lindsey quickly took command of the podium. He is also known as the "Navy Mayor" of San Diego, and it is easy to see why. With a scary video on landing a speeding jet on a sea-tossed moving ship deck, he shared that this is what he has done for 32 years. The world we currently live in, he confessed, is very different from the 1989 world, when the Berlin Wall came down and we all thought we were "safe." What we did, he said, is take our eyes off the ball. Today's world is very complicated and competitive, challenging and provocative. It is a "2+3" World. The "2" greatest competitive peers are Russia and China. The "3" greatest next challenges are Iran, North Korea and Isis. In December 2017, a new National Security Policy and new National Defense Strategy were put in place. The strategies now drive the budget, no longer the reverse.

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Jamie Quient
President & Managing
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Free to Thrive

Breaking Down Barriers in Access to Justice for Human Trafficking Survivors

This program will discuss the legal barriers faced by human trafficking survivors on our justice system including the criminal law, family law and dependency systems. It will also highlight the changes in the law and the progress that has been made to break down those barriers and build opportunities for survivors. It will highlight the voice of a survivor-advocate who will share her own story and her work empowering formerly incarcerated individuals.

Free to Thrive is a nonprofit organization that empowers survivors of human trafficking to be free from exploitation and thrive by providing them with legal services and connections to additional support.



Sylvia DuBeau
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS



Club 33 Tennis - Round 2
Wednesday, June 20
from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Club 33 members, family members and friends are welcome to join us for the second round of our tournament at the Balboa Tennis Club at Morley Field in Balboa Park.

[Click here](#) for more event details and to register. Please contact Bruce Hunt at 619.200.5565 or brucea-hunt@prodigy.net if you have any questions.

2018-19 Committee Sign-Up

Sign up for a committee for the new Rotary year 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.

BIRTHDAYS

June

Evan Wahl	18
Steve Mueller	18
Pete Ellsworth	19
Laura Wills Ochoa	22
Larry Clapper	24

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We want to be predictable for our allies and unpredictable for our enemies. There are 6 attributes needed: BIGGER, BETTER, NETWORKED, AGILE, TRAINED, READY.

Facilities also adapt to today. Examples: Hyatt Place in Washington, D.C. is a large very expensive lot that includes not only the hotel of name, but fire department Engine Co. #13 and a childcare and education center on the ground floor. Vacant land on the south end of the Coronado peninsula is a new world-class training center for Seals and Special Warfare. Across from the Midway Museum a collaboration with the Manchester Group provides the developer a 99-year lease and structures for a 17-story government facility and offices, a boutique hotel, a large hotel, and uses that will provide the City of San Diego tax revenues of approximately \$30,000,000. The 60-acre SPAWAR facility is under study for development.

The Admiral confessed to concerns with Russia--not good understandings, not good relations. Our military "likes to play Away Games, not Home Games." We are growing in San Diego. Fifty-nine ships is becoming 70 ships. Thirteen thousand new personnel and families will need affordable housing in San Diego, an enormous problem. The loss of 17 service men when the two navy ships collided generated a significant review, analysis and assessment to create both technology and training that will prevent any such recurrence.

Gracefully answering questions, Admiral Lindsey was applauded off the podium. President Bob left us in honor of Father's Day with the word from George Strait: "A father's love is without end."

*We are saddened to announce that Club 33 member and Past President **Bert Whalen** is extremely ill with cancer. He and his family would welcome notes and cards, but please no visitors or calls.*

Bert has been a member of our club since 1970 and was President in 1982-83. He was also our club's newscaster for 38 years.

Past MacLaggan Award Winner Fredirico Castro passed away on May 29. He was most proud of the award that the Club bestowed upon him for his humanitarian service in benefit of children.

CALENDAR

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

June

21 *Jamie Quient, Free to Thrive*

28 *President Bob's Roast*

July

5 *DARK*

12 *Change of Command*

GROTARIAN EVENTS

AleSmith Brewery
July 10 5:30 pm—7:30 pm
Cost \$25
9990 AleSmith Court
(formerly Empire Street)
San Diego, CA 92126

Join the Grotarians for an evening of fun and good cheer! We will tour AleSmith Brewing Company's 106,000 square foot brewing facility, which is the second largest facility in San Diego County. This will be a guided tour of their world-class unforgettable brewery. The tour is approximately 45 minutes and covers the entire brewing process from wort creation, fermentation, filtration, carbonation, bottling, packaging, and more. The tour also includes an AleSmith commemorative pint glass and a fill of your favorite AleSmith beer from their year-round lineup. After the tour, while we enjoy our beer and have light appetizers.

[Click here](#) to register.

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

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MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest members to the club:



Bobby brought along his fan club for his first day as a Club 33 Rotarian.

Bobby Marsh—“Marine Technology.” Bobby is a Sales Manager for DeepSea Power & Light LLC. His company sells lights and cameras for oceanography expeditions and studies.

Bobby is the founder the Foothill High School Interact Club and past president of two Rotaract clubs (SDSU and San Diego). He was first introduced to Club 33 in 2010 by Chuck Pretto. It was then that Bobby knew he would one day join this club.

His job requires him to regularly travel to different countries, and although it can be lonely at times, Bobby finds comfort in visiting Rotary clubs in different cities. He enjoys discovering all of the things Rotarians do all over the world. He says, “There are always Rotarians helping, wherever you are.”

Chuck Pretto, Jim Hughes and Andy Hewitt were his sponsors.

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Rob (center) with President Bob and his father Bob Fletcher.

Robert Fletcher, Jr.—“Gas and Electric Service, Additional Active.” Rob is a Project Manager for Major Projects for SDG&E. He currently manages large electric transmission projects for the company.

Rob attended Pt. Loma High School, UC Santa Barbara for a BA in Environmental Studies, then moved to Scotland for a MA in Aquaculture.

He is a 4th generation Rotarian and Club 33 member. His great-grandfather Col. Ed Fletcher joined the club in 1918. This year marks the 100th year of the Fletchers being Club 33 members!

Bob Fletcher, Sr. was his sponsor.

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2018 PEACE AWARD



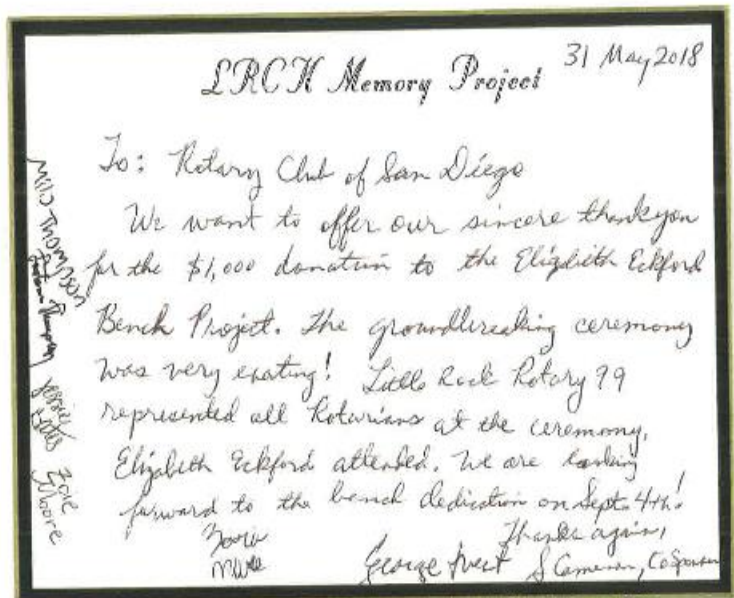
The Rotary Club’s Peace Committee is delighted to announce that the 4th Annual Peace Award will be presented on September 20, 2018. This year’s theme is Human Trafficking.

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.

A groundbreaking was held at Little Rock High School for a bench that will commemorate the anniversary of the integration of Little Rock High School by Elizabeth Eckford and the other students that were part of the "Little Rock Nine." We joined with other large clubs in donating to make the bench possible. A plaque thanking us and the other donors will be included when the bench is dedicated on September 4th.



BEST ROTARACT CLUB AWARD

Congratulations to City Heights Rotaract for receiving the first Rotaract Club of the Year Award! This is a big accomplishment for such a new club. Marge Cole of the Mission Valley Sunset Club and our own **Chuck Pretto** deserve a lot of credit for helping these young adults get the club off the ground in 2015.



FACES IN OUR CROWD



(Left) Past President Chuck Pretto showing his support for the day's program; (center) Chair of the Day Tom Gehring with President Bob and Admiral Lindsey; Brandon Horrocks led us in the Pledge and patriotic song for the last time; (far right) like Chuck, **Nancy Scott** wore her patriotic best.



(Left) President Bob presented Steve Porter with the Rotarian of the Quarter Award; (right) Steve with family members: his mother Kay Porter, his brother Ross Porter, and his uncle **Jim Hall**.



(Left) Past President **George Gildred** introduced President Elect **Suzy Spafford** to Chilean naval officers Captain Daniel Munoz and LTCDR Nicolas Boisier; (right) new member Bobby Marsh with his sponsor Chuck Pretto, his parents, and friends.



(Left) **Wayne Goodermote** chats with the Admiral; (right) Admiral Lindsey poses for a photo with visiting Rotarians Eddie and Maria Rodriguez and Lt. Natalia Widulinski.

