

A Conservative Viewpoint



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Editor

It was a topsy-turvy Rotary Thursday as **President Suzy** chaired her first full meeting. Our speaker, Carl DeMaio, was nowhere to be seen as the clock crept perilously close to 12:30pm--and he had asked to be first on the agenda to fit his schedule! Our new Prez, taking executive action, walked over to **Joyce Gattas** and I and said, "He's not here yet! Would the two of you go up and talk about San Diego State." YIKES! We replied, "Whatever it takes! We'll figure something out!" As we were scrambling our brains for a program worthy of Club 33, in strides our speaker. WHEW!

We were finally called to order. **Ellis Smith** gave a very heart-warming inspirational message that spoke to friends and friendships and their importance in our lives. It was a touching reminder of the third of our Four Way Test – *Will it build goodwill and better friendships*. We saluted our Flag, remembering how fortunate we are to live free. Thanks to Bryan Verhoye and the **Club 33 Singers** for guiding us through *American the Beautiful*. **Mark Burgess** brought us the news and a pretty good IRS joke, but then they are a pretty easy target. (Am I being kind enough, Mark?) Thank you to President Elect **David Oates** and Stalwart Communications for sponsoring the News this week. In keeping with her promise last week, President Suzy has included an *Art & Music Moment* in each week's agenda. A beautiful watercolor painting, *Sloop Bermuda*, by Winslow Homer appeared on the big screen. She spoke of its beautiful brush strokes, use of color, light, and shadows. Thanks, Suzy, for introducing a weekly infusion of arts and culture into our programs.

Chair of the Day **Wes Wilmers** presented our two visiting Rotarians, all the way from the La Jolla Triangle Club, with a potpourri of gifts to share. Wes introduced Carl DeMaio. Mr. DeMaio hosts a daily radio show on NewsRadio 600 KOGO and is the Chairman of Reform California, a grassroots movement working to repeal the gas tax and tackle state-wide fiscal reform policy.

His message was a simple one. He agreed that Californian is blessed with both an abundance of asset and self-inflicted problems and feels our State politicians and bureaucrats are not keeping promises made. People are leaving California due to our cost-of-living, high taxes, mandated fees, staunch regulations, poor housing decisions, and an out-of-control homeless population. He quoted a \$779 per year per person increase in home budgets if Prop 6 isn't repealed. He warned funds are being diverted to areas in transportation and light rail, even with ridership loss to Uber and Lyft. Ridership is down while overhead remains high, with promised high-speed rail decades away. His solution is to repeal Prop 6. As legislation, Prop. 6 would require voter approval for fuel and vehicle taxes and apply retroactively to 2017, effectively eliminating taxes and fees enacted through the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, also known as SB 1. Here is some light reading ...<https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/07/13/prop-6-in-ca-will-spark-turnout-battle-that-could-set-fate-of-u-s-house/>.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Road_Repair_and_Accountability_Act

While Rotary is not a forum for politics in its purest form, this is a very political and important issue. It is complicated, and passions run high on both sides. It deserves study by each and every one of us.

Fortunately, President Suzy brought us back down to earth. She dinged **Sandy Purdon** an appropriate fine for being the father of the Big Boom Bay Fourth of July fireworks, now over 25 years old and drawing half a million people to the waterfront to watch pyrotechnics erupting in our night-time sky. Congratulations were bestowed on past-president **Bonnie Schwartz** by Club 33 Golf Tournament chairman **Rich Donnelly**. Rich lauded Bonnie for her second-time win, to which she reminded him – "This is my *THIRD* win." Thanks to all who work on this fun and fellowship event. Ask Rich to tell you why the San Diego Country Club was in Chula Vista and *not* in San Diego. Great tale.

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Next Meeting

July 26, 2018

The International Youth Symphony

Entering its 14th year, the annual International Youth Symphony is a partnership program between the San Diego Youth Symphony and Rotary District 5340 International Youth Exchange. It brings musicians from across the globe together with SDYS' most advanced musicians for a two-week intensive music experience.

Last summer, twenty-two international musicians joined twelve SDYS students to create a unique orchestra, comprised of exceptionally talented student musicians led by SDYS Music Director Jeff Edmons for two weeks of rehearsals and a variety of recitals and concerts in the community.

This will be the group's fourth year performing for us. Do not miss it!



Larry Hoeksema
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS

2018-19 Committee Sign-Up

If you have not yet signed up for a committee this year, [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.

Annual All-Chair Committee Meeting—July 26, 1:30 pm

Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, and Vice-Chairs are encouraged to attend this meeting that will immediately follow our program. President Suzy and President Elect David Oates will provide a summary of their plans for the year and discuss the August 23 Club Assembly. Youth Protection Chair Larry Hoeksema will also review the latest Youth Certification requirements.



SAVE THE DATE!

**Tuesday, August 28
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Club 33 Doubles Tennis**

All levels of play are welcome. Registration

details and site of play will be available by Aug. 1. Please contact [Bruce Hunt](#) if you have any questions.

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This meeting was our annual visit from the Hoover Cardinal Interact freshman class. There are over 300 students in this program and the 50 new freshman members were with us today. Students call the Interact Club their second home, a safe and welcoming place. Hoover Interact chair **David Kvendru** introduced the freshman class and thanked **Robert Price** and Price Philanthropies for their partnership and \$700,000 investment to date in the future of these bright, young people. So far, private scholarship grants of \$450,000 have been meted out. One success story is of Luis Lopez, a kid who had no role models, had made poor choices, had a 1.0 average, and saw real disappointment in his Dad's eyes. He joined the Interact Club and is graduating with several scholarship offers. He will be attending UCLA this fall with a 4.1 average and a goal to return to San Diego and teach math. And this is just one of the many reasons we support *Service Above Self*. Thanks to David and the entire Interact Committee for such great work.

Welcome to new member **Marie Raftery**, and thanks to **Amnon Ben-Yehuda** for sparking her interest in Club 33. Marie is a very successful entrepreneur, philanthropist, and will be a great addition to our club. Thanks to **Sheriff Bill Gore** for alerting your editor to a Sundance film in theaters today. *Three Identical Strangers* is a gripping new movie in which our very own **Natasha Josefowitz** plays a role. Google it!!

CALENDAR

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

July

26 International Youth Symphony

August

2 Rockwell Herron, Special Agent, DEA

9 Pam Becker, Executive Director, Canine Companions for Independence

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Annual Poolside Chat

Date: Tuesday August 7

Time: 5:30 pm—7:30 pm

Cost: Free

Location: Residence of Mike Conner and Judy Thompson (address to be provided to attendees prior to event)

This event is for Grotarians only. Please no spouses or guests.


Red Badgers – please come and learn more about Club 33 and our Committees as we enjoy some fellowship poolside! We will have 8-10 Committee Chairs speak about their committees, what their committees do, and how you as a committee member can help. It will be an informative but fun evening for all who attend.

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

BIRTHDAYS

July

Suzy Spafford	23
Denis Vanier	23
Troy Wilson	23
Craig Evanco	23
Courtney Liddy	24
Jim Kidrick	26
Ellis Smith	26
Ricardo da Rosa	26
Julia Holladay	28



Our 2018-2019 member roster is now available. You can pick one up at the check-in desk at our Thursday meetings or at the Rotary office. They will not be mailed. Don't forget that you can also find the most current roster information in our online directory located on our website.

San Diego Rotary
Club 33 Roster 2018-2019

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MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



Amnon Ben-Yehuda, Marie Raftery and President Suzy

Marie Raftery—“**Healthcare Management-Dental.**” Marie is the President and CEO of Smart Management III, a dental office management company.

Marie is originally from Boston, Massachusetts. She attended Bridgewater State College and SDSU.

She started Smart Management in 1987, owning and managing dental offices in the San Diego Area. In 2000, she sold five of her offices to a national/public company and then started three more.

Marie is currently Chair of the Board for the Jewish Family Service. She has three adult sons who reside in Boston, and three grandchildren.

Amnon Ben-Yehuda, Dick Eger and Alan Spector were her sponsors.

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Hello from Salisbury, North Carolina!

Former Club 33 member of 39 years, Steve Hubbard, sends a warm greeting to all. Past President **Stan Hartman** recently visited with Steve and his wife Lee Ann and enjoyed a wonderful meal at Hendrix BBQ. They'd love more visitors so be sure and look them up if you are ever in town!



FACES IN OUR CROWD

Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor



(Left) President Suzy (and Joyce Gattas) grateful that Joyce was willing to step in as last minute speaker if necessary; (center) **Paul Hartley** with new Hoover Interact member, Brisa; (right) Sandy Purdon was fortunate to be the first member fined in Suzy's year.



(Left) Chair of the Day Wes Wilmers gifts two visiting Rotarians from La Jolla; (right) guest speaker Carl DeMaio addresses the gas tax repeal.



(Left) Past President Bonnie Schwartz was the winner of the 2018 Club 33 Golf Tournament; (right) President Suzy and Hoover Interact Chair David Kvendru presented pins and certificates to fifty new Hoover Interact members.