

I Choose My Future!



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Editor

Poignant words for us as Rotarians and for us as members of society today, especially given the topic of today's speaker, DEA Special Agent Rocky Herron. More on that to follow.

President **Suzy Spafford** called the meeting to order right on schedule, albeit with a soft clang of the Rotary Bell. Past President **Chuck "Rocket Man" Pretto** gave today's Inspirational Moment. Chuck, happy to see Prez Suzy using his stool, told us he "aspires to inspire before he expires". Chuck was joined by his lovely wife Kimberly, his son and daughter-in-law and his two darling twin granddaughters.

Thank you **Dom Addario** for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the *Star Spangled Banner*, with masterful accompaniment by **Greg Zinser**. More thanks to **Jim Fitzpatrick** and San Diego Magazine for sponsoring today's News, which was ably given by not-so-cub reporter **Mark Burgess**.

President Suzy fined President-Elect **David Oates** (in an undisclosed amount) for promoting his guest Brittany Catton's camps with [Sunlight Retreats](#), and new member **Rick Chatham** was introduced. Rick is a huge proponent of volunteering, which will make him a perfect fit in Club 33. Suzy then turned the podium over to Past President **John Morell**, the outgoing Chair of our own San Diego Rotary Club Foundation. John reviewed our 2017-2018 Annual Foundation Report.

Keeping with the "I choose my future" theme, Club 33 members, you choose your futures, and the future of Rotary, and you have chosen well! You all give of your time, talent and treasure, and you give a heck of a lot! The 2017-18 report tells an amazing story. Our Club is the leading philanthropic service club in San Diego. Last year, your generosity was overwhelming. Our Club's fund-raising efforts for the year, including annual member donations to Club 33 and Rotary International, the Auction, and endowment proceeds totaled more than **\$700,000!** This allowed our Club to spend \$131,990 on Youth Service, \$53,366 on

Vocational Service, \$34,882 on Community Service and \$32,586 on International Service. Add to that the generous donations we made to the hospital in Uganda, 500 trees planted at the Zoo's Safari Park, monies for Polio Plus and natural disasters in Texas, Puerto Rico and northern California wildfire relief. Wow! Yes, a big time wow! Be proud Rotarians, and keep up the great work. John closed with a request that we attend the Auction on Nov. 29th, drink a bit of vino, and raise those paddles.

Suzy then introduced our Chair of the Day Sheriff **Bill Gore**. Bill welcomed two visiting Rotarians from Mesa, Arizona with a nice bottle of wine that had a Sheriff's badge emblem and was from a winery founded by San Diego's first Sheriff. He also included a tee shirt from the downtown "Bed & Breakfast" he runs. Bill then introduced our speaker of the day, DEA Special Agent Rocky Herron. Rocky grew up in San Diego and even spent time at the Suzy's Zoo warehouse as a youngster. Rocky has spent his entire career with the DEA and has never questioned his decision. His work with the DEA has taken him to South America and Mexico, but he always seems to wind up back in San Diego.

The statistics Rocky shared with us about this country's drug problems were shocking. There are presently 64,000 drug overdose deaths this year, up from 10,000 in 1990 and 35,000 in 2007. The United States leads the world with 25% of the world's overdose drug deaths. We saw pictures of the normal, everyday folks, including many children, who overdosed on drugs. Those faces really brought his message home. Today's new scourge is synthetic and fake pills being smuggled into the US every day. Opioids, including synthetic opioids, are leading the forefront of this horrible epidemic. This includes incredibly powerful drugs such as fentanyl and carfentanil, an elephant tranquilizer. Carfentanil is a synthetic opioid that is 10,000 times more potent than morphine and 100 times more potent than fentanyl, which itself is 50 times more potent than heroin.

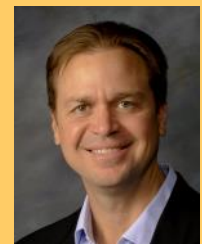
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Next Meeting

August 9, 2018

Pam Becker
Executive Director,
Canine Companions for
Independence

There are technologies available to help people with disabilities, but none compare to a Canine Companions assistance dog, transforming the art of healing through a cold nose and a warm heart. Learn how Canine Companions for Independence help people with physical disabilities, as well as veterans with PTSD, by providing service dogs at no cost to the recipient. We will also meet a veteran whose life has been made better by his Canine Companions service dog, Hurley.



Mark Stuart
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS

DEAR VETERANS OF SAN DIEGO ROTARY,

The Military Affairs Committee would like to compile a list of Club members that are Veterans for future outreach. Please click this link and take a very brief survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ClubVeteranSurvey>

Thank you for your past service, support and participation.

CLUB 33 DOUBLES TENNIS

Tuesday, August 28
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Barnes Tennis Center
Cost: \$15 per person



All levels of play are welcome!
[Click here to register](#). Please contact [Bruce Hunt](#) if you have any questions.

BIRTHDAYS

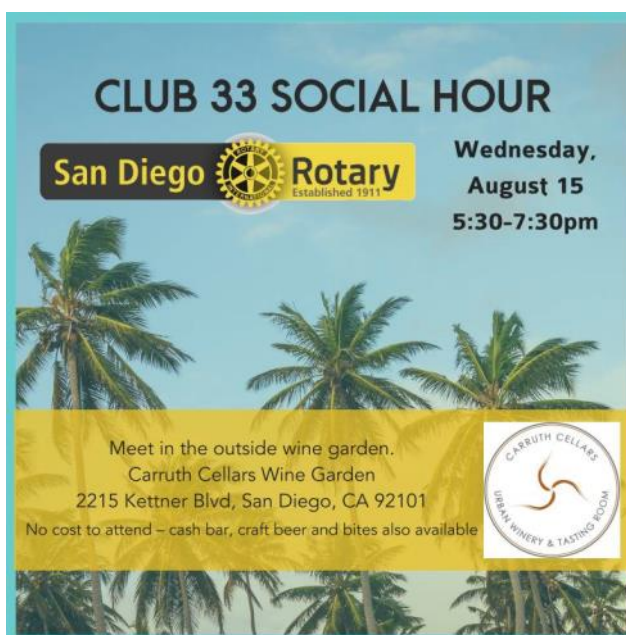
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What can we do? Rocky's message to us was, in the words of Crosby, Stills & Nash, "teach your children well" – about the evils and dangers of substance abuse. And that is just what Rocky does as frequently as he can--speak to children about this problem. Rocky's theme is simple – "I choose my future". Thank you Rocky, and thank you Rotarians, for choosing your and our futures!

[Click here to read the complete 2017-2018 Annual Foundation Report](#)



Location: Carruth Cellars Wine Garden
2215 Kettner Blvd. SD 92101
No cost to attend - cash bar, craft beers and bites also available.

We hope to see you there—bring a guest!

CALENDAR

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

August

- 9 **Pam Becker, Executive Director, Canine Companions for Independence**
- 16 **Dr. Anup Katheria, Sharp, Neonatal Research Institute**
- 23 **Annual Committee Showcase /District Governor Mel Gallegos**

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Elephant Odyssey Bridge Deck at the San Diego Zoo
Date: Tuesday, September 18
Time: 5:00 pm—7:00 pm
Cost: \$30 per person

Join the Grotarians for a roaring good time at the San Diego Zoo! We will walk across the new Elephant Odyssey Bridge to a private lounge area. It is a 450 foot bridge that connects the two sides of the zoo. When you look down from the bridge, you will have a great view of the pandas. The fun continues at the private lounge area, where we will have a presentation and animal encounter while enjoying beverages and appetizers.

Space is limited therefore each member is limited to one guest.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Give the Gift of Rotary
Prospective Member Reception
September 6
11:15—noon

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

Are you ready to bring in a new member? The club has designed a **NEW ONLINE SPONSOR QUESTIONNAIRE** form which is easier to fill out and to submit. The link to the form can be found on our website under New Member Application Forms here <https://www.sandiegorotary.club/about-us/member-information/>.



The image shows a screenshot of a web form titled "San Diego Rotary Club - Sponsor Questionnaire". The form includes fields for "Date", "Sponsor's Name", "Sponsor's Phone Number", "Sponsor's Email", "Name of Proposed Member", "Proposed Member's Occupation and Title", "Proposed Member's Employer", "Is the Employer a 501(c)(3)?", and "Proposed Member's Address". There are also checkboxes for "YES" and "NO" for the employer status.

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



Rick Chatham—"Real Estate Development-Baja." Rick is the Director of US Sales and Marketing for Atisa Group, an industrial development company in Baja focused on the Blue Ocean Strategy of creating new cross-border opportunities.

Rick is a former member of the Rotary Club of Lancaster. He graduated from Whitman College and received an MBA from Pepperdine University. In his spare time, he does motivational speaking engagements.

Rick enjoys hiking, video games, playing piano/guitar/ and singing on his worship team at his church. He and his wife Olivia enjoy the theatre. He even writes and choreographs musicals.

David Oates was his sponsor.
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YOUTH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS



San Diego Rotary Club 33 has over **50 Committees**. Of those, **fully one half** are involved, in one way or another, and at one time or another, with **YOUTH** in our community!

Because so many members of our Club have committed themselves, together with other family members and friends, to volunteering their time and talents through involvement with youth, **Rotary's Youth Protection Policies and processes** take on considerable significance. Through the course of our members' service in our local communities and neighborhoods, and by entrusting a young person to our care and supervision in safeguarding them from suffering emotional, mental or physical harm, youth protection is of the **highest priority!**

This Youth Certification information sheet includes a list our Club's committees in which youth may be involved, **along with several other specific Youth Exchange activities (i.e., members who serve as host families)**. These are the committees and activities which require the **"CERTIFICATION"** of any and all Club 33 members, family members or friends, who could be involved with youth through the course of their committee service. The information also explains the process for completing the application, including undergoing a background check, and training and testing for becoming compliant with current Youth Protection policies. In support of our Club's efforts regarding certification, the District will maintain an electronic file of all applications received, background checks conducted and training completed.

Your timely compliance is imperative and deeply appreciated. Please feel free to contact the club's Youth Protection Chair [Larry Hoeksema](#) if you have any questions. Thank you.

GIRL SCOUTS COMMITTEE



July 30, 2018—Our Girl Scout committee members at ArtBot day camp with Brownie Girl Scouts.
(from top left: Sue Goldstein, Suzanne Frontz, Suzy Spafford, Jo Dee Jacob, Judy Thompson)

FACES IN OUR CROWD

Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor



(Left) Past President Chuck Pretto presented us with the Inspirational Moment and told us what inspires him...his family (center); (right) Sheila Herron, **Daryl Ferguson**, Gingy Ferguson, **Jack Carpenter**, Karen Flowers (San Diego's DEA Special Agent in Charge), **Betty Peabody** and **Divya Kakaiya**.



(Left) **Tracy Sundlun** brought Olympic Medalist Al Joyner to lunch; (right) President Suzy with former Club 33 member Brian Lange.



(Left) Sheriff Bill Gore's gift to our visiting Rotarians was a bottle of wine that honored San Diego's first ever Sheriff, Agoston Haraszthy; (right) guest speaker Special Agent Rocky Herron met with several intrigued Rotarians after the program to further discuss his drug education program for children.