

A Special Salute



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Editor

It was a wonderful red, white, and blue day for Club 33 as we hosted military personnel from all ranks, demographics, and walks of life. **President Suzy** called us to order, welcomed the many guests in the audience, and asked **Caitlin Root** for an Inspirational Moment. Caitlin's message was to be thankful for all our blessings. How fitting while surrounded by those who keep us safe and out of harm's way.

When Chair of the Day **Doug Tabor** called up the MCRD Color Guard and Colors, everyone stood a bit taller and felt very proud to live in a free and democratic society. A Moment of Silence reminded us of those lost from times past and present. The audience was replete with stars and bars. President Suzy welcomed the military commanding officers, veterans, and guests. As Marine Band San Diego played a medley for all the Services, veterans and active duty personnel in the audience stood to be recognized.

This week's Art and Music Moment featured work from our very own Veteran's Village. Thanks to **Mike Caruso** for touring President Suzy around the facility. VVSD has served all veterans since 1981 and is dedicated to "Leave No One Behind." With five locations throughout San Diego County, VVSD is the only program of its kind in the United States and is nationally recognized as the leader in serving homeless military veterans. Each year, VVSD provides services to more than 2,000 military veterans throughout the County of San Diego.

Our president was particularly taken by one piece of work called *Coming Home*, a mural that featured all five military branches and was emblematic of the emotions of military personnel returning home to San Diego.

Don't forget it's Club 33 election time! Online ballots will be emailed to you on Monday, November 12th. Be sure to complete it and



! Those elected will be

introduced at our December 20th meeting.

Past President and Foundation Chair **Bob Russell** gave a club Foundation and Bequests Society update. The 100 Bequest members have left a bequest in their will/trust to our club. This year, \$425,000 has been donated either through members' bequests or proceeds from our holiday auction, which takes place on November 29th. These monies are the major funder of our project allocations grants. Be sure you have included Club 33 in your estate plans.

Chair of the Day and chair of our Military Affairs Committee, Doug Tabor, returned to the podium. His gift to our Rotarian from the farthest distance – Queensland, Australia (*really* fair away) – was a "No on W" (for safe and clean water) political sign, which he admitted was a terrible gift. He apologized by presenting the Aussie with a fresh apple pie from the Julian Pie Company. *Now that's a tasty prize!*

Doug introduced **BGen Ryan P. Heritage**, Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego/Western Recruiting Region. General Heritage said he felt humbled speaking to our group, many of whom are veterans, living testimonials to that which makes our nation so great. We learned that on Saturday, Nov 10th, the United States Marine Corps celebrated its 243rd birthday. Happy Birthday to all Marines! Semper Fi. Bells will have tolled 21 times at 11AM on 11/11 in all time zones — exactly 100 years since the armistice that ended the Great War — to honor the 4.7 million Americans who served and 116,516 who died in the conflict. We learned that over 240,500 veterans live in the city of San Diego and more than 13% of the County population are vets, the third-highest number of veteran residents than another other county in the nation. The General also honored those serving in Peacetime, veterans all, unique and special in their own light, but having much in common — understanding each other in a way others frequently cannot.

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Next Meeting

NOVEMBER 15, 2018

FERN STREET CIRCUS

**John Highkin,
Executive Director**

Fern Street Circus is San Diego's single-ring social circus, a professional circus and musical troupe which performs and teaches circus in underserved neighborhoods. In its just completed annual Neighborhood Tour, the Circus mixes adult professional artists with students they teach free-of-charge in City Heights.

Participants co-create every aspect of the Circus, using their own talents and available resources, working in public locations, creating visible community.

Join us to learn more about this program that is part of a global movement in creating social change. We will also get to witness student wire walkers, an acrobat/tumbling student and a foot juggler showcase their talents!



**Jack Berkman
Chair of the Day**

QUICK BITS



Our next **TENNIS TOURNAMENT** is on Thursday, November 15 from 5:30-7:00pm, at the Barnes Tennis Center. Round robin doubles will be the format again. Cost is \$15 per person. [Click here](#) to join us!



Join our 2018 HOLIDAY CHORUS for a Duckport Celebration!

It's once again time to think about the holiday season and what better way for you to get involved in the spirit of the season than by joining the Holiday Chorus for our annual Rotary Holiday Program. The program this year is on December 20 at Liberty Station and we need your help to make it an experience to remember.

You don't have to be a music star or have any special training. If you love holiday music and even enjoy just singing in your car or shower, then we would like you to join us in the Holiday Chorus.

Rehearsals begin on November 19 at 5:30pm—[click here](#) for more details!

BIRTHDAYS

November

Malin Burnham	12
Fred Frye	12
Keith McKenzie	13
Linnea Arrington	14
Sharon Hilliard	15
Kristen Ford	15
Andy Fichthorn	16
Steve Coopersmith	17

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General Heritage invited the audience to visit MCRD and put our fitness prowess to work on the Depot's obstacle course. On a gentler note, observing a recruit graduation - <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/gradinfo> - is a truly memorable experience. Your editor can vouch for the pride and emotion felt watching young graduates parade past their families and friends in the reviewing stands.

The General feels San Diego is particularly blessed. The Armed Forces have been part of what makes San Diego 'America's Finest City' as long as it has been part of the United States. From early U.S. Army Cavalry guarding the border and Coastal Artillery protecting our harbor and shores, to the arrival of the Fleet, and its accompanying Marines at the beginning of the last century, through the huge expansion of the Second World War - much of what makes San Diego special has involved the armed forces, veterans and families. Those who serve or have served are both proud and protective of the place they hold in their hearts and of the place they call home.

The General concluded by thanking all those who support our active duty service members and veterans. Not only family and friends, but as importantly, a committed and engaged community - for all that is done to improve quality of life. Future job prospects for our vets is appreciated as well. The club's support for veterans, the program and projects of your Military Affairs Committee, and initiatives like that of Rotarian **Phil Blair** and Manpower to mentor and support transitioning veterans through the job search process do not go unnoticed or unappreciated.



Officer and Board Election Begins Monday, November 12 Ends Friday, December 14

Check your inbox on November 12 for the online ballot and candidate information for this year's election. You will have until midnight on December 14 to submit your vote electronically. Results will be announced at the Holiday Party on December 20.

CALENDAR

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

November

15 *Fern St. Circus*

22 *DARK—No meeting*

29 *Auction*

December

6 *Rafael Castellanos-Port of San Diego*

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



Club 33 Holiday Celebration at the Timken Museum
December 4 5:30pm

The Grotarian Committee and the Club 33 Social Hour Committee are organizing a holiday celebration at the Timken Museum and you are all invited!

Docents will guide us through the museum's wonderful "Jewels of the Season" holiday ornament display and their special exhibition, Rococo Rivals & Revivals. There will be adult beverages and delicious food, including a carving station, mash potato bar, and plenty of other wonderful treats. This will be an evening of good cheer and merriment!

[Click here](#) for more event details and to register early. **Registration closes on Nov. 27.**

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

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It is time to gather for our

*Giving Thanks, Giving Back
Annual Auction Luncheon*

November 29th, 2018
11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

The Fun includes Champaign & Mimosas,
Silent & Live Auction & an Opportunity Drawings

***Reminder....**

We are asking all members of Club 33 for 3 things.

1. To attend the Giving Thanks, Giving Back annual luncheon on 11/29/18
2. To Give or Get a donation item. Be creative!!!
[2018 Rotary Auction Donation Form](#)
3. To donate a bottle of quality wine, minimum 92 pts. There is the option of a \$50 donation in lieu of the wine. (Email--- accounting@rotary33.org)

**IMPORTANT: BECAUSE WE ARE DARK THE WEEK BEFORE THE AUCTION (NOV 22),
PLEASE BRING IN YOUR AUCTION ITEMS (INCLUDING ALL WINE, BASKETS, CERTIFI-
CATES, ETC.) TO THE
NOVEMBER 15 MEETING AT LIBERTY STATION
THANK YOU**



CLUB 33 SOCIAL HOUR

Join us this Wednesday at Modern Times Beer at 5:30pm! Guests and new potential members are always welcome at these open events!



CAMP ENTERPRISE LEGACY APPLICATIONS



Legacy nominations are now open for Camp Enterprise 2019

Club 33 Rotarians - If you'd like to nominate a high school junior in your family or close circle of friends to attend Camp Enterprise 2019, now is the time to act! The legacy nomination form is available on the Rotary website here: <https://www.sandiegorotary.club/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/RCE-LEGACY-NOMINATION-2019.pdf>

Nominations are due BEFORE DECEMBER 7, 2018, so please ACT NOW. If you have questions, contact Bridget Meckley at bameckley@outlook.com.

FACES IN OUR CROWD

Annual Salute to Military Program

Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor



(Left) Chair of the Day Doug Taber, President Suzy and guest speaker General Heritage; (center) Caitlin Root presented our Inspirational Moment; (right) our Greeters welcomed all of our special military guests.

