

A Quiet Powerhouse On The Bay



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Editor

What unit of government manages 34 miles of waterfront, comprising 2,403 acres of land, 3,535 acres of water and nearly 800 businesses? Well, if you made this week's meeting you'd know. If you didn't, read on!

Prez Suzy call the meeting to order, quoting our own **Nancy Scott** that the Club was the place where "good people do good things"! The Prez then introduced **Luisa McCarthy** to deliver the Inspirational Moment. Luisa brought along retired US Navy Chief Stuart Hedley to make her point. You definitely knew this 97-year-old Navy Veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor was a Chief because he all but shouted his inspirational views!

Larry Hoeksema asked us to pay tribute to the life of President Bush as he led the Pledge. Then Larry helped us belt out the *Star Spangled Banner*, accompanied by Music Man **Greg Zinser**. Next up was **Mark Burgess** and the news sponsored this week by our own Rotary Legend **Bill McDade**. (Note – Mark is still working on the humor.) The Prez, **Lauren Lek** and Ava Van Vechten (daughter of our own **Charlie Van Vechten**) eased us into the Art & Music Moment. Ava is a senior at Our Lady of Peace and quite the talented artist.

Announcements followed... and there were a lot of them! Prez Suzy reminded us all that President Bush spoke to the Club in 1992. She also promoted the Club's annual Holiday program on December 20. Sure to be a crowd, remember to register your guests with the office! The Prez also had wonderful news about the Club auction results which garnered \$168,000 for the Foundation...a 35% increase over last year! Then there was the "**Jim Madaffer**" incident on national TV! Apparently Jim appeared on the Ellen Degeneres show without his Rotary pin costing him \$350 big ones! Kevin Cahill promo'd the Rotary [Model UN Program](#), requesting volunteers for this great Rotary service program. **Bridget Meckley** announced that Camp Enterprise Legacy

applications were available and due NOW. BTW, Bridget is recruiting Rotarians to volunteer for Camp. Please see her or **Christy White** if you are interested.

Wrapping up the announcements was **Tom Vecchione** who presented the prestigious 2018 MacLaggan Award to Dr. John Lamberti. This award recognizes the Rotarian who has provided outstanding lifetime services to children. Dr. Lamberti is a pediatric cardiac surgeon who served as the Division Chief of the Cardio Surgery Department and the Director of the Heart Institute at Rady Children's Hospital. He developed a cardio vascular program which has become one of the most recognized pediatric cardiac programs in the country.

Program time! Prez Suzy introduced the very prominent San Diegan, **G.T. Frost**, as Chair of the Day. After recognizing our visiting Rotarians, G.T. introduced our guest speaker, the Chair of the Board of Port Commissioner, the Honorable Rafael Castellanos.

Rafael chairs the Port Commission, which is comprised of seven members representing the cities that front the bay: San Diego, Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach and Coronado. This silent powerhouse is home to the San Diego Convention Center, 2 cargo terminals, 2 cruise terminals, 17 major hotels and resorts, 20 marinas and yacht clubs, and 70 restaurants employing over 43,000 workers. In 2015, all of this generated \$8.3 billion in direct economic impact to the region. And, they manage all of this without any taxpayer funded support. Revenues to manage and guard the Tideland resources are generated from leases and other enterprise agreements. In a way, the Port was the first in an amazingly successful design to govern collectively where there are overlapping jurisdiction. Formed by state statute in 1962 as arguably the first "joint powers agreement", Chair Castellanos walked up through the many and significant improvements and changes the Port is bringing to the Tidelands. We all left the meeting looking forward to what the future will bring to our beautiful Bay!

Next Meeting

DECEMBER 13

**JERRY SANDERS,
CEO
SAN DIEGO REGIONAL
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

Jerry Sanders will provide an update on the Chamber's activities in 2018 and review the recent general election and local events. He will also provide a look ahead at the Chamber's priorities for 2019 and a regional business outlook.



Barbara Noerenberg
Chair of the Day



**Don't forget to complete your
online ballot!**

**The Officer and Board election
began on Monday, November 12
CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR
THE BALLOT
VOTING ENDS THIS FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 14**

Results will be announced at the
Holiday Program on December 20.

QUICK BITS

A Duckport Holiday Celebration

CALENDAR


CLUB 33 SOCIAL HOUR

San Diego Rotary Established 1917

Wednesday,
December 12
5:30-7:30pm

Alesmith Brewing Company
9990 AleSmith Ct.,
San Diego, CA 92126

Cash bar and food available for purchase.



Join us on December 12 at Alesmith Brewing Company at 5:30pm for some fun and fellowship. Remember, guests and potential members are always welcome at these open events. It is a wonderful opportunity to be social and get to you know your fellow Rotarians better! No registration needed—just show up!



DECEMBER 20—ANNUAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

It's going to be a Duckport Holiday Celebration! Our holiday program is around the corner and our chorus has been hard at work on putting together a fabulous program for you. **Remember, this is a wonderful opportunity to invite your family, your children and your grandchildren to Rotary to celebrate the holidays with us!** Don't forget to let the Rotary office know if you will be bringing guests. [Click here to register them.](#)

2019 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY



The Rotary International Assembly Host Hospitality Night is scheduled for January 16, 2019. The District is seeking clubs/members to volunteer to host incoming District Governors-Elect (DGEs) from around the world. Take two or (you determine the number) for an evening of fellowship and dinner. You can host in your home, your club meeting site or a site of your choosing. You will be reimbursed \$20 for each guest you host. We guarantee the experience will be priceless! [Register](#) today! If you have any questions, you may direct them to Michelle Candland at michellecandland95@gmail.com.

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

December

13 Jerry Sanders— SD Regional Chamber of Commerce

20 Annual Holiday Program

27 Dark—No Meeting

January

3 Dark-No Meeting

10 State of the Investment Markets

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Grotarian Fireside Chat
January 29 5:30-7:30pm
Academy of Our Lady of Peace
4860 Oregon Street, SD 92116
Cost: Free
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 sit by the fire on a cool evening in San Diego. We will have 8-10 Committee Chairs speak about their committees, what their committees do, and how you as a committee member can help.

This is one way for you to find the committee that is the perfect fit for you, AND satisfy one of your permanent badge requirements!

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

BIRTHDAYS

December

Miro Copic	10
Treacy Sommer	11
Amnon Ben-Yehuda	11
Jerry Jessop	12
Dick Troncone	13
Mia Harenski	14
Andre Jimenez	14
Ray Higgins	15
Skip Hymes	15
Debbie Day	15
Kathleen Carroll	16
Dick Murphy	16
Claudia Obertreis	16

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

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IMPACT FUND for FLOOD VICTIMS

You may recall that shortly after we established our own Foundation, **Michelle Candland** had the idea of creating an Impact Fund to immediately assist people in need. She then generously donated to start the Fund, which was later added to by other members. The only time it had been used until now was to assist with expenses related to Monarch School graduate Zaphire Alonso when she was injured in a traffic accident in Mexico over three years ago. Since that time, we have been alert to other opportunities, but none has been compelling until the Thursday rains flooded the homeless shelter operated by the Alpha Project. Pete Ellsworth forwarded the following email from the Alpha Project Friday afternoon....

"I'm not sure if you've heard, but last night Alpha Project's shelter was flooded by the rain. What little the residents had is now gone. They lost everything. The 300 residents were moved to SDCCU Stadium in Mission Valley. The storm actually led to a hazmat response. [Here is the news story](#). Alpha Project is in desperate need of donations – clothing, blankets, hygiene items, socks, shoes, bottled water, as well as monetary donations so they can purchase additional supplies for the residents. You can drop off supplies directly to SDCCU Stadium in Mission Valley – Gate C."

That set in motion the approval process for a grant to assist them in their situation. Friday evening the Club Executive Committee approved a request, and Saturday morning the Foundation Board approved the grant. Within 24 hours of the notification, we delivered a check in the amount of \$10,000 to the Alpha Project at the stadium to assist them in their situation. When we informed Alpha Project President Bob McElroy of the grant, he was elated. He said that it has been a very difficult 48 hours, and for Rotary to step-up without being asked was incredible.

In the event that you hear of someone in need, here is the Impact Fund policy: The **Impact Fund** supports the work of San Diego Rotary to help those in our community and beyond that are in critical need. The fund is focused on responding to urgent humanitarian and community needs caused by crisis, disaster or any other issue that requires immediate action to remediate. Our goal is to have the ability to change lives in real time with an emphasis on issues that have impacted a local youth or family. Requests for funds for an individual or organization must be initiated by a member of San Diego Rotary. The recipient must be a resident of San Diego County, and the cause must be related to one of the Rotary Avenues of Service – Youth; International; Community; Vocational.



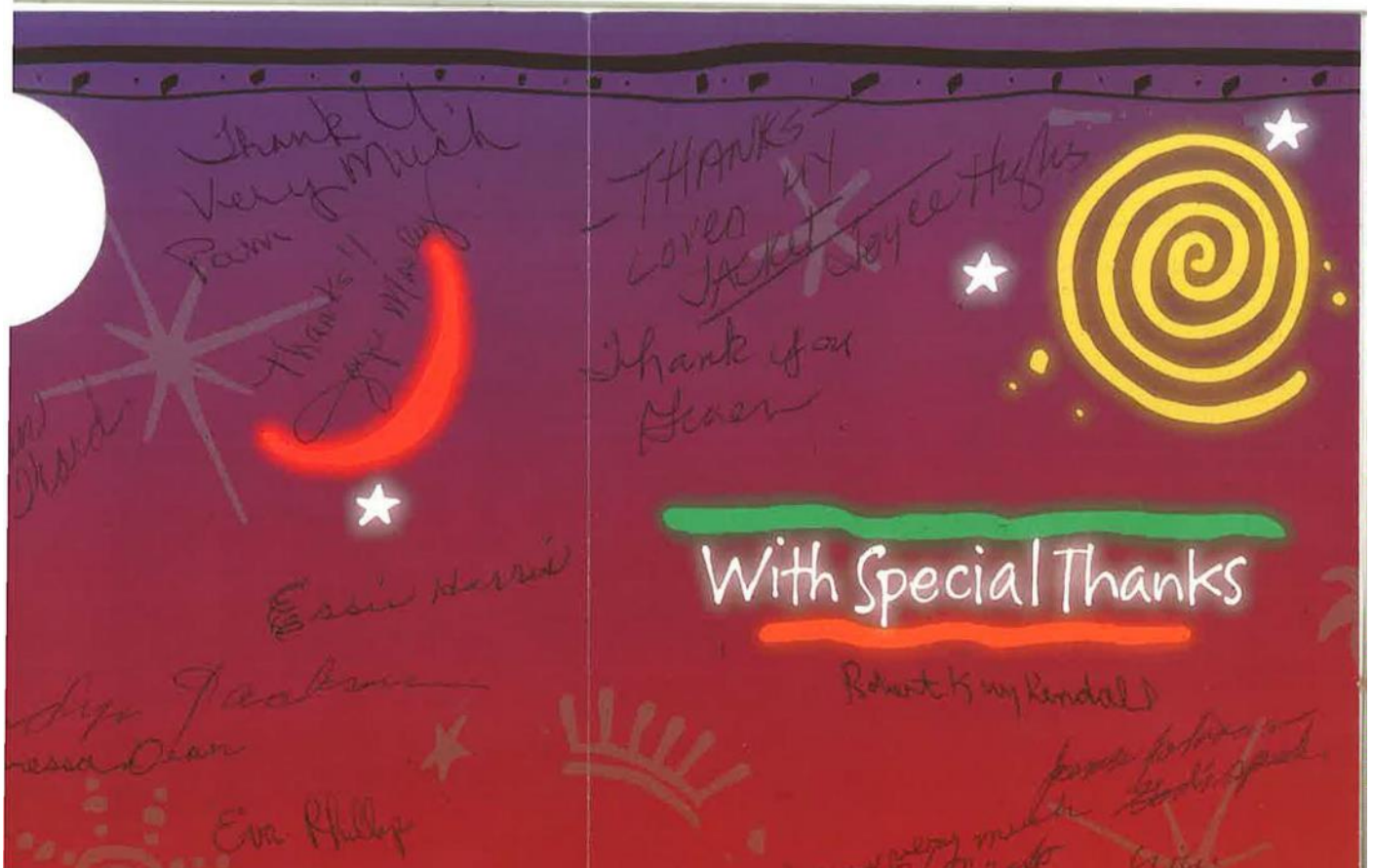
SENIOR SERVICES

Thank you again to all of the members who participated in our Warm Clothes Drive last month. This year's beneficiaries through the Neighborhood House Association were so grateful for the items that will help keep them warm this winter season.

Dear Rotary Club,
 Thanks for your Donations
 Very Much appreciations
 R. B. Bittelheim
 MUCHAS GRACIAS
 Thank you for the FOR SU DONACION.
 Clothes POR SU DONACION.
 JE SUS MORENO
 God bless you all Amen
 Mr. Bob Bittle

Dear Rotary Club, ~~Frank McDearis~~
 Thank You ~~How nice eyes~~
 for your ~~and Thank you~~
 donations
 Helen Robson

Thank you for donations
 much APPRECIATED
 JOAN FURERAN FURQAN



FACES IN OUR CROWD

Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor



(Left) Don Balfour, Pete Emile Misiraca, Pete Ellsworth, Craig Evanco, Bruce Hunt, Dick Troncone, Ben Clay, John Ahlering and Dulie Ahlering; (center) Becky Deller, Ido Tuchman and **Kristen Ford**; (right) Luisa McCarthy presented the Inspirational Moment with a very special inspirational guest, 97-year-old Navy Veteran Stuart Hedley.



(Left) Ava Van Vechten, student at Academy of Our Lady of Peace, presented samples of her artwork which included a self-portrait; (center) Kevin Cahill asked for volunteers for the April 2019 Model UN program; (right) guest speaker Rafael Castellanos discussed current and future Port projects.



(Left) Chair of the Day G.T. Frost and News Man Mark Burgess; (right) Jim Madaffer laughs with the rest of the audience as we watch a video of him attempting the "Dad Dab" on the Ellen Show.



Fred Frye and Tom Vecchione presented this year's MacLaggan Award to Dr. John Lamberti, along with the traditional teddy bear.



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AT THE TIMKEN

Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor

Thank you to **Megan Pogue** and the Timken Museum for hosting our holiday celebration on Tuesday, December 4th. We enjoyed good cheer and amazing food (thank you to Kitchens for Good). Rotarians and guests marveled at the Jewels of the Season and all of the glitz and glamor of the ornaments sure did put everyone in the holiday spirit!



MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Military Affairs Committee's annual Build A Bike event at MCRD took place this past weekend. **Rick Huenefeld** and **Doug Taber** arranged for a fun day of building bikes to donate to young military families for the holidays. Active duty Marines and Coast Guard worked along Rotarians to put the bikes together and decorated them for the traditional bike race at the end of the day. Thank you to all of the volunteers and Rotarians who came out to help put together a total of 60 bikes. There is going to be a lot of happy kids come Christmas morning!

