

O HOLY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!



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Editor

The San Diego Rotary Hall was transformed into the town of Duckport for this holiday program, replete with roving carolers, giant Duckport celebrities, and of course, Mr. and Mrs. Claus (**Chuck Pretto** and **Massey Pitts**). The room was filled with members and guests wearing their holiday finery and greeting one another with smiles and hugs. **President Suzy** opened the program with the Pledge of Allegiance and followed it with an inspirational message. Her message was about the holidays and the spirit of Hope and Joy (see the full message on page 2).

A warm welcome went out to our thirty senior visitors brought to us by **Walter Lam** of Alliance for African Assistance, **Michael Brunker** of the Jackie Robinson YMCA, **Duke Sobek** of the Neighborhood House Association, and **Cheryl Wilson** of St. Paul's PACE. Pres Suzy also thanked the tireless service staff from Sodexo Dining Services who help to make every meeting an enjoyable event.

She then presented the newest docket of club officers: Our new 2021/22 President will be **Judy Thompson**! She will follow **Chris Sichel** who follows incoming President **David Oates**. The new Secretary/Treasurer **Solveig Deuprey** and Board of Directors for 2019/20 were also announced. (see page 3 for the complete list).

Prez Suzy was interrupted by Corky Turtle (Chris Sichel) who said our club wasn't the only ones who held an election; he introduced the newly elected Mayor of Duckport, Deirdre Duckens (**Deirdre Maloney**) who oversaw the balance of the program with style and a prolific flurry of poultry related dialog.

The Duckport villagers (**Rotary Chorus**) gathered on Main Street on the Duckport stage to sing a joyous collection of holiday standards as well as a number of very special songs. Jack Quack (**David Oates**) wasn't feeling it--apparently he had lost his "HoJo". He was missing some old friends who weren't here for the celebration. The chorus tried to cheer him up but it wasn't helping, so they asked Peter Ducken (**Peter Duncan**) to sing something special. The problem was Peter had lost his voice so he asked Santa for a special gift. The Big Guy certainly came through! Surprising everyone in the room, our old friend Steve Hubbard came on stage to deliver a beautiful rendition of "The Secret of Christmas". The surprise appearance was **Paul Nestors**'s idea and **Christy White** made all the arrangements for his secret visit. That did it! Jack Quacker had his HoJo back!

That special gift was followed by an amazing performance of "O Holy Night" in Spanish and English, sung by professional guest vocalist Jonathan Valverde. He received a well-deserved standing ovation. The Duckport celebration was rounded out by more fun and endearing music including one song called "Christmas Is Coming and We Are Getting Fat".

President Suzy closed the last meeting of the year by thanking the cast of characters along with many guests, including several members of the singing Spafford family. A huge Thank You went to Christy White, who took on the entire production of the program, along with Lynn Spafford who directed the chorus.

All left the town of Duckport filled with the gift of music and humor and fun...and holiday joy!

Next Meeting

**DECEMBER 27 &
JANUARY 3**

DARK—NO MEETINGS

**Next Meeting:
January 10, 2019**

Annual State of the Investment Markets

Kick off the New Year with one of our most popular programs. Advisors Bill Holland and Linda Stirling will discuss, and may even debate, how stocks, bonds and other investment assets will fare over the next 12 months. You can also grade their 2018 predictions against what actually happened. We will ring in the first meeting of 2019 promptly so come early and prepared with your questions for our experts!



Ray Higgins
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS



Time for the first GOLF event of 2019!

Date: Friday, Jan 11

Time: 9:00 am

Location: San Diego Country Club

15 players max-first come first served

Cost: \$85 (includes lunch cart and drink)

RSVP to Golf Chair **Richard Donnelly** rdonnelly@epwealth.com. Provide your handicap-index. Be sure to include your cell phone number in the message. See you on the links!

Volunteers needed! Model UN Conference 2019 - if you are interested in learning more about the District's Model UN Program and how you can volunteer for the next conference in April, [click here](#). You can also contact Club 33 members [Bink Cook](#) or [Jean Young](#).

BIRTHDAYS

December

Stephanie Saathoff	24
Bobby Marsh	24
Georgina Serrano	26
Mike Conner	27
Jan McDonough	28
Sue Goldstein	30
Glenn Younger	30
Peg Eddy	31
Will Hage	31

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



HOPE, GOODNESS, JOY and LOVE

There is a spirit of goodness that descends upon the world at this time, and it happens every year. Some call it "magic" – but it is not magic at all. It starts with a gift of the Spirit – Hope. Because we have hope, we have the capacity of spreading goodness—it is what people are meant to do. To have compassion. To respect. To live with tolerance. We are here on Earth to love one another.

Because we have hope, we help—and we give. That is Rotary's mission. Thanks to **Divya Kakaiya's** recent posting on Facebook for this explanation of why we love what we do here:

A Rotarian is a person who
Digs wells from which he will never drink.
A Rotarian vaccinates children she will never meet.
Restores eyesight for those he or she will never see.
Builds housing he or she will never live in.
Educates children she or he will never know;
A Rotarian plants trees he or she will never live under;
And makes crawlers into walkers halfway around the world.
A Rotarian knows real happiness that can only be found by helping others.
And Rotarians are not alone in knowing this happiness.

Hope is something no one can live without.
Hope keeps people alive.
When we give hope to others, we experience true joy.
And joy is what I love most about Christmas.

Happy holidays to you and your family and best wishes for the New Year.

President Suzy



CALENDAR

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

December

27 **Dark—No Meeting**

January

3 **Dark-No Meeting**

10 **State of the Investment Markets**

17 **Dr. Adela de la Torre-President, SDSU**

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.](#)

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

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MEMBERSHIP

The following applicants were recommended to the Board of Directors by the Membership Committee and will be approved for membership unless objections are received at the Rotary office by December 31:

- Betsy Brennan - Downtown San Diego Partnership - "Associations-Downtown San Diego Partnership"
- Carrie Cottrill - San Diego Children's Choir - "Youth Organization-San Diego Children's Choir"
- Glenn Golz - "Retired-Ophthalmologist"
- Chris Graham - National University - "Education-Private University-Administration"
- Rick Wilson - Liberty Station Community Association - "Associations-Liberty Station"

FELLOWSHIP RIDE WITH CYCLING ROTARIANS

Greetings Cycling Rotarians, my name is James Morrison, VP USA-CAN, Rotary Fellowship Cycling2serve. While I am a member of the Del Sol Rotary Club in Albuquerque, We spend 4+ months annually in San Diego and actively serve in the Point Loma Rotary Club.

Several cycling Rotarians will be riding from Thousand Oaks to San Diego January 10-13. This is not a fundraiser nor fee event. It is an informal fellowship ride.

We are extending an invitation to all Rotarian in D5340 and D5320 to join us along the way. It is an opportunity to meet up and enjoy fellowship of cycling Rotarians. A large number of us have just completed the Ride to End Polio, recently held in Tucson, AZ, (El Tour de Tucson), November 17, 2018. We are always looking for ways to extend our cycling and Rotary fellowship. We hope you will join us!



What: Ride along and meet cycling Rotarians down the Pacific Coast, Southern California

Where: Thousands Oak-Anaheim-San Diego, CA

When: January 10-13, 2019.

Who: Cycling2serve Boards members, Cycling Rotarians & Friends

Proposed Itinerary: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/29035375/> (Check back for new updates)

01/10/2019 – Start 8:00AM from Tierra Rejada Park, Moorpark CA
01/11/2019 – Start 8:00AM Anaheim Marriott Suite, Garden Grove CA
Arrive San Diego 1/11/2019

For more info: **Edwin Velarde**, edwinvelarde@att.net

FACES IN OUR CROWD

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