

## Biocom



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Editor

With her usual warm exuberance, **President Suzy** welcomed the club with the greatest focus on service. **Justine Wong**, a proud asset of Higgs Fletcher and Mack, delivered her Inspiration with fresh heart and eyes from her 5-month old daughter Alyssa. *That* she pronounced is inspiration and challenge, and reminds you to always look for the positive, which actually reworks the brain! **Larry Hoeksema** then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and The Club 33 Singers helped us with the most difficult patriotic song, *The Star Spangled Banner*, accompanied by the marvelous Bryan Verhoye. **Mike Connor's** report on the News, sponsored by our **Courtney Liddy**, Sr. VP-Wealth Management of UBS Financial Services, informed us that the Governor of New Mexico is rejecting the National Guard presence on their Mexican border, among other interesting items. Suzy's Art Moment focused on an amazingly creative art by Klaus Kemp, where single cell life forms were collected and created into various art pictures that were just beautiful!

**Mike Caruso**, chair of the Project Allocation Committee, advised that members have from now until March 15 to submit recommendations for funding. There is an online application on our website and app (*more details on page 3*). There was \$175,000 last year, which the committee had to allocate among requests totaling \$230,000. He recommended having other club members support your recommendation in order to enhance your result. Grants are not automatically renewed annually, so your participation matters!

Rotarian of the Quarter, **Camille Newbern**, was announced by our President, who quoted a lot of the praise delivered by her nominees – she is committed, loves new challenges, well-liked, willing to step out of her comfort zone and someone who has made a big impact in Club 33 and Rotary International! Camille then updated us on the achievement of the Global Grant Club 33 had approved and the enormous and real difference the Club has been able to achieve in several African countries. She delivered information to the tables and invited members

to join her and **Roger W. Haines, Jr.** and **Walter Lam** on a trip to Tanzania and Uganda April 18-May 2, (or part of) and the Rotary District Conference 9212 in Mombasa, Kenya May 2-4. *Find details on page 4.*

We met new member **Dr. Glenn Goltz** who quoted President Suzy's answer to him of how to be a good Rotarian: sit at a different table every week, study the Roster and learn who does what, join a variety of committees, participate, and say yes often and easily! **Chris Graham** was also welcomed into the club as he proudly represented National University.

**Tom Gable**, Vice Chair of San Diego's oldest public Relations firm, Nuffer, Smith, Tucker, frequent contributor to media across the nation and Pulitzer Prize nominee, then ascended to the podium as Chair of the Day. He welcomed visiting Rotarian Dr. Kayo Yuri of Japan with an historical fiction book his author daughter had written and some nice red California wine, and then introduced our guest speaker.

Joseph Panetta is President and CEO of Biocom. He was recognized by the San Diego Business Journal as the Most Admired CEO and serves on several educational institution boards. Joe gave us an oral grand tour of the Life Science community in San Diego and in California.

Noting that life science has the same objective as Rotary--service and improving life--he explained that Biocom is a company working to accelerate the success of the life science community by fostering collaboration and law to protect intellectual capital, sourcing insurance, marketing, finance, training and connecting, venture capital, clinical research, and more. Biocom prides itself on building a network of industry leaders which helps in introducing cutting-edge workforce development and STEM education, in creating robust value-driven programs, and for being the strongest public voice for research institutions and the life science industry that fuels so much of the California economy.

There are currently 12,031 life science companies in California.

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## Next Meeting

**Next Meeting:  
February 14**

*It's a special musical  
Valentine's Day  
Program! Bring along  
your Sweetheart!*



The program will feature solo guitarist, Todd Pyke. Todd has appeared on MTV and was the winner of Washburn's Hottest Guitarist contest in Hollywood, California.

It will also feature Eve Selis and Marc Intravaia. Marc has played lead guitar for Kenny Loggins, America, Juice Newton, and Billy Ray Cyrus. Eve, seven time winner of the San Diego Music Awards, has shared this stage with Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Heart, Crosby Stills and Nash, Doobie Brothers, and many others. They will play a blend of old favorites and originals.

Club 33 Member and Chair of the Day Ray McKewon may join Eve and Marc for a few songs. Ray has played Gimme Gimme Some Lovin' with Spencer Davis and Danke Schoen with Wayne Newton and has performed at the Cleveland Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.



**Ray McKewon  
Chair of the Day**

## QUICK BITS



Our next **GOLF** event will be on **Friday, February 22 at 9am**. We will tee off at the beautiful San Diego Country Club.

For more details or if you are interested in playing, please contact Ellis Smith at [ellis@carmelcap.com](mailto:ellis@carmelcap.com).

Check out Rotary International's latest **PEOPLE OF ACTION** highlight. It features our own **MON-ARCH SCHOOL**. [Click here](#) to view the video.

### ROTARY BOOK SHARE CLUB

If you like to read, and would enjoy sharing your favorites with friends and fellow Rotarians, we envision a monthly Wednesday 5:30 p.m. 1 HOUR book share meeting. Location to be determined when we know how many people to accommodate, but you can bet it will have sips and nibbles! Just let us know and we will try to get organized between the pages! Contact [Ray Higgins](#), [Kimberly Higgins](#), or [Ginny Ollis](#).

## BIRTHDAYS

### February

A.J. Antun	13
Don Tartre	14
Greg Pyke	14
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Genentech of San Francisco and Amgen in Los Angeles are the most well-known, but many others are familiar now such as Vertex in San Diego and Takeda from Japan. Illumina is the premier sequencing company in the world!

But San Diego is special. There are 80 research institutions and 1200 life science companies here. They generate \$19.4 billion to California's gross product, support 183,000 jobs, and generate \$33.6 billion in economic output. This SD cluster is funded by the National Institute of Health (20% of their funding comes to CA, particularly UCSD, Scripps, and SBP). We have a unique geographic delivery from education to productive output. The secret he confessed is collaboration. (Just like Rotary, yes!) Collaboration allows individuals and companies to do their own excellence and to benefit personally and to others. It costs an average of \$2.5 billion to develop a new drug, with 1 in 20 succeeding and a usual time span of 20 years to come successfully to market. SD has a veteran capital community that benefits from excellent collaboration among developing products.

Biocom works with the government here and in Sacramento, Washington D.C., and is located in San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Diego, D.C, the United Kingdom, France and Tokyo. The first Saturday in March, all are welcome to come to Petco Park for the San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering, to which they work to attract parents, teachers and students to introduce them to Life Sciences.

## With Sympathy

Our deepest condolences for **Martha Dennis** and her family on the loss of her daughter, Jennifer. You may [click here](#) to view her obituary.

## CALENDAR

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

### February

**14 Special Musical Valentine's Day Program**

**21 Rodney Scott, Chief Patrol Agent, San Diego Sector Border Patrol**

**28 Chuck Samuelson-Founder & President, Kitchens For Good**

## GROTARIAN EVENTS

**Save the Date for our March 26 event!**

**We will be touring the Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla and learning about some of the new medical research and new therapies they are doing.**

**Details and registration coming soon.**

### CLUB 33 SOCIAL HOUR

San Diego Rotary  
Established 1911

Wednesday,  
February 20th  
5:30-7:30pm

Gordon Biersch Brewery & Restaurant  
5010 Mission Center Rd  
San Diego, CA 92108



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

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# 2019-2020 ROTARY PAC GRANT APPLICATIONS

It is that time once again for the annual Club 33 Project Allocation process to begin. If you wish to submit a grant application for next fiscal year which begins July 1, [click here](#) to complete the online application.

**Applications are due no later than March 15**, but please submit applications as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact [Paul](#) at the Rotary office, or PAC Chair [Mike Caruso](#).

Please remember that funding for ongoing service projects are not automatic. Every project, whether established or new, must be reviewed for funding consideration annually.

## MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest members to the club:



**Dr. Glenn Goltz—“Retired-Medicine-Ophthalmology.”** Glenn retired from medicine after 30 years. Originally from Wisconsin, he and his family have lived in San Diego for 48 years.

He and his wife Barbara are passionate about supporting and sustaining our public recreational venues, including bike paths, inner city parks, public libraries and local theatres. They are also champions for quality access to higher education.

Glenn has been active as a science teacher at Normal Heights Elementary school for over 7 years, has been active in the Mission Hills Library Association’s new building planning, and he and Barbara have sponsored minority students through college.

Glenn loves to read, paint, go boating, kayaking, biking and has recently taken on the piano and ukulele. Cruising and biking the canals and rivers of Europe has been his passion. This spring he will bicycle the various rural routes in Italy, Slovenia and Croatia.

**Doug Arbon, Tom Vecchione and Dick Troncone** were his sponsors.  
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**Chris Graham—“Education-Private University-Administration.”** This is the Vice Chancellor of External Relations at National University System.

Chris moved to San Diego in 1990 to attend SDSU. He graduated with a BA in English and a MBA in Marketing.

Since then, he has had the opportunity to work at the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Old Globe, and at San Diego State where he was the Executive Director for Corporate and Community Involvement for the Executive MBA program for 8 years.

Chris said he first heard of Rotary when he attended SDSU as student and was drawn to Rotary’s collective efforts in elevating the region.

**Alan Spector, Rachel Inmon and Laurie Coskey** were his sponsors.  
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Don’t forget you can check out all of our new member profiles on our website!  
<https://www.sandiegorotary.club/membership/new-members/>

# ROTARY AFRICA TRIP

Many of you have heard Club 33 member Camille Newbern speak about her transformative experience during her recent travels to Africa with Rotary. Camille has said that these adventures have truly been amongst the highlights of her life. This year, Camille, Roger Haines and Walter Lam would like to invite you on what has now become their annual trip to East Africa. They've put together an incredible, Rotary-based tour of Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya.

They will be starting with a 6-day safari in Tanzania, followed by the Rotary District Conference in Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania.

After the conference, they will spend 4 days in Uganda, sightseeing, visiting different projects and, of course, visiting the hospital in Atiak. They will then fly to Mombasa, Kenya to attend the District Conference.

You are welcome to join them for some of it, all of it, none of it, whatever you'd like! But it has been such a meaningful experience for them that they would love to spread the wealth. You will get to see, firsthand, the difference that we, as Rotarians, are making in the world and meet the people whose lives we're impacting.

Please let [Camille](#), [Roger](#) or [Walter](#) know if you're interested in joining them. [Click here to view the itinerary of the trip and package information.](#)



# FACES IN OUR CROWD

Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor



(Left) Guest speaker Joseph Panetta with President Suzy and Chair of the Day Tom Gable; (right) Justine Wong talked about her current inspiration...her new born daughter, Alys-sa.



(Left) Guest Lisa Cole with Nancy Scott, Laurie Coskey and Ann Hill, (center) Nikki Anderson, Joe Zakowski, Simona Valanciute, Rachel Inmon and Larry Showley; (right) our visiting Rotarian from the farthest distance was Dr. Kayo Yuri from Japan.



After being recognized as our Rotarian of the Quarter (left) Camille Newbern urged members to join her on the annual Rotary trip to Africa (right).



(Left) **Mark Trotter** was spotted in our crowd; (center) Camille discusses the trip to Africa with SDSU Rotaracts; (right) also spotted in our crowd were **Doug Taber**, **Jan McDonough**, **Dick Eger** and guest Daniel Henkin.