

All You Need Is Love



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Editor

Happy Valentine's Day! My second stint as editor this year and another rainy day. Those hearty Rotarians who braved the weather were treated to some amazing pre-meeting music from guitarist Todd Pyke, who has appeared on MTV and was the winner of Washburn's Hottest Guitar Contest in Hollywood, California. President **Suzy Spafford** called today's meeting to order right on time. Today's Inspirational Moment was appropriately given by husband and wife team **Mike Conner** and President Nominee **Judy Thompson**, who spoke of the things they have learned about love. It was quite touching and very inspiring, as true love always is. Past President **Bonnie Schwartz** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then *America the Beautiful* accompanied by **Greg Zinser**.

Today's news was graciously sponsored by **Paul Hartley III** and Paul Hartley Realty (thanks Paul!) and was ably given by our own newscaster extraordinaire and **Bert Wahlen** protégé, **Mark Burgess**. President Suzy's Art Moment featured paintings about love that spanned hundreds of years and were enjoyed by all.

President Suzy welcomed guests and visitors and then put on her "fine hat." Balboa Park Cultural Partnership Director **Peter Comiskey** had "littered" our tables with goody bags full of candy and it cost him a whopping \$700 fine! Thanks Peter, you will be hearing from my dentist. Past President **Jim Hughes** followed with a plug for the District 5340 District Conference which is being held on March 1-3 at the Catamaran Hotel on beautiful Mission Bay. Jim promised lots of interesting meetings and good old fashioned Rotary fellowship, so go [on line and check it out](#).

Walter Lam introduced today's visiting seniors who have escaped persecution in other countries to eventually settle in San Diego with help from Walter's Alliance for African Assistance. We also welcomed our newest member **Carrie Cottriall**, the Director of San Diego Children's Choir. Although not a

musician herself, Carrie's maiden name is appropriately enough "Musick". Welcome to Club 33, Carrie! With the day's business concluded, President Suzy introduced our Chair of the Day, **Ray "rock star" McKewon**. Ray, a former Navy diver, has had quite the diverse and successful career path ("career ADD" as Suzy says). Ray's current vocation (and avocation), music, is a pipe dream of mine and very appropriate for our Valentine's Day musical program. Ray welcomed a brave visiting Rotarian from Escondido with an amazing bottle of wine for braving the elements, and then began our program.

What a treat we were in for! Our program featured local San Diego music legend, Eve Selis, a seven-time winner of the San Diego Musical Awards. Eve has performed with other music legends including Frankie Valli, the Four Seasons, Heart, Crosby Stills & Nash and the Doobie Brothers. Eve was joined by her song writing and musical partner of 28 years, Marc Intravaia. Marc is quite the accomplished musician himself, having played lead guitar with such superstars as Kenny Loggins, America, Juice Newton and Billy Ray Cyrus. Marc is also Ray's guitar teacher, and Marc's lessons have obviously paid off! Ray grabbed his axe (guitar for you non-rock stars) and joined Eve and Marc on stage for several numbers.

Our concert began with an Eve/Marc original composition, *Fearless Heart*. Ray, Eve and Marc sounded great! We were then treated to a few fan favorites: Eric Clapton's classic *Wonderful Tonight* and *Peaceful Easy Feeling*, a song made famous by the Eagles that was written by composer Jack Tempchin while Jack was living in San Diego (the third verse of the song was written in a local Der Wienerschnitzel parking lot). Eve and Marc closed with three more original compositions – *Any Day*, *Beautiful Dreamer* and *Someday*. Thank you Ray, Eve and Marc for your wonderful music! It was such a special way to celebrate a Rotary Valentine's Day.

Next Meeting

**Next Meeting:
February 21**

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

On Wednesday Dec. 13, 2017, the San Diego Sector Border Patrol welcomed its newest Chief Patrol Agent Rodney S. Scott.

Chief Scott manages more than 2,400 law enforcement agents and support staff and has direct oversight of the area's eight Border Patrol stations. San Diego Sector's area of responsibility includes 60 linear miles of international boundary with Mexico and the entire California coastal region.

Chief Scott will provide a "State of the U.S./Mexico border" specific to San Diego and provide context to the ongoing humanitarian and security crisis. Are the Central American caravans a national security threat or a humanitarian issue? There is already a fence along the border between San Diego and Tijuana, do we really need a border wall? He will provide his perspective on these questions and more.



**Wade McKnight
Chair of the Day**

QUICK BITS



There is still time to register for Round (2) of three of Club 33's Annual Golf Tournament. The format is (2) best net rounds of three, so if you haven't started, it's not too late.

Starting times begin @ 9AM at San Diego Country Club.

Send your name, phone #, e-mail address and SCGA index to Ellis Smith ellis@carmelcap.com to confirm your slot. You can also reach him at 858-457-7544 ext 217



Join fellow Rotarians **Camille Newbern**, **Roger Haines** and **Walter Lam** 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. [Click here to view the itinerary of the trip and package information.](#) Please let **Camille**, **Roger** or **Walter** know if you're interested.

BIRTHDAYS

February

Sid Tobiason	18
Michelle Candland	23
Alison Fleming	23
Chris Grassa	23

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.

CALENDAR

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

February

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

28 Chuck Samuelson-Founder & President, Kitchens For Good

March

7 Speaker Panel—Topic: Startups-A Business Model Or A Fad?

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.

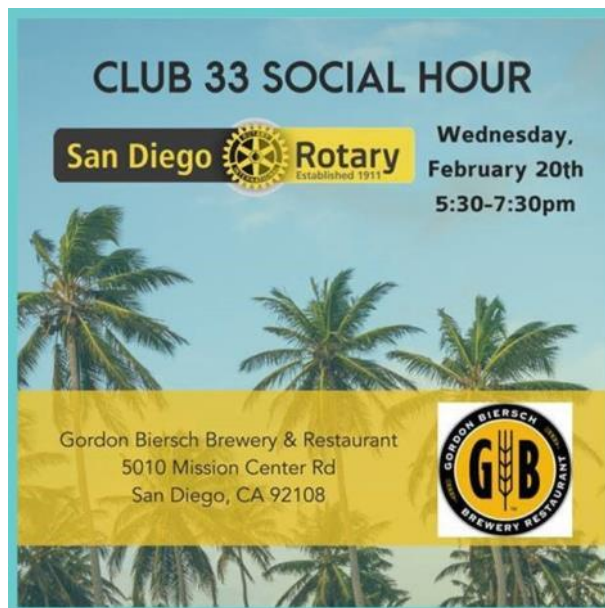
Details and registration coming soon.

Upcoming events:

April - Pro Kids Golf Academy

May - SDSU Rotaract Annual Dinner

June - Point Loma Lighthouse



MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



President Suzy with Carrie and Deirdre Maloney.

Carrie Cottrill—“**Youth Organization-SD Children’s Choir**”. Carrie is the Executive Director for the San Diego Children’s Choir, a non-profit that provides children with music education and performance opportunities that foster performance development and excellence. It is the oldest and largest choral training program serving children ages four-18 throughout San Diego.

Carrie has spent her entire career in the non-profit sector: from scientific research to wildlife conservation to the arts.

She is originally from Fullerton but has now lived here in San Diego for 30 years. She is a UCSD grad.

Carrie, her husband Matt, and daughter Julia reside in Mission Hills.

And she says that although, ironically, her maiden name is “Musick” (pronounced “music”), and she is involved with the SD Children’s Choir, she is not musical at all!

Deirdre Maloney, Charles Van Vechten and David Oates were her sponsors. Email: ccottrill@sdcchoir.org

GROTARIAN COMMITTEE

It was a wonderful turnout for our tour of Little Italy! Thanks to all who joined us.



CITY HEIGHTS ROTARACT

At their monthly business meeting on Tuesday, February 12, the City Heights Rotaract celebrated Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month by having two special guest speakers, Sandra Schrift and Cory Hough from the Pathways to Peace Steering Committee. They also presented their 3rd Annual Peace Maker of the Year Award to Hermelinda Figueroa.

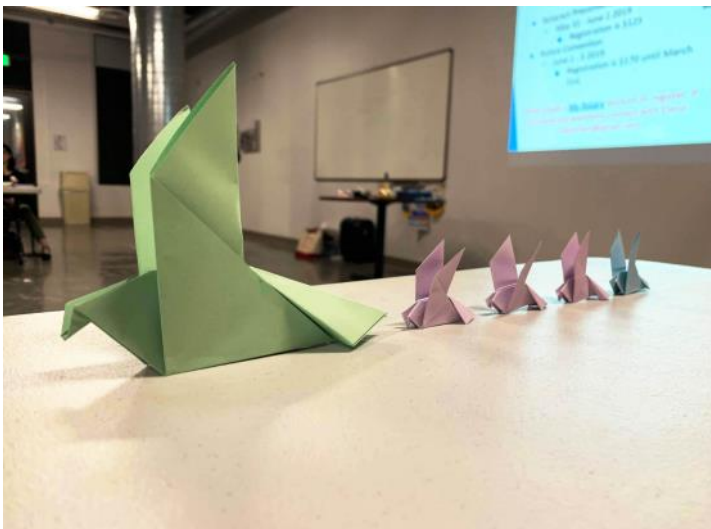
Hermelinda dedicates her time to volunteer and serve the community of City Heights by hosting cultural and educational events in the community with the spirit of uniting people and preserving cultural traditions in the youth. Each year, she organizes the annual City Heights Day of the Dead, providing residents the opportunity to share their traditions from across Mexico. She is also a devoted volunteer at Rosa Parks Elementary School, Monroe Clark Middle School and Herbert Hoover High School.

The Rotaract's celebration of Peace also included making origami Peace Doves and fun photos with their Peace frame and wreath! Thank you to President Suzy and **Bink Cook** for joining them on their celebration.

The Rotaract's are excited to grow their Peace Committee and to support Rotary's Mission Statement of building goodwill and peace in the world!



(From left) City Heights Rotaract Jennifer Mendoza, Director of Peace and Sonya Vargas, President, and award recipient Hermelinda Figueroa.



FACES IN OUR CROWD

Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor and Lisa Miller



(Left) Walter Lam brought some special guests hosted by our Senior Services Committee; (center) President Suzy with her sweetheart, her husband Ray; (right) guitarist Todd Pyke provided the pre-program entertainment.



(Left) Allyson Tutor, Mia Harenski and Julia Holladay; (center) Melissa Teemsma, Don Teemsma and Carolyn Ross; (right) Katie Sawyer, Fred Frye, Joy Frye, Rayma-Lew Craver, Joe Craver, Alison Gildred and George Gildred.



(Left) Resident married couple Judy Thompson and Mike Conner inspired us their personal reflections about love; (right) Peter Comiskey brought sweet treats for everyone.



Our musical guests: Chair of the Day Ray McKewon, Eve Selis and Mark Intravaia wowed the crowd with their talent.



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More Sweethearts spotted in our audience on this Valentine's Day!



Linda Stirling and Larry Stirling



Mark Trotter and Jean Trotter



Ray McKewon and **Kim McKewon**



Michael Gordon and his girlfriend Kendyl



Nikki Clay and Ben Clay



(Left **Glenn Rossman** and Lynne Rossman; (center) **Charlene Zettel** and Dave Zettel; (right) **Frank Pavel** with his wife Marilyn Pavel and daughter Annie Pavel-Schultz.