

She Got Moxie!



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Editor

Happy rainy Thursday! This is my third stint as editor this year, and yes, on another rainy day. I didn't realize I had joined the Rotary Club of Portland, but I digress. The weather is always wonderful inside at our meetings with all of the happy Club 33 faces, and the dulcet tones of the Club 33

Singers. Our soon to be unemployed President **Suzy Spafford** called today's meeting to order right on time as she always does. Where did the year go? Today's Inspirational Moment was given by the multisport athlete **Mark Allan**. The Pledge of Allegiance and *America The Beautiful* was led by the Club 33 Singers who were accompanied by the very talented Bryan Verhoye.

Today's News was graciously sponsored by another talented musician--**Ray McKewon** and the Xceptional Music Company (thanks Ray!), and was ably given by our own newscaster extraordinaire and Bert Wahlen protégé, **Mark Burgess**. President Suzy's Art Moment featured lovely paintings by Georgia O'Keeffe. Thank you President Suzy, for sharing your love of art with all of us.

President Suzy welcomed guests and visitors and then put on her "fine hat." The lucky recipient of a \$350 fine, **Nancy Latorno**, shamelessly plugged the exciting new season of *Mainly Mozart*. Nancy was followed by the SDSU Rotaracts who never cease to amaze us with their incredible Service Above Self good works. These fantastic and tireless future Rotarians put in thousands of hours a year doing scores of local and international service projects. And don't forget, they are also college students taking full loads at SDSU. I'm not sure when they sleep, but we thank them for their service and we are proud to support their efforts. If you find some spare time, they can always use more mentors. It's typically only a few hours a month, so contact them if you have an interest in helping. They also presented President Suzy with a lovely painting signed by all of them. Suzy was beaming!

And speaking of tireless go-getters, our Chair of the Day, **Deidre Maloney**, didn't have a visiting Rotarian today so she showered **Penny Robbins** with a copy of her newest book and, as **Betty Peabody** likes to call it, the "obligatory bottle of wine." Deidre then introduced our speaker, Jennifer Eve Thorn. Jennifer (Jen) is one of the co-founders and the current Executive Artistic Director of MOXIE Theatre, San Diego's only professional theatre dedicated to producing women's work. Now approaching its 15th year and 61st production, MOXIE's mission is to create more honest and diverse images of women for our culture.

Jen's story was fascinating. She started her program with the wonderful warning sign found at the London Underground: "Mind the Gap." Her reference was to the gender "gap" that exists in American theater. Jen didn't start out as a feminist. She showed us a picture of her at 16 that was titled "I'm not a feminist." That was followed by another self portrait of her years later titled "Never mind I'll do it myself." Her theater experience in college didn't focus so much on acting ("I was never cast in any role") but instead steered her into directing and producing theater. In 2004, she started her own theater, Moxie Theater (Moxies means "force of character, determination or nerve".) In 2004, only 16% of plays in United States theaters were produced by woman. Today, that number is about 30% thanks to the work by folks such as Jen and companies such as Moxie.

Moxie only produces plays written by woman and looks for diversity in its productions (which means no Shakespeare.) To date, of its 63 productions, 15 were world premieres, 16 were West Coast premieres and 19 were San Diego premieres. Jen was a very interesting and engaging speaker and her enthusiasm for her work was contagious. In other words, the lady has Moxie!

If you would like to learn more about the MOXIE Theatre or find out about their upcoming shows and events, you can visit their website at www.moxietheatre.com

Next Meeting

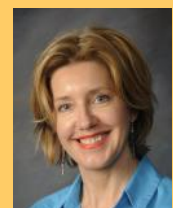
**Next Meeting:
May 16**

**Dr. Ken Druck
Courageous Aging**

One of our nation's top thought leaders and innovators in resilience and turning adversity into opportunity, Dr. Ken Druck is a best-selling author, speaker, Executive Coach/Consultant and community leader who has helped countless individuals, couples, families and organizations transform their most daunting challenges, changes and even tragedies into opportunities — and become the best version of themselves.

Dr. Druck's most recent book, *Courageous Aging: Your Best Years Ever Reimagined*, has won high praise from Dr. Andrew Weil, Alan Horn, Chairman of Walt Disney Studios —and has been on the Amazon Best Seller's List since its release last year.

Becoming the better version of ourselves as we get older doesn't happen automatically, or by chance. Like everything else we feel proud of it, we work for it. The challenges of getting older can be considerable. So are the opportunities, as Dr. Druck will discuss. He will tell us about the unlimited opportunities to cultivate a healthy, successful and socially responsible approach to aging.



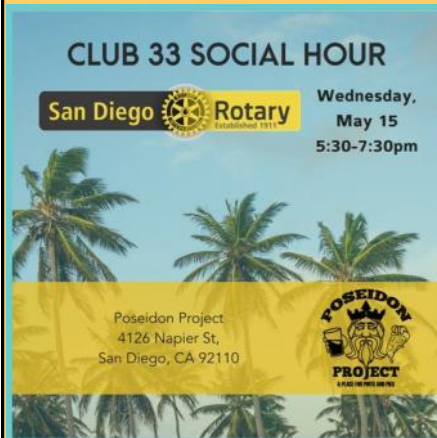
Simona Valanciute
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS

Do you have a change of address? Changed jobs recently or have a new title?

If there are any changes in your contact information that you would like to make for the 2018-19 member directory, please contact the [Rotary office](#) **before May 31** to ensure its inclusion.

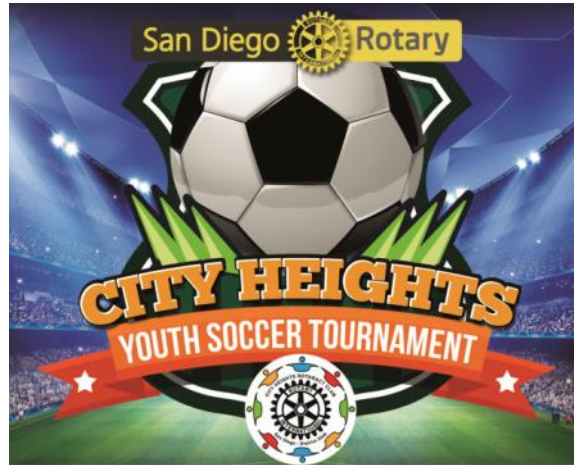
For our **May Club 33 Social Hour** we are moving a little farther north to **Poseidon Project in Bay Park on May 15**. Please join us! (No registration needed)



BIRTHDAYS

May

Peter Comiskey	13
Patrick Noonan	13
Rick Chatham	13
Ginny Ollis	14
Jim Nickel	14
Al Harutunian	15
Diane Bell	15
Bob Witty	15
Jonathan Cole	16
Anthony Llompart	16
Andrew Holets	16
Sue Rehm	17
Bill Littlejohn	17
Ned Silver	19



Volunteers needed for our City Heights Youth Soccer Tournament

Our second youth soccer tournament will be held on **Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2 from 8am-4pm at the Rosa Parks Field in City Heights (4380 Landis St., 92105)**. We need volunteers to help with organization in leading up to the event and during the tournament.

Our inaugural tournament last year brought in 250 boys and girls, ages 9-14, for 2 days of free soccer, with free referees and free water and food. We expect the same size again this year.

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact [Nick Bernal](#) or [Daniel Amaro](#). And if you would like to make a donation towards the tournament, please contact the Rotary office.



If you would like to propose a candidate for this year's prestigious annual "Mr.-Mrs.-Ms. San Diego" award, which will be selected in late June by our Past Presidents, please contact [click here](#) for a nomination form.

The last day to submit a nomination form is June 3.

CALENDAR

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

May

16 Dr. Ken Druck - Courageous Aging

23 Linda Sheridan, San Diego Cultural Arts Alliance

30 Pianist Derek Paravicini and author Adam Ockelford

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Pro Kids Golf Academy + City Heights Rotaract Club

When: May 21st from 5:30-7:30pm

Location: Pro Kids Golf Academy 4085 52nd St, SD 92105

Cost: \$15 per person

Join us for this joint event with Pro Kids Golf Academy and the City Heights Rotaract Club. We will hear about the great work both groups are doing in City Heights, take a tour of the Pro Kids facility, enjoy food and beverages, and even get to hit the course!

Please sign up by May 16.

[Click here to register](#)

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

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HOSTS NEEDED FOR ROTARY MUSIC CAMP

We are urgently looking for Rotarians to house and host music students for the International Youth Symphony music camp that is quickly coming up **12 July- 4 August**. You can host the students from the entire camp or share the time with a fellow Rotarian. You will be treated to music in your home and invitations to all concerts. This highly successful annual Rotary program gives students a life changing opportunity to visit our beautiful City and meet other young musicians from around the world. Please talk to either [Christy White](#) or [Greg Zinser](#) if you are interested.

The photo below was taken on May 4th at our Rotary Youth Exchange 2019 Summer Camp orientation meeting facilitated by Karen Strabala of the Coronado Rotary Club. These are our Hoover and Lincoln High School students and their parents in preparation for their Summer Camp experience with Rotary families across Europe.

We felt it was important for our Club members to know that even as we'll be "sending out" these 13 students from San Diego to host families around the world, we also hope you will consider "taking in" students from around the world during this summer's music camp .



FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST WRAP UP



The Four-Way Test Speech Committee celebrated a successful 2018-19 contest season with Hoover Cardinals Interact students and staff at a very special dinner at The Brigantine La Mesa on May 3. Students were treated to steak and mud pie hosted by Club 33, then topped off the festivities with visit to the top of Mt. Helix to enjoy the breathtaking sunset views. Cardinals shared their appreciation for the opportunity to learn public speaking skills, build confidence and express their voices – and Rotary coaches shared their appreciation for the courage, determination and growth that each and every student achieved. We have held this very special dinner event for the last five years, with four at one of the Brigantine Restaurants. Thanks to **Mike Morton, Sr.** and **Mike Morton, Jr.** for giving us their friends and family pricing.

CLUB 33 GOLF TOURNAMENT



From left: Bonnie Schwartz, Guy Maddox, Mark Burgess, **Rich Donnelly**, **Tom Wilson**, **Ellis Smith**, **Michael LaCroix**, **Richard Coutts** and **Andrew Holets**.

Guy Maddox played two excellent rounds on his way to victory with a net 64 in his first round. Past champion **Bonnie Schwartz** declared “its about time a guy was champion.” Each of our 3 golf events this past year Rotary year brought members together for a day of fun and fellowship. Each round was held at San Diego Country Club, a true golfing gem in Chula Vista founded in 1921. Come out and join us for the 2019-20 tournament! (Dates coming soon)

FACES IN OUR CROWD

PHOTOS COURTESY OF PAUL NESTOR



(Left) Executive Artistic Director of MOXIE Theatre, Jennifer Eve Thorn; (right) Chair of the Day Deirdre Maloney, Jennifer, MOXIE Development Director Valentina Lunati, and Penny Robbins (who is sponsor of this year's MOXIE awards.)



(Left) SDSU Rotaract President Renata Valente and Executive VP Cat Kricorian give us a year-in-review of their accomplishments; (right) the Rotaracts gifted president Suzy with artwork they designed.



(Left) For a fine, Nancy Laturno promoted the upcoming Mainly Mozart concert series; (right) **Dick Green** delivered a heartwarming eulogy for Dick Troncone.