

Just Ducky!



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Editor

The room was aglow with blond heads, and I had never noticed before that Suzy waddles! And all her soon-to-be-co-ex-presidents did just that as they paraded into the room in the “Duck Walk”. **Daniel Amaro**, as the “visiting Rotarian,” wandered into the “dark world” of the Rotary Club of Duckport, LA, donned in tourist attire with binoculars ala camera, where **Bob Russell**, as the Duckport Rotary president, finally answered the noisy human intruding on their ducky meeting. In duckbill and full southern accent, Bob finally rang a tiny bell and welcomed Daniel to the “duckiest Rotary Club in the whole world.” Bob then scorned that there was duck on the menu today, for shame! Kind of following our Club 33 agenda, “Emily Marmot” (played by **Rachel Inmon**) gave the Inspirational Moment with recognition of the “Great Suze”. The Duckport club then offered their version of the Pledge to the “Great Suze”, mentioning that she was vertically challenged and could not be seen at the podium without use of the **Chuck Pretto** Memorial Stepstool. Then the anthem “Step Up Little Suzy, Step Up” with the Duckport Rotary Singers and Bryan Verhoye was performed.

“Wit Z” (**Deirdre Maloney**) offered three art treasures with music from her brother Jay Z. The Duckport President announced committee meetings for their post meeting pleasure: Scrooge McDuck’s Finance Committee and Colonel Sanders Military Affairs Committee. Jemimah Puddle Duck (**Christy White**) announced the scholarship committee awards to four students from the “Make Way for Chicks Fund” to students of Perdue University (with a big screen picture of naked skinless Perdue Chicken Breasts behind her!), and fretted that the students never seem to come back from the college! Hmmm.

Dorky Quacker (**Greg Zinser**) and Quacker Jack (**Peter Duncan**) took a table and chair center stage to respond to **Stan Hartman’s** introduction of the News (think SNL Weekend Update).

They mused sadly that tourism is down, considering the source to be *political* climate change and cuteness tariffs (the cuter you are, the higher the tariffs.)

The Annual Duckport Rotary Presidential Grant competition presented \$500 in Duckport dollars redeemable for Suzy’s Zoo merchandise.

We were treated to a Suzy’s Zoo episode, featuring familiar Club 33 member voice-overs. The video did note that no Suzy’s Zoo characters were harmed in the making of the episode, although multiple copyrights were violated.

The “Pageant of the Mallards” then recreated famous paintings such as the renowned Grant Wood painting “American Gothic” portrayed too well by **Mark Trotter** and his wife, Jean, and a photo by “Quackson” Pollack.

Finally the ex-presidents all had a moment to present their best/worst duck jokes with punchlines like “firequackers”, “quack” of dawn wakeups, Donald Trump as “Big Bird” would have to give up tweeting for “quacking”, “butt quacks”, selling “quack”, “fowl” weather, and “duckumentaries”. You get the picture.

Suzy was then taunted with a “Put down the Duckie!” song, which included surprise appearances by her family members.

Then our wonderful **Pat Crowell**, famous for this tributes, thanked Suzy cleverly for her Art Moments: “trying to make a silk purse, not duck soup, to make us cultured... but informing, entertaining and giving us more ways to serve.” In reference to Suzy, he spoke of the SAE house in his stone age, where his then president was considered not “small” but “wound up tight”, another little body with a huge heart, who will now get to watch **David Oates** try to be on time! Bob Russell thanked Suzy for her terrific knowledge and passions. He said she will now join the Royal Order of Has- Beens, and presented Suzy with her gavel, a diamond Past President’s Pin, an enormous rubber duck, and the most beautiful Suzy’s Zoo Rotary Clock!

Next Meeting

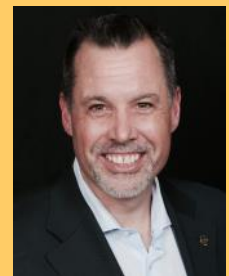
**July 4– DARK
No Meeting**

**Next Meeting:
July 11**

Change of Command

We will welcome 2019-20 President, David Oates, the club’s 110th president.

Please join us as our newest leader shares his vision for this exciting new Rotary year.



David Oates
2019-2020 President

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QUICK BITS

New Lunch Costs

We have reached a new three year agreement that allows us to keep Liberty Station Conference Center as our home! Your input on the annual survey indicates very high satisfaction with the venue and arrangements, and we are very pleased to have this new agreement in place.

Even though there are planned increases in minimum wage over the term of the agreement, our cost of attendance will only increase \$1 per year. So, **effective July 1, the weekly meal cost will increase to \$34, and the cost for non-eaters will increase to \$6.**



Thank you to all of our members who are using our app to share photos, messages and reminders about everything going on in the club!

You can download the FREE San Diego Rotary app on your phone and tablet from the App Store or Google Play. Just search "San Diego Rotary" in the store. (This app is only for San Diego Rotary Club members.)

BIRTHDAYS

	July
Carlos Persichetti	1
Jean Young	1
Rich Donnelly	2
Patti Roscoe	3
Tom Gable	4
John Rebelo, Jr.	7
Betty Peabody	7

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Finally, the guest of honor emotionally confessed she should have shorn the mascara today, thanked everyone almost individually, thanked her Board of Directors for their support and patience, and recognized special friends and her family. Suzy acknowledged the joy of the 4-Way Test Speeches, the progress of the Atiak hospital and the **Walter Lam** Welcome Hall, the great Auction success, and the creation of the club's first Presidential Grant. Suzy's pride in this Club, in its achievements and in its members, was clearly evident in her final words as our 109th president.



Suzy was surprised with a custom designed Suzy's Zoo Rotary clock.

CALENDAR

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

July

4 **Dark**

11 **Annual Change of Command**

18 **Ferry Zandvliet-Paris Terrorist Attack Survivor**

GROTARIAN EVENT

Join us at the Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute for an exclusive evening introducing you to the fascinating world of open ocean seafood farming (aquaculture). We will tour the facility with globally recognized aquaculture experts who'll share their vision, purpose and process in sustainable farming of this critically needed protein source, while answering any questions or concerns you may have. Fabulous food and beverages will be served. Guests are welcome!

Date: Tuesday July 23, 2019
Time: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Address: 2595 Ingraham Street - San Diego, CA 9210
Free parking

Cost per Person: \$35.00
Deadline for Registration: July 19, 2019
Maximum Attendees: 40

[Click here to sign up!](#)

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

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A THANK YOU FROM PRESIDENT SUZY

Thank you to Bob Russell, Peter Duncan and Greg Zinser and the hilarious Roast committee . Pat Crowell, for your unstoppable wit. Club 33 Singers, Bryan Verhoye,...

Thank you to Randy Barnett and Liberty Station – It's our Rotary home.

Thank you to the 2018-2019 Board of Directors. I learned so much from you. Such as, how to run a Board meeting, for one. Thank you for your support and patience.

The highlights of my year included:

- Seeing **Patti Roscoe** receive the Ms. San Diego award 2018
- The surprise visit during the Holiday program when Steve Hubbard joined the program! Gives me chills, remembering it! Having Lynn Spafford conduct the chorus and the Spafford Family singers participate!
- Participating in the judging of the 4-Way Test
- Watching the Atiak Hospital become a rising star in Rotary International—now, with the newly-named Walter Lam Welcome Hall
- Welcoming all you new members – and please, let's see more of them in David's year
- The biggie -- The first-ever Club 33 Presidential Grants—Paul D's brainchild. The Auction and the big surprise that happened, when \$30,000 was raised right here in this room!

I'm glad I did the weekly Art Moments! From Winslow Homer and the old masters at the Timken to Jackson Pollock, Chagall, Van Gogh and Georgia O'Keeffe...and I was so pleased by YOUR involvement, and your presentations were terrific. Thank you to:

- **Sue Rehm** with her prize-winning painting
- **Dean Crowder** with Sister Corita serigraphs
- **Joyce Gattas** with Donal Hord's sculpture
- **Mike Caruso**, the Kevin Anderson murals at Veterans Village
- **Marlee Ehrenfeld** with Andy Goldsworthy natural sculptures
- **Charlie Van Vechten's** daughter Ava, with Lauren Lek
- **Divya Kakaiya's** patient's artwork
- **Erin Spiewak** with the Monarch murals
- **Cindy Marten** with Russ Sperling – "Be the Inspiration"- themed artwork by students
- **Paul Devermann** with the cyber art, Banksy, and more...
- **Michael Brunker** with Kadir Nelson's baseball-themed artwork
- **Jan McDonough** took me on tour of Scripps Hospital fine art
- **Richard Coutts** and the Arts and Healing at Sharp
- **Steve Coopersmith** with the graffiti murals in NYC
- **Stephanie Saathoff** who sent me the story of Rex the Lion
- **Nancy Laturno** brought us Derek Paravicini, the pianist
- and a very special thanks to creative thinker **Paul Nestor**, who gave me many tips, terrific photos, and more wonderful ideas than I could ever use!

I'm so proud of the good work of Rotary – and our many Committee chairs, and their leadership... and some committees are very demanding! The Rotaracts and the Interacts -- and how they grow into involved and caring young adults, fired up with Rotary passion!

I'm grateful to:

- Wonderful Mary Radovan, for just doing her job so marvelously and graciously, being sure of all the details, making every Thursday such a joy for me.
- Paul Devermann for just doing his job, as he would say-- he has such a deep understanding and passion for the great work of Rotary—For getting behind the arts theme --conceiving of and forming the first Presidential Grant in my year. For organizing all the images I sent to him on Tuesdays, and projecting them right on cue each week-
- To Team Ledford – **Woody** and Carole, and their support and careful evaluation of all things financial.
- To Suzy's Zoo art director Doug Schmitt, for helping gather all my character art those framed, signed, specially-composited one-of-a-kind prints.
- My husband Ray, for supporting me all this year and the years leading up to it – NOW we can finally relax a little, and take care of us!!

Thanks to Pres-Elect **Chris Sichel** and almost-president David Oates for their wonderful support – Chris single-handedly brought us wonderful programs. And David! Wow, he has reached out to the whole club all year long, and before that.—and to both for cheerfully wearing their Corky Turtle and Jack Quacker badges all year! It was fun! But now those are retired. I'm going back to being a human again, and no longer a ducken.

Which brings me to one last piece of unfinished business—For flashing Suzy's Zoo at you all year, I am fining myself for \$3,500. Part of that is to pay it forward, so I am designating \$2000 to go towards the Presidential Grant in David's year– and the remaining \$1500 to be in reserve in the San Diego Rotary Foundation. Maybe it could support the arts in some way—maybe at the Atiak hospital.

Lastly, thank you to all of you, solid Rotarians, and dear friends and family. I'll never forget this year. It's been great! Thank you for your overwhelming love, support and friendships.

ATIAK HOSPITAL

As shown below, numerous rooms are available for adoption at the Alliance For African Assistance Hospital in Atiak, Uganda. The number in parenthesis signifies the number of rooms in a given category. Each room or space is \$10,000 except as noted. A commemorative plaque will be plaque outside the room noting the name of the donor, or wording that the donor selects. Contact Paul Devermann if you are interested or have questions.

Female Reproductive Health:

Female reproductive waiting room (1)

Pre-natal (2)

Labour (2)

Delivery (2) - **Candland**

Ante Natal (2)

MidWife (1)

Doctor (1)

Attendant (1)

Children's Diagnosis (3) – **Devermann; Ben-Yehuda, Eddy**

Adult Treatment rooms (3); **Casey**

Adult Treatment Waiting Room (1)

Dental (1)

Ophthalmology (1)

ENT (1)

HIV/Aids (1)

Pharmacy (1)

X-Ray (1) – **Pretto**

Night Observation – Male (1); Female (1)

Pharmacy (1); Waiting (1)

Accounts (1); Waiting (1)

Adult Diagnosis (4); Waiting (1)

General Store (4)

Welcome Room (1) - **Lam**

Staff Tea/Common Room (1)

General Waiting Terrace (1)- **Haines**

Large Central Courtyard (1) (\$50,000)

Landscape Garden (1)

Second Floor

Function Hall (3)

Medical Administrator (1)

Deputy Medical Administrator (1)

Secretary (1)



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