There was a buzz of anticipation at our July 11th Change of Command meeting. Jay Arnett’s Inspirational message was “do something every day of which your future self would be proud.” Larry Hoeksema and Katie Fullhorst led us in saluting our Flag and America the Beautiful.

Past President Suzy waxed poetic about incoming Prez David. He arrived here in 1991 after receiving his commission in the U.S Navy. After five years as a Surface Warfare Officer, he transitioned to a full-time Navy Public Affairs Officer, which included a two-year stint aboard the aircraft carrier USS JOHN C. STENNIS. He left the Navy in 2000, had a six-year corporate career, and joined Club 33 in 2007 - classification Public Relations Regional, A.A. Among his Rotary accomplishments are Camp Enterprise chair and founder of the YoPro classification, which has introduced many talented young professionals into our club. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Club 33 Bequest Society, and a proud SDSU Aztec.

President David’s swearing in officer was U.S. Navy Captain Pete Galindez, who serves as Force Judge Advocate, Commander Naval Air Force Atlantic. They met prior to some meetings. Thanks to Peg Eddy, for your generous sponsorship.

President David swore in the 2019/20 Rotary Board of Directors and presented Chris Sichel with his President-Elect pin. Judy Thompson, Presidential Nominee, had her choice of David’s much revered vest – or a small gift bag. Judy selected the gift bag. In it was a message – the vest is hers to wear this Rotary year.

David introduced his family: wife, Marnie Zoglman; brother, Tom, from Washington, DC; and from Delaware, his Mom, Janet, and husband Gary. He thanked PP Bob Russell, for sponsoring him. He said the club really impressed him with its programs and projects. “Club 33’s positive, life changing impact is seen in the hands-on initiatives undertaken here and around the world. At a time when people seem to favor divisiveness, we stand together in support of others without concern for their skin color, religious preferences, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or other arbitrary criteria. Rotarians ask, how can we help, and then make it happen. It’s a value fostered and shared, even with Dodgers fans (looking at you Stan Lawrence!) and Army veterans.”

David soon realized that Club 33 is everywhere; reading to an elementary school student, extending a hand of gratitude to a military service member, mentoring an Interact student, offering a senior citizen much needed comfort, or ensuring we eradicate polio from this planet forever. His Presidential theme is “We Are Everywhere.” The focus will be on our projects, programs, and people. His Presidential minute will speak to Rotarians committing random acts of gratitude in the service of others.

For members who cannot commit time to a committee, they may “freelance.” Participate when they can but participate.

Service projects will be highlighted prior to some meetings. Thanks to Greg Sterner, we can perform Push Ups for Polio Plus before our Oct. 24th meeting, which is World Polio Day. We will have a Build A Bike Program in the spring for young children of local military families. (Thanks, Peg Eddy, for your generous sponsorship.)

Club 33’s membership is down 10 % from a dozen years ago. Our goal is 50 new members within the next year. Bring a prospect, and Rotary will pick up the prospect’s lunch tab. Keeping in the new member theme, we met Jordan Maharaj, Jabez LeBret, and welcomed back, Evan Wahl.

Club 33’s Foundation created the Presidential Grant program this year. President David is making a commitment that came as a result of the 2016 Camp Enterprise. CE Chair, Don Teemsma, asked committee member, David Oates, to chair the Talent Contest. A young student, Karla, performed “Speed Art” by creating a full painting in under three minutes. Solveig Deuprey asked Karla if she would tell everyone how she learned Speed Art.
Karla explained “she came to it as a way to channel her suicidal tendencies.” She bravely declared … “I’m a human trafficking survivor.” CE so changed Karla, that she became more positive and upbeat, thinking of her future. She is now a student at Mesa College, in attendance at our meeting, and received a standing ovation from Club 33.

David was so moved at that CE, he researched the human trafficking problem. Turns out it’s a scourge. An estimated 3,000 to 6,000 young people are being trafficked within our county. Eighty percent of them are U.S. citizens recruited through local gangs and recruiters in every high school/school district. Sex trafficking is an astonishing $800 million industry in our region.

Thanks to our Club 33 Foundation, two partnerships were launched. The first is with Free to Thrive. We were joined by the non-profit’s Managing Partner, Jamie Quient, and Thriver, Ashley Donaldson, also CEO of More Life Liquid. With their assistance, Club 33 will hold a workshop for 25 Rotarians who will interact with experts and discuss human trafficking. Also at the workshop will be survivors of human trafficking looking to further their business, service, and personal development goals. Tiger Teams will help boost their concepts into launch phase. The date is September 14th at Goodwill San Diego’s headquarters. Thanks to CEO, Toni Giffin, and her gracious offer to host. Contact Jean Young and Julia Holladay of our Peace Committee if you can sign up.

This year’s Presidential Grant will be directed to human trafficking education. After consulting with Michelle Candland, President David was introduced to Asst. San Diego County District Attorney, Mary-Ellen Barrett, and San Diego Trafficking Prevention Collective’s Director, Don Buchheit. Teachers are the front lines of this human trafficking battle and play a key role in identifying students being recruited into this world, which starts as early as the 5th grade. The training itself is free. What is needed is in-service day funding to train 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th grade teachers. Our Foundation will commit $25,000 to pay for training for 50 teachers, at a cost of about $500 per teacher. Past President Suzy has committed an additional $2,000 toward this effort, and so will your editor. President David wants us to begin an awareness movement, not just within San Diego, but the entire district, that says “We know, we’re watching, we’re fighting, and will no longer stand by blind to this epidemic.” An additional 500+ public and charter teachers need training. Please consider making a $500 donation to sponsor a teacher. Can there be a better investment?

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As mentioned in Patti’s editorial on page 2, President David has selected this year’s Presidential Grant to be directed towards the education of human trafficking prevention. Teachers are the front lines of this human trafficking battle and play a key role in identifying students being recruited into this world, which starts as early as the 5th grade. The training itself is free. What is needed is in-service day funding to train 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th grade teachers. Our Foundation will commit $25,000 to pay for training for 50 teachers, at a cost of about $500 per teacher. Though an additional 500+ public and charter teachers need training. Please contact the Rotary office if you would like sponsor a teacher with a $500 donation.

Thanks to the generous donations of the following Club 33 members, we have already raised an additional $26,100!

David Oates  
Suzy Spafford  
Patti Roscoe  
John Hawkins  
Camille Newbern  
Solveig Deuprey  
Jim Hall  
Andrea da Rosa  
Jim Hughes  
Mia Hareniski  
Tom Cohen  
Geri Warnke  
Julia Holladay  
Ed Chaplin  
Julia Brown  
Sam Rinaker  
Pam Luster  
Steve Porter  
Don Teemsma  
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Bonnie Schwartz  
GT Frost  
Mike Morton Sr.  
Judy Thompson  
Stan Hartman  
Tyler Cramer  
Lewis Linson  
Charlene Zettel
Our heartfelt condolences go out to Steve Coopersmith who recently lost his father, Fedric Coopersmith.

Please welcome our newest members to the club:

**Jordan Maharaj—“Education-State University-Development”**. Jordan is a Development Officer at San Diego State University and raises philanthropic support for the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts.

She graduated from SDSU with a degree in Business Administration and is currently pursuing her Masters in Public Administration.

Jordan attended RYLA as an Interact and has continued to serve as a counselor at the camp for the last 5 years. She was a SDSU Rotaract from 2013-2017, having served as their Executive Vice President. She has also served as a Rotaract for District 5340.

Jordan has been fortunate to attend 3 consecutive RI Conventions and to see Rotary’s impact everywhere from Brazil, South Korea and Atlanta. In her free time, she enjoys golfing, traveling and exploring new food spots in San Diego.

Chuck Pretto, David Oates and Bobby Marsh were her sponsors.
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**Jabez LeBret—“Education-High School, Additional Active”**. Jabez is Co-Founder and Chief of Schools for Sisu Academy, a tuition-free boarding high school for underserved girls in San Diego.

Jabez has been homeless, is a high school dropout, and was on a path to nowhere. After getting his GED, Jabez studied finance and marketing at Gonzaga University. He went on to become a financial analyst managing a multi-million P&L at Nordstrom. Jabez is now an international public speaker (1,100+ presentations), author, and Forbes Contributor. He recently sold his award winning marketing agency to free up time to pursue his passion in education.

Jabez is originally from a tiny fishing village in Alaska (where the bank is inside of a bar!) and he was raised by his grandmother who taught him that “no matter what happens to him in life, it is ultimately up to him to decide who he becomes.”

Trevor Blair, David Oates and Dan Assisi were his sponsors.
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**Evan Wahl—“Construction-General, Additional Active”**. Evan is the Vice President of Risk Management and Business Development for Prava Construction Services, Inc.

Evan is a returning member to Club 33, having been a member from 2014-2018. His last job took him to northern California, traveling 3 days a week for the last year and a half. Evan said he knew it was time for a change when the TSA would greet him like Norm on Cheers! He is excited to work with Prava Construction, which serves many non-profits like the TERI project and Canine Companions.

Evan has lived in San Diego now for 10 years. He and his wife Tammy have been married for 20 years and have two teenagers, Lauren and Tiernan.

David Oates was his sponsor.
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With Sympathy

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David is sworn in as our 110th president by his good friend Captain Pete Galindez.

Many dear friends and family attended the program to show their support, including (left) David’s mom, Janet, and her husband Gary, his brother Tom, his wife Marnie, family friends Betsy and Vince Biondo, and former SDSU Rotaract President Jane Kwon; (right) many more SDSU Rotaracts, old and new, were present.

President David swore in his 2019-2020 Board of Directors including (from left) Solveig Deuprey, Diana Marlip-Chuh, Cari McCormick and Daniel Amaro.

(Left) Past President Suzy officially passes on the presidency to David; (right) David presents Chris Sichel with his President-Elect pin.
(Left) President-Nominee Judy Thompson is now the lucky recipient of “that vest”; (right) Die-hard Dodger fan Stan Lawrence took the punishment of losing to David’s Padres like a good sport.

(Left) David introduced some very special guests in the audience, including Karla Torres, a human trafficking survivor; (right) David’s mom, Janet, proudly looks on.

(Left) David with guest Jeremy Poincenot and Bobby Marsh; (right) David adjourns his first meeting as Club 33 President.