

INTERNATIONAL TALENT AND THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE



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Editor

“We are everywhere!” **President David’s** anthem was surely displayed today. And the energy, commitment and readiness to be all we can was gorgeously exemplified by President Nominee **Judy Thompson**, who, as pointed out by David at the podium, has feathered and bedazzled the now almost traditional orange vest she has been designated to wear for the year. **Justine Wong** delivered an inspiration that reminded us to not get lost in the race but to slow down and appreciate the moment around us. **Solveig Deuprey** then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and, accompanied by **Greg Zinser**, *America, Our Country Tis of Thee*. **Deirdre Maloney** delivered the News, sponsored by member **Greg Augustine** and his company Harbor Pest Control. Deirdre reported bad news... the arrest of 16 Camp Pendleton Marines, and some hopefully good news...several auto brands will be moving toward a 50 mile per gallon requirement for new cars.

President David then made a point of welcoming all guests, asking them to stand for an applause greeting, and acknowledging District Governor Marta Knight and District Governor Nominee Dan Gensler, as well as former program speaker to our club and Holocaust survivor Dr. Edith Eger. Our President then asked all committee chairs to send any activity announcements to him with the goal of expanding the distribution of the information, and amplifying his “We Are Everywhere” theme.

Greg Zinser, who recently developed a music program for grades K through 4, who teaches music at the Preuss School, who plays in a band with two other Club 33 members, and who serves on the International Youth Symphony Summer Music Camp committee this year, took the podium as Chair of the Day. In his deep almost-bassoon voice he welcomed several Rotarians from various places, but he awarded two music CDs and a bottle of wine to the Rotarian from the farthest distance, Deniz Zeren from Turkey. Michael Remson, CEO and President of the San Diego Youth Symphony, was then welcomed and introduced by Greg. Remson, among other accolades, was recognized as the 2018 recipient of the

National Guild for Community Arts Education Milestone Award for fostering significant outreach to the community and support of early childhood education from 3-months to 5-years of age. It has been recognized that a steady rhythmic beat increases a child’s language skills. Remson graciously gave special recognition to Gary McElroy among those Rotarians who have recruited, welcomed, hosted, provided chauffeur services to and from events and practices and helped to fund the visitors and their visit to Southern California. Also among those Rotarians were our own Club 33 members Greg Zinser, **Divya Kakaiya** and **Sylvia DuBeau** who hosted international students during their two week stay here in San Diego.

These 45 student musicians from 9 countries, who met only 10 days ago, are here for 2 weeks, have been rehearsing in Balboa Park and will perform a special concert at the Escondido Performing Arts Center, before taking a few days to tour our glorious SoCal. The international students represented Poland, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, the United Kingdom, Croatia, Ireland, Spain, and Ukraine. Their first presentation was (assuming my notes are correct) from the 3rd movement of Beethoven’s First Symphony. Lively with bow-strings and drumsticks and horn buttons literally flying with skill and joy. The second presentation was by Haydn, whom conductor Jeff Edmons described as being a frequent selection by concert aficionados to accompany Beethoven. It was Haydn’s final symphony, acclaimed to be his best, offering both dignified grace and almost thundering notes, and nicknamed “The London Symphony”, honoring its site of debut.

After a standing ovation for this very talented youth orchestra, President David gave our program guests official Rotary themed coins, with the “Rotary Connects the World” theme so befitting with today’s international guests. And after watching today’s program, from the zeal and warmth of our presiding officer to the momentum and thrill of all contributors to the program, it was made very clear that it is very selfish not to bring the people we know and love to be our guests at this amazing club!

Next Meeting

**Next Meeting:
August 1**

**Dr. Peter Hanson
Stem Cell Research**

Dr. Peter Hanson has been Chief of Orthopedic Surgery, and for over 12 years, has served as the Medical Director of Orthopedic Surgery at Grossmont Hospital, a position that involves orchestrating the Total Joint Replacement program for the hospital.

Dr. Hanson has always been involved in clinical research, but became much more so the last 6 years. He was President of the San Diego Stem Cell Center, and is Medical Director of BioSolutions Clinical Research Center.

With San Diego as a hub of Biotechnology, he has developed relationships with local, national, and international companies and done FDA clinical trials for multiple regenerative medicine trials, primarily for arthritis of the hip and knee.

Dr. Hanson’s presentation will be about recent changes in FDA regulations in clinical use of stem cell therapies and recent biotech clinical research opportunities being pursued here in San Diego.



**Chair of the Day
Mike Conner**

QUICK BITS



Our **2019-2020 member roster** is now available. You can pick one up at the check-in desk at our Thursday meetings or at the Rotary office. They will not be mailed. Don't forget that you can also find the most current roster information in our online directory located on our website.

BIRTHDAYS

	July
Michael LaCroix	29
Kimberley Layton	30
Scott Bedingfield	30
Walter Lam	31
Ian Gill	31
	August
Adela de la Torre	2
Jabez LeBret	3
Steve Carlson	3
Patrick Schulze	4
Dean Crowder	4
Dan Assisi	4
Daryl Ferguson	4
Suzanne Frontz	4

In Memoriam



Russell W. Kirby
1929-2019

Russ was a Club 33 member for 22 years.

You can read Russ's obituary in its entirety [here](#).

..Beloved husband and father passed away peacefully at home on July 3, 2019

After retiring from the Navy and returning to the academic world to earn a Master's degree in education and to teach high school, Russ accepted a position with Braille Institute of America, Inc. in 1964 as Assistant Executive Director. In 1966, he was appointed Chief Executive Officer (Executive Director). He remained in this role until his retirement in 1995. Russ expanded and built new educational centers in Orange County, Palm Springs/ Rancho Mirage, Santa Barbara, and a new larger center in Los Angeles, and constructed a playground for the blind children in the Los Angeles area. After retirement, he was involved part-time in San Diego with Braille Institute, planning a new expanded educational center for the blind and visually impaired residents of our state's second most populated county.

Russ is survived by his wife, Marion; two sons, Russell Tyler Kirby and Dwight Randall Kirby; and two daughters, Dawna Lauren Kirby and Wendi Deneen Kirby York. They all reside in the San Diego area.

Russ's military graveside service will be at 1:00 p.m. on August 16, 2019 at Miramar National Cemetery, 5795 Noble Road, San Diego.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Russell Kirby to Braille Institute of America or to your favorite charity.

CALENDAR

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

August

- 1 Dr. Peter Hanson-Stem Cell Research**
- 8 Bob Brewer-US Attorney for Southern District of CA**
- 15 Marlee Ehrenfeld-City of San Diego 250th Anniversary**

GROTARIAN EVENT

RED BADGERS-SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual POOLSIDE CHAT will be held on Tuesday, August 27, from 5:30-7:30pm. (Cost: free)

Please come and learn more about Club 33 and our Committees (and satisfy one of your permanent badge requirements!) as we enjoy some fellowship on a nice summer evening! We will have 8-10 Committee Chairs speak about their committees, what their committees do, and how you as a committee member can help. It will be an informative but fun evening for all who attend. Food and beverages will be provided.

This event is for Grotarians only. Please no spouses or guests.

Location: Residence of John Alioto 3614 Carleton St. 92106

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

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FACES IN OUR CROWD

Photos courtesy of Lisa Miller



(Left) Members and guests surround Dr. Edith Eger, author, Auschwitz survivor and special Aunt of **Dick Eger**; (right) It looks like the color of summer is orange and coral.



(Left) President David was very amused on how President Nominee Judy Thompson personalized her vest; (right) Club 33 members Divya Kakaiya, Sylvia DuBeau and Greg Zinser posed for a photo with the international students they are hosting during their summer music camp with the Youth Symphony.



The International Youth Symphony put on another impressive performance for us!