

# THE ROTATOR

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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

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## Drugs, Smugglers and Criminal Activities—A Day in the Life of the US Attorney

## Next Meeting



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Editor

And we think our jobs are hectic! Try keeping order over 141 miles of border with Mexico. But more on that later. **Prez David** opened with his own inspirational comment in light of the horrible tragedies of the past week. Rotarians are by our nature optimistic, waking each day with an eye to making the lives of others better. The Prez said it in three words: “We Are Rotary.”

Renaissance Man **Tom Gehring** (if you don't believe me, check out Tom's remarkable service to the Country and Community!) provided an Inspirational Moment rooted in history and the remarkable Lewis & Clark expedition to map the West, encouraging us all to pull on our own undaunted courage when faced with seemingly unsurmountable challenges. **Jeff Wheeler** followed with the Pledge and what seemed a bit subdued *My Country Tis of Thee* accompanied by **Larry Piano-Man Showley**. **Stan The Dodger Fan Lawrence** followed with the News, sponsored this week by **John Neuhart** and DVC Cleaner Inc. Judging his choice of baseball team, Stan must have been dropped on his head when a child. Or more likely the smog in *that* city morphed his DNA. Anyway, Prez David apparently made a bad bet with LA's Most Wanted and now that the Padres lost... again... must wear the dreaded LA cap during the meeting (which he did leading some of us to suspect he's really a closet LA Dodger fan.) High drama at today's meeting!

Prez David rolled into some announcements, showcasing a Rotarian fellowship trip to LA (more closet Dodger fans??) and how Rotarians are making a difference by organizing a tour of the University of San Diego for our previous guest student Karla, thanks to **Solveig Deuprey** and **Stephanie Saathoff**. The Prez also gave a big shout out to **Nick Bernal** and a host of Rotarians who helped make the City Heights Soccer Tournament a success.

Special thanks to David Harp's Foundation, **Brandon Steppe** and to David Higereda and Jesus Villegas for a fantastic video of the event! (*Find the link to the video below*) Speaking of that fabulous event, how about this one. The new CEO for the San Diego Foundation, our own **Mark Stuart** participated at the Soccer Tournament...by picking up trash. Apparently, that level of public service gets no respect from our Prez! Showing his determination to dominate members, he whacked Mark for a huge fine for... get this...not wearing his Rotary pin in a press photo for his new position. Gonna be a year of terror My Fellow Rotarians!

Prez next recognized the remarkable Nick Bernal as the Rotarian of the Quarter. Almost forgotten, (which is what happens when you go off-script Mr. Prez), **Rick Chatham** announced the next Grotarian Poolside Chat on August 27 (details on page 2).

Finally bringing decorum to our meeting, noted sort-of-retired attorney **Bob Russell** acted as our Chair of the Day. After performing his obligatory duties (including advice to the Prez to not bet on the Padres!), Bob introduced Bob Brewer, the US Attorney for the Southern District. It seems that Mr. Brewer has his work cut out for him. Along with only two other states, we have the distinction of having four US Attorneys for California. But, ours is the only District that is exclusively on the border with Mexico... which of course brings with it incredible challenges. While San Diego is the safest big city in the US, Tijuana is considered the most dangerous one in the world. Bringing to justice those engaged in human smuggling, human trafficking, drugs are all part of the Mr. Brewer's portfolio. It was an eye-opening look at what it takes to keep a handle on an assortment of illegal border activities.

[Click here](#) to view our *City Heights Soccer Tournament* video put together by the students at the David Harp's Foundation.

**Next Meeting:  
August 15**

**Marlee Ehrenfeld  
City of San Diego  
250th Anniversary**

This is an important year for the City of San Diego!

Learn how this community-driven anniversary effort has resulted in a collaboration that includes civic leaders, organizations, community volunteers and Kumeyaay representatives. Thousands of residents and tourists have attended a series of events to reflect on our city's history and leave a legacy for the future. Please join us in celebrating San Diego's 250th anniversary with a dynamic presentation that includes a short documentary of how the past 250 years have shaped our region. And learn about the events and celebrations yet to come as we honor San Diego's colorful past and bright future.



**Chair of the Day  
Ann Hill**

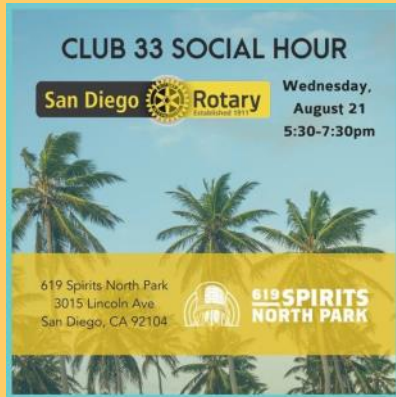
## QUICK BITS

### Club 33 Social Hour

Please join us on Wednesday August 21 at 5:30 for our next social hour at 619 Spirits in North Park, located at 3015 Lincoln Avenue. 619 Spirits is San Diego's first urban craft distillery and tasting room with a full restaurant and bar, located in the heart of North Park:

<https://619spirits.com/>

See you there!



Save the date now for this year's Annual *Bid Big!* Auction – Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>!

Bid on some great auction items and unique experiences for yourself or for holiday gifts!

For more information on sponsorship or donating items – please contact [Kimberley Layton](#).

## CALENDAR

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

### August

15 *Marlee Ehrenfeld-City of San Diego 250th Anniversary*

22 *Brian Steffy- Illumina*

29 *District Governor Marta Knight*

## GROTARIAN EVENT

**RED BADGERS-SAVE THE DATE AND SIGN UP!**

**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**

[Click here to sign up](#)

## BIRTHDAYS

	August
R.B. Johnson	12
Ann Hill	13
Serhat Pala	13
Sylvia DuBeau	13
G.T. Frost, Jr.	13
Dennis Burks	14
Vance Gustafson	14
Jim Wynkoop	17
Brad Sund	17
Joe Farrage	17

*The Celebration of Life for Russ Korbey will follow his graveside service on August 16 from 3pm-6pm at Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive*

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 Paul Nestor



(Left) US Attorney Bob Brewer described some of the illegal border activity that his office is challenged with; (right) Chair of the Day Bob Russell's gift to our visiting Rotarian?...a DEA hat so they can blend in should they ever be involved in a drug bust!



(Left) President David's victory was short-lived and is back to wearing his rival's hat; (right) Congrats to Nick Bernal on being selected as our Rotarian of the Quarter!



(Left) Thank you to Mark Stuart of the San Diego Foundation for his fine and contribution towards the City Heights Soccer Tournament; (right) Brandon Steppe of the David Harp's Foundation with two of this students who filmed and put together our promo soccer video, David Higereda and Jesus Villegas.