

Polar Bears: Now You See Them, Now You Don't



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Editor

We were all back where we belong, following an unexpected meeting cancelation last week due to a fire emergency. **President David** thanked those who showed up anyway; apparently, about 10 people didn't get the message. PP **JoDee Jacob** garnered two rounds of applause before she even took the mic

to deliver the Inspirational Moment as Prez David shared her accomplishments. She talked about lifelong learning, wellness and volunteer opportunities for seniors and said she was inspired by many of our members whose badges reside in the "OF" section in the lobby; people like **Bill Herrin, Natasha Josefowitz, Gary Nelson, George Carter Jessop** and **George Gildred** among others. She also mentioned it was Prez David's birthday. **Kimberley Layton** followed her cue and lead us in the Pledge and *America The Beautiful* accompanied by **Katie Fulhorst**. Kimberley then surprised Prez David with a snappy big boy birthday hat and birthday glasses which complimented his sweet little birthday cake with candles burning. Everyone joined in to sing "Happy Birthday" before **Mark Burgess** delivered the News brought to us by **Toni Giffin** at Goodwill Industry.

Prez David said we had a celebrity among us; **Katie Sawyer**, E.D. of the San Diego Women's Foundation was recently named 2019 Nonprofit Visionary of the Year at the San Diego Magazine's Celebrating Women's event. Congratulations. Katie! Next was the annual award of the Ferd Fletcher Fishing Trophy presented by the dynamic father son duo of **Bob Fletcher** and **Rob Fletcher**. Bob began the presentation but then handed it off to his son, because Bob couldn't very well present it to himself! A Fletcher presenting the Fletcher trophy to a Fletcher... sounds like we need some new blood in there next year! (Find details for the next fishing trip on page 3.)

A meeting wouldn't be complete without fines. **Marlee Ehrenfeld** started it off by sharing the upcoming Biggest Book Club Gala at the Central Library on Oct. 12. Funds raised will benefit all 36 libraries in the region as well as numerous programs to

help underserved youth. She was followed by **Christy White** and **Marinda Peugh** letting us know about the first Inaugural Rotary Night at the Cygnet Theatre on Nov. 1st. It will begin with a beer tasting on the patio followed by a rousing performance of "The Last Five Years" and then time with the Director behind the scenes. Ten dollars of every ticket sold will be donated towards programs for the Hoover High Interact students who will be able to attend a live performance at the theatre. (Find more details on page 3.)

President David took a few minutes to recognize our most recent Paul Harris Fellows--six in all: Mark Burgess and **Steve Carlson** earned their first, **Ginny Ollis, David Kvendru** and **Rachel Inmon** earned their second, and **Patti Roscoe** was recognized for achieving her seventh. So many big hearts in our club!

The Chair of the Day was **Penny Robbins**. She and her husband Mike recently started a new boat charter company called Halcyon Seas Charters with a 70-foot vessel that is based out of Ft. Lauderdale Florida and does cruises up and down the eastern seaboard and in the Bahamas. She heard JoAnne Simerson speak at a recent event and was so taken by her story, she invited JoAnne to talk to us about her passion, Polar Bears.

JoAnne has 37 years experience in the wildlife conservation field, 18 of which have been focused on Polar Bears. She shared numerous amazing photos of the bears up close and personal and talked about what makes a Polar Bear different from other bears. First off, they live in the far north spread out around the most productive feeding region called the Arctic Ring of Life. Polar Bears are one of the newest species beginning about 500,000 years ago. Five nations are responsible for the wellbeing of this mammal: the U.S., Russia, Canada (with 2/3 of the total population), Denmark and Norway. They are very unique. To start with, their claws are more like cleats, the skin on their feet is thick and covered with cells that act like suction cups and their sense of smell is incredible with the help of a Jacobsen's organ to help take in more air, much like a snake.

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Next Meeting

**Next Meeting:
October 17**

**Scott Brunner
FBI Special Agent
San Diego Field Office**

In May 2019, the FBI announced the appointment of 24-year agency veteran Scott Brunner as special agent in charge of the bureau's San Diego Field Office.

Brunner started his FBI career as a special agent investigating violent and organized crime and public corruption. He also served as a pilot and SWAT team operator.

Later in his career, he would be promoted to program-manage the joint FBI/Hungarian Organized Crime Task Force in DC, supervise a strike force that tackled major Mexican drug traffickers in San Diego, lead the FBI's Safe Streets and Gang Unit, and lead Louisville's national security and intelligence programs.

Brunner was also the deputy assistant director of CIRG in 2018, where his responsibilities included managing the FBI's surveillance, aviation, unmanned systems and counter unmanned systems programs, behavioral analysis, and the 24/7 command center.

He will be talking about the agency's current programs and priorities.



**Chair of the Day
Rachel Inmon**

QUICK BITS

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CALENDAR



Most important is their body fat. They are famous for their still hunting of bearded seals and ring seals. They can assimilate 85-90% of fat from their food.

Historically, Polar Bears survived due to numerous whales that washed ashore but the advent of Man inhabiting the region put an end to that. Trophy hunting and loss of feeding grounds threatens the entire species. The rapid loss of sea ice is having a huge impact on their reproduction and life cycle because less ice means less food, which means fewer males and females who aren't strong enough to bear and care for their cubs. Cubs stay with their Moms for up to two years and only have a 50% chance of survival until they reach six years of age, when that statistic jumps to 95%. If nothing is done to temper global warming, we will see a 60% loss of the overall Polar Bear population in the not too distant future. The one thing we can do to help right now is reach out to our government representatives and change the conversation about greenhouse gasses from a political one to a conversation about saving an entire species of animal.



The Auction Committee is in need of airline miles or hotel points to complete a couple of terrific auction items. If you haven't donated yet and have miles or points you can donate, please contact Auction Committee member [Ginny Ollis](#) to coordinate.

Remember, our auction is **December 5th** and your support directly impacts those who need us in the community!

TO DONATE AN ITEM FOR THE AUCTION, [CLICK HERE](#) TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM.



We are also asking for donations of bottles of wine for our Wine Auction (completion of online form is not necessary for this).

The wine needs to be at least 91 points or better and have a minimum cost of \$25.

You can drop off your wine at our Thursday meetings or at the Rotary office (please call ahead to be sure someone is available).

Thank you for your support!

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

October

17 Scott Brunner-FBI Special Agent San Diego Field Office

24 Denise Mueller Korenek-Breaking Boundaries

31 The State of the Spirits Market

GROTARIAN EVENT

Stay tuned for details for upcoming events:

November— Marston House

December—Christmas at the Timken

January - Fireside Chat

Remember you can always find upcoming event details on our website at www.sandiegorotary.club and on our app.



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".

BIRTHDAYS

October

Mona Minton	14
Daniel Amaro	16
Cheryl Wilson	17
Bill Wise	17
Cathryn Nacario	17
Larry Richman	18
Karlie Lopardo	18
Ed Hearn, Jr.	19
Joe da Rosa	20

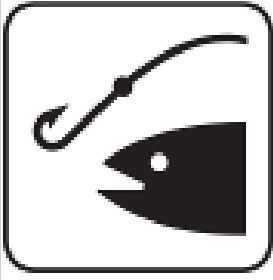
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CLUB 33 FISHING TRIP



Next year, the annual Rotary Fishing Trip will again be on the Custom Long Range vessel SEARCHER, located at Fisherman's Landing in Point Loma. It will be a 1.5 Day Trip, leaving at 5 pm on Wednesday, September 2nd, Fishing all day on Thursday, September 3rd, and returning on Friday, September 4th about 7am. The cost will be \$520.00, which includes everything except any beer or sodas and tips.

We have been having excellent fishing on these trips, catching Bluefin and Yellowfin tuna, Yellow Tail and Dorado on kelps. And the weather is mostly good in September. Currently, there are 26 vacancies on this trip, but it will fill up fast, as it is a Let's Talk Hook Up sponsored trip, and there will be lots of raffle prizes and giveaways. So call the Searcher office at (619) 226-2403, or go online at: Searchersport-fishing.com, or call Fisherman's Landing at: (619) 221-8500 and tell them you want to book Searcher 1.5 Day Let's Talk Hook Up Trip #20 in 2020. Hope to see you all next year!

Bob Fletcher, Chair, Rotary Fishing Trip

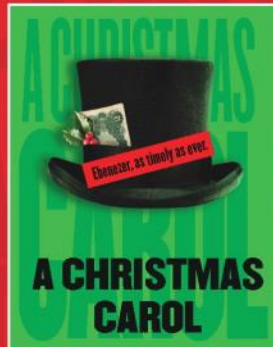
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ROTARY NIGHT at CYGNET THEATRE



November 1, 2019



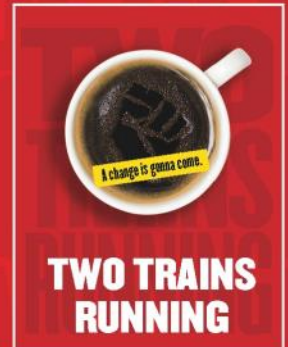
December 6, 2019



January 31, 2020



March 20, 2020



May 29, 2020

**Enjoy an evening of theatre with your fellow Rotarians.
Support Youth Arts Engagement programs!**

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**Come early for our Theatre on Tap beer event beginning at 6:30 pm followed by the 7:30 pm performance.
Stay after for Friday Forum to chat with the cast and director.**

Use coupon code SDROTARY. \$10 of your ticket price goes to support Cygnet Theatre's in-school theatre workshops and student matinee performances.

TICKETS: (619) 337-1525 or CYGNETTHEATRE.ORG

FACES IN OUR CROWD

Photos courtesy of Lisa Miller



(Left) President David's birthday was recognized with some fun birthday gear, a birthday cake and the singing of *Happy Birthday* by the audience; (right) joining Past President **Suzy Spafford** and **Paul Nestor** was Congressman Juan Vargas.



(Left) Keeping it in the family: the Ferd Fletcher Fishing trophy was awarded to Bob Fletcher by his son, Rob Fletcher; (right) guest speaker JoAnne Simerson and Chair of the Day Penny Robbins.



(Left) Steve Carlson and Mark Burgess received their first Paul Harris Fellow; (right) Mary Radovan and **Camille Newbern** helped **Tracy Sundlun** show off a beautiful Rotary fabric he purchased in Africa.