

San Diego City Colleges: A Great Value



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Editor

Guest speakers Dr. Ricky Shabazz (President San Diego City College) and Rotarian **Pam Luster** (President San Diego Mesa College) “tag-teamed” a lively and informative overview of our city’s community colleges.

The San Diego Community College District plays an important role in providing public access to transfer courses, career training, and support services. Comprised of three campuses (City, Mesa, and Miramar) and Continuing Education courses, the district offers a world-class education to over 103,000 students in state-of-the-art facilities. Thanks to taxpayers who supported propositions S and N, the community colleges enjoy new spaces and places.

Higher education is expensive. San Diego’s community colleges extends to first-time, full-time students two years of free education. The District makes a \$4.3 billion impact on the regional economy. Educational programs lead to high demand and meaningful careers and/or transfer to 4-year universities. A recent study conducted by San Diego State reports that transfer students from community colleges out-performed entering freshmen in both GPA and completion rates.

Club 33 members always appreciate well-prepared, professionally delivered programs that leave plenty of time for questions. Today’s presentation rocked in both categories! Ricky and Pam answered eight, eight (!) comments and questions from the audience. We learned more about on-line courses, students services (including a child care center), internships, training for tradesmen who can earn \$350K a year, the Veteran’s Resource Group, and the close collaboration among community college leaders, high schools and the 4-year universities the districts feeds. Pam said, “Even one student who cannot transfer course credits to a university is one too many.”

Other highlights:

- President **David Oates** customary opening remarks saluted “Rotarians are everywhere,” specifically **Deirdre Maloney** who reads at Cesar Chavez Elementary and *Helping Hands Across the Border* volunteers who organized and donated 1,200 food kits for needy Ensenada residents.
- **Jack Berkman** challenged us to practice self-control and composure, setting a new record for a snappy and succinct Inspirational Moment.
- Always enthusiastic **Lauren Lek** invited Red Badgers to attend the [Fireside Chat](#) at Academy of Our Lady of Peace on January 28, catered by *The French Gourmet*.
- **Peg Eddy** took a fine on behalf of SDSU Rotaract *Dance Marathoners*, who will raise funds for Rady Children’s Hospital on February 21. [Click here to learn more or to help their fund-raising efforts.](#)
- **Richard Donnelly** plugged the upcoming [golf tourney at San Diego Country Club on February 7](#). (If you shoot 150 per round like **Pat Crowell**, it will only cost you \$1 per stroke.)
- New member **Julie Marnier** will be a most welcome addition to our club’s vocal music programs.
- Please extend thanks to Club 33 Rotarians who supported our program today:
- Badge: **David Aiken, Raymond Simas**
- Registration: **Carrie Cottrill, Rich DeBolt, Gil Johnson, Duke Sobek**
- Greeters: **Daniel Amaro, Ellen Casey, Ron Eisenberg, Toni Giffin, Marinda Peugh, Mark Stuart**
- The Patriotic moment led by **Club 33 Singers**, accompanied by Bryan Verhoye
- Photography by **Lisa Miller**
- Our dedicated professional staff, **Paul Devermann, Mary Radovan** and Carole Ledford.

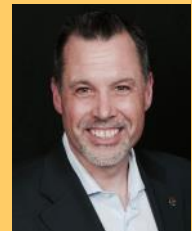
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Next Meeting

**Next Meeting:
January 23, 2020**

**Rotary International
President
Mark Maloney**

Rotary International’s sitting President, Mark Maloney, will speak to us on the future of Rotary around the world. Join us for this rare and special treat.



David Oates
Chair of the Day

The News was sponsored by **Toni Giffin** (CEO Goodwill Industries of San Diego County) and reported by **Deidre Maloney**. Her joke: “A college dean was briefing a new group of students on the school’s dorm room policy: “The female dormitory will be out-of-bounds for all male students. Anybody caught breaking this rule will be fined \$20 the first time, \$60 for the second offense and \$180 for the third. Are there any questions?” A student in the crowd raised his hand and asked, “Er... how much for a season pass?”

QUICK BITS



Be sure to follow us on Instagram at @sdrotary33 and tag us on your posts and stories



2020 Golf Tournament

Join us for a fun day of golf and fellowship! We will have 3 outings at the San Diego Country Club this year. All tee off at 9am.

February 7, April 24 and June 5

Register now for the first event by emailing Rich Donnelly at Rdonnelly@EPWealth.com. You must be confirmed by a response email as we are limited to 16 players.

Cost is \$110, cart is \$22, and we include lunch and a drink. (Plan on about \$150 per person).



Catch up with the City Heights Rotaracts

[Click here](#) to view their latest newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS

January

David Aikin	20
Marie Huff	21
Alan Spector	21
Greg Sterner	22
Greg Noonan	22
Michael Gordon	23
Larry Hoeksema	25
Joe Zakowski	25

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member to the club:



Julie Marner—"Social Service and Welfare-Burundi Friends Intl". Julie is the Executive Director of Burundi Friends International, a local nonprofit working to empower Burundian youth, women and families towards building sustainable communities through education and economic development. Burundi is a land-locked country located in east, central Africa. (Last year, our Rotary International Foundation Grants Committee allocated \$3,000 of their funds for a new library in Burundi.)

Julie is originally from Iowa. For twenty years, she has worked throughout San Diego as a music director at various churches. Besides spreading the joy of music, she is also passionate about reaching underserved individuals and communities.

For several years, Julie visited the RJ Donovan Correctional Facility to practice Buddhist meditation with inmates. In 2010-11, she traveled to the Himalayas and taught English to Buddhist nuns, then volunteered for four months teaching English at Light University in Bujumbura. Over time, she returned regularly to Burundi which eventually led to her position at Burundi Friends International.

Mike Meaney, **Roger Haines** and **Walter Lam** were her sponsors. Email: julie.m@bufri.org

Club 33 Mentor Program

What better folks to give back to or learn and grow with than fellow Rotarians! If you are interested in being a mentor or a mentee, please contact [Barbara Noerenberg](#) or [Daniel Amaro](#) for more information. We are planning on starting in late January 2020.

CALENDAR

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

JAN

23 *President Mark Maloney, Rotary International*

30 *Mayor Kevin Faulconer*

FEB

6 *Cody Hooven-Chief Sustainability Officer, City of San Diego*

GROTARIAN

Last day to sign up is Tuesday, Jan 21!

Grotarian Fireside Chat
January 28 5:30-7:30pm
Academy of Our Lady of Peace
4860 Oregon Street, SD 92116
Cost: Free

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

Red Badgers – please come and learn more about Club 33 and our Committees as we sit by the fire on a cool evening in San Diego. We will have 8-10 Committee Chairs speak about their committees, what their committees do, and how you as a committee member can help.

This is one way for you to find the committee that is the perfect fit for you, AND satisfy one of your permanent badge requirements!

[Click here for more details and to register.](#)

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

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HELPING HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER

January 10-12, 2020—Helping Hands Across the Border probably had it's most successful weekend since it's inception 26 years ago when **Bob Fletcher** and **G.T. Frost** (as President of Club 33 then) followed through on a crazy idea of helping our neighbors to the South. Club 33 joined forces with the Rotary Club of Ensenada to distribute cans of tuna (guess where that idea came from?) and other food items, along with blankets and an occasional toy, to the neediest in the greater Ensenada areas.

Rob Fletcher, Jr. and family, **Josh Buchholz** and family (5 children in all from both families!), Bob and Anne Fletcher, G.T. Frost, **Rick McElvain**, **Jay Arnett** and **Sylvia Dubeau**, met at the Hotel Coral Marina on Friday night then drove to a warehouse in Ensenada to assemble 1,200 packages of food, canned milk, cans of tuna, blankets and toys. They were then loaded into trucks and cars for distribution the next day followed by a nice tamale dinner, with a few shots of good tequila provided by the members of the Ensenada Rotary.

The next morning we all met, with Rotary Club members from Catalina, San Clemente, Montebello and other locations (probably 50 Rotarians in all) and disbursed to various locations throughout Ensenada and the neighboring hills. All 1,200 packages were given to needy families in an orderly process organized by the Ensenada Club. The families were very grateful which made the effort very heart warming.

As a thank you to the US Rotary Clubs, the Ensenada Rotarians put on a fabulous taco lunch, along with local wine, tequila and their famous cake with the baked-in Baby Jesus (Rosca de Reyes), which can cost a small fortune if he is in your slice, at the home of one of their members (Dr. Eloy Perez and his wife Charro.) A great time was had by all and we watched the NFL football playoffs in our room until we fell asleep exhausted!



(Left) Jay Arnett and Bob Fletcher; (right) G.T Frost and Rob Fletcher, Jr. making bags of food that will be distributed the following day.



(Left) Rotarian volunteers fill soccer balls with air; (right) then our young volunteers handed them out to grateful families.



(Left) Josh Buchholz made it a family affair this year and brought his kids along; (right) volunteers hand out a truckload of blankets.



FACES IN OUR CROWD

Photos courtesy of Lisa Miller



(Left) President David with President Elect **Chris Sichel**, guest speakers Dr. Ricky Shabazz and Dr. Pam Luster, and **Diana MarJip-Chuh**; (right) also as our Chair of the Day, Pam presents her to gift to visiting Rotarian Irma Olachea, President of Club Rotario Coronado Bilingual.



(Left) Mackensie Miller, SDSU Rotaract and Team Captain for the SDSU Dance Marathon, promoted their fundraiser; (right) thank you to Lauren Lek for promoting our Fireside Chat.



(Left) **Mark Stuart** and **Ron Eisenberg**; (right) **Raymond Simas** and his guest David Spence.