

## CONNECTING THE WORLD

## Next Meeting



Tom Gable  
Editor

Mark Maloney, Rotary International President 2019-2020, had the tight schedule of a political candidate during his latest visit to San Diego as chair of the annual International Assembly for newly elected district governors.

It was his 15<sup>th</sup> time attending the Governor conference and he had meetings all over the region. He was introduced by Marta Knight, District 5340 Governor, who provided highlights on Mark's involvement with Rotary since he joined in 1980 in Decatur, Alabama.

Mark praised Club 33 and the other clubs in District 5340 for their dedication to generating results across the border and around the world. He said Rotary has 1.2 million inspired women and men, who have come to Rotary with the goal of building a better world.

Mark said that "Rotary Connects the World" is more than his slogan. It describes how and why Rotarians can achieve so much.

"All of us share the vision of a better world and Rotary allows us to connect with each other, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences," Mark said. "We are people of action—people who not only want to change the world, but also have the ability to turn inspiration into real and lasting change."

Our connections span the globe—bridging cultural, linguistic, generational, and geographic barriers. To build on that, Rotary is currently rolling out a new five-year action plan with four major goals: increasing our impact, expanding our reach, enhancing participant engagement, and increasing our ability to adapt.

Our action plan is about getting results. He cited Polio eradication as a proven model to build on in pursuit of the plan's first goal: Increasing Our Impact.

"Rotary will return to the polio model in pursuit of our audacious goals: educating the world's children, ensuring equitable access to water and sanitation, helping local economies grow sustainably, and so much more," Mark said.

The second goal: expanding our reach. This includes reaching out to new members, engaging current members, and

creating more alternatives for membership for the next generation of Rotarians.

Third: enhancing participant engagement. Mark said this includes building a more family-friendly Rotary -- one that welcomes children to our activities and that is considerate of families in our scheduling.

The final priority: increasing our ability to adapt. This means finding new ways to lead the world to lasting change and with different generations joining the charge.

"We are ready to seek out fresh opportunities, create more paths to leadership, open up our conversations to diverse voices, and simplify how we operate with confidence," he said.

Mark said Rotary will be connecting to the world in more ways through its ties with the United Nations and the common goals. In 2020, the UN is marking the 75th anniversary of the signing of the UN charter. Rotary is hosting a number of special events in addition to our annual UN Day, including presidential conferences in Paris and Rome, and a final celebration just before the convention in Honolulu.

This relationship with the United Nations is but one example of how, together, Rotary can serve the world.

"Alone, we cannot provide clean water for all; alone, we cannot eliminate hunger; alone, we cannot eradicate polio," he said. "But together? Of course we can."

"The connections are yours. The service is yours. And Rotary's impact on the world is up to you."

During the Q&A, Mark provided an update on polio eradication, with cases climbing in Afghanistan and India because of immunization issues. With the help of Rotary, the tide has been turned and India had just one case in the last year. Africa has had no new cases of wild virus polio since 2016.

He provided other examples of Rotary's connection globally: in Guatemala, where Rotary is providing a social safety net that the government can't provide (nutrition, food, creating a bakery business for women); rebuilding schools in Japan near Fukushima; and surgery for kids with cleft palates in Vietnam (similar to what

**Next Meeting:  
January 30, 2020**

**Mayor Kevin Faulconer**

The current Chief Executive of America's Finest City will give us his final State of the City address and discuss the successes, opportunities and challenges facing the eighth largest city in the United States.



Stephanie Saathoff  
Chair of the Day

our Mercy MOST volunteers accomplish in Mexico).

Other highlights of the meeting: the News was sponsored by **Ray McKewon**, **Peter Comiskey** was fined for promoting the Access2Awesome drawing; **Jeff Wheeler** inspired us to get back to handwriting messages, and we welcomed new members **Andrea Goicoechea** and **Katherine Chang**.

## 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](mailto: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).

## BIRTHDAYS

### January

Ray Peet	27
Robert Horsman	27
Elena Salsitz	27
John Hinrichs	28
Robert Coleman	28
Marlee Ehrenfeld	29
Rod Smith	30
George Driver	30
Lynn Congemi	31
Cecil Steppe	31

### February

Allison Whitney	1
James Halliday	1

## Rotary International 2020-2021 Theme



Incoming RI president, Holger Knaack, announces his presidential theme “Rotary Opens Opportunities” at the annual Rotary International Assembly here in San Diego on January 20. Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, begins his term on July 1st.



### Club App

Unfortunately, GroupAhead, which is the company that hosts and supports our current club app will be shutting down in May. We have been looking at alternatives, and found Minsh which offers much of the same functionality, and more. They have offered us a 30-day trial and we are looking for volunteers among our current app users to test out this new app. If you are interested, please contact Paul at the Rotary office [paul@rotary33.org](mailto:paul@rotary33.org).



### CAMP ENTERPRISE T-SHIRT SALE

**Support Camp Enterprise! Place your t-shirt order on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at our weekly meeting. Your support makes it possible for 90 11<sup>th</sup> graders to go to Camp in March. So come and see us in the lobby on Feb 6 or 13. Thank you!**

## CALENDAR

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

### JAN

30 Mayor Kevin Faulconer

### FEB

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

13 Cindy Marten-American Heart Association

## GROTARIAN EVENT

### Illumina Tour

You won't want to miss a tour of one of San Diego's fastest and most innovative technology companies. Brian Steffy, who presented a fascinating program about Illumina at Club 33 on August 22nd has arranged an outing that will include a behind-the-scenes tour of how the technology was developed, the manufacturing floor and the company's unique campus.

**Date:** Feb 18 2020

**Time:** 5:30pm-7:30pm

**Cost:** \$25 per person – includes food and beverage

**Address:** 5200 Illumina Way, San Diego 92122

**Parking:** Guest parking lot at 5200 Illumina way (pull into the main entrance and make a left at the flag poles. Follow signs to guest parking)

*Deadline to register is Feb. 14; max number of attendees is 35.*

[Click here to sign up](#)

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

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# MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest members to the club:



**Katherine (Kat) Chang**—“**Genomics Sequencing**”. Kat is the Alliances & Partnerships Manager for Illumina.

She grew up on the island of Kauai, and received a scholarship from a local Rotary club that helped fund her college education.

She completed her undergraduate at the University of Hawai‘i Mānoa, her Masters in Engineering at Cornell and her Ph.D. in Biology at Salk/UCSD.

Kat is passionate about STEM education and supporting underserved communities. She enjoys Polynesian dancing, loves to surf and is an avid traveler.

**Divya Kakaiya, Duke Sobek and Doug Arbon** were her sponsors.  
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**Andrea Goicoechea**—“**Consultant-Life Care Planning**”. Andrea is a life care planner and nurse practitioner.

Andrea works for expert witnesses providing research and writing life-care plans for clients seriously ill or critically injured in life-altering accidents. The data she collects will decide what will be needed for life-long care and is used by attorneys, case managers, insurance carriers and families.

She and her husband Frank (a physician) raised 4 boys and have 2 (almost 3) grandchildren. She volunteers with the Armed Services YMCA’s surf clinic and also volunteers to do physical exams at the JFS Migrant Family Shelter.

Andrea is a happy supporter of the Natural History Museum, she loves plants and is currently trying to perfect her sourdough recipe.

**Penny Robbins, Phil Blair and Mel Katz** were her sponsors.  
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## 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.



# FACES IN OUR CROWD

Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor



(Left) RI President Mark Maloney and his wife Gay are warmly greeted by Club 33 members; (right) President Maloney pictured with District Governor Marta Knight.



(Left) Jeff Wheeler inspired us to get back to the good old days of handwriting messages instead of texting them; (right) President David's gift of choice for our visiting Rotarians...a bottle of bourbon!



(Left) Joyce Gattas and Frank Pavel; (right) Revel Stark with guest Greg East.