



If you missed our February 2nd program, Sandra Kerl: San Diego County Water Authority, you may click anywhere on the picture below to view a video of it.



Workforce



Equity



Infrastructure



Colorado River

## Water Authority Focus 2023

How did you like this week's program? Take the survey by clicking [HERE](#).

A special *thank you* to our Rotary News sponsor: Matt Ryan

Next Meeting: February 9th  
Sweetheart's Day



Cannot attend in person? Here is the weekly recurring [ZOOM LINK](#) to tune in virtually at **12:30pm**. You may also phone in to listen to the meeting: Phone: 1-669-900-6833

Password: 84935003462# (include the "pound" sign).

# ROTARIANS WORKING WITH YOUTH

## INITIATE YOUR YOUTH PROTECTION CERTIFICATION NOW!

Rotary District 5340 changed the process for Youth Protection Certification as of January 1, 2023. ALL ROTARIANS who participate in programs with youth must obtain their certification using the new process, regardless of any prior certification. DO IT NOW! Embedded in the Live Scan fingerprinting piece are checks by DOJ and the FBI. This adds time and costs a bit more, but the good news is your certification is good for 5 years, so it's overall a win-win. You can find forms and instructions on the District website here:

<https://rotary5340.org/sitepage/youth-protection-and-certification> .

If you have any questions about whether or not you need this certification, please contact Bridget Meckley ([bameckley@outlook.com](mailto:bameckley@outlook.com) or 619-886-3606), our club's Youth Protection coordinator.

## CAMP ENTERPRISE

### GREAT WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

Camp Enterprise is still looking for a few facilitators and an operations assistant to help Mark Burgess, as well as volunteers to help check campers in on the day of kick-off, March 2nd. Please contact Will Hage, Beatriz Valencia or Mark Burgess for more information:

William Hage [will.hage@WestPacWealth.com](mailto:will.hage@WestPacWealth.com)  
Beatriz Valencia [bvalencia@pricephilanthropies.org](mailto:bvalencia@pricephilanthropies.org)  
Mark Burgess [mark@pagemountain.com](mailto:mark@pagemountain.com)

### SHOE DRIVE

Clear out your closet and help the [Maasai in Kenya](#)! Donate your new or gently used shoes (except high heels). Sneakers, boots, leather shoes, casual dress shoes are all welcome. Rotary member Suzanne Marmion will have a cardboard box in the lobby February 16th and 23rd.

## FEBRUARY 6-12 BIRTHDAYS

February 6: Jordan Harrison, Jack Anthony

February 9: Wendy McKinney

February 10: Phet Pease

# COMMITTEES AT WORK

## Club 33 International Projects Committee

Last year, our Committee donated \$2,500 to our Rotary Solar Cooker Workshop in Eldoret, Kenya. This is a YouTube video describing the project:

<https://youtu.beMpTPJOwE7A>.

This was a very successful project and should make our club proud!

## CITY HEIGHTS ROTARACTS CLUB

We are honored to be recognized by City of San Diego Council President, Sean Elo-Rivera, as one of the three organizations who received the 'Volunteer of the Year' award for our hundreds of hours of service to City Heights. This couldn't have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our past and current members who have made this club what it is today. Thank you to San Diego Rotary, Mission Valley Evening Rotary, Price Philanthropies, and Ocean Discovery Institute for your incredible support for this club. ❤️🙌



## Rotary Helping Hands Across the Border - January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

On Friday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, an inspired group of San Diego Rotarians headed south of the border to Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico to continue our club's long-standing tradition of support for the Club Rotario Ensenada Centenaria. Helping Hands founding member Bob Fletcher, Rob Fletcher and his family, Josh Buchholz and his family, Andrea Goicoechea and her husband, Brad Sund and his partner Reina, Steve Carlson, Linda Lattimore, made the short trip south along with other Rotarians. Your Club 33 generously donated money to the cause, in order to provide over 1,000 big, heavy reusable bags full of critical staples for specially selected families in need throughout the Ensenada region. The bags contained rice, beans, sugar, pasta, cooking oil and other staples including canned tuna. In addition, blankets, soccer balls, and children's toys were generously donated.

Then, on Saturday morning, we packed up and headed off to multiple locations around Ensenada to hand out these critical supplies. After an amazing morning of handing out supplies to some very appreciative folks, we gathered back at the Ensenada Rotary club house, where we were treated to an excellent Mexican fiesta with amazing tacos and cold refreshments. This year, your Club 33 donated a total of \$5,000 to the program, including \$4,000 for supplies, and \$1,000 in cash to support medical programs for the Albergue San Vicente in Ensenada. Bob and Anne Fletcher spearheaded the San Diego Rotary club's involvement in this program starting in 1994, 29 years ago! The program has really grown and matured over that time period, and it is truly amazing to see how far this money goes and how many people we can help with this small donation. Please reach out to Rob (rfletcherjr@gmail.com) or Josh (josh@dmjpartners.com) if you would like to be involved in 2024, as we would love to be able to increase our support of this critical program moving forward.



# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February 16th  
Sam the Cooking Guy



February 23rd  
Rear Admiral Brad Rosen  
Commander, Navy Region SW



March 2nd  
Camp Enterprise Kickoff



# FACES IN OUR CROWD

*Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor*



(Left) **Marlee Ehrenfeld** hosts the San Diego Watery Authority board members and staff. (Right) **Wendy Urushima-Conn** accepts an apology from **Dick Green** it appears.



(Left) Guest Speaker Sandra Kerl, Chair of the Day **Jim Madaffer** and **President Judy**.  
(Right) **President Judy** sponsors then pins new member **Jason Emmons**.



Sandra Kerl, General Manager of San Diego Water Authority, has a discussion with **Jim Madaffer** about the complexities of managing San Diego County water from the Colorado River to the Pacific Ocean and the desert in between.

Dear President Judy Thompson,

This is Suren Poruri, Regional Chairman - Grants, R9 District 3150, from India. Your rotary club of San Diego was chartered on 5/2/1912, which is today. Your club completed 111 years service today in R9 District 5340 in serving the communities across the world. I would like to extend my warm wishes to you and to all your club members on this joyous moment.

Rotary is the only organization which has global foot print and is working towards happy communities across the world with it's noble initiatives. Thanks to our rotary club founder Rtn Paul Harris, we are able to make a difference in the communities where we live.

Thanks and regards,

Suren Poruri

Regional Chairman - Grants

District Best Club President for year 2017-18

R9 district 3150