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CLUB 33 QUICKBITS

Attend the D5340 Council Meeting

The next District Council meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 12th at 6 p.m. at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido; Program is Rotary Youth Symphony; visit: www.rotary5340.org to register.

Event Registration

Remember that you can register for the upcoming **Fishing Trip** event via the web on our homepage, www.rotary33.org.

Next Quarterly Invoice

Invoices will be issued by the Rotary office on Monday, August 11th for Quarterly Dues and July's lunch meeting charges. As soon as negotiations are complete with the hotel, we'll be invoicing the balance of the quarter's lunch meetings.

Attendance

We have a great line-up of programs and look forward to seeing you all at our weekly meetings. Attendance enhances our Rotary experience and that of our newer members by providing an opportunity to get acquainted with your Rotarians.

DG PAM RUSSELL



*Editor:
Larry Clapper*

President Stan brought the meeting to order introducing newer member **Steve Bond** who delivered the Inspirational Moment. Steve gave us an apt quote from Mark Twain's "A Humorous Confession from 1905--Blessed is the Man who knows his work..." **Dominick Addario**, accompanied by **Joe Zakowski**, then led us in "God Bless America." **Janie Davis** followed with the news, finishing with a story about lizard love. (I couldn't make that up.)

Dick Troncone informed us about the upcoming Rotary Foundation seminar on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 7 to 11:30 a.m. at the Salk Institute. Those who have attended in the past, participate every year to learn about the R.I. Foundation's work throughout the world. Don't miss this event! Past President **Geri Warnke** then stood up to introduce visiting Rotarian David De Vesa from Spain. David will be in San Diego for a month and will be visiting with other clubs.

President Stan reminded us the District Council meeting on Aug. 12 at the California Center for the Arts, and headlined by the RI Youth Symphony. He also mentioned two Rotary days at Petco to see the Padres vs. Brewers on Aug. 14 and neighboring District 4100 (Baja) on Sept. 10 against the Dodgers. Contact the Padres for tickets.

At the Day at the Races, Stan served as bookie for **Dick Green**, who won \$37. Dick kindly donated the funds to PolioPlus. Stan

NEXT MEETING

**Thursday
August 14, 2008
Sheraton West
Bel Aire Ballroom**

**"A Voyage to our Beginnings:
Building Cabrillo's Galleon
San Salvador"**

**Ray Ashley, Ph.D.,
President/CEO
Maritime Museum of San Diego**

Our own Club 33 member **Ray Ashley, Ph.D.**, will describe how the Maritime Museum will be reinventing itself over the next several years to become a new kind of maritime museum. His focus will be the fascinating project of reconstructing a sailing replica of the 16th-century Spanish galleon *San Salvador*, discovery vessel of San Diego and of California. Ray will be taking us back in time more than four and a half centuries to hear *San Salvador's* story, and give us a preview of the voyages and activities that will establish her as San Diego's newest cultural attraction and educational venue.



**Chair of the Day
Malin Burnham**

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CALENDAR

AUGUST

21 *Jim Steeg*
San Diego Chargers
Sheraton West

28 *Radm. David M. Thomas, Jr.*
JTF-GTMO
Guantanamo, Cuba

SEPTEMBER

4 *Mr./Mrs./Ms. San Diego*
Award
Guest Speaker
Mayor Jerry Sanders
Sheraton East

BIRTHDAYS

Gerard Brown	Aug. 11
Bill McDade	11
Peter Baekkelund	11
Laurence Miller	11
R.B. Johnson	12
G.T. Frost	13
Vance Gustafson	14
Dennis Burks	14
Ben Haddad	15
Mary Braunwarth	15

In Memoriam

William L. Callaway

Member

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then reported on the new dues schedule (see page 3 of this Rotator).

Pat O'Connor took a fine to promote her fashion show, featuring items from Zandra Rhodes, Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Timken Museum of Art. Proceeds will benefit Timken's educational programs.

The blonde heckler (Geri Warnke) struck again reminding President Stan to acknowledge our visiting Rotarian from the farthest distance who happened to be sitting with her!

District Governor Pam Russell began by talking about her dream for this year—that the District have its best year ever. Her goals are to increase membership, reach new groups of members--she cited the La Jolla New Generation Club with an average age of 33 and a president who is 24--and increase per capita donations across the District to \$125 per capita, which is now under \$120.

Pam also called for Club Presidents, Past Presidents and District Governors to each bring in a new member this year. Our club's goal is to grow by 10% this coming year.

Pam ended with a moving story of a recent family dinner when her husband suddenly stopped eating and could not respond to questions—he had had a major stroke. He is now gradually recovering. She learned from this experience that “life changes in a heartbeat” which has given her a new sense of urgency.

Pam reminded us to watch for five District Council meetings, a Rotary Foundation Gala on Jan. 10, and a District Conference on May 14 at the Temecula Creek Inn.

A long term goal of the District is to expand the Rotarians At Work Day into a worldwide Rotary program.

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THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



By Bruce A. Hunt
Executive Director

What's it like to be part of a group of men and women who wear dark glasses, black clothing and sing Motown and Frankie Valli in front of a Club 33 meeting for a President's demotion? The short answer: It's a blast to be a member of the Club 33 Singers! For the inside scoop, please read on.

When there is a special Club 33 occasion, like Chet's Retirement Party, the Holiday Program or President Geri's Demotion, the Club calls on this talented group to provide musical inspiration and put the Club 33 stamp on the event.

Debbie Day, Kimberley Layton, Suzy Spafford, Julie Golden (non-member), **Donis Lovett** (non-member), **Jack Anthony, Larry Showley, Peter Duncan, Ross Pyle, George Harris** and I practice on Mondays from 5:30-6:30 PM at Juletone Productions at 5th and Walnut in Hillcrest to perfect the dulcet tones and frolicking phrases to which the Club has grown accustomed. Our accompanist is Brian Verhoye and his leadership with the notes is a “key” ingredient for our success.

The singers have several non-Club 33 “gigs” throughout the year and have developed a large repertoire of current tunes, golden favorites and classics from the past. The commonality among the group is the enjoyment of the singing and of each other's company.

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Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina

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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT STAN

Tough and Difficult Times

How often have we heard those comments? Your board has worked hard in the last year to cut expenses and trim our budget. The economic downturn has affected us as well as everyone else.

We have a great new space and new staff members who have been doing a wonderful job of creating transparency in our financials and our administration of the club. We are still in active negotiations with the Sheraton, but we have been asked to recognize that their costs have markedly increased and will impact on our weekly meeting costs. Rest assured that your leadership is doing everything possible to moderate the membership expenses.

Next week our office will be billing our quarterly dues and July meal costs.

The last time our dues were increased was in 2006, at which time our increase was \$5 a quarter or \$20 a year for our active members. During the past two years Rotary International has raised their dues \$4 and will increase again next year another \$1. Similarly the District has raised their dues \$3 with another increase expected next year.

In order to meet the increased costs of running our club, effective July 1st 2008, your board has approved the following changes:

Active members' dues will increase \$10 per quarter (\$40 per year) for a total of \$420.

Senior dues will increase \$5 per quarter (\$20 per year) for a total of \$270.

As mentioned, we are still in negotiations with the hotel for our meal costs which are anticipated to increase. To be included in that increase will be \$1 per meal to help offset our increased program costs and other related expenses for our weekly meetings.

Finally, a portion of your Rotary 33 donation will also be used for the club operations and administration as it has become readily apparent that these costs cannot be covered by dues alone. It is our intent to review this charge on an annual basis as other avenues of income become available to offset our expenses.

Your board has spent a great deal of time discussing and reworking our budget for 2008-2009 and felt that these changes were necessary to meet our current and future expenses in running our meetings, supporting our programs and projects each year. If you have any questions please feel free to drop us a note or give us a call. We look forward to a great year and to our 100th Anniversary.

Thank you for your understanding.

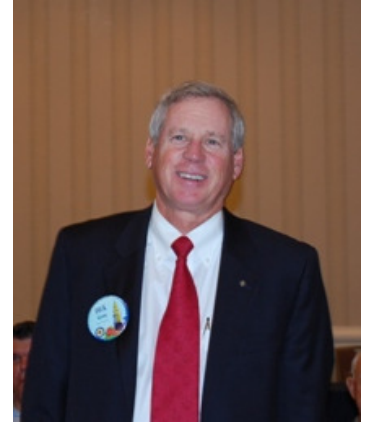
FACES IN THE CROWD AT THE CLUB 33 MEETING



Steve Bond



Dominick Addario



Dick Green



Pat O'Connor



Visiting Rotarian David De Vesa and Geri Warnke



Stan Hartman and Dave Breeding



Jim and Lucy Haugh



Amon Ben-Yehuda, D.G. Pam Russell and Chet Lathrop

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