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CLUB 33 QUICKBITS

New Meeting Cost Set

The new price for Oct-Dec will be \$25 per meal. We will also start to charge an additional \$1 to cover the A-V costs. The weekly meal charge will now total \$26 per meeting.

Board Nominations Due

The Nominating Committee for the 2009-2010 Board Officers and Directors is led by Chair **Geri Warnke** & includes Past Presidents **Frank Arrington**, **Fred Baranowski**, **Rudi Brewster** and **Fred Frye** & members at large **Michael Brunker**, **Janie Davis**, **Rodger Dougherty**, **Marlee J Ehrenfeld**, **Karen Hutchens** and **John Wertz**. They are now accepting nominations from Club Members for Board Directors.

Please send your nomination to geriwarnke@gmail.com.

Roster Changes/Additions

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Save the Dates

October 21--District Council Meeting
November 8--Club 33 Walk
See Calendar for more dates on
www.rotary33.org

Update Your Roster Information

Remember that you can update your roster information when you have a change by going to your online directory page on www.rotary33.org.

POINT - COUNTERPOINT



Editor:
Patti Roscoe

If you found your way to the Marriott Mission Valley, you experienced a spicy political debate, unlike what we've seen on the Federal level. We knew the program had to be political. Why else would **Scott Bedingfield's** invocation contain a quote from FDR and **Bert Wahlen's** news reflects words from Thomas Jefferson. Even **President Stan's** opening remarks contained a line from Abe Lincoln. After **Pat O'Connor** took a hit for The 22nd Annual Golden Hanger Fashion Awards, for which we all received sassy bookmarks, **President Stan** got the program up and running.

With no head table, the staging included three podiums on a riser with the moderator placed evenly between. Debate moderator extraordinaire, **Reo Carr**, outlined the rules of the road, with **Bruce Hunt** manning the stopwatch and **Pauline Hill** the "seconds left" cards.

Each candidate gave an opening and closing statement with questions peppered in-between. From their opening remarks, Judge Jan Goldsmith asserted he would not be a "potted plant" and City Attorney Mike Aguirre an "attack dog." Aguirre outlined a long list of accomplishments of the City Attorney's office (hereto called "C.A.") He delineated the millions of dollars the City saved by many successful lawsuits. He spoke often of favorable articles about his office found in past *Wall Street Journal* articles.

Goldsmith, a long-time Rotarian, vowed to bring the C.A.'s legal expertise back to the City Council, declaring he has the experience to do it. He pledged to bring consistency back to the Office after a 93% turnover rate in the past three years.

NEXT MEETING

Thurs., Oct. 16, 2008
Sheraton East
Harbor Island Ballroom
1 & 2

"Proposed Civic Center Project"

Frederic J. Maas,
CEO/Chairman of the Board

Jeff Graham
Asst. V.P. & Manager of
Redevelopment
CCDC

Frederic J. Maas is a member of the City of San Diego Joint Powers Authority for the North Embarcadero Visionary Plan and chaired the Selection Committee for the Redevelopment of the San Diego Civic Center and City Hall. In addition, Fred is President and CEO of Black Mountain Ranch LLC and Del SurTM in San Diego County, featuring 3050 homes, a 300-room hotel, 500,000 square feet of commercial, office, and retail uses.

Jeff Graham is responsible for developer negotiations, analyzing complex development proposals, and ensuring compliance with redevelopment law for agreements and contracts for CCDC.



Chair of the Day
Hal Sadler

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

23 **Karen Hewitt**
U.S. Attorney
Sheraton East

30 **Beijing Olympics**
Sheraton East

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Oct. 16 Membership
Harbor Island 3

Nominating
Exec. Center 2B

BIRTHDAYS

Dan Herde	Oct. 12
Pat Goddard	13
Linda Stirling	13
Jack Berkman	13
Perry Dealy	14
Joe Austin	15
Herman Gadon	17
Brad Saunders	17
Cheryl Wilson	17
Vaughan Lyons	18



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Upon rebuttal, Aguirre chided Goldsmith (time and again) for never having actually tried a jury case. Goldsmith, in response to several of Aguirre's claims of successful litigation, simply asked, "Is it the Truth?"

With barbs zinging back and forth across his bow, moderator Carr kept his cool and the candidates from exceeding their time limits. *Question:* Name your top three priorities? Aguirre: 1) Set aside \$900 million pension debt; 2) Civil Service Reform; 3) Strengthen relationships with Wall Street. Goldsmith: 1) Bring credibility back to the City Attorney's Office; 2) Clean up the civil political lawsuits from the Aguirre era; 3) Ensure criminal division is independently prosecuting without a political agenda. *Question:* Who provides legal counsel for city government issues? Goldsmith: the City Attorney's office. Aguirre: his office advises the Council on issues and they make decisions for themselves. *Question:* Does C.A. have a public policy role? Aguirre: Advises Council all along the way. Goldsmith: C.A.'s office is based on the law not politics.

Question: Do you subscribe to a Code of Conduct? Too many words to recap. Click <http://www.mikeaguirreforcycityattorney.com> and <http://www.jangoldsmithforcycityattorney.com> for more info. *Question?* Your opinion of the living wage issue? Goldsmith: This is a policy issue and the purview of the Mayor and City Council, not the C.A.'s office. Aguirre: This is a fundamental moral issue which he supports. *Question:* Worse mistake of your career? Aguirre: Not getting more qualified people to run for public office. Goldsmith: He loves the law and wishes he had been on the Bench earlier in his life. *Question:* Is there a rift between the Council and C.A.'s office? Goldsmith: Absolutely. C.A.'s office supposed to be the adult in the room. Aguirre: He feels justified in his courage to call people corrupt. Re SEC case, he told them "more truth than they wanted to hear."

Closing statements started with Goldsmith, who said he hated going first and that whatever Aguirre says about him in his closing, "I deny." Both candidates and audience had a good laugh with that. Aguirre reiterated his opening statement and asked for our vote. In addition to his usual generous gift, President Stan gave each of our guests a Rotary coin with the *Four Way Steps* firmly stamped on one side. He asked that each of them keep it in sight on their respective desks. Let's hope so. Great words by which to govern.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



By **Bruce A. Hunt**
Executive Director

What happened at the Grotarian

poolside chat on Tuesday evening? Guy Maddox and John Morrell arranged the beverages and chairs on the patio of the beautiful La Jolla home of **Bill and Barbara McColl**, our gracious host and hostess. **Paul Nestor** placed the appetizers and his homemade chocolate chip cookies on a nearby table. As the group arrived, the buzz of fellowship soon mixed with the sound of the rolling waves from below.

President Stan Hartman, Scott Bedingfield, Steve Bond, George Guimaraes, Roger Haines, Joy Hamer, Michael Jones, Bob Kyle, Rick McElvain, Jen Martino, Keith McKenzie, Michael Meaney, Mike Murphy (AMR), Tony Palmeri, Jennifer Perkins, Don Starkey, Todd Struyk, John Van Deusen, Bonnie Schwartz, Dennis Kenneally, Shandon Harbour, Budd Rubin and I took seats when Guy began the program.

Bob Jacobs (MOST), Lewis Linson (Rotarians at Work), Kobe Bogaert (Membership), Frank Arrington and Paul Hartley (Wilson Tigers), Chuck Pretto (Camp Enterprise), and Burt Nestor (40+ years a Rotarian) each told a story about Service Above Self that allowed the attendees to see how Club 33 changes the lives of our members by helping others.

As the event ended, the fellowship continued, more stories were shared and good-byes exchanged. We'd seen day change to night and surfers give way to boat lights. We'd tasted good food and drink. We had also reaffirmed why we are **Rotarians.**

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FACES IN THE CROWD AT THE CLUB 33 MEETING



Ed Glazener, Bert Wahlen,
Pres. Stan & Scott Bedingfield



Mort Jorgensen & guest Mark Larson



Judge Jan Goldsmith, Pres. Stan,
City Attorney Michael Aguirre & Reo Carr



Pat O'Connor



Reo Carr, Debbie Day,
Patti Roscoe & Pres. Stan



Pres. Stan & City Attorney Michael Aguirre



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