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Craig Nelson

Arts & Culture

President Stan opened the meeting and introduced Ruth Sandven for the inspirational moment. Tom Blair led a rousing version of "God Bless America" accompanied by Joe Zakowski.

The ambassador of good news, Bert Wahlen brought us up to speed on the news of the day with the Dow off just a few hundred.

Past Prez Geri Warnke made a very special gift to the club. What were the chances she could do this in her allotted 4 minutes? I was sure this was my chance to needle Geri when she wasn't in position to fine me, but alas the power of positive thinking rules the day over the power of the pen. Her stirring recollection of her time as President and the amazing gift of a glorious new podium to the club was trumped by the second inspirational moment of the day – husband Joe is now free of cancer and they are going on an exotic cruise for two months! Deservedly, this got the loudest round of applause of the day. Bon Voyage Geri & Joe!

Susan Basinger introduced the visiting students from Clairemont High while Peg Eddy introduced new member Ray Ellis who has future multiple committee member written all over him – welcome Ray!

Subliminal reminder... Camp Enterprise, Camp Enterprise, Camp Enterprise.....don't forget....still room for volunteers.

Stan gave kudos to Bob Russell and the members of the Military Affairs committee and Paul Nestor tempted us with all kinds of goodies at the upcoming Feb 12th Sweetheart's Day program including tickets to the Globe, Opera, Symphony and a special CD for everyone.

The Bruce Hunt and Jerry Doran show aka Tech Committee walked us through navigating the Club 33 web site. Very slick and if it keeps me from going to the Sheraton on those days when we are at the Westin, then I'm a techie too. I predict great success in getting members to stop calling the Rotary office to find out where the meeting is...we'll probably now call to find out what our password is.

Big fines for both Ruth Sandven and Neal Schneider, who sold their business and are sailing to Mexico with no cell phones, watches or calendars...tip, when you see land on the starboard side that means you are on your way back!

Chair of the Day Joyce Glazer welcomed the visiting Rotarians and showered gifts upon a Rotarian visiting from the far away land of Mission Valley. Joyce didn't look like she was quite ready to give up that Armani Bag his gifts were packaged in but she did her duty.

Joyce introduced the speaker, Victoria Hamilton, Executive Director, City of San Diego, Commission for Arts & Culture. With a master plan 20 years ago, the San Diego A & C Commission set out to bring funding in house with TOT dollars. Their Mission: To integrate art and culture into community life.

What an amazing success it's been. 3.9 million people share in diverse arts and cultural activities; a stunning 1.3 million of them for free. Over 14,000 volunteers make this happen and contributions from individuals total in excess of \$25 million with an additional \$5.2 million in corporate donations. The remarkable depth and breadth of the arts is evidenced by 4,432 organizations in San Diego, ranking us 8th in the country.

President Stan rang the bell sending us to committee meetings or back to work.

NEXT MEETING

Thurs., Feb. 5, 2009

Sheraton East

Harbor Island Ballroom 1 & 2

"A Journey Through the Port of San Diego"

Stephen P. Cushman, chairman,
Board of Port Commissioners

Stephen P. Cushman represents the City of San Diego on the Board of Port Commissioners. He's been on the Board since 1999, having served as Chair in 2002 and again this year.

The long-time community leader has served on more than 60 boards and commissions, including Chairman of the College of Business Administration Board for San Diego State University. A recognized leader in the automotive sales industry, he was president of Cushman Automotive Group until 2006.



Chair of the Day
Dick Troncone

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Robert K. Cleator, Sr.

11 AM, Sat, Jan 31; St Agnes Church
1145 Evergreen St, Pt Loma

Celebration of Life

Immediately following at
The San Diego Yacht Club

QUICK BITS

Save the Date!

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Feb 10 District Council Meeting when our own PP and PDG **Pat Crowell** will present the program that evening. His topic is "The History of Rotary in San Diego." Register on the D5340 website at www.rotary5340.org.

Club 33 Event Registration

Please visit www.rotary33.org and sign up for all the upcoming Club 33 events.

¿Hablas Español?

If you speak fluent Spanish, please email bruce@rotary33.org. We are building a Spanish speaker's list.

CORRECTION!

The mail version of the Jan 15 issue of *The Rotator* incorrectly showed Bob Kyle as the Editor instead of Ron Dahlin. We apologize for the error.

Membership

The following applicants were recommended to the Board by the Membership Committee and will be approved for membership unless objections are received at the Rotary Office by Feb. 9:

Roger Bailey
Strategic Transitions
"Consultant—Non-profit Coach"
Sponsor: **Cheryl Wilson**

Frank Baldwin
The Baldwin Group at UBS
"Investment—Wealth Management, A. A."
Sponsor: **Bill Gore**

Paula A. Cordeiro
USD School of Leadership & Education Services
"Education—Private University, Leadership & Education Services"
Sponsor: **Frank Arrington**

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



By **Bruce A. Hunt**
Executive Director

What is Club 33 by "the numbers" for January 2009? Please humor me for the use of all the numbers that follow: I am a former math teacher.

39 have signed up for the **Feb 10 D5340 Council Meeting**. Our goal is to have 100 Club 33 members in attendance that night to support PP and PDG **Pat Crowell** as he presents the program that night, "The History of Rotary in San Diego." Please sign up at www.rotary5340.org.

3 applicants have been recommended for membership this month.

5 have signed up for the **Feb 17 Grotarian Fireside Chat**. This is a requirement for those members who are still seeking their "blue badges." Please sign up at www.rotary33.org.

5 have signed up for the **Feb 21 Club 33 Walk** at Mission Bay Park. Please sign up at our website above.

6 have signed up for the **Apr 25 Rotarians at Work Day**. Please sign up at our website and help improve our community.

6 is the number of new members introduced this month.

7 have signed up for the **Feb 24 Young Rotarian Get Together** at the Karl Strauss Brewing Co. in Sorrento Mesa. Again, please sign up at our website.

113 more donors are needed to meet our **2008-09 annual goal for the Club 33 Fund and the Rotary Foundation**. We can charge your \$250 gift (or more) to your credit card or you may send in a check to our office.

So, if you are playing the lottery this week, 1-3-5-6-7-9-11-13-33-39 might be some digits to consider. They all have special significance to Club 33 this month. Good luck!

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 12** Sweethearts Day
Sheraton West
- 19** Diana Villegas
Barrio Logan College
Hilton San Diego
Bayfront
- 26** Program TBA
Sheraton West

MARCH

- 5** Rotary Musical Program
Sheraton West
- 12** Michael Sise, M.D.
Iraq War Patients
Sheraton West

BIRTHDAYS

Warner Harrah	Feb. 2
Katherine Kennedy	3
Ron Oliver	5
Russ Kirbey	6
Jack Anthony	6
Craig Blower	6
Ron Dahlin	7

Please Welcome...

Ray Ellis, classification "Consultant—Marketing, A. A.", was introduced by **Peg Eddy**, his primary sponsor. Ray is the managing partner of Ellis & Associates, LLC, a privately-held diversified investment and business consulting firm. He and wife Gina have 3 children—Matthew, Jessica and Jake. **Judy McDonald** and **Scott Silverman** are his secondary sponsors.
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FACES IN THE CROWD AT THE CLUB 33 MEETING



Geri Warnke



Neal Schneider



Ruth Sandven



Jerry Doran



Lou Spisto & David Lang



Bruce Hunt



New member Ray Ellis & sponsor Peg Eddy



Joyce Glazer, Pres. Stan & Victoria Hamilton

Click to see more [pictures](#) from today's meeting.