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Elephant Odyssey

President Stan opened the meeting and introduced **Karen Hewitt** for the inspirational moment. **Steve Hubbard** led an a cappella version of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" accompanied by **Suzu Spafford** on the air piano. Obama stalker **Janie Davis** brought us up to speed on the news of the day with the President in Mexico working on guns, drugs and the border (what, no pirates?!). The Dow was up on the day.

Lisa Miller introduced the visiting students from Twain High while **Michael Bruner** introduced the visiting active elders who looked like they could have walked all the way from the Jackie Robinson Y. **Bill Gore** introduced new member **Frank Baldwin** who has future multiple committee member written all over him – welcome Frank!

Then we had an unforgettable reminder from **Nancy Scott**...remember Staff Appreciation Day next week, and just try to get the picture of those talking dummies out of your head. Where does she get this stuff! Register your guests at www.rotary33.org or call the office.

For those of you sweating Rotarians At Work Day, there is still time to sign up for a few projects. President Stan was the surprise recipient of a mighty Thank You and reward for all his work and support of the Micro-

credit program.

Chair of the Day **Berit Durler** welcomed the visiting Rotarians and presented a Zoo gift to Ben Mesa from the far away land of Chula Vista. Berit noted that there is always something new and cool to see at the Zoo, and welcomed us all to stay after the program and go see the new baby giraffe born just this morning. **Matt Engel** suggested they name it "Cub 33." Berit then introduced the speaker, Rick Schwartz, the Zoo Senior Keeper and Elephant Odyssey Ambassador.

Rick led us through a presentation of the Elephant Odyssey opening May 23rd. At 7 ½ acres and \$45 million, it will be the San Diego Zoo's largest exhibit in terms of both dollars and space. The exhibit takes visitors through the past and future of endangered species, going back 12,000 years. It boasts a 130,000 gallon pool for the elephants to submerge, swim & surf. (Oops, no surfing—Prez Stan says we are not covered for that.)

Rick left us with a great factoid to impress our kids and grandkids. While the human body has less than 1,000 muscles, the trunk of an elephant has over ...40,000! -dexterous enough to pick a single blade of grass yet strong enough to launch a full grown lion (or zookeeper) skyward. Join the Zoo, they have got it all goin' on!

Next week, go to the right Sheraton – we will be in Mission Valley for the annual Staff Appreciation Day meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday

April 23, 2009

Sheraton Mission Valley

Royal Ballroom

Staff Appreciation Day

"Joy Is An Inside Job"

Sandi Kimmel,
Songwriter/Author/
Entertainer

Research shows that when you and your staff are happy, both productivity and profits increase. Don't miss this special program with "a lifeguard in a sea of negativity," entertainer Sandi Kimmel, who'll show you tips to lift your own spirits and have fun doing it. You'll leave singing and smiling, with real tools to get you through even the toughest times.



Chair of the Day
Nancy Scott

QUICK BITS

PROJECT ALLOCATION GRANTS FOR 2009-10

Chris Sichel has asked that all grant requests for PA be sent to him by May 1.

ROTARIANS AT WORK (PLAY) WANT YOU!

Please click on this link to register for the RAW projects on Saturday, April 25. If you have questions, please contact **Lewis Linson** at 619.550.5606 or at Linson@san.rr.com. Help us make this RAW Day the best in our history!

COMPUTERS NEEDED FOR CAMP ENTERPRISE

If you know of an organization that could help us acquire 12 computers for Camp Enterprise so that the students can prepare their spreadsheets on the computer and not on a flipchart, please contact Bruce in the office. The help could include grant writing, a foundation name, or a contact with a computer distributor.

SIGN UP ONLINE

Please register for the upcoming special meeting programs at www.rotary33.org. You may also call the office.

AVAILABLE PERSONNEL

We have posted a list of Club 33 members who are looking for their next career opportunity. Please visit the News section on www.rotary33.org if you can help.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



By **Bruce A. Hunt**
Executive Director

How has funding of the Club 33 charitable projects been affected by the economic recession? Our budget for grants in **President Stan's** year (2008-09) is approximately \$200,000. The funds for the grants come from three sources: Our endowment funds at the San Diego Foundation, the donations to our annual fund by our **Members**, and from our charitable reserves if needed.

The decline in the investment markets since Oct. 2007 is reflected in the current total of our SDF funds which is 15% below the original gift values. The income distribution of \$116,000 this year was 97% of what we had budgeted and much better than we thought might happen because of the financial nosedive late in 2008. The income in **Dick Tronccone's** year (2009-10) will be much less because the fund values have declined and that will likely result in a lower budget than this year's amount.

The donations to our annual fund by our Members have remained strong in spite of the economy. We've received \$85,000 from four hundred thirty-nine donations so far this year and that represents 83% of our regular members. Thank you to everyone for your generosity. If you haven't made your annual gift yet, even a small donation will help us offset the shortfall we expect next year.

The rest of the budget would normally be taken from our charitable reserve fund but we won't need to do that this year. That's good because the proverbial "rainy day" will be next year if the markets don't improve. That's what reserves are for, right?

CLUB 33 NIGHT AT PADRES vs. GIANTS

Bring your family and friends and join other Club 33 Members on Wed., May 20 at
7:05 PM - First pitch in the
Right Field All You Can Eat Section.

Register online here or call the office by May 6.

CALENDAR

APRIL

30 **Marvin Hamlich**
Composer/Conductor/
Pianist
(RSVP IF YOU PLAN
TO BRING A GUEST)

MAY

7 **Larry Bock**
San Diego Science Fair
Sheraton West

14 **Sarah Reinersten**
Always Tri Inc.
Sheraton East

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 23

Grant Makers Regency Room

Public Relations Board Room

BIRTHDAYS

Rick Richards	Apr. 20
Kevin Enright	23
Dominick Addario	24
Katie Fulhorst	25
Kevin Haynes	26

PLEASE WELCOME...

Frank Baldwin, classification "Investment – Wealth Management, A. A.", was introduced by **Bill Gore**, his sponsor. Frank is a Senior Vice-president of Investments in The Baldwin Group at UBS in La Jolla. He is married to Michelle and they have lived in San Diego for 25 years. **Scott McClendon** and **Herb Klein** are his other sponsors.

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FACES IN THE CROWD AT THE CLUB 33 MEETING



*Karen Hewitt &
President Stan*



Will Newbern



New member Frank Baldwin & Bill Gore



Berit Durler



*Irene Chandler &
Jim Mulvaney*



Nancy Scott



Guest speaker Rick Schwartz



Deborah Lindholm & President Stan

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