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Health Care Reform

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It was a crisp, clear beautiful San Diego winter day when

President **Dick Troncone** gavelled us to order. **Chris Elliott's** inspirational message spoke to the importance of attitude, gratitude, love, and friendship. Maestro **Jack Anthony** implored the sopranos in the audience to volunteer themselves, their friends, family, and neighbors for the holiday program. He and **Joe Zakowski** then led us in song. Talented tonsils, **Bert Wahlen**, gave us our weekly news update and the Club's history minute.

Students from Patrick Henry High School were introduced by **Jay Arnett**. *Go Patriots!* Our newest member, **Todd Poling**, profiled himself and thanked sponsors **Keith McKenzie**, **John Van Deusen** and **Steve Bond**. Way to go, **Greg Pyke**, for achieving your Blue Badge status.

Next Thursday is our annual tribute to the late Club 33 Rotarian **Diana Venable** for all the wonderful work she did for children. **Nancy Scott** reminded us that little can be more important than changing the life of a child in need. And the proceeds from next week's auction will do just that. So arrive early with your spirit of giving and generosity firmly intact, and join in the spirited bidding. There are some great auction items for the taking.

What is April 24, 2010? It's a date to put in your calendar to enjoy Rotarians at Work Day. **Bob Borgman**, **Michelle Candland**, and **Tom Gehring** want you to be involved in one of the many planned projects. They are also seeking additional projects for non-profit organizations so go on-line to rotary33.org and click on Project Request for more information.

Congratulations go to Dr. **Doug Arbon** as this year's recipient of the MacLaggan Award. Past prez **Fred Frye** outlined the many volunteer accomplishments of this outstanding Rotarian, including being a founding father of the MOST program.

Join our expert fisherman, **Bob Fletcher**, for this year's Fish Across the Border Expedition the weekend of January 8-10. On-line registration is at rotary33.org – Events.

The effervescent **Pauline Hill** stressed the important of RSVP'ing on-line at rotary33.org – Events- for two usually sold-out events – our Holiday Program on December 17th at the Sheraton East and the Annual Economic Forecast on January 7th at the Balboa Park Club. **(MAKE A NOTE OF THIS!!!)** Due to space constraints, everyone must register so we can accommodate all Rotarians and guests.

Fines were launched on **Frank Baldwin** as he asked us to participate in SAY (Social Advocates for Youth) and their Adopt-a-Family program. Contact tori@saysandiego.org to get involved. **Reid Carr** of Red Door Interactive found a good turn--or two company awards that made the newspaper--never goes unnoticed or un-fined. Congratulations, Reid.

Karen Hutchens then introduced a very informative and timely program on the status of Healthcare Reform. Thanks go to Club 33 Rotarian and Sharp Healthcare's president and CEO, **Mike Murphy**, for actually making this complex, confusing topic a bit more palatable. Mike's presentation outlined the differences in Senate proposal HR 3590 and House proposal HR 3962 and can be found in the News Section on our website. Mike's quote by Adam Fein said it all, "If you use a crystal ball, be prepared to eat glass."

NEXT MEETING

Thursday
December 10, 2009
Sheraton East
Harbor Island
Ballroom

ROTARY AUCTION

Gail J. McGovern
President and CEO,
American Red Cross (National)

Ms. McGovern will speak about responding to national disasters and the challenge of serving Americans impacted by disasters. She will encourage Club #33 Rotarians to be generous in giving back to the San Diego community during the holiday season.

Her remarks will set the stage for a "live auction" of exceptional donations in support of Rotary's Diana Venable Scholarship Fund. Bring your shopaholic spouse or friend, arrive early, and bid enthusiastically for holiday gifts at our annual Rotary auction!

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid;

and supports military members and their families.



Chair of the Day
Jo Dee Jacob

QUICK BITS

INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY HOSTS NEEDED

As District Governors-Elect from 534 districts from around the world gather in January 2010 for training in San Diego, the Rotary Clubs of our District have the opportunity to Host them for the evening. You are invited to share by registering to Host a couple or several couples. You may simply entertain one or more couples to a tour of San Diego and dinner, or have a group put on an evening of entertainment, fun and fellowship.

Please contact Dale Bailey in the District Office, 619.299.5341.

HOLIDAY CHORUS

The Holiday Chorus has three more practices--the next two Mondays, Dec. 7 & 14, and dress rehearsal Dec. 16 at the Sheraton East at 5:30 p.m. All singing Club 33 members are welcome to join us.

HOLIDAY AUCTION

Our annual Diana Venable Scholarship Fund Auction will be held during our Dec. 10 meeting. Donor forms are available at our meetings.

FISH ACROSS THE BORDER

This year's Fish Across the Border Expedition will be on the weekend of January 8-10, 2010. We would love to have you join us, so call and let Bob Fletcher know you are coming!

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



By *Bruce A. Hunt*
Executive Director


How can you increase your understanding about Rotary International and San Diego Rotary Club 33?

Well, you could be on the lookout to attend the next New Member Orientation Breakfast at the Club's office. The meetings are held every quarter. You'll meet the new Club 33 members, see familiar faces of current members and hear a summary of what RI and Club 33 are all about. It's quite an inspiring session.

Mike Morton and **Craig Evanco** lead a group of more experienced members made up of President **Dick Troncone**, **Bob Russell**, **Rich DeBolt**, **Chuck Pretto**, **John Morrell** and **myself** who explain our history, the membership process, the RI Foundation, the Club 33 Advised Fund at the San Diego Foundation, our Club committee structure, Grotarians and the Club office functions.

All new members are invited to attend and the orientation breakfast is one of 10 requirements for a Blue Badge. Present at the Dec. 2 breakfast were **Brad Barnum**, **Chris Elliott**, **Tom Karlo**, **Cari McCormick**, **Heather Rosing**, **Glenn Younger** and **Todd Poling**. Some new members are so eager to earn their Blue Badges that they are attending orientation before their introductions!

Hearing all that Rotary information at breakfast is a great answer to "Why Rotary?"



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CALENDAR

DECEMBER

17 *Holiday Program*
Sheraton East

24 & 31 *DARK*

JANUARY

7 *Bill Holland &*
Linda Stirling
Economic Forecast
Balboa Park Club

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Dec. 10

Grotarian Seabreeze
Membership Spinnaker Room
Military Affairs Marina 2

BIRTHDAYS

Hugh Carter	Dec. 7
Tom Creamer	8
Bill Trumpfheller	10
Sheryl Bilbrey	11
Amnon Ben-Yehuda	11
Todd Poling	11
Jerry Jessop	12

In Memoriam

James W. Hughes

Member

San Diego Rotary Club

2003-2009

Ralph A. Thompson

Member

San Diego Rotary Club

1934 - 2009

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FACES IN THE CROWD AT THE CLUB 33 MEETING



Joe Zakowski



Greg Pyke



Nancy Scott



Right: Doug Arbon & Fred Frye

Left: Reid Carr

Below: Frank Baldwin



Please Welcome...

Todd Poling, “Valuation Services – Corporate,” introduced himself to Club 33 today. Todd is the founder and president of Vantage Point Advisors, Inc., a company that provides corporate valuation services and financial advisory services. Todd and his wife Rosy have lived in San Diego for ten years and they enjoy hiking, travel and reading. Todd is a graduate of USD – that would be the University of South Dakota! **Keith McKenzie, John Van Deusen** and **Steve Bond** are his sponsors.

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Mike Murphy, Karen Hutchens & Dick Tronccone

JANUARY 7, 2010 MEETING LOCATION—BALBOA PARK CLUB



Directions & Parking:

- Park Blvd, turn onto President's Way, which is a stop light. Continue to the stop sign where you can go straight to park in the Pan American Plaza parking lot (that's the lot used by the San Diego Air & Space Museum, Hall of Champions and Auto Museum) or make a right and park in the Organ Pavilion lot.
- The Balboa Park Club is located in the South Palisades area of Balboa Park, just north of the Puppet Theatre.
- More parking is available in the adjacent lots that are located behind the Hall of Champions and the Starlight Bowl
- From the San Diego Air and Space Museum, you would walk towards the Organ Pavilion (but stay to the left side of the parking lot).....once you pass the Auto Museum, you'll find the Balboa Park Club about a thousand feet on the left (see red arrow)