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Local Heroes

Editor: Patti Roscoe *Salute to Local Heroes* is one of Club 33's most popular programs of the year – and for good reason. Here are some remarks made by their presenters about this year's honorees: citizens who put themselves in the line of danger for others; selfless acts of bravery; withstood one or two years of investigation and trial to insure perpetrators were convicted; made San Diego a safer place to live.

President Dick Troncone gavelled us to order inviting Chaplain Carey Norman of the Sheriff's Department to present the invocation. The Colors were presented by the San Diego Police Department Color Guard; the Pledge led by Sheriff Explorer Kyle Brangwynne; and Gary Hassen of the SDPD, a Club 33 favorite, beautifully sang our National Anthem.

As sponsor **Ben Clay** watched from the dais, new member **Keith Jones** of Ace Parking introduced himself. Keith maintains a family tradition of Club 33 Rotarians following his grandfather, the late Evan Jones, his other grandfather, **Malin Burnham**, and his father, Scott. **Ed Ecker** traded his red badge for a blue one. Braden Riley Fletcher will soon be dining from a silver spoon as grandfather, **Bob Fletcher**, proudly announced the baby's birth. **Amnon Ben-Yehuda** introduced several Rotarians from other clubs who serve on the District's *Don't Wait Vaccinate* Committee. He then brought to the microphone two young women from Hoover High who, along with their colleagues in the audience, had created immunization awareness programs at Hoover.

Tom Blair credited **Jim Fitzpatrick** for the original creation of *San Diego Magazine's Charitable Events Registry*, and **Joyce Glazer** for help producing the current issue. Tom, however, solely took a fine for its distribution at our tables. **Linda Stirling** was next in fine line for pitching her company's upcoming two 2010 Financial Outlook presentations. Interested in attending? Contact Linda.

The ever effervescent **Bob Arnhy**m took command of the podium and gave an unsuspecting Mississippi Rotarian a bottle of wine and a "re-gifted" ball cap from Air Force One. We then met this year's Local Hero honorees. Sheriff **Bill Gore** presented Eric Sturhann with the Courageous Citizen presentation. Eric, the manager of a Poway

bank, experienced a bank robbery and followed the suspects in his personal car. He alerted deputies of his surveillance and the bad guys were captured, pled guilty, and are off the streets.

District Attorney, **Bonnie Dumanis**, told us of the brave acts of Blake Stech. A woman was being robbed and assaulted by two men. Blake never hesitated in coming to her aid. "I thought she was on the verge of death and knew I could help." He chased the assailants despite their attempts to assault him. His testimony led to a conviction and the victim made a full recovery. D.A. Dumanis next honored Julio M. This star witness testified against vicious gang members in the execution of a police officer. Despite fear of retaliation during the two years of investigation and trial, Julio remained steadfast in his cooperation and testimony. The defendants were convicted and will never see freedom again.

Last year crime in the City of San Diego was down over 17%. San Diego Police Chief Bill Lansdowne credits that to his SDPD team and average citizens like those we honored this week. They "exemplify the spirit of what America is all about." We met two more individuals who truly meet that test. Maurice Orange, who has a 7th degree black belt, was leaving his martial arts studio when he came to the aid of a robbery victim. He chased the hapless suspect for several blocks, put him in a head lock, and waited for ten minutes for police to arrive. Needless to say, the victim did not get away. Our next honoree, Christina Hennigan, was attacked in her garage by a suspect in six home invasion robberies/sexual assaults. She decided she wasn't going to be a victim and fought back. The suspect punched her in the face as Christina, a marathon runner, chased him in pursuit. An off-duty Border Patrol agent heard her screams and held the suspect for police. WOW!

Every year we also honor a group or organization that has made an extraordinary effort in the area of crime prevention. This year we recognized the San Diego Regional Fraud Task Force for its very successful "Operation Bank Gig," an unprecedented multi-agency operation involving the U.S. Secret Service, SDPD Gang detectives, SD District Attorney Investigators, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Navy Federal Credit Union, and California Attorney General's office. It was the first time a violent street gang had been targeted for its involve-

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010

Sheraton East

Grande Ballroom A & B

"High Performing Public Schools – A Best Kept Secret in California"

James Lanich, Ph.D.
Director, California State University Center to Close the Achievement Gap

California's future depends upon more college graduates and closing the achievement gap. We hear continually that schools are failing. Yet, there are 1,300 California public schools getting the job done. Dr. Lanich will present compelling data on the nature and extent of the achievement gap and how the CSU and business community-together are scaling up what works.



Chair of the Day
Tyler Cramer

ment in a complex bank fraud. Sixty defendants were indicted by a Grand Jury on more than 340 felony accounts including conspiracy, grand theft, money laundering, forgery and burglary. Accepting the award was U. S. Secret Service Special Agent in Charge Gregory Meyer. We can all rest more easily knowing we're in the excellent hands of our outstanding law enforcement agencies and so many courageous local heroes.

Our program concluded with a touching eulogy for **Alan Comstock** presented by Girl Scout leader **Jo Dee Jacob**.

QUICK BITS

OFFICE HOURS

Our office will be closed on Monday, January 18 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

NEW CLUB 33 BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBERS

Thank you to the following members who have become members of our Bequest Society because they have named Club 33 as a beneficiary of their estate.

**Jack Damson
Daryl Ferguson
John Rebelo, Jr.**

If we missed your name, please let us know so that we can add you to our role.

DUES & MEETING COSTS

Please be on the look out in your email inbox or postal mailbox for the Jan-Mar quarterly invoice for dues and meetings. Regular members will be charged \$105 for dues and \$312 for meetings. Senior dues are \$67.50.

Members who are 65 years of age and have 20 or more years of membership in Club 33 qualify for Senior dues and attendance exemption. Please contact the office if you meet the criteria to change your status.

CAMP ENTERPRISE LEGACIES

If you have a relative who is a junior in a San Diego region high school who would be interested in attending the upcoming camp April 15-17, please email Sandy Mayberry by 15 Jan '10. Sandra@sandramayberrylaw.com

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



By **Bruce A. Hunt**
Executive Director

What is the response to the disaster in Haiti from Rotary International? Rotarians are gearing up to deliver aid to areas of

Haiti rocked by a powerful earthquake 12 January as a major international relief effort takes shape.

"Rotarians are working hard and fast to get help to those in Haiti," says Past RI Director Barry Rassin, of Nassau, Bahamas, who has previously coordinated relief efforts in the country. "We're at the same time working on long-term efforts."

More than US\$75,000 has been donated to District 7020 in the Caribbean, according to Past District Governor Dick McCombe. The district will be coordinating much of the Rotarian relief effort through its Haiti Task Force, set up two years ago to administer all financial aid to the nation. To learn how you can help, visit www.rotary.org for a link to D7020.

ShelterBox has dispatched about 500 containers of supplies to the affected area. A ShelterBox response team is being mobilized, with two members from the United States and one from the United Kingdom. Also, more than 100 Aquaboxes are being delivered to Haiti to provide safe water.

The Rotary Foundation will be establishing a donor advised fund for U.S. Rotarians who want to donate to help with long-term recovery. Visit www.rotary.org for more updates.

Rotary Home Exchange is Terrific

As a Rotarian, you are entitled to join the Rotarian Home Exchange Fellowship. Many in our club do not know about this perk. For \$50 per year, you can list your home in the Rotarian Home Exchange database enabling you to receive offers of free home trades from other Rotarians all over the globe. Try it, you'll like it & you can access it at www.RotaryHomeExchange.com.

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CALENDAR

JANUARY

28 **Steve Brown**
Afghanistan
Sheraton West

FEBRUARY

4 **Dr. Alison Alberts**
Biomimicry (Zoo Chief
Conservation Officer)
Sheraton West

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Jan. 21

Diana Venable Nautilus 2
Scholarship

Membership Nautilus 1

Program Marina 3

BIRTHDAYS

John Wertz	Jan. 17
Marie Huff	21
Jim Jackson	21
Greg Noonan	22
Mike West	22
Andrew Poat	23

SWEETHEART'S DAY

FEB. 11th

Complimentary chocolate truffles, readings from **Natasha Josefowitz's** latest book and a violin duet from San Diego Symphony musicians will make this year's Sweetheart's Day luncheon memorable.

San Diego Symphony Executive Director **Ward Gill** will provide the "back story" behind some of the world's most famous classical love songs. Lenora Leggatt, violin and Sayaki Yakamoto, bass will be the featured performers.

Members & guests should register at www.rotary33.org.

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

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FACES IN THE CROWD AT THE CLUB 33 MEETING



Above: Bob Arnhyim

Below: Beatriz Valencia, Joe Farrage and Annon Ben-Yehuda with Hoover High Students

Above center: Gary Hassen

Above: Bob Fletcher

Below: Jo Dee Jacob



Please Welcome...

Keith B. Jones, "Parking Services," introduced himself to Club 33 today. Keith is Principal and Chief Operating Officer of Ace Parking, a local company that offers parking services. He is a fourth generation San Diegan with leadership, vision and civic responsibility in his family DNA. Keith is an advocate for the Learning Disabled and he is also a Board member of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. **Ben Clay, Perry Dealy** and **Nikki Clay** are his sponsors. (B) 619.233.6624 (F) 619.233.0741 (E) kjones@aceparking.com



Sheriff Bill Gore, D.A. Bonnie Dumanis and Police Chief Bill Lansdowne

NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

The following members have become Paul Harris Fellows since our Roster was published. Thanks to each of you for your generosity and leadership in providing gifts for the good work of the Rotary Foundation.

George Alexander
Marlee J Ehrenfeld
Greg Zinser

Reid Carr
Joe Farrage

Chuck Castle
Doug Myers

Paula Cordeiro
Don Starkey Jr

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