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Morality of War

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It's been a long time since a speaker evoked such a buzz once we were adjourned. Today was the day - but more about that later. **Melani Gordon**, just back from attending the Vancouver Olympics, reflected on the incredible commitment of athletes to be the best of the best. **Greg Zinser** and **Larry Showley** led us in song, and **Bert Wahlen** opined the news, along with another interesting historical minute. Students from San Diego High were welcomed by **Steve Oggel**. **RADM Len Hering** (Ret.) introduced submariner **RADM Bill French**, Commander, Navy Region Southwest, as Club 33's Military Liaison Member. Welcome, Bill. We also welcomed new member, British born **Ian Falcon**, whose youthful appearance belies his fascinating and varied background. Welcome, Ian.

Congratulations to Greg Zinser on becoming a Club 33 Fellow. Thanks, Greg, for all your wonderful service in Rotary. **Bruce Drake** asked us to bring non-perishable food to Rotary next week to support Scouting for Food. Dr. **Richard Coutts** gave us an update on Polio Plus. He told us the Gates Foundation has pledged \$355 million dollars and asks that Rotarians match \$200 million of it. Be on the lookout for a letter asking you to help - and open up your hearts and wallets in this critical effort.

Many in the audience breathed a sigh of relief when **April Langwell** told us the Rotary walk this Saturday was postponed. Stay tuned for the new date. **President Dick Troncone**, now officially a short-timer, has reached his stride in laying down two more fines for the Rotary coffers. Girl Scout, **Jo Dee Jacob**, made a pitch for *Operation Thin Mints* with Navy Chief Burghart and daughters Abby and Emily at his side. The Chief, with several Middle East tours under his belt, said he and his colleagues always welcomed "a little taste of home" when cookies arrived. And Melani Gordon asked us to join her on April 7th at Anthology when champions in new media will be

recognized. Several Rotarians are in the hunt for an award. For more information visit www.influencesd.com.

A Del Mar Rotarian was gifted with a bottle of fine Belgian beer by COD **Kobe Bogaert**. Not bad for a twenty minute drive. When Dr. Yaron Brook of the Ayn Rand Institute began his presentation with a quote from General Sherman - *War is Hell* - we knew we were in for quite a ride. The Institute believes in objectivism; that reality exists as an objective absolute—facts are facts, independent of man's feelings, wishes, hopes or fears. The speaker's premise was that the war on terrorism is senseless, because terrorism is a tactic, not an enemy. The enemy, according to Brook, is Islamic radical totalitarianism - and those individuals and countries that support that enemy. Brook stated radical Islamists want absolute world dominance and must be crushed at all costs, and that the killing of innocents or use of nuclear bombs are just part of the mix.

Dr. Brook wants our country to stop being apologists. He contends we've lost our self esteem as a nation, along with our will to fight; that we've tried to make war friendly and soft by first dropping bombs, then care packages. He believes there is too much appeasement in our dealings with our enemy; that we must put our security first and foremost, regardless of the costs. His solution after September 11th would have been to invade Iran, take over the regime through military force, and threaten the Saudis with the same. He's convinced they would have caved, along with the other countries in the region. When asked how that drastic military action should have occurred, he demurred with "that would be the decision of the Generals."

"Provocative, challenging, offensive, infuriating, thought provoking and bone chilling" were just some of the words and impressions I heard and felt as I walked from the room. Groups of people, in twos and fours, were in serious discussion everywhere, agreeing and disagreeing; expressing their beliefs or disbe-

NEXT MEETING

Thursday

March 11, 2010

Sheraton West

Bel Aire Ballroom

KPBS RADIO'S EDITORS' ROUNDTABLE

San Diego's popular Editor's Roundtable will tape its weekly radio broadcast at Rotary on Thursday, March 11th. Each week, 3 local editors analyze major news events important to our community. **Gloria Penner** moderates. At the next meeting, the conversation will include questions and comments from Rotarians, and the entire program will be aired in its usual Friday 9 am slot on KPBS Radio (89.5 FM).

Program will start at 12:10 p.m. Please come early.

Chair of the Day
Tom Karlo



lief in the speech; or just trying to grasp the concept of it all. Comments overheard: "Great speaker, whether you liked his topic or not".... "Rotary shouldn't be afraid to be a forum for exigent opinions".... "Wouldn't a point-counterpoint have been interesting".... "Let's not be afraid to challenge ourselves".... "Who invited that guy?"

All in all, quite a Rotary program. And remember, I'm just the messenger.

QUICK BITS

FOOD DRIVE

Club 33 will be taking part in the annual Scouting for Food Drive at our March 11 meeting. Please bring packages or cans of non-perishable food items to our meeting that day. Thank you.

FUTURE EVENTS

Please be sure to sign up for these future events on our website, www.rotary33.org.

Mar. 25 Grotarian Sundowner

Apr. 27 Grotarian Sundowner

FUTURE DISTRICT EVENTS

Mar. 20 District Assembly

Apr. 28 District Metro Council

May 14-16 District Conference

Www.rotary5340.org

LOOKING FOR A JOB OR NEEDING AN EMPLOYEE?

Take advantage of the Job Bank at www.rotary5340.org by clicking on Vocational Service in the left hand column. You can post a resume or a job listing and search for jobs or candidates. Good luck!

BEQUEST SOCIETY

Please consider remembering Club 33 in your will. Thank you.

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THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



By *Bruce A. Hunt*
Executive Director

How does the 4th largest Rotary Club in the world stay strong and grow? One of the ways is to turn members into Rotarians. An important step in

the journey from member to Rotarian happens once a quarter at the New Member Orientation Breakfast.

Led by co-chairs **Mike Morton** and **Craig Evanco**, the NMOB Committee explains some of the vital workings of the club to newly introduced members to help them become more engaged in Club 33. President **Dick Troncone**, **Guy Maddox**, **Steve Bond**, **Rich DeBolt**, President-elect **Bonnie Schwartz** and I gathered this past Wednesday morning to explain Grotarians, Club 33 and RI History, our membership process, the Rotary Foundation, the Club 33 Advised Fund, club committees, our quarterly billing process and proper use of the Roster to seven Red Badges.

Melani Gordon, **Keith Jones**, **April Langwell**, **Peter MacCracken**, **Jackie Meyer**, **Glenn Younger** and **Karen Cebros** arrived at the Club 33 office at 7:30 AM for fellowship, coffee, bagels and Rotary knowledge. We had a successful session because the time spent together created more energy and purpose for each of us than we had before we started the meeting. The final NMOB for President Dick's year is Wednesday, June 2 at the Club 33 office.

Paul Harris Fellow

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CALENDAR

MARCH

18 *Steve Weber & Marye Ann Fox*
CSU & UC Higher Education
Sheraton East

25 *Public Relations Society of America*
Sheraton West

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

March 11

Grotarian Monterey Room

Military Affairs La Jolla Room

Tennis Del Mar Room

BIRTHDAYS

Kay North	Mar. 9
Claudio Stemberger	10
Peter MacLaggan	10
Richard Cox	10
Mary Zoeller	12
Murray Tenney	13
Jere With	14
Jill Spitzer	14

In Memoriam

Warner L. Harrah

Member

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FACES IN THE CROWD AT THE CLUB 33 MEETING



Left: Jo Dee Jacob with girl scouts



Military Liaison member RADM. Bill French and Len Hering



Military Aide, Mike Caruso, John Sands and Steve Hubbard



Melani Gordon imparts the Inspirational Moment



Guest speaker Yaron Brook, Ph.D.

Please welcome...

Ian Falcon, "Employment – Temporary – Technology," introduced himself to Club 33 today. Ian is the Founder and CEO of Araya Staffing, a two-year old company that provides technology staffing and recruiting. He and his wife Corrie have lived in San Diego for three years and they enjoy racing sailboats, beach volleyball, ocean swimming and playing the guitar. **Matt Hom, Joe Farrage and Kobe Bogaert** are his sponsors. (B) 888.344.0949 x705 (F) 888.801.0949 (E) ian.falcon@arayastaffing.com



ROSTER CHANGES

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MONTHLY CLUB 33 DONOR HONOR ROLL

Each month we recognize the Club 33 members and friends who have made donations to the Club to support its many community service activities. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

We appreciate your gifts because "The Future Of Rotary Is In Your Hands."

If your donation came in after our press deadline, we'll list you next month.

Barbara Bry	Frank Baldwin	Jim Kitchen	Patrick Caughey
Betty Peabody	George Guimaraes	Joyce Glazer	Peter Bowie
Bobbie Spoon	Gerard Brown	Larry Showley	Phil Currie
Bruce Hunt	Ian Gill	Larry Stirling	Ray King
Budd Rubin	James Buley	Laurence Miller	Roger Haines
Chris Christopher	Jan Cetti	Linda Moore	Stan Hartman
Cynthia Olmstead	Jan Driscoll	Mark Burgess	Suzy Spafford
David Oates	Janie Davis	Michael Jones	
David Purcell	Jerry Doran	Michael Kenny	

IMPORTANT 2009 TAX INFO ABOUT HAITI RELIEF

Certain Cash Contributions for Haiti Relief Can Be Deducted on Your 2009 Tax Return

A new law allows you to choose to deduct certain charitable contributions of money on your 2009 tax return instead of your 2010 return. The contributions must have been made after January 11, 2010, and before March 1, 2010, for the relief of victims in areas affected by the January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti. Contributions of money include contributions made by cash, check, money order, credit card, charge card, debit card, or via cell phone.

The new law was enacted after the 2009 forms, instructions, and publications had already been printed. When preparing your 2009 tax return, you may complete the forms as if these contributions were made on December 31, 2009, instead of in 2010. To deduct your charitable contributions, you must itemize deductions on Schedule A (Form 1040) or Schedule A (Form 1040NR).

The contribution must be made to a qualified organization and meet all other requirements for charitable contribution deductions. However, if you made the contribution by phone or text message, a telephone bill showing the name of the donee organization, the date of the contribution, and the amount of the contribution will satisfy the recordkeeping requirement. Therefore, for example, if you made a \$10 charitable contribution by text message that was charged to your telephone or wireless account, a bill from your telecommunications company containing this information satisfies the recordkeeping requirement.

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