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SAN DIEGO ROTARY CLUB

Water, Water Everywhere



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Editor

*I*t was another sunny day at Liberty Station. Congratulations to President **Michelle Candland** for completing her first quarter at the helm of San Diego Rotary. The Inspira-

tional Moment was provided by card-carrying Native American **Matt Dathe**. Matt's theme, consistent with today's program, emphasized the power of a single drop of water and the ripple of change it can have in life, especially when joined by other drops, or other Rotarians. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Brandon Horrocks** followed by *You're a Grand Old Flag*, accompanied by the Club 33 Singers and **Larry Showley**. Today's news was sponsored by **Ray McKewon** of the Xceptional Music Company and was well told by newsman **Stan Lawrence**.

The Grotarians are hosting an event at the Mo'olelo Theater on October 10 that is not to be missed. But you must hurry - registration closes on Monday. Following a bit of musical mood setting by **Larry Showley**, Grotarian Committee Chair **Cari McCormick** invited our Club to see *Scott Joplin's New Rag: The Life and Times of the King of Ragtime Writers*. You can sign up on line for an evening of food, drink, music and fellowship downtown. The Committee Minute featured the STEM Committee, and was presented by Vice Chair **Bink Cook**. The STEM Committee has gone from just an idea for Past-President **Chuck Pretto** to a vibrant, active group of volunteers. If you are interested in helping to inspire

students to embrace science, technology, engineering and math, then this is your committee.

Congratulations are in order for two inspirational Rotarians; first for Past President **Tom Vecchione**, Chair of the MOST Committee, who was prominently featured in a recent article in the UT. President Michelle commended Tom and his committee for performing more than 10,000 procedures, and then proceeded to fine Tom \$1,000 for his Rotary pin-less photo. Second on the list today was Rotarian of the Quarter **Don Teemsma**, who was recognized for his more than two decades of service to our Club. Well done, Tom and Don!

President Michelle then introduced our Chair of the Day (and a member of today's panel,) registered California civil engineer and licensed California attorney **Peter MacLaggan**. Today's visiting Rotarian just happened to be District Governor **Louise Andres**, who was rewarded for her journey from La Jolla with desalinated water, sea salt and candy. Peter then introduced Maureen Stapleton, moderator of today's panel on water diversity and drought. Maureen is the general manager of the San Diego County Water Authority, the regional water agency that provides up to 90 percent of the water used in San Diego County, supporting a \$206 billion economy for 3.2 million residents. Today's panel of water experts included Dennis A. Cushman, the assistant general manager of the San Diego County Water Authority; Chair of the Day Peter MacLaggan, Vice President of Poseidon Resources and Halla Razak, Public Utilities Director for the City of San Diego.

NEXT MEETING

October 9

Chris Van Gorder
To Volunteer and Serve

"Don't just send the help. Bring it there yourself. Get out in the field to protect and serve." It's fair to say this quote from Chris Van Gorder's new book (to be released Nov. 3,) "The Front-Line Leader," describes his passion for volunteering. In 2002, just two years after becoming president and CEO of Scripps Health, Chris took on a volunteer leadership role with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Search & Rescue unit. Today, he is a Reserve Assistant Sheriff over Search & Rescue and the Law Enforcement Reserve.

Please join us as Chris tells us more about these two Sheriff Reserve opportunities and describes what his volunteer experiences have added to his personal and professional life.



Bill Gore
Chair of the Day

QUICK BITS

COMMITTEE NEWS:

The Helping at Both Ends of the Leash Committee (formerly the Animal Appreciation Committee) will be having their first event on Saturday, October 25th at the San Diego Humane Society from 9 am –12 pm. Join us for a morning of fellowship and animal enrichment. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lisa Miller at lsmiller@san.r.rr.com

The **Small Club Joint Venture Committee** wants to remind you to consider doing your meeting makeups with the **Southeast San Diego Rotary Club**. They meet on Wednesdays at noon at the Jacobs Center in the Community Meeting Room. Their address is 404 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, 92114. Their lunch cost is \$15. For catering purposes, please contact Diane Crawford at sesdrotary@yahoo.com the day before that you will attend.

BIRTHDAYS

Garet Clark	Oct. 6
Emily Rex	6
Chuck Blake	7
Peter Duncan	7
Ed Nares	7
Rick Jackson	9
Maureen Gray	9
Ward Gill	9
Frank Pavel	9
Dave Oates	10
Chris Christian	10
Lewis Linson	11
Dan Herde	12

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Dennis began by discussing our area's significant focus on diversifying our water sources through the making of significant investments in water infrastructure. In 1991, 95% of our region's water was provided by the Metropolitan Water District. That figure is currently 49% and in 2020, it will drop to 34%, thanks to infrastructure that includes the Canal Lining Projects, the Olivenhain Dam and Reservoir, the Twin Oaks Valley Water Treatment Plant, the Lake Hodges Projects, the San Vicente Dam Raise and the Carlsbad Seawater Desalination Pipeline Projects. Water is our most basic resource and water reliability has been a long standing issue for our area. We are in our third year of drought. The next three months do not look promising, and the probability for 2015 being an el Niño year is fading fast. Dennis believes our substantial investment in water infrastructure will pay off and help stem the impact of years of hot, dry weather.

Peter gave us an overview of the Carlsbad Desalination Project being developed by Poseidon Resources. This project was 15 years in the making due to obstacles including obtaining seriatim 6 permits from 6 different agencies and overcoming 14 legal challenges filed by project opponents. Construction on the plant is now 65% complete and should be finished by 2015. When at full capacity, this process will produce 15 million gallons of water per day, enough to supply 112,000 households.

Halla Razak followed with a discussion on the City of San Diego's work on Pure Water San Diego, the City's water reuse program. This ambitious program hopes to provide one third of the City's water by 2035, and produces extremely clean water that is more than fit for human consumption. Also in Halla's focus is caring for the City's 3,000 miles of underground water pipeline and 2,600 miles of waste pipeline. Some of these pipes are as old as 115 years, and the City is being proactive about replacing old tired lines with new reliable ones.

While we face perhaps a fourth year of drought, it is reassuring to know that our residents are doing better in conserving water. In 1991, the daily use per person was in excess of 200 gallons. Today, that number is down to 160 gallons. And yes, water rates will continue to rise, but probably not at the pace of the last decade. There is good news on the horizon.

CALENDAR

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT LIBERTY STATION CONFERENCE CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Oct

- 9 **Chris Van Gorder - CEO, Scripps Hospital**
- 16 **Gary Gallegos - SANDAG**
- 23 **Honorable M. Margaret McKeown - U. S. Court of Appeals**
- 30 **Steve Fisher - SDSU Basketball Coach**

Nov

- 6 **Salute to the Military - Breakfast aboard the USS MIDWAY**

GROTARIAN EVENTS

"SCOTT JOPLIN'S NEW RAG" presented by the award-winning and critically acclaimed Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company
Friday, October 10, 2014
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Location: The Tenth Avenue Arts Center

Please visit our website at www.sandiegorotary.club for more event details and to register.

Monday the 6th is the last day to register!

Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106

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FACES IN THE CROWD



President Michelle with Chair of the Day Peter MacLaggan, Maureen Stapleton, Halla Razak and Dennis Cushman.



Tom Vecchione is good-hearted as he is fined \$1,000 for appearing in an article about MOST in the U-T. Thank you, Tom, for all the good work you do to benefit the disadvantaged in Mexico..



Rotarian of the Quarter, Don Teemsma, is congratulated by President Michelle.



Bink Cook gave an overview of the blossoming work that the STEM Committee is doing in City Heights schools.



Matt Dathe related in the Inspirational Moment the impact that one drop of water can make to the impact that one Rotarian can make.



Chair of the Day Peter MacLaggan presented visiting Rotarian and District Governor Louise Andres with the gift for the Rotarian that traveled the farthest.

Padres First Pitch

Jim Wynkoop represented Club 33 and the Rotary District by throwing out the honorary opening pitch at the September 18 Padres game against the Philadelphia Phillies at Petco Park. In attendance were several friends, family and district Rotary members, including our own Michelle Candland and her husband Art. While the pitch was not technically a strike, it was just a couple inches outside and made it solidly into the catchers mitt without hitting the ground, so Jim is calling it a win! He also got the ball autographed by UFC Fighter Stephan Bonnar.



Denver Challenge

Don't let The Denver Club deface our Charger Boltman! For each donation they make the donor gets to put a pin in Boltman. Denver tells us that they are getting a very high response. We need your help as time is running out. Call the office at 619-299-3309, or email Paul paul@rotary33.org with your donation.

