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NATIONAL ROAST YOUR PRESIDENT DAY



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Editor

They say that timing is everything. But what does that really mean? It depends who you ask. As I sit down to write, two hours after the Rotator deadline, it means that I am not very good at it. To the performers at the Presidential Roast, having it meant their jokes were heard.

But a lack of comedic timing...tick tock, tick tock... And to our beloved PBR (**President Bob Russell**)? Well, his loose regard for the clock provided the roast committee with a plethora of material.

This past Thursday, we honored, teased and bid a very Club 33 adieu to our 108th President, "Saint Bob." PBR was welcomed to his roast by a parade of past presidents, each one sporting a tie wackier than the next while carrying signs emblazoned with arbitrary holidays--National Ugly Tie Day, National Bob's Your Uncle Day and, my personal favorite, National "National Day" Day. But the host of brightly colored ties could not compete with PBR's sartorial statement--a blazer completely comprised of neckties. I'm not going to lie; I kind of want one in my size.

Given PBR's affinity for country music, it seemed only fitting that the **Club 33 Singers** kicked off the program with a song, "Tall, Tall Trees," written about, well, trees. And it was even more fitting (at least, provided the theme of today's Rotator) that **Rachel Inmon** follow with an anecdote about PBR, also known as "The Man Who Couldn't End on Time." As a self-proclaimed history buff (hi weekly Presidential Minute), it was rather ironic that despite our club's notorious history of ending on time, PBR viewed this rule as more of a guideline than an actual deadline. Kind of like when your parents set a curfew, I suppose (sorry, Dad and Mom). To insure that incoming president **Suzy Spafford** does not follow in her predecessor's well-meaning, but tardy example, the Roast Committee will be gifting her with various items (think electroshock therapy, a pie-in-the-face and, if all else fails, a dart gun) to remind her of the clock.

In the age of the iPhone, Alexa and very little paper, **Stan Hartman** payed tribute

to PBR's speaker's gift--a paperweight. Though appropriately engraved with Rotary's Four Way Test, Bob's beloved paperweight was accused of being as obsolete as an abacus. Debatable. Although I do use mine as a coffee table ornament.

Because it wasn't enough to mock his (in)ability to tell time and questionable gift choices, **Daniel Amaro** went on to taunt something that, in all fairness, PBR had no control over--his place of birth. I mean, he can't help it that he was born in a tiny town in Texas that no one has ever heard of (Navasota anyone?) whose most famous residents are a singing cowgirl and a local hog trapper. Clearly Navasotians (not sure if that's a word) aren't aware that they also produced the current president of Rotary's fourth largest club in the world! They can add that to their admittedly short list of bragging rights, at least for another couple of weeks.

Of course we had to hear a Rotary version of "Deep in the Heart of Texas," followed by a Presidential Minute of his very own, delivered all the way from 2178 by a conehead that bore a striking resemblance to **Solveig Deuprey**. Looking way back to 2018, we received the unfortunate news that PBR was the only president every to be impeached, convicted of betting on juvenile football games. According to the sad report, the only other thing PBR was famous for was recounting the past presidencies of old white men that no one had ever heard of. The great irony being, of course, that he became one of them.

Perhaps the comedic highlight of the roast was "The Code Revealed," a video unveiling the secret messages PBR has been sending, ala Morse Code, while he taps away at the side of the podium.

Following a farcical interview between **John Neuhart** as Bob Russell and **Paul Nestor** as Dr. FungelDelSchweitzer, Stan Hartman gave PBR an abstruse holiday of his own, declaring it "Get Rid of Lawyers Day" to celebrate the end of a three-year string of lawyers serving as club president. To ring in the new holiday, we celebrated with a universally-loved pastime --lawyer jokes.

The club will be dark on
Thursday, July 5th



Next Meeting

July 12, 2018

Change of Command

It is 2018-19 President Suzy Spafford's inauguration day! Mayor Kevin Faulconer will do the honors of swearing-in our club's 109th president. Please join us as our newest leader shares her vision for this exciting new Rotary year.



Suzanne Spafford
2018-2019 President

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QUICK BITS



Club 33 Tennis - Round 2 has been postponed to August. We will announce the new date soon.

2018-19 Committee Sign-Up

Sign up for a committee for the new Rotary year by June 1st.

[Click here to sign up.](#) Simply click on the buttons next to the committee(s) you would like to join and then click the "Done" button at the bottom of the page to submit your selections.

SAVE THE DATE—July 26, 1:30 pm– Annual All-Chair Committee Meeting. Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, and Vice-Chairs are encouraged to attend this meeting that will immediately follow our program. President Suzy and President Elect David Oates will provide a summary of their plans for the year and discuss the August 23 Club Assembly.

BIRTHDAYS

	July
Rich Donnelly	2
Patti Roscoe	3
Tom Gable	4
Betty Peabody	7
John Rebelo, Jr.	7

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Looking ounces lighter as he shed, once and for all, the ubiquitous orange vest, **David Oates** recalled PBR's infamous visit with RI President Ian Riseley. As timing isn't Bob's thing, he left the RI President with less than 15 minutes to speak. And PBR's way of apologizing? Gifting Mr. Riseley with a bookmark made of animal dung.

And what would a roast be without a few words from **Pat Crowell**. Pat thanked PBR for a transformative year as he opened our eyes, our hearts and our wallets. We are and continue to be the fourth largest club because of our many active female members, young Rotarians and our unparalleled leadership potential.

Past President **John Morrell** thanked PBR for bringing Club 33's trifecta of lawyer leadership to a beautiful end and then handed over the mike for one last time to the President. PBR thanked the many people that work so hard to make Club 33 great before ending with his final thought for the week, courtesy of Willie Nelson--"Turn out the lights, the party's over."

Thank you, PBR, for an incredible year. Your timing may be in question, but your service about self is undebatable.



CALENDAR

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

July

5 **DARK**

12 **Change of Command**

19 **Carl DeMaio**

26 **International Youth Symphony**

GROTARIAN EVENTS

AleSmith Brewery
July 10 5:30 pm—7:30 pm
Cost \$25
 9990 AleSmith Court
 (formerly Empire Street)
 San Diego, CA 92126

Join the Grotarians for an evening of fun and good cheer! We will tour AleSmith Brewing Company's 106,000 square foot brewing facility, which is the second largest facility in San Diego County. This will be a guided tour of their world-class unforgettable brewery. The tour is approximately 45 minutes and covers the entire brewing process from wort creation, fermentation, filtration, carbonation, bottling, packaging, and more. The tour also includes an AleSmith commemorative pint glass and a fill of your favorite AleSmith beer from their year-round lineup. After the tour, while we enjoy our beer and have light appetizers.

[Click here](#) to register.

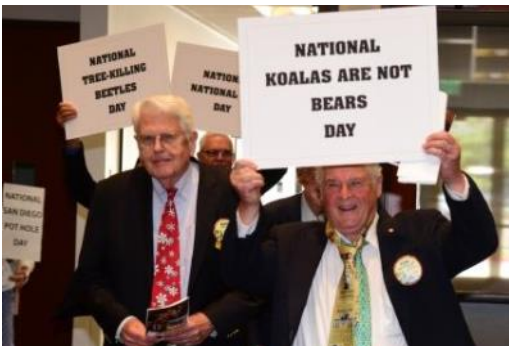
Meetings: Every Thursday at Noon, Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, San Diego, 92106

Bob Russell, President ♦ Paul Devermann, Executive Director

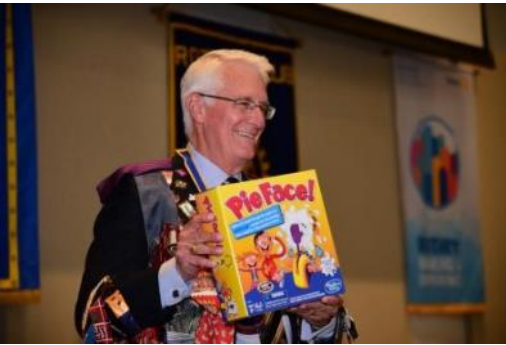
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