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A RECORD SETTING AUCTION!

Next Meeting



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Editor

You did it! We set a new auction record...but more on that later. A little rain couldn't keep our resilient Club 33 members from feeling all aglow at this week's meeting...and it had almost nothing to do with the champagne served alongside the marvelous auction items up for the taking by the highest bidder.

(Thank you to **Madelyn Hersman** for donating the champagne!) The buzz was so great, in fact, that the crowd barely heard the ringing of the bell by **President Suzy** as she officially kicked off the meeting. Eventually, of course, our Rotarians found their seats (and, in some cases, an extra glass of bubbly) and prepared for the extravaganza that awaited them.

First, we got down to business with a touching Inspirational Moment from **James Halliday**, who talked about the power of art in creating bright and thriving futures for today's young people. Next, **Larry Hoeksema** led us in the Pledge and *God Bless America*, accompanied by **Larry Showley**. President Suzy brought up the auction's beloved co-chair **Diana Marjip-Chuh**. Diana had a long and gracious list of thank-yous, including for her co-chair **Tom Gehring**, the many auction committee and Rotary members who pitched in and, of course, the Rotary staff.

President Suzy then introduced the woman behind the auction itself, the lovingly formidable, always fashionable **Nancy Scott**. In 1992, just two years after joining the club, this remarkable businesswoman (and frequent shopper), realized that our Rotarians create, produce or have access to some "really good stuff"...stuff that people would pay really good money for. Alas, the auction was born!

Nancy was given the colossal task of talking about what Rotary means to her. She began with a list of provocative items, including a Decoration Day parade, a storm in rural Georgia, illegal gambling with a police chief, and a misappropriated college scholarship. And that was all by the time she was 17 years old! (Nancy's father was himself a Rotarian, so our fare speaker was exposed to the power of Rotary at an early

age.)

While this Rotator editor would love to give the juicy goods on each story (if you missed it, ask her about the "cashmere hold of shame"), the space limitations required the telling of just a few favorites. We begin with a story from Nancy's childhood, when a nasty storm in rural Georgia hit Nancy and her family during a road trip. Nancy was terrified, and remembers her father telling her not to worry... that if there wasn't a hotel available in the next town, he would find a Rotarian to take them in for the night. That's exactly what happened.

And then there's a story from the 1990s, when Nancy first got to meet the girl she'd be mentoring at a Rotary holiday party. Shaneese was one of seven children in a family that was struggling financially. Nancy decided to get their bond going by – what else? – taking her shopping! Twenty years later, Nancy and Shaneese still call each other family.

Nancy ended with one final, touching tale. It happened when she and a friend found themselves in an isolated area of Zimbabwe. Eventually they found a metal shed, which had a Rotary banner hanging on its back wall and a small African boy drawing in the dirt. When Nancy asked the boy where they were, he responded in his beautiful accent with this: "This is the good place, where the good people do the good thing." Nancy reminded the group that it was time to do the good thing again...by opening those wallets for the live auction and paddle raise.

And boy, did those wallets open! Guided by Zack Krone, our very persuasive (and very quick-witted) auctioneer, those bid cards flew into the air. Every item brought with it good natured bidding wars and generous sums offered up. VIP dinners, sunset cruises and vacations in Vail and Sedona raised thousands of dollars each. (Not to get too specific, but let's just say that if you want in on any of these you might want to make friends with some of your fellow Rotarians...including, perhaps, **Mel Katz, Christy White and Bob Fletcher**. And those are just a few of our generous item winners!) *Continued on page 2*

DECEMBER 6

**RAFAEL CASTELLANOS,
CHAIRMAN
PORT OF SAN DIEGO**

Port of San Diego Chairman Rafael Castellanos will give us an update on the Port's current projects. They have a lot of exciting things to talk about: the new Portside Pier restaurant development, the new Intercontinental Hotel, the Central Embarcadero project and the Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan.



**G.T. Frost
Chair of the Day**



**Don't forget to complete your
online ballot!**

**The Officer and Board election
began on Monday, November 12
CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR
THE BALLOT**

**Voting ends at midnight on Friday,
December 14**

Results will be announced at the
Holiday Program on December 20.

QUICK BITS

Legacy nominations are now open for Camp Enterprise 2019

Club 33 Rotarians - If you'd like to nominate a high school junior in your family or close circle of friends to attend Camp Enterprise 2019, now is the time to act! The legacy nomination form is available on the Rotary website here: <https://www.sandiegorotary.club/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/RCE-LEGACY-NOMINATION-2019.pdf>

Nominations are due BEFORE DECEMBER 7, 2018, so please ACT NOW. If you have questions, contact Bridget Meckley at bameckley@outlook.com.

The date for the next **Club 33 Fishing Trip** is set! Mark your calendars for Aug 28-30 2019. For more details on how to register, contact Bob Fletcher at dart@dartermbank.com

BIRTHDAYS

December

Norbert Sanders	4
Ed Muns	5
Frank Caperino	5
Andy Hewitt	5
Janene McIntyre	7
Tom Creamer	8

A Record Setting Auction! *Continued from page 1*

Major thank yous are due to **Tom Cohen** and **Stan Hartman** for their willingness to share their vacation homes for the good of the cause.

It was then paddle raise time, and **Bill Earley** took to the stage to announce that the board had agreed to match up to \$25,000 of the money raised. **Penny Robbins** kicked things off with an incredibly generous \$10,000 bid, followed by the sight of an entire room of bid cards going up to join in on various donation levels.

The extravaganza wrapped up with the drawing of raffle prizes by an antler-wearing **Kimberley Layton**, and the announcement of the winner of the Opportunity Drawing. In yet another show of generosity, winner **Trevor Blair** (who, from here on in, will be known as "the gentlemen who looks like he just walked out of General Hospital) donated the lovely blown-glass prize back for one last money-raising live auction moment.

With thousands raised and lots of donated goodies collected, another successful auction came to an end. So, you ask, how much did we raise? *I am delighted to report that the preliminary report is that your generosity contributed an outstanding \$168,000 to our Foundation! This is an unbelievable 35% increase over last year's previous record auction.* And, as the sun broke through the clouds, our members were able to leave the meeting knowing, without a doubt, that our club is where "the good people do the good thing".



DECEMBER 20-ANNUAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Our holiday program is around the corner and our chorus has been hard at work on putting together a fabulous program for you. **Remember is a wonderful opportunity to invite your family, your children and your grandchildren to Rotary to celebrate the holidays with us!**

Don't forget to let the Rotary office know if you will be bringing guests. Online registration will open next week.

CALENDAR

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

December

6 **Rafael Castellanos-Port of San Diego**

13 **Jerry Sanders—SD Regional Chamber of Commerce**

20 **Annual Holiday Program**

27 **Dark—No Meeting**

January

3 **Dark-No Meeting**

GROTARIAN EVENTS

Stay tuned for details and registration for these upcoming events in 2019!

- **January 29th**—Grotarian Fireside chat at OLP
- **February 12th**—Little Italy neighborhood walking tour with food afterwards
- **March 26th**—tour of Scripps Health regarding medical research and stem cell research
- **April 16th**—Pro Kids Golf Academy
- **May 2019**—Rotaract annual dinner June 2019—tour of the Point Loma Lighthouse

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

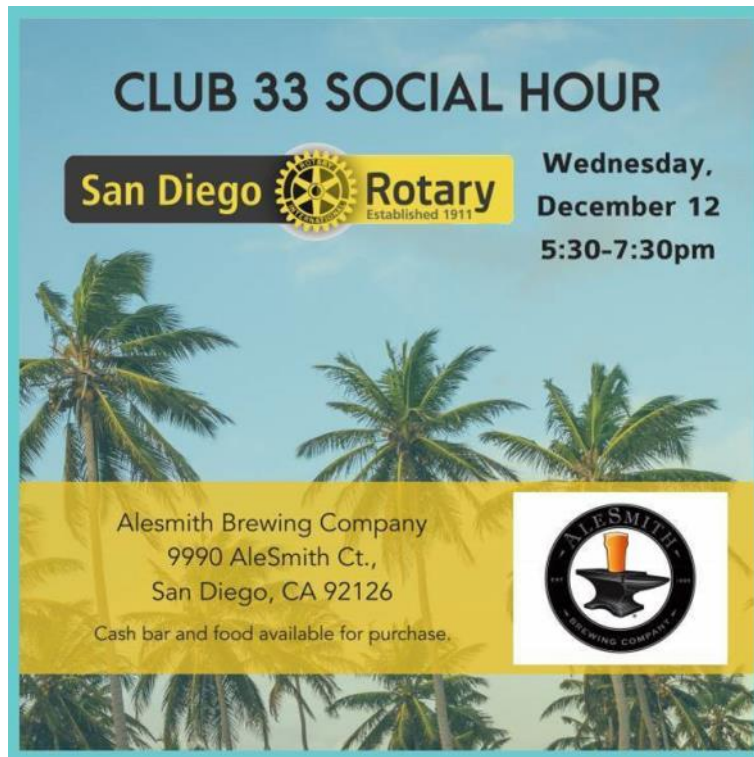
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CLUB 33 SOCIAL HOUR

Join us on December 12 for some fun and fellowship. Remember, guests and potential members are always welcome at these open events. It is a wonderful opportunity to be social and get to you know your fellow Rotarians better! No registration needed—just show up!



2019 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY



The **Rotary International Assembly Host Hospitality Night** is scheduled for **January 16, 2019**. The District is seeking clubs/ members to volunteer to host incoming District Governors-Elect (DGEs) from around the world. Take two or (you determine the number) for an evening of fellowship and dinner. You can host in your home, your club meeting site or a site of your choosing. You will be reimbursed \$20 for each guest you host. We guarantee the experience will be price-less! [Register](#) today! If you have any questions, you may direct them to Michelle Candland at michellecandland95@gmail.com.

FACES IN OUR CROWD *at our annual Auction*

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