

CLUB 33 HISTORY MINUTE #39 5/20/2010

In gearing up for Rotary Club 33's Centennial in 2011, let's turn the clock back to 1995 – fifteen years ago. Our 86th President, Mike Morton was served the gavel with the classification Restaurant – Local Chain. Prez Mike was something of an “international man” of sorts, already serving as Commodore of the San Diego Yacht Club. San Diego's last America's Cup defense was underway, and Mike mingled with an international crowd for months without precipitating a single diplomatic incident. Rotary's world was growing, with new clubs established in Kazakhstan, Cambodia, and Palau. At our May 9 meeting, 32 students from at least five different countries visited for International Students Recognition Day. Our own Bishop George McKinney was named Mr. San Diego for his decades of spiritual guidance and support for communities of Southeast San Diego. In September, nearly 70 Rotarians took part in the annual Mercy/MOST Day; where 126 surgical procedures were performed on 88 patients, mostly children. President Mike was a slow starter in the fining department, but quickly got up to speed. Later, he admitted that being a big finer was something he was proud of. “I fined just for the heck of it,” he said, “because it was for a good cause – the Norm Foster Fund.” And that's your Club 33 History Minute.