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ROTARY CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

Annual Auction



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Editor

Bidding Adieu to Polio

Do me a favor. Hold up your hand and place your thumb and forefinger about a quarter-inch apart from each other. See that? It's indicative of how close we Rotarians are to eradicating polio from the planet for good. Thanks to

the generosity of many of you, we're even closer. In all, the Rotary Auction raised an estimated **\$57,000**. Thank you so much to all who helped!

The festivities actually began before **President Chuck Pretto** called the meeting to order with a bevy of gifts up for the silent part of the auction. Not including the artfully-crafted wreaths for sale by the check-in table, there were nearly 70 – yes 70 – items up for bid. The prizes ranged from car detailing and personal coaching services to get-away vacations and mountain bikes. I even saw a San Diego Central Jail tour and lunch with our own Sheriff **Bill Gore**. I would have tried to win it, but figured one visit for me was enough. I just wonder if it would be the same experience for me since I'd be on the other side of the bars this time (just kidding, Mom!).

With the silent auction completed, the meeting came to order with an Inspirational Moment by **Jamie Moraga** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of America the Beautiful, led by **Jack Anthony** and accompanied by **Greg Zinser**. **Bert Wahlen** took his usual spot at the podium to deliver the news sponsored by **Jim Jessop**, and then President Chuck literally stepped back up (and I do mean up!) to the microphone for some announcements. He appropriately gave a hearty thanks to the Liberty Station Wait Staff as yesterday was our last meeting of the year at this great facility as well as the folks from the Military Affairs Committee who volunteered

for a half day Wednesday at the Armed Services YMCA Super Shopper Program. Chuck then welcomed four of our SDSU Rotaracts: Bobby Marsh, Samantha Sorce, Alex Padua and Kirk Sasaki. Next up was **Cheryl Wilson** and a call for help in hosting seniors at our Holiday Program next week. It's always a treat to have them with us and, in many cases, this will be their singular holiday event of the year. So if you can help out, please seek out Cheryl and thanks for making a big difference in the lives of our guests! Cheryl then gave way to Jim Jessop who took his seasonal fine for distributing his famous pocket calendars for 2014 with the traditional 8-point font that didn't get unnoticed by President Chuck who needed to break out his glasses to read it. Chair of the Day and grandfather to now six children, **Sid Tobiason**, came to the podium next with important advice that only a seasoned CPA could deliver. He told us giving more money than the actual value of any one of the items up for auction is still tax deductible. Moreover, using the item for work is a business expense. (*Memo to the winners of that great wine package: Enjoy the vino at your desk. If anyone inquires, just say that you're drinking for charity!*) Sid then yielded the microphone to past president, fellow Club 33 Rotarian and six-time grandfather **Stan Hartman** who reminded us about the purpose of our auction event. His regaled us with tales of experiences following his dad, one of only three orthopedic surgeons in Arizona at the time, on calls to treat polio patients. Stan eloquently spoke of his father's care for a young mother stricken with the disease who, despite her year-long hospital stay, still raised three kids. Yet it was Stan's final story that took my breath away.

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NEXT MEETING

Thurs., December 19, 2013
Sheraton Harbor Island East

Annual Holiday Program

“Come one, Come all!” to Club 33's annual Holiday Program! Singers, Musicians, Readings of the Season and overall good times! Bring your young family members as we will even have Santa making an appearance. This tradition is not to be missed. Meeting will be at the Sheraton Harbor Island East on December 19th.

Remember to register on the website or by calling the office today!



Steve Hubbard

Chair of the Day

Volunteers needed for the Holiday Luncheon to:

Help escort 100 “Visiting Seniors” from the hotel lobby to the greeting and gift bag area, and to escort the seniors to their luncheon tables. If you would like to volunteer, please arrive at the hotel by 11:15 am and report to Cheryl Wilson. Rotarians are also needed to sit with the seniors for lunch as table hosts.

QUICK BITS

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 9—Economic Forecast

Jan. 25—Grotarian Sub Tour.

Enjoy lunch at the Admiral Kidd Club and tour a state-of-the-art submarine. Space is limited so register today.

Register for events at

www.rotary33.org or

www.rotary5340.org

AUCTION ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE

In case you missed the event, or still want to donate, paddle bids and bids on the remaining items will be open until December 19. Don't miss the opportunity to beat Polio by bidding on a session with photographer Stan Lawrence, or improve your website through a Google ad words tune-up. Call the office for details.

Register for the Economic Forecast

What's ahead for the U.S. economy in 2014? Dark clouds remain on the horizon due to the so-called fiscal cliff, rising tax rates, burgeoning government debt coupled with a twisted stimulus policy, and a European economy deep in recession. Large numbers of corporations and investors remain in cash where they are willing to lose purchasing power rather than risk committing to an area of the market. Where will the smart money go? Bill Holland and Linda Stirling will go head to head on these turbulent issues, answering your questions about where money will earn the best return. What affect will OBAMACARE have on the market and your pocket-book? Join us for a look ahead into the economics of 2014.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

A Look Forward

My excitement to be the club's new Executive Director continues to grow each time I start my day. I am honored to be in the position and to be able to work with each of you.

I knew going into the role that Club 33 is comprised of a wonderful group of talented, dedicated members. But the welcome you have extended has exceeded my expectations. The experience my daughter had a couple of years ago as a participant at Camp Enterprise was an indication of the professionalism and commitment of the Club. It had a very positive impact on her life and is indicative of the multiple ways Club 33 benefits our shared community. The impact on my life the brief time I have been here has been very positive as well.

All that said, I know I have much to learn. Club 33 has a rich history, which is one of the reasons the position was attractive to me. To have the opportunity to build upon all that has been accomplished by the Club over the past century will be an enjoyable endeavor.

There are many pieces to Rotary that I am eager to learn and hope that my background and commitment will help build it even stronger for the future. My professional "style" is to watch, learn and collaborate. Over the next several months I look forward to getting to know our membership, committees and Club history better. My office door is always open and feedback is always important - so let us know how we are doing.

Paul Devermann

CALENDAR

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

DECEMBER

26 *DARK*

JANUARY

2 *DARK*

9 *Economic Forecast*

16 *Dr. Paul Aisen, Alzheimer Study*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS DECEMBER 19

Membership Committee

BIRTHDAYS

| | |
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| Skip Hymes, D.D.S. | Dec. 15 |
| Hojo Johnson | 15 |
| Debbie Day | 15 |
| Dick Murphy | 16 |
| Claudia Obertreis | 16 |
| Martha Dennis, Ph.D. | 17 |
| George Alexander | 17 |
| Carrie Stone | 18 |
| Stan Lawrence | 18 |
| John Van Deusen | 18 |
| Scott Wilson | 18 |
| John Anewalt | 21 |
| Ian Campbell | 21 |
| Marc Tarasuck | 21 |
| Vince Mudd | 22 |

Long-time Rotarian Dudley Beckett passed away recently. A memorial service in San Diego is pending.

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

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FACES IN THE CROWD AT OUR MEETING



Pictured at left from top to bottom:

Painter Steve Fishwick and highest bidder **Phil Blair**

John Hawkins, Keith McKenzie and Roy Bell. Keith was highest bidder for a dinner cruise on the Bell yacht



Ron Eisenberg being fined for promoting his cooking store

Auction Committee Chair **Sid Tobiason** explaining why it is important to have a good tax accountant



Pictured at right from top to bottom:

Jim and Carmen Hughes pitching lottery ticket sales

Jim Jessop being fined for distributing calendar cards

Auction committee members **Paul Nestor** and **Diana Marjip-Chuh** working hard at auction set-up



President Chuck, **Greg Zinser, Peter Duncan, Jack Anthony** and **Jenni Prisk**

Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor



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Pictured at left from top to bottom:

Cheryl Wilson inviting everyone to attend the Holiday Party

At the urging of the crowd, and after hearty bidding, President Chuck having his mustache shaved off

President Chuck and auctioneer Steve Hamann

Stan Hartman giving a personal perspective on the battle to cure polio.

Pictured at right from top to bottom:

Auction committee members extraordinaire **Woody and Carole Ledford**

Mark Allen in full uniform promoting the Nevada race car experience

Larry Kuntz with the Go-Pro display

Jackie Meyer with her winnings from the auction

Photos courtesy of



More of the Annual Auction

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Sometime after meeting his wife-to-be, Leigh, in college, he met her parents for the first time. At that encounter, his future mother-in-law looked at him and said “I know you – your Doc Hartman’s boy. Your dad took care of me and Leigh when we had polio.”

With the purpose ever so present, the live auction began and man, was it fun! Week-long trips to Rancho La Puerta, three-hour bay cruises, Karl Strauss beer tours, six-course dinners for eight and the “Wine Lover’s Dream” package were all given to the highest bidder. But one of the most celebrated items was the shaving of President Chuck’s “Starsky & Hutch-esque” mustache. Thanks to **Jim Hughes** for his kind donation. Club 33 is forever in your debt to return our very popular leader back to his facial hairless state!

There were a great many folks to thank for their tireless efforts under Sid’s exceptional leadership. This includes **Diana MarJip-Chuh**, who was literally up until 4 a.m. Thursday to prep for the event. The great supporting staff of Moss Adams, Sid and **Bruce Knowlton**’s company, was also on hand to assist. Last, but certainly not least, were **Woody Ledford** and wife Carole who created our bid system that eliminated the usual hectic lines at the end of previous years’ auctions for folks to pay for their winning bids. There were a bevy of Rotarians that selflessly gave their time, talents and treasures to make the auction a success, and we’re all grateful for their contributions!

I hope to see you all at next week’s Holiday Program at the Sheraton Harbor Island East. Be sure to register yourself and any guests ahead of time at our website, www.rotary33.org, so we can ensure there are enough meals for everyone!

