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Holiday Party

NEXT MEETING

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Liberty Station

Conference Center



THE MANY MOODS OF CHRISTMAS

Patti Roscoe
Editor

Where does one begin to explain just how special our annual Holiday Program is to Club 33 Rotarians and their families?

Perhaps it's the welcome by the badge table greeters. Or the lobby music provided by **Lee Lescano** and the Salvation Army Brass Band with their bell ringers. Maybe it's jolly Old St. Nick (who had the grin of **Roy Lange**) and his elves, **Michelle Candland** and **Craig Blower**, making everyone feel the spirit of the season.

Or perhaps it's the greeters at the door in their holiday finery welcoming one and all. Or seeing so many families in attendance, many with well-behaved children wide-eyed from the lights, music, and festive buzz in the room. Or being back at the Sheraton, one last time in 2013 - like a kid coming home for Christmas.

We hosted 100 seniors from St Paul's, Salvation Army, Veterans Village, Potiker Residence, and Jackie Robinson YMCA. Many of these pensioners are without families in San Diego so they became part of our Rotary family for the day. It was great to have them with us.

President Chuck, sans moustache, called us to order for one last time in 2013. **Michael Bruner** reminded us that we celebrated two blessed holidays this month - Hanukah and Christmas. While we each rejoice in our own way, the time isn't the same if someone special is missing. In Michael's case, it was his son's best friend who lost his mother this year. Club 33 lost some long-time members this year so the sentiment was heartfelt in the room.

As everyone settled in, M.C. **Bert Wahlen** introduced program Director, **Steve Hubbard**. Once again, Maestro Steve directed a stellar program. His passion shows in the wonderful performance to which we were treated. He was ably assisted by his co-chairs **Jack Anthony** and scriptwriter, **Suzy Spafford**.

Then the music did begin - and in such a wonderful fashion. Award-winning concert pianist, Bryan Verhoye, once again was the accompanist for the day. And what a marvelous musician he is, too. His beautiful solo, *Carol of the Bells* was a joy to hear.

Thanks to the La Jolla Brass, led by **Colin Wied**, for adding their many talents to the day. Who knew **Sheryl Reichert** played the trombone? She joined sax player, **Stan Lawrence**, and songstress, **Kimberley Layton**, for a jazzy rendition of *Jingle Bells*. The place was rocking out!

In between numbers, there were readings by **Katie Fulhorst**, **Chris Sichel**, and **Bill Earley**. Soloists, **Peter Duncan**, **Keith Bryant**, and Catherine Moore, did stellar jobs with *Sing Choirs of Angels*, *I'll Be Home for Christmas* and *Let There Be Peace On Earth*, respectively.

And then there were the Rotary Chorus and Club 33 Singers - superstars all. One of this editor's personal favorites was *Merry Christmas, Mozart*, carols sung in the classical style of Wolfgang Amadeus. What holiday program wouldn't be complete without the audience participation of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*? (One of these years we will get it right from the first note.) Right or not, it is always a hit of the program.

I want to take a moment to wish each of you the Happiest of Holidays this year. As we come together to celebrate our respective holidays with friends, family and fellow Rotarians, I want to personally wish you the very best. As Rotarians you can be proud of the fantastic work Club 33 does every day to make this a better place and a better world. We truly are Engaging Rotary and Changing Lives!

As we enter the New Year I am very excited about Rotary and Club 33. We look forward to inviting new prospective members into the mix. If you know of someone who you would like to share the "gift of Rotary" to, what better time than over this Holiday season. Let's come back to the New Year with a newfound resolve to bolster our membership and ensure a strong future for Club 33. Membership is our lifeblood and we can use your help in recommending and sponsoring new Rotarians.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chuck Pretto, President



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QUICK BITS

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 25— Grotarian Sub Tour. Enjoy lunch at the Admiral Kidd Club and tour a state-of-the-art submarine. Tours are at 10 am and 1 pm with lunch served at 11:30 am. Registration will close January 10 as we need to supply names for security clearance. Space is limited so register today.

Register for events at www.rotary33.org

Register for the Economic Forecast—January 9, 2014

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

I was taught that simple is sometimes best. So, I wish those of you that celebrate the holiday a very Merry Christmas, and to all of you best wishes and a Happy New Year.

Paul Devermann

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And, of course, let's not forget all the sponsors who contribute time, talent and/or treasure to insure the program is a success: PEP Creative, J&S Sound Systems, and One Fabulous Event with Angela Anderson, The Sheraton Hotel, **Jean Young** for the program cover photo, and **Bonnie Schwartz** and her company for the program design.

The powerful notes of Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* rang out as we said our goodbyes for this Rotary year. We were reminded of the importance of friends and family. Let me end this final Rotator with a favorite Irish quote....

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

Have a wonderful Christmas and safe, Happy New Year, everyone.

Patti Roscoe

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR 2013 HOLIDAY BOWL TICKETS FROM THE ROTARY OFFICE

**ARIZONA STATE VS. TEXAS TECH
Monday, December 30th at 7:15pm at
Qualcomm Stadium**

CALENDAR

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*

23 *Delta Bay Conservation Plan*

30 *Balboa Park Centennial*

BIRTHDAYS

Kris Michell	Dec. 23
Bob Dicioccio	23
Mike Conner	27
Jan McDonough	28
Ake Persson	29
Clark Siebrand	30
Glenn Younger	30
Peggy Eddy	31
Will Hage	31

There were a number of beautiful photos taken at the Holiday lunch, as well as at other events. We will endeavor to get them posted to a website soon for your own enjoyment, viewing, saving, sharing and printing.



FACES IN THE CROWD AT OUR MEETING



Pictured at left from top to bottom:

A stirring Inspirational Moment was delivered by **Michael Brunker**

Narrator **Bert Whalen** helped to keep the event flowing smoothly

Kimberley Layton jazzed up the event

Stan Lawrence and Sheryl Reichert gave a smooth performance



Pictured at right from top to bottom:

Keith Bryant was our crooner of the day

Jenni Prisk was a “swimming swan” during audience participation of the “Twelve Days of Christmas”

Elf **Michelle Candland** led one half of the room during the singing of the “Twelve Days” and...

...Elf **Craig Blower** led the other half of the room during the singing of “The Twelve Days of Christmas”



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Pictured at left from top to bottom:

Steve Hubbard led the way all day

John Hattox and wife Kathy enjoyed the festivities

A dessert toast to the holidays from the **Dick Tronccone** table.



All ages enjoyed visiting with our own Santa (**Roy Lange**)

Pictured at right from top to bottom:

Among our visiting seniors from the Salvation Army was a 95 year-old WWII veteran

Dick Davis, Stan Hartman and **Sid Smith** enjoyed the camaraderie

Suzy Spafford asking Santa for her secret gift



Bill Early with his wife Ginger and daughter Genevieve at their table toasting the day



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Many thanks to all of our performers.

The Rotary Chorus

Steve Hubbard, Director

Sopranos: Nikki Anderson, Sue Goldstein, Katrina Herrera, Kimberley Layton, Jan McDonough, Catherine Moore, Judy Thompson

Tenors: Jack Anthony, Peter Duncan, Paul Hartley, Larry Showley,

Basses: Keith Bryant, Larry Hoeksema, Jim Hughes, Jerry Jessop, David Oates, Mike Rowan, Dick Tronccone, Greg Zinser

Club 33 Singers

Bryan Verhoye, Nikki Anderson, Kimberley Layton, Suzy Spafford, Beth Sundheim, Solveig Deuprey, Jack Anthony, Larry Showley, Greg Zinser, Larry Hoeksema,

The La Jolla Brass

Colin Wied, Dennis Cotell, Monica Palmer, Roger Haines, Sheryl Reichert, John Meyers, Stan Lawrence, Ben Miller

The Reichert/Lawrence Jazz Project

Sheryl Reichert, Stan Lawrence, Ben Miller, Colin Wied, Erick Cortez, Keith Bryant, Kimberley Layton, Bryan Verhoye

A Wonderful Time Was Had by All



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