



If you missed our June 12th program, *Lex Gillette: Paralympic Athlete*, you may click on the picture below to view a video of it.

June 12, 2025 - Lex Gillette  
Jordan Maharaj

No Need For Sight  
When You Have a  
Vision

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A special *thank you* to our news sponsor Brad Saunders of BriceHouse Inc.  
How did you like this week's program? Take the survey by clicking [HERE](#).

**Next Meeting June 19, 2025**  
**Juan Carlos Rivas: Cross Border Xpress**



Cannot attend in person? Here is the weekly recurring [ZOOM LINK](#) to tune in  
virtually at **12:30pm.** You may also phone in to listen to the meeting: Phone: 1-669-900-6833

Password: 84935003462# (include the "pound" sign).

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 26

**The Roast of President Mia Harenski**

July 3

**DARK FOR THE HOLIDAY**

July 10

**Wendy Urushima-Conn's Swearing In Ceremony**



## JUNE 16-22 BIRTHDAYS

June 16: Mike Collins, Richard Walker

June 17: Mary Colacicco, Cathy LeClair,

Tobias Haglund

June 18: Steven Mueller

June 19: Peter Ellsworth

June 20: Brandon Steppe

# NOMINATE PEACE AWARD

## Help Us Honor a Local Peacebuilder – Nominate Today

Do you know someone making a meaningful impact in San Diego by fostering peace, supporting immigrants and refugees, or building a more inclusive community?

San Diego Rotary (Club 33) is now accepting nominations from Club Members for the **2025 Peace Award**. This award honors individuals and organizations in our region who go above and beyond to promote understanding, resolve conflict, and help newcomers thrive.

We're looking to recognize those who:

- ✓ Advocate for policies that uplift immigrant and refugee communities
- ✓ Provide critical resettlement and integration support
- ✓ Build bridges across cultures to promote belonging

You are encouraged to submit a nomination or share this opportunity with your network.

The submission process is open to all Rotary 33 members.



**Nominate by June 19, 2025:** <https://forms.gle/TvSB21rsSZBtJeUZA>

Thank you for helping us shine a light on the people and programs making San Diego a more peaceful and welcoming place for all.

**Questions? Reach out to Laura Mitchell or Denise Scatena.**

## RI President Stephanie Urchick

Dear Rotary Family,

I regret to inform you that President-Elect Mário de Camargo has notified me of his decision to resign from his position and will not assume the role as Rotary President for 2025-26. In a letter to me late yesterday, Mario noted that personal and business concerns have made it necessary for him to step aside. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve Rotary.

We greatly appreciate Mário's 45 years of leadership and service to our organization and the tremendous pride his nomination created among Brazilian Rotary members. I am certain that Mário will leverage his experience, and will continue to contribute to the growth of Rotary in Brazil and around the world.

The Rotary International Board will meet soon to determine the process to select a new Rotary President for the upcoming year.

Once again, I want to thank Mário and Denise for their hard work and dedication to Rotary over the past 20 months. We wish Mário well.

Warmest Regards,

Stephanie A. Urchick

# DISTRICT 5340

## Rotary District 5340 Governor's Dinner

On June 7, 2025, the Rotary Club District 5340 hosted over 500 Rotarians at the Marriott Hotel Convention Center in Mission Valley, San Diego, to celebrate the yearly changing of the guard. Wendy Urushima-Conn was inducted as Club 33's 2025-26 President, and Michael Bruncker as District Governor Nominee.

[Click here for a highlight reel.](#)



At that dinner, City Heights Rotaract Club was given the Rotaract Club of the Year award!



# GROTARIAN EVENT

On June 10th, our Grotarian Committee joined other Rotarians from District 5340 to watch the Padres beat the Dodgers decidedly 11-1.



## NARCAN TRAINING

On June 12th many Rotarians took Narcan Training; a class meant to educate on how to identify an overdose, and how to administer life saving Naloxone.



### What is Naloxone?

- Naloxone is a prescription medicine that reverses an opioid overdose. It cannot be used to get high and is not addictive. Naloxone is safe and effective; paramedics and doctors have used it for decades.
- Naloxone is also called by brand name Narcan®
- Naloxone is an opioid antagonist

Thank you, Mark Boxer for arranging this very important session!

# FACES IN THE CROWD

*Photos courtesy of Paul Nestor*



## Prospective New Member Reception!



(Lt.) Wendy McKinney, Simona Valanciute and Mark Allan welcome guests. (Rt.) Toni Giffin and Wendy McKinney welcome Lex Gillette.



(Lt.) Paul Nestor with Lex Gillette. (Rt.) Guest Speaker Lex Gillette, President Mia, Chair of the Day Tracy Sundlun, and Michael Bruncker.

*Thank you to all of our Paul Harris Fellows  
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Meet Me Halfway Campaign:*

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for a second year!*