

December 2016-17



PRESIDENT: KEN HEINZ

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2016-17 Rotary International Theme:

Rotary Serving Humanity

"Now is the time to capitalize on our success: as we complete the eradication of polio, and catapult Rotary forward to be an even greater force for good in the world."



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ... All of us have vices. One of mine is Holiday music.

I look forward to this time of year. I can play Nat "King" Cole, Pentatonix, Sinatra, Alabama, Crosby, and Rascal Flatts without a second thought. Different genres, different backgrounds, different ethnicities.

Rotary is like that. People from around the world come together without a second thought for "service above self", promoting peace and goodwill throughout the world.

Have a joyous and wonderful Holiday Season--and in your reflective moments--think of the music of Rotary.

Ken

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>PLEDGE</u>	<u>INSPIRATION</u>
December 1	Bryan Gust	Brent Clous
December 8	Jean Heinz	Bryan Gust
December 15	Danny Kazmarek	Jean Heinz
December 22	Merry Christmas!	No meeting
December 29	Happy New Year!	No meeting
January 5	Eric Pahlke	Danny Kazmarek

HAPPY, HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY ... Brent Clous joined the club in December 2009 ... also, Mike Scogin.

HOLIDAY PARTY ... the annual party will be on Sunday, December 11th, showcasing Ken and Jean Heinz's new home in the Santaluz neighborhood. Jean is sending an email to everyone with detailed directions. If you get lost, call Ken's cell phone (858) 444-7777.

Festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. There will be a honey-baked ham ... folks should bring either an appetizer or a dessert.

Ken says he'll have the game between the 5-7 Chargers and the 4-8 Carolina Panthers on the big screen TV - if anyone cares any more.

LINKS ... to other Rotary web pages ...

San Diego North Click here to see the schedule of programs and other late-breaking club news.

District 5340 Click here for the DG's newsletter, training schedules, and district and other club events.

Rotary International Click here for professional resources on a wide range of club management issues.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY QUIZ

ROTARIANS ARE CHALLENGED TO CORRECTLY ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

THE ANSWERS WILL BE REVEALED AT THE MEETINGS DURING "THIS DAY IN HISTORY."

December 1	The first United States based franchise played its first NHL game on this day in 1924. (Hint: the team plays at the Matthews Arena, originally named the Boston Arena)
December 8	The United States declared war against this country on this day in 1941, after "a date which will live in infamy." (Hint: none needed)
December 15	This addendum to the United States Constitution became law on this day in 1791, after it was ratified by the Virginia General Assembly. (Hint: there are now 27 amendments)
December 22	Development of this rocket began on this day in 1942. (Hint: the Germans called it Vergeltungswaffe 2)
December 29	This most produced heavy bomber in history was first flown on this day in 1939. (Hint: it was designed by Consolidated Aircraft of San Diego)

START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT ...

A sure-fired way to start your day off right is with a good laugh. Another good way to start your day off right is to feel superior to your fellow man, ready to tackle all challenges. The Darwin Awards combine these two into a "you have got to be kidding" start to the day ...

The 2015 Darwin Awards are out. The annual honor given to the persons who did the gene pool the biggest service by killing themselves in the most extraordinarily stupid ways. You couldn't make up anything as dumb as this stuff! Last year's winner was the fellow who was killed by a Coke machine which toppled over on top of him as he was attempting to tip a free soda out.

The 2015 winner was a real rocket scientist... and remember that each and every one of these are true! And the nominees were:

Semifinalist #1 A young Canadian man, searching for a way of getting drunk cheaply, because he had no money with which to buy alcohol, mixed gasoline with milk..Not surprisingly, this concoction made him ill, and he vomited into the fireplace in his house. The resulting explosion and fire burned his house down, killing both him and his sister.

Semifinalist #2 Three Brazilian men were flying in a light aircraft at low altitude when another plane approached. It appears that they decided to moon the occupants of the other plane, but lost control of their own aircraft and crashed. They were all found dead in the wreckage with their pants around their ankles.

Semifinalist #3 A 22-year-old Reston, VA , man was found dead after he tried to use octopus straps to bungee jump off a 70-foot railroad trestle. Fairfax County police said Eric Barcia, a fast food worker, taped a bunch of these straps together, wrapped an end around one foot, anchored the other end to the trestle at Lake Accotink Park , jumped and hit the pavement. Warren Carmichael, a police spokesman, said investigators think Barcia was alone because his car was found nearby. 'The length of the cord that he had assembled was greater than the distance between the trestle and the ground,' Carmichael said. Police say the apparent cause of death was 'Major trauma.'

Semifinalist #4 A man in Alabama died from rattlesnake bites. It seems that he and a friend were playing a game of catch, using the rattlesnake as a ball. The friend - no doubt a future Darwin Awards candidate himself - was hospitalized.

Semifinalist #5 Employees in a medium-sized warehouse in west Texas noticed the smell of a gas leak. Sensibly, management evacuated the building extinguishing all potential sources of ignition; lights, power, etc. After the building had been evacuated, two technicians from the gas company were dispatched. Upon entering the building, they found they had difficulty navigating in the dark. To their frustration, none of the lights worked. Witnesses later described the sight of one of the technicians reaching into his pocket and retrieving an object that resembled a cigarette lighter! Upon operation of the lighter-like object, the gas in the warehouse exploded, sending pieces of it up to three miles away. Nothing was found of the technicians, but the lighter was virtually untouched by the explosion. The technician suspected of causing the blast had never been thought of as "bright" by his peers.

Be sure to check out next month's newsletter for the 2015 winner!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Meeting Location	Broken Yolk Cafe 11630 Carmel Mountain Road San Diego, CA 92128 (858) 675-9655 Thursdays, 7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
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