

December 2017



PRESIDENT: MIKE VAN HORNE

SECRETARY: KEN HEINZ

TREASURER: AL BASKIN

PRESIDENT-ELECT: ERIC PAHLKE

2017-18 Rotary International Theme:

Rotary: Making a Difference

"Whether we're building a new playground or a new school, improving medical care or sanitation, training conflict mediators or midwives, we know that the work we do will change people's lives — in ways large and small — for the better."



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ... With my different duties this year compared to years past, I have come to appreciate anew, or perhaps for the first time, the rich resource that each month's *The Rotarian* magazine represents. I hope each of us will take a little time each month to explore its features and articles.

The RI President's column reminds us of basic principles of Rotary and of their expression during the particular RI President's tenure. President Riseley is emphasizing how Rotary is working to build peace through the service of Rotary clubs and districts. In the second half of the year he has scheduled 6 presidential peacebuilding conferences around the world. At this time of year, we can all hope and believe with President Riseley that our Rotary service will help all of us move closer to a more peaceful world.

And I was personally heartened to see letters published from men and women Rotarians decrying the failure of Rotary leadership at the highest levels to nominate a woman for RI president more than 30 years after women were first allowed to join Rotary (and not including any women in the new directors of RI for 2017-2018). If we are to build peace through our service, and "best leverage our service in all these areas, and to maximize their impact for peace," as President Riseley wrote, we cannot ignore or disrespect the service of women in and for Rotary. Perhaps District 5340 is an anomaly or outlier in having had several women governors and club presidents, but I for one sincerely hope not.

The same set of letters illustrates the breadth of the Rotary experience: A letter from a 30-year old Rotarian declares his pride in being a Rotarian and excitement for what the future of Rotary holds, and a letter from a 60-year old who joined Rotary 44 years after his experience as a 16-year old Rotary Youth Exchange student expresses his appreciation for the early formative experience. Whatever it was that brought each of us to join Rotary, I hope this season of renewal will rekindle that spark and lead us to share this description of Rotary with everyone we contact: "Rotary is a place where people network and make professional connections while doing good in the world."

YIR, Mike

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>PLEDGE</u>	<u>INSPIRATION</u>
December 7	Danny Kazmarek	Eric Pahlke
December 14	Eric Pahlke	Al Baskin
December 21	Dark for Christmas	
December 28	Dark for New Year's	
January 4	Al Baskin	Brent Clous

HAPPY, HAPPY ... Happy Rotary Anniversary to Brent Clous who joined us in December 2009.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! ... The holiday brunch will be held this Sunday, December 17, at the Van Horne household, 14252 Barrymore Street. Festivities will begin at 11:00 am (or whenever you arrive).

Please bring either sweet rolls or a favorite bread, or a fruit dish, as well as your adult beverage of choice. We will have ham, an egg dish, ingredients for Mimosa's, and non-alcoholic beverages. Mike

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 7	One of the most widely distributed photographic images in existence, The Blue Marble, was taken on this day in 1972 of what object? (Hint: Astronauts Eugene Cernan, Ronald Evans, and Harrison "Jack" Schmitt are credited with the photographic effort)
December 14	He was the last person to walk on the Moon on this day in 1972. (Hint: It wasn't Ronald Evans or Harrison "Jack" Schmitt)
December 21	On this day in 1968, Apollo 8 was the first human spacecraft launch from this facility. (Hint: it is adjacent to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station)
December 28	On this day in 1836, Spain recognized the independence of this country, with the signing of the Santa Maria-Calatrava Treaty. (Hint: this country would lose nearly half of its territory to the United States in the Mexican-American War)

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.

START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT ...

Here is a compilation of wise sayings and thoughts recently posted on the Internet by Robin Anderson¹

- 1 The past cannot be changed. Move on.
- 2 Embrace change. It's going to happen, so be a part of the change and have a say.
- 3 Take a calculated risk. You will have nothing in life if you do not take risk.
- 4 Celebrate other people's success and remember to always celebrate yours.
- 5 Understand that everyone's journey is different.
- 6 Know that everything gets better with time, so give it time to work through.
- 7 Appreciate that positive thoughts create positive things to happen.
- 8 Notice that kindness is free.
- 9 You will only fail if you quit... never quit.
- 10 What goes around, comes around.

¹ *Robin Anderson earned her BBA and MBA from Averett University and graduated with a 3.88 GPA. She is also a member of the Pinnacle National Honor Society and a member of the Institute of Financial Operations as well as served on the Strategic Advisory Committee for several years and has been a speaker for 4 years at the National Convention. Robin volunteers her time with organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the ALS Association, and speaking for Averett University.*

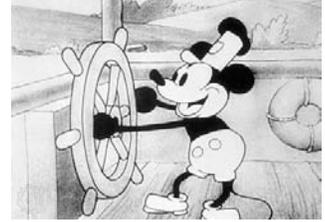
MARK YOUR CALENDAR ... March 24, 2018 ... District Training Assembly at the Joan Kroc Center for Peace & Justice, University of San Diego. Training for all Rotarians including officers, directors, and just regular folks! Registration is \$25 per person ... do it online. Registration and continental breakfast from 7:45 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. Welcome and opening remarks at 8:45 a.m. A series of three breakout session starting at 9:10 a.m., ending by 12:00 p.m.

The **Global Grants Management Seminar** will start at 12:10 p.m. in the KIPJ Theatre, ending by 2:00 p.m. The club must have at least two (2) trained members to participate in the Global Grants program. No admission fee.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ... April 20-22, 2018... RYLA Youth Conference at the Idyllwild Pines Camp & Conference Center. Interact students at Mt. Carmel and Westview high schools will be offered the opportunity to apply in a couple of months. Rotarians can apply to be a facilitator.

ROTARY FUN FACTS

As mentioned in previous newsletters, there are numerous famous people who were Rotarians ... such as successful business leaders like James Cook Penney and Sam Walton; politicians like Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy; and inventors like Orville Wright and Thomas Edison. Doing a quick search to see if a famous Rotarian had a December birthday yielded Walt Disney with a December 1, 1901 birthday, born in Chicago, Illinois.



While searching for information on Disney, I happened upon this recent article by Germain Lussier, an entertainment reporter for io9/Gizmodo.¹

On Walt Disney's Birthday, We're Reminded of the Speech He Made at the Opening of Disneyland

Disney's impact can be felt almost everywhere in American culture, from obvious places like filmmaking and television, to less obvious places like economic growth and community development. His impact on this country, and the world, is impossible to quantify.

So, with 2017 coming to a close, and reflecting on Disney's birthday, I immediately recalled Disney's speech at the opening of Disneyland in 1955. It was the day a dreammaker got to fulfill a personal dream and open his very own theme park. And that day, his message of hope and the promise of somewhere to escape became kind of the ultimate snapshot of Disney. It's a timeless piece of history. Here's the dedication speech.

To all who come to this happy place; welcome. Disneyland is your land. Here age relives fond memories of the past...and here youth may savor the challenge and promise of the future. Disneyland is dedicated to the ideals, the dreams and the hard facts that have created America...with the hope that it will be a source of joy and inspiration to all the world.



Happy birthday Walt, thanks for everything.

Walt Disney was a member of the Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California.

¹ Gizmodo is a design, technology, science and science fiction website that also features articles on politics. It was originally launched as part of the Gawker Media network run by Nick Denton, and runs on the Kinja platform. Gizmodo also includes the subsite io9, which focuses on science fiction and futurism.

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.
Club Mailing Address	San Diego North Rotary P.O. Box 721986 San Diego, CA 92172
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No one is born

hating another person because of the color of his **skin**, or his **background**, or his **religion**. People must learn to hate, and if they can *learn* to **hate**, they can be taught to love, for **love** comes more *naturally* to the **human heart** than its opposite.

- Nelson Mandela