

January 2016



PRESIDENT: BRYAN GUST

PRESIDENT-ELECT: KEN HEINZ

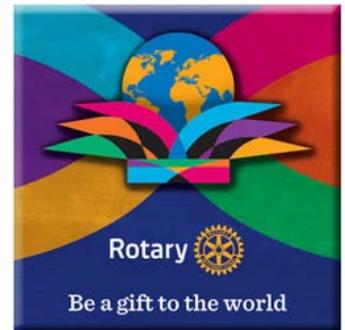
SECRETARY: KEN HEINZ

TREASURER: AL BASKIN

2015-16 Rotary International Theme:

Be a Gift to the World

"All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World,"



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ... Happy New Year to everyone. January is significant

because it means that I have only six more months to lead this energetic group of awesome Rotarians! I want to thank each of you for your time, talent and money in 2015. For the next six months, I want to focus on three items - first, let's each try to bring one new person into our club; second, please give your share to the Rotary Foundation; and finally, let's find a way to spread the word about our Rotary club through local PR and word of mouth. We do many great things, but our community doesn't know about them. Also, please volunteer when President-elect Ken asks for your help. Bryan

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>PLEDGE</u>	<u>INSPIRATION</u>
January 7	Jean Heinz	Jack Archie
January 14	Danny Kazmarek	Al Baskin
January 21	Eric Pahlke	Brent Clous
January 28	Mike Van Horne	Ken Heinz
February 4	Jack Archie	Danny Kazmarek

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... Al Baskin was born on January 21st in a place far away, in a time long ago, and Eric Pahlke was born on January 24th, closer to home and somewhat afterwards.

HAPPY, HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY ... There are five current members who chartered the club way back in January 1993: Al Baskin, Bryan Gust, Ken Heinz, Eric Pahlke, and Mike Van Horne. A few more grey hairs since then!

3RD GRADE DICTIONARIES ... The dictionaries are in, and the kids are anxiously awaiting their delivery. The annual "Paste the 4 Way Test Labels in the front cover of the book" activity ended with too few labels. The latest stack given to Jean Heinz were printed on the wrong side of the label sheets ... whoops! The problem will easily be corrected, the last few books will be properly identified, and calls will be made to the local schools. Hang on kids, they are on their way!

ROTARIANS AT WORK ... The 2016 version will be held on April 30th. Jean is arranging a return to the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial to maintain the memorial plaques. Last year, Cooper Kazmarek was a blur cleaning the lower plaques. Maybe he'll have some help from Stella Kazmarek this year?

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."

January 7	The first American commercial bank, the Bank of North America, opened on this day in what year? (Answer: MDCCLXXXII)
January 14	The American Revolutionary War ended with the ratification of the Treaty of Paris on this day in what year? (Answer: drop II and add IV to the previous answer)
January 21	The first American novel, <i>The Power of Sympathy, or the Triumph of Nature Founded in Truth</i> , was printed on this day in what year? (Answer: drop IV and add IX)
January 28	Jane Austen's <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> was first published in the United Kingdom on this day in what year? (Answer: drop LXXXIX and add CXIII)
February 4	This country's legislature abolishes slavery throughout its territories on this day in 1794. (Hint: They reestablished it in the French West Indies in 1802)

CHRISTMAS GATHERING AT BRYAN AND MARY GUST'S ... The annual party was held at President Bryan and Mary Gust's house. Mary had the place looking top notch and there was soooo much goood food! Danny Kazmarek served as photographer with his iPhone ...



Santa Clous adopted Stella Kazmarek. President Gust tried to bribe the young girl - she didn't fall for it! Jean told a few stories ... out of court ... so much for client attorney privilege.



Al's told Nurse K about his issues! Is she laughing?



President Bryan saluted his successor, President-Elect Ken ... Bryan looks a little bit happier ... or maybe he'd had more wine?



LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR ... The program for the last Thursday morning meeting of 2015 was simple - start the New Year celebration early! Those able to attend had Mimosas and Bloody Marys ... except Al who had a "flight!" A flight of what you ask? It was advertised as vodka and a variety of fruit juices. We have it on good advice, however, that the Broken Yolk didn't want to send Al off with too much alcohol in his system, so they substituted mineral water for the vodka ... and he didn't even notice!



Jean and Brent had the real stuff!



FUN ROTARY FACTS ...

Every month I search the Internet for articles about Rotary International ... and many times find club websites with the same "facts" that former RI President Cliff Dochterman (1992-93) published in his book *The ABC's of Rotary*. Once in awhile, I find an article with "fun facts" about RI.

This month I forget to put "International" or "Club" with "Rotary" and was directed to numerous sites about rotary telephones.



The charm of picking up a rotary phone and talking to an operator to dial a number has been part of Hollywood lore for many years. The only problem with this is the fact that the rotary phone, which allows for specific number dialing through a series of pulses that are controlled by a user dial, has gone the way of the typewriter. The first actual rotary phone patent dates back to 1896, having been invented by John and Charles Erickson, and their partner A.E. Keith. It wasn't until 1919, however, that the first rotary dial entered into service. The last rotary phone was produced in 2006 by Cortelco, formerly known as ITT.



As a child I went on a field trip to the local telephone company offices where they proudly showcased the latest technology with wires going in all directions and racks upon racks of relay switches. There was a large room with operators - all women at



the time - handling the limited number of direct automatically. Oh, the marvel of it all!

calls that the equipment couldn't

And then, the telephone came in colors! And once I began working, I had a telephone with more than one line ... "can I put you on hold, I have a call on the other line?" And, the receptionist - also all women at the time - at the front desk had an even larger unit with even more buttons. Oh, the technology!



But ... sigh ... the rotary dial was replaced by push buttons and the buttons have been replaced by touch screens.

Gone is the charm of picking up a phone ...



START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT ...

Yeah, but did you know that ...

The next time an office-mate starts showing off his/her knowledge of a topic you could care less about, dazzle him/her with a few little know English language facts ...

- The shortest complete sentence in the English language is "I am."
- Some think the shortest sentence is "Go." or "No."
- The most used letter in the English alphabet is 'e', and 'q' is the least used!
- The most commonly used word in English conversation is "I."
- The dot on top of the letter "i" is called a tittle.
- Goddessship is the only word in the English language with a triple letter.
- The sentence "Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs" uses every letter of the alphabet and uses the least letters to do so!
- The word "typewriter" is the longest word that can be typed using only the top row of a keyboard.
- "Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand. (Editor's note: Since I only type with two fingers, I can easily type it using only my left hand or only my right hand!)
- Symbols, "@#\$%&!", to represent an obscenity or swearword are called gawlixes.
- The world's longest-named lake has 45 letters (Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg).

In case you think someone just made up this lake name - you're right! ... here's the link to a Wikipedia page about it:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Chaubunagungamaug. And, here's a picture of some docks around the lake. Locals think the name means "You fish on your side, I'll fish on my side, and nobody fish in the middle." And, there's a patch with the full name around the images. No idea why the patch even exists!



And, then there's the longest word in the English language, published in a dictionary:

Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis refers to a lung disease that is otherwise known as silicosis. Spelling Bee anyone?

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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