

**March 2017**



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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 ...** You're not supposed to be busy in retirement--at least, not as much as when you were working. So far, I'm keeping just as busy. I'm finding that there is lots of personal stuff that I've put off for the past few months/years.

For example, Jean and I have gone back through the Africa pictures (you'll see a visual safari at this Thursday's meeting). I'm trying to be more helpful at home and get my chores done early, rather than at the last minute. Jean actually is going to let me cook a meal each week, so long as it isn't slumb (kind of like Hamburger Helper but from scratch)!

I'm working more on Rotary. I'm re-connecting with the Westview Interact Club. I'm following up with inactive members (Jack Archie is going to stay active, Mike Scogin is leaving us). I'm figuring out how to use our accumulated foundation points to the best advantage.

These first few weeks off of work have made me realize that maybe--just maybe--my old priorities were TOO work focused. I should have made more room for Service Above Self.

How about you?

Ken

**HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY ...** Sara Jones will celebrate her birthday on March 7th. Should our non-singing club sing Happy Birthday? Probably not ... but do wish Sara a special day and year ahead.

**AND ... SO SORRY!** We failed to acknowledge Ken Heinz's birthday on February 23rd in the last newsletter ... but we did sing!

## ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>PLEDGE</u>	<u>INSPIRATION</u>
March 2	Danny Kazmarek	Sara Jones
March 9	Eric Pahlke	Danny Kazmarek
March 16	Mike Van Horne	Eric Pahlke
March 23	Jack Archie	Mike Van Horne
March 30	<b>No Meeting</b>	<b>Gulls game on Saturday, March 25th</b>
April 6	Al Baskin	Jack Archie

**MARCH SOCIAL EVENT ...** The San Diego Gulls will play the Bakersfield Condors on Saturday, March 25 at Valley View Casino Center. The game will start at 7:00 p.m. It will be Beach Blizzard Night (whatever that is!) as well as Coca-Cola Family 4 Pack Night.

The Gulls are the Anaheim Ducks' minor league team in the Pacific Division of the American Hockey League. They are currently in second place behind the San Jose Barracuda.

Ice Hockey is a very fast sport best seen in person ... it's really hard following that small black dot on the television screen! See Jean Heinz for details.



## 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."

March 2	This movie opened at New York's Radio City Music Hall on this day in 1933. (Hint: the main character climbed the LA City Hall building)
March 9	These two, new-fangled types of naval vessels fought to a draw on this day in 1862 at the Battle of Hampton Roads. (Hint: they were developed to counter the vulnerability of wooden warships to explosive or incendiary shells)
March 16	This company produced its 50 millionth automobile on this day in 1958. (Hint: it was a Thunderbird)
March 23	This inventor's first elevator was installed on this day in 1857 at 488 Broadway, NYC. (Hint: first name Elisha)
March 30	This future state was purchased from Russia on this day in 1867. (Hint: they have annual dog sled races from Settler's Bay to Nome that start on the first Saturday in March)

**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.

## FUN ROADS ...

Every year the Union Tribune does an article about the most dangerous roads and intersections in San Diego County. We read the article and say to ourselves, "Yeah, I've been through that one!" Well the next time they do the article, think about how "dangerous" the highlighted roads really are in comparison to these ...



Karakoram Highway, Pakistan

Named the "Friendship Highway" by the governments who built it. The Karakoram Highway is the highest paved international road in the world. It connects China and Pakistan across the Karakoram mountain range, through the Khunjerab Pass, at an elevation of 4,693 metres. It's prone to landslides and floods and to make matters worse, the road is unpaved in Pakistan. But it is still a tourist attraction, passing through some spectacular gorges along the old Silk Road.



Jalalabad-Kabul Road, Afghanistan

Many roads have been dubbed "most dangerous," but the 65-kilometer stretch of highway from Jalalabad to Kabul has more claim than most, snaking through Taliban territory. But it's not the threat of insurgency that makes Highway so dangerous. It's a combination of the narrow, winding lanes that climb up to 600 meters through the Kabul gorge and the reckless Afghan drivers trying to overtake the heavily-burdened haulage trucks.



North Yungas Road, Bolivia

Also known as the "Road of Death" in the Yungas region of Bolivia. It is legendary for its extreme danger and the Inter-American Development Bank christened it as the "world's most dangerous road". One estimate is that 200 to 300 travellers are killed yearly along the road. The road includes cross markings on many of the spots where vehicles have fallen. It is a regular occurrence for buses and trucks to go tumbling to the valley below, especially when they try passing each other.

## A LOOK AT HISTORY ...

March is Irish-American Heritage Month. It has been celebrated by proclamation of the President since 1991 to honor the achievements and contributions of Irish immigrants and their descendants living in the United States. It was first celebrated by a proclamation issued by President George H.W. Bush. President Bush selected the month of March for this celebration because St. Patrick's Day is on March 17th. Although not a designated holiday, St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated since the late 18th century in North America.



Why did the Irish come to the United States?

Although the Irish potato blight receded in 1850, the effects of the famine continued to spur Irish emigration into the 20th century. Still facing poverty and disease, the Irish set out for America where they reunited with relatives who had fled at the height of the famine.

Why were Irish immigrants discriminated against?

The Irish American people faced much prejudice, racism and discrimination after their immigration to the United States because they were poor, uneducated, less skilled, considered disruptive and were Catholics in a land of Protestant dominance.

But - today - everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day!

In this day of walls and travel bans, let's all look to the 4 Way Test.

Eric

## 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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