

November 2016



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 ... November is THE month to give thanks, so let me share a few thoughts ...

THANK YOU to everyone for an outstanding Fun Run last Friday! Jean's note said it all. I doubt that clubs double or triple our size could have brought the meet off any better. Please save your thoughts for when we get back from vacation. The best way to begin planning for next year is to recap this one. I'm asking Brent to schedule a Club Assembly to talk about how we can make next year's event even better (and a few other topics, too).

November is also Foundation month. I pulled the new ROTARIAN from my mailbox Saturday and took a few minutes to check it out. You should too--especially if you like comics. But these aren't the funnies. They tell the story of the foundation in a visual way. I hope you'll join Jean and me in giving a little extra for the Polio Plus campaign this year.

I'm thankful for the opportunity to stretch--to give time and talent more than I think that I can--with you.

I'm thankful for the energy and vibe of this club. We are THE MIGHTIEST SMALL ROTARY CLUB IN THE UNIVERSE!

Ken

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.

ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>PLEDGE</u>	<u>INSPIRATION</u>
November 3	Mike Van Horne	Eric Pahlke
November 10	Jack Archie	Mike Van Horne
November 17	Al Baskin	Jack Archie
November 24	Brent Clous	Al Baskin
December 1	Bryan Gust	Brent Clous

ROTARY DISTRICT GRANT ... San Diego North has pledged some of its DDF to Rotary District Grant P-1134 for the construction of a water tower serving Jina Village in Siaya County, Kenya. The club joins the Valley Center Club, District 5340, and the Kitchener-Westmount Club, District 7080. The matching cash contribution will come from the Caster Family Trust's Serving Hands. This is the second time the club has teamed with Serving Hands. Last Rotary Year, the club contributed \$10,000 of DDF, matched by \$10,000 cash, for the Gift of Life - Romania global grant project. The project description can be found at <http://www.matchinggrants.org/global/project923.html>.

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."

November 3	This motor car company began competing with the Ford Model T on this day in 1911. (Hint: the company was formed by Louis Chevrolet and William C.Durant)
November 10	Bill Gates introduced this "graphical personal computer operating environment" on this day in 1983. (Hint: it was followed by Windows 1.0 in 1985)
November 17	This major waterway was inaugurated on this day in 1869, linking the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea. (Hint: it runs through the Isthmus of Suez)
November 24	He published <i>On the Origin of Species</i> on this day in 1859. (Hint: the Darwin Award is named after him)

START YOUR DAY RIGHT ...

Starting your day with a good belly laugh is the way to go ... the following is from the darwinawards.com website ... THANK YOU!

Dear Carl,

Last weekend I was at Larry's Pistol & Pawn looking for a little something special for my wife, Renee. I came across a 100,000-volt pocket taser. Its disabling effect on an assailant was described as short-lived, with no long-term consequences, but would allow my wife--who would never consider a gun--adequate time to retreat to safety.

WAY TOO COOL!

Long story short, I bought the device and brought it home. I loaded two AAA batteries and pushed the button. Nothing! I was disappointed, but then I read (yes, I read the instructions) that if I pressed the taser against a metal surface and pushed the button at the same time, I'd see a blue arc of electricity darting back and forth between the prongs, to verify that it was working.

Awesome!

I have yet to explain to Renee that new burn spot on the face of her microwave.

There I was, home alone with this new toy, thinking to myself that it couldn't be all that bad with only two triple-A batteries, right? I sat there in my recliner, reading the directions, my cat Gracie looking on intently. Trusting little soul. I got to thinking that I really needed to try this thing out on a flesh and blood moving target. I admit I thought about zapping Gracie for a fraction of a second. She is such a sweet cat, but if I was going to give this device to my wife to protect herself against a mugger, I did want some assurance that it would work as advertised. Am I wrong?

So there I sat in shorts and a tank top with my reading glasses perched on the bridge of my nose, directions in one hand, and taser in another. The directions said a one-second burst would shock and disorient your assailant, a two-second burst would cause muscle spasms and a major loss of bodily control, and a three-second burst would purportedly make your assailant flop on the ground like a fish out of water. A burst longer than three seconds would be a waste of batteries.

I'm sitting there alone, with Gracie looking on, her head cocked to one side as if to say, 'Don't do it.' But I was reasoning that a one-second burst from such a tiny little thing couldn't hurt all that bad. I decided to give myself a one-second burst, just for the heck of it. I touched the prongs to my naked thigh, pushed the button, and...

HOLY MOTHER OF GOD! WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION!

Jessie Ventura ran in through the side door, picked me up from my recliner, and body slammed us both onto the carpet, over and over and over again. I vaguely recall waking up on my side in the fetal position, with tears in my eyes, body soaking wet, tingling legs, nipples on fire, and testicles nowhere to be found.

SON-OF-A... That Hurt Like HELL!

If you ever feel compelled to 'mug' yourself with a taser, you should know that there is no such thing as a one-second burst when you zap yourself. You will not let go of that taser until it is dislodged from your hand by your involuntary violent thrashing about on the floor.

A minute or so later (I can't be sure, as time was relative at that point) I collected what wits I had left, sat up, and surveyed the landscape. My bent reading glasses were on the mantel of the fireplace. How did they get there? My triceps, right thigh, and both nipples were still twitching. My face felt like it was shot up with Novocaine. My bottom lip weighed 88 lbs. And I'm still looking for my testicles!!

I'm offering a significant reward for their safe return.

Still in shock,

Jacob

ROTARY FUN RUN PHOTOS ...

29th Annual Fun Run
Friday, October 21, 2016
Mt. Carmel High School



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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