



ROTARY CLUB of La Jolla

News Bulletin

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Not to be Missed! Coming next Tuesday, November 12th, **World War II veteran**, decorated war hero, and Torrey Pines Rotarian Emeritus, **Max Gurney**, with his honor flight guardian, Point Loma Rotarian President, **Tim McCully**.



Max Gurney

Max and Tim were members of a group of 68 WWII veterans flown by American Airlines and Honor Flight to the commemorations of the June 6th, 1944, D-Day amphibious landings at Omaha and Utah Beaches, Pointe du Hoc, and the airborne parachute assault on St. Mere Eglise.

Following the D-Day ceremonies, Max was a Guest of Honor at his Burgundy wine society dinner in Dijon, and then went on to Monte Carlo to celebrate his **103rd birthday with Prince Albert of Monaco.**

Max served in the U.S. Army 1942-45 as an intelligence specialist in campaigns in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. After the war, he joined Pan American World Airways, working up from a baggage clerk to retire in 1991 as PanAm's manager for southern France and Monaco. He is 103 years old.

Tim McCully served in the U.S. Navy 1976-2006, with twenty years of cruiser/destroyer duty and ten years spent managing Military Sealift Command (MSC) service force ships. After retiring from active duty in 2006, Tim immediately transitioned to Navy Civil Service and continued managing MSC ships until his retirement in 2020.



**Please RSVP to Natasha Vossen's email re:
our next luncheon on September 17th,
nataschavossen@san.rr.com**

Hi-lights from last week's Meeting



The meeting was called to order by **President Barbara Brown** at 12:30 p.m.

The invocation and pledge were led by **Russell King**. His reflection:

“Today is election day. Although Rotary is not a political organization, it goes without saying it is important for all of us to exercise our right to vote. It is an important way for us to serve our country.

As we go forward from today, may we as Rotarians as well as the leaders we elect be mindful of the wording in the second part of the pledge of allegiance we are about to recite:

That the Republic is – “One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. “

Guests:

Megan Pogue, our speaker, and a member of **Club 33**.

Cindy Goodman introduced, **Courtney Snyder** who has attended her 4th luncheon and is vying for membership along with **Azani McKenzi**, a recent **UCSD** grad.



Happy Bucks \$\$\$

Denise McGuire, offered **\$100** in thanks for a wonderful month-long trip through Italy, from Sorrento to Venice.

Barbara Brown, offered **\$20** in **Happy Bucks**. Her daughter, **Alison Brown**. and **Steve Martin** will be on the **Kelly Clarkson show** on November 11 during the day.

Announcements:

Our annual **Salvation Army Food Drive** for Thanksgiving begins next week. Take a shopping bag or two, and return them on the **19th of November** with canned goods, dried goods, and/or non-perishable foods. No glass containers. Organized by **Craig Schniepp**, the Drive for the Salvation Army will include Interact students as well. Deadline will be our luncheon the **19th**

of November, when Craig will park his Pickup in front of the LA Valencia and we can drop off our bags of Groceries there.

Paul Harris Pin



Barbara presented **John Donaldson** with a Paul Harris Fellow Plaque and Pin. **Congratulations John!!**

Last Week's Speaker



**Megan Pogue, Executive Director
of the Timken Museum in Balboa
Park**

Megan was introduced by **Don Lincoln**. She has been executive director for 9 years. The **Timken Museum** was established in 1965. The original building was built in 1915 as part of the Southern California expo in Balboa Park.

During World War II, the Lily Pond, adjacent to the museum, was used by the U.S. Navy as a training site for sailors, primarily for swimming lessons and basic watermanship skills. Due to the lack of a large nearby body of water, the pond served as a makeshift pool for training purposes.



The Putnam Sisters of San Diego received \$9 million from a late uncle who invented bottle stoppers and started purchasing old master paintings.

The Putnams and their five children

The Timken Family, who invented and manufactured roller bearings, gave the building to house the museum. Frank Hope and Associates designed the current building. The actual designer was John Mock.



The Timkin Museum

The Timken Museum is the only museum in Balboa Park which has free admission. It owns 87 pieces in its permanent collection. It consists of six galleries:

1. *The Russian Icon Gallery*
2. *The Italian Gallery* including 16th-18th century paintings including a famous painting by Bartolomeo Veneto: "Lady in a Green Dress."
3. *The Dutch and Flemish Gallery*: 11 paintings including a Rembrandt painting: "Saint Bartholemew."

4. *The French Gallery* consisting of 10 paintings from the 17th and 18th century including a Francois Boucher: “Lovers in a Park”.
5. *The American Gallery* with 11 paintings.
6. *The Temporary Exhibition Gallery*, which is used to house temporary exhibitions curated by Derrick Cartwright, with 3 exhibitions annually.

In addition, there is an annual **Jewels of the Season Christmas tree** with ornaments selected from a collection of 3,000 (of which 200 fit on the tree at any one time). Jewels of the Season is open to the public the 4th week of November through the month of December.

During the pandemic, the museum did extensive renovations and rehung the entire collection. Enhancements to the gift shop, installation of a new HVAC system and a new archival system were additional needed improvements.

The museum is primarily illuminated by natural skylights which potentially could cause UV damage. The paintings currently are protected by UV film.

The Museum has 250,000 visitors/year and does community outreach including lectures by its docents. A full-time teaching artist has added to the museum’s community education for the past 15 years. Ms. Pogue took questions from the audience.

At the end of the meeting, President, Barbara Brown presented Ms. Pogue with an RCLJ Coffee Mug.

**Spooks, Goblins and Festivities on
October 29th**



The La Jolla Rotary Club Halloween party at the Home of Davis and Sherry Cracroft.



The Scary Crew



President Brown and Marjorie Coburn



Our Hosts the Cracrofts



Laurnie, Penny and Beatriz Applegate

A very fun and spooky time was had by all! We also enjoyed a surprise visit from our Rotary District 5340 Assistant Governor, Michael Brunker, who also provided the photos.



Michael Brunker

Rotary District 5340 Assistant Governor

A final note: Sid Stutz and Paula, pictured below as a barrister and a “cereal” killer, both deserve extra Halloween credit (and some grief). They showed up at 5:30 pm with great costumes on **Halloween evening** at the

Cracraft home. However, at that time Davis and Sherry were returning from a walk to the Cove with Lucy. *As noted above our Rotary Club Halloween party was two days earlier. OOPS!*



All was not lost since we hurried home and enjoyed spending time with Paula and Sid. Recognizing their timing error, Sid was quick to pay Davis two dollars for being “two days late and two dollars short”.



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