

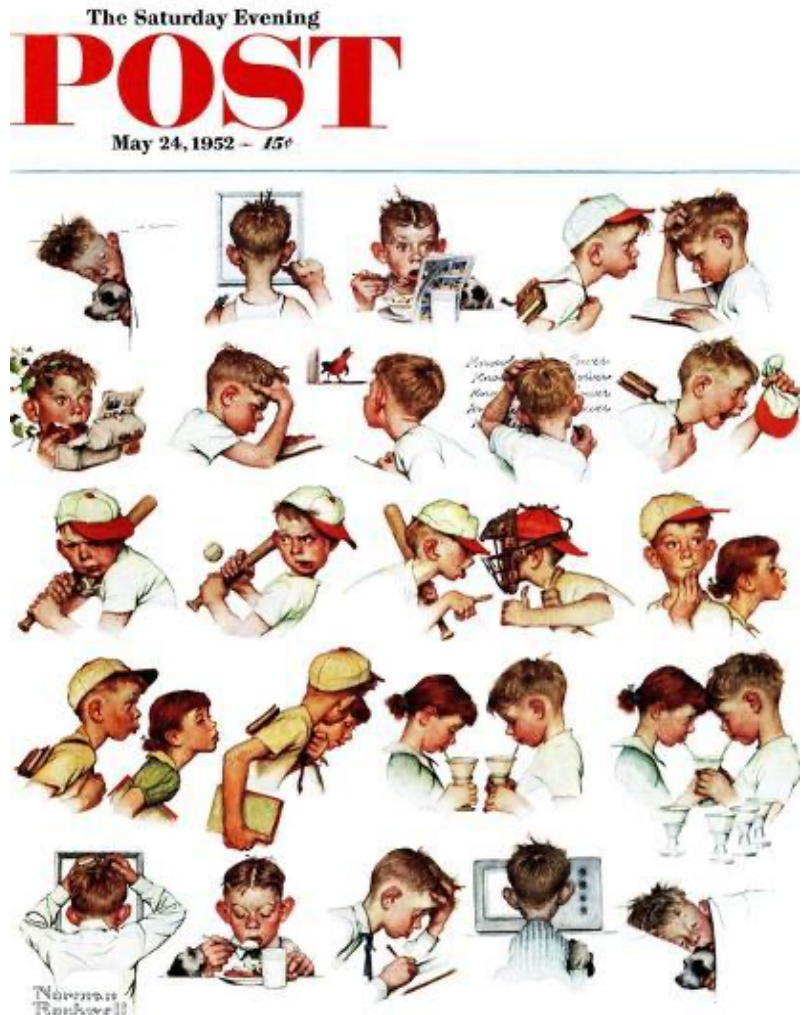


ROTARY CLUB of La Jolla

News Bulletin

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Our Speaker Next Tuesday: Chuck Marsh on modeling as a child for famed artist Norman Rockwell





Charles Marsh, Jr., our 2023 **Rotarian of the Year**, has had several careers in his lifetime: **Career Military, Real Estate Investor, and Child Model**. As a child, Chuck grew up in a small Vermont town with **Norman Rockwell** as a neighbor. From the age 3 months to 9 years, Chuck posed for him with his likeness showing up on **Saturday Evening Post** covers, **Kellogg's Cornflakes Box**, and various advertisements. He will describe what it was like to work with the famed artist and having his likeness become nationally identified as the all-time American boy.



**Please RSVP to Natasha Vossen's email re:
our next luncheon on November 19th,
nataschavossen@san.rr.com**

Hi-lights from last week's Meeting:



President Barbara Brown called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

She Led us in the Pledge of Allegiance



And gave the following reflection from **Thomas Jefferson**:

“I hope our wisdom will grow with our power and teach us that the less we use our power the greater it will be.”

Guest Rotarian



Film Director, Producer and Screen Writer, **Greg Reitman** from the Rotary Club of Solana Beach. He is the founder of **Blue Water Entertainment, Inc.**, an independent production company focusing on environmentally conscious broad-based entertainment.

Guests of Rotarians:

Sherry Cracroft, Connie Brown and Jem Forbes were guests of **Davis Cracroft**. Connie and Jen are neighbors of **Max Gurney's**



19-year-old **Marianna Pecora** was a guest of her dad **Bob Pecora**

Happy Bucks: \$\$\$

Jane Reldan gave **\$50** in honor of her 50th Medical School Reunion at McGill University in Montreal.

Sid Stutz gave **\$100** in honor of speaker **Max Gurney**.

Cindy Goodman gave **\$50** in honor of **Max Gurney**.

Claire Reiss gave **\$60** in honor of the Judeo-Christian heritage of our Country

Bob Pecora gave **\$20** in honor of having daughter Mariana home for the holidays

Davis Cracraft gave **\$50** in honor of Sid Stutz arriving two days late to his home, (but on time) for Halloween.

Announcements:



The annual food drive to benefit the Salvation Army will be held next week the 19th, in order that none should go hungry during Thanksgiving. Bags and boxes of nonperishable, non-glass containers food can be brought to the valets at La Valencia before our meeting. Craig Schniepp will be parked in front, in his pickup to whisk them away to the Salvation Army to be sorted and organized for giving.

Last Week's Speakers, Max Gurney and Tim McCully



In honor of **D-Day (June 6, 1944)**, two veterans and Rotarians, Army **Veteran Max Gurney, age 103** and Navy **Veteran Tim McCully** were our speakers.

They participated in an honor flight to France in June 2024, the 80th anniversary of D-Day. They described the entire trip, which began for them in San Diego with an American Airlines flight from San Diego to Dallas where they were met by VFW members and had a welcome dinner at the American Airlines Headquarters in Dallas. They were joined by choir members from the US Service Academies. They subsequently flew from Dallas to Charles De Gaulle Airport in Paris. Max is multilingual and fluent in French. He had been an employee of Pan American World Airways after his service.

The group took buses from Paris to Normandy. Each bus had a physician, a nurse and an EMT to ensure the safety of the veterans (all of whom made the entire trip safely and without incident!).

At Normandy ramps had been constructed on the beaches of Omaha and Utah to permit the Veterans to have access in their wheelchairs. Paratroopers jumped down to the beach to recreate the events of D Day. Merchant Marines transported supplies in support of the original D-Day invasion and were also recognized at the honor flight.

250 American Veterans were on the stage at the American Cemetery in Normandy. The range of age of the veterans participating in the Honor Flight was 101-107 years! After the ceremonies at Normandy, Max Gurney and other veterans went on to Dijon in Burgundy where there was a second reception. Then they went onto Monaco, (meeting with Prince Albert) where a third reception occurred and where they attended the Rotary Club of Monaco meeting (which serves wine at lunch!).



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