California Air Patrol
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Since Civil Air Patrol’s formation during the earliest days of World War II, this vigilant organization of citizen Airmen has been committed to service to America. Founded on Dec. 1, 1941, as a way to protect the nation’s shorelines from invading German U-boats, CAP has evolved into a premier public service organization that still carries out emergency service missions when needed — in the air and on the ground.

As a Total Force partner and Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, Civil Air Patrol is there to search for and find the lost, provide comfort in times of disaster and work to keep the homeland safe. Its 56,000 members selflessly devote their time, energy and expertise toward the well-being of their communities, while also promoting aviation and related fields through aerospace/STEM education and helping shape future leaders through CAP’s cadet program.

Civil Air Patrol’s missions for America are many, and today’s adults and cadets perform their duties with the same vigilance as its founding members - preserving CAP’s 76-year legacy of service while maintaining its commitment to nearly 1,500 communities nationwide.

Lunch Time Service Opportunities

**January 17, 2017**
- Greeter: Bridgette Tabor
- Songs: Nathan Oestreich
- Pledge: John Witt
- Thought: Gary Clasen
- Raffle: Ben Hamilton
- Fines: Don Jenkinson
- 4-Way: Rose Hurst

**January 24, 2017**
- Greeter: Al Lantz
- Songs: Kathy Olson
- Pledge: Dani Womack
- Thought: Parker Cox
- Raffle: Louise Herr-Marshall
- Fines: Dolly Juntilla
- 4-Way: Ben Hamilton

**January 31, 2017**
- Greeter: Scott Elam
- Songs: Sue Richardson
- Pledge: Robert Aguilar
- Thought: Marsha Darling
- Raffle: Rose Hurst
- Fines: John Kalas
- 4-Way Louise Herr-Hamilton

If you cannot perform your assigned duty, please arrange for a replacement.
February is Peace Month for Rotary. On Saturday, February 24, 2018, the District Pathways to Peace Award for 2017 will be presented at our District Peace Forum in the Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Center at USD from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

The Peacemaker of the Year Award honors members of Rotary and the community who have made a significant difference in promoting peace, tolerance, understanding and conflict resolution, locally or globally. They must have demonstrated their commitment by concrete action to bring about the change called for by rotary's Mission Statement: building goodwill and peace in the world.

The recipient of the award can be from the greater San Diego community and need not be a Rotarian, but should have strong ties to the service area of the nominating club. Each club must submit its Club Peacemaker of the Year as its nominee for District Peacemaker. Clubs should submit a completed Peacemaker of the Year nomination form, which includes a description of the nominee's qualifications for both the Club and District awards by January 15, 2018. Please email the completed document to joyprowse@stanprowse.com.
There are just a few days left before the discount for early registration to the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada expires. The 2018 convention is being held June 23-27, 2018. Early registration ends December 15. You can save over $150 if you register by that date. In addition, you can still pick up the closest hotels and get the best deals. Remember, there is another big event happening at the same time. Making arrangements in advance is advisable. As the months go by, Newsbits will keep you updated. Read more for links.

A challenge is underway: Club 33 is stepping up to the challenge of Rancho Bernardo and Coronado Rotary clubs to take the lead for the largest club membership from District 5340 to attend. Does your club want to let them get away with all the bragging rights? Here is your chance to take the lead.

This will be the last convention in North America for another two years; this is your time to take advantage of a convention close to home - and to convey why should consider going up to meet new and old friends from around the globe, plus learn from their experiences and ideas.
We are very proud to announce that Brett Morey, member and Past President from the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, has been selected to represent Rotary District 5340 at the 129th Rose Parade presented by Honda.

This year’s float theme is Planting the Seeds of Service. District 5340 is one of seven sustaining districts that support the development and construction of the Rotary float. This year, the float will have a total of 12 walkers and six riders, including John Matthews, Rotary International Director Zones 25/26 and Paul Netzel, Chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees.

"Brett was the perfect choice to fill this prestigious role," said Scott Carr, Governor for Rotary District 5340. "He has been an incredible representative for Rotary, both locally and across the globe. He is well-respected within our District as Chair of Youth Services. And as an added bonus, the headshot photo he provided us makes him look 14 years-old, so he should have no problem finishing the parade route."

Brett Morey joined Rotary International as a member of the Rotary Club of Brentwood in 2002, transferring to the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle in 2008. He served as President of La Jolla Golden Triangle in 2013-14 and is the Rotarian Advisor and Founder of the University City High School Interact Club. As District 5340 Youth Service Chair, he oversees all of the District’s youth programs, and has the opportunity to cultivate the next generation of leaders.

The theme of the Rotary Float this year, Planting the Seeds of Service is very special to Brett. His grandparents, Howard and Esther Runge, were early pioneers of the Imperial Valley. Growing up, Brett spent time during each summer on the ranch, while breaking away to go surfing in North County San Diego.