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2004-05: Year of Achievements for Point Loma Rotary Club

Membership Picture Improves; Comedy Night Fundraiser Nets Highest Total to Date

Under President **David Pettigrew's** leadership, Rotary year 2004-05 proved to be a year of notable achievements for the Point Loma Rotary Club. In particular, for the first time in five years, the PLRC experienced a net gain in membership. Also, the club's annual Comedy Cavalcade netted the highest fundraising proceeds thus far in the four-year old event.

Membership

The club began the Rotary year with 40 members on the roll. The net result of these gains and losses is a membership total of 44. Six new members—**Bob Baker** (transferee from the La Mesa club), **Tony Calabrese** (transferee from the San Diego Downtown Club), **Larry Brenner**, **Claudia Low**, **Mark Nokes**, and **Mike Nelson**—joined the club. On the other side of the ledger, **Valerie Fido-Moore** resigned and, sadly, longtime member **Merrill "Dad" Day** passed away early in 2005.

Programs

President-elect **Byron Dyck** did a grand job arranging programs that featured such speakers as:

- District 5340 Governor **Sandi Rimer**;
- **Colonel Angie Salinas**, Commanding Officer of the 12th Marine Corps District;
- Congresswoman **Susan Davis**;
- Authors **Kieran Bird**, **Bill Seaton**, and **Neva Sulaway**;
- South African **Nick Philipps**, R.I. centennial governor from his district in that country;

- **Ian Campbell** from the San Diego Opera;
- **Mark Neville**, spokesperson for the Holiday Bowl ;
- Ambassadorsial Scholar **Karen Carne**, who described her experiences in Uruguay;
- **Dr. Rita Vandergaw**, San Diego Port District, who spoke about the Rotary pavilion project on Shelter Island;
- Posture therapist **Nathan Brinan**.

To round out the year, club members enjoyed a field trip to the San Diego Maritime Museum and made a \$4,000 donation in the late "**Dad**" **Day's** name to the upkeep of the organization's vessel *Star of India*. Members also participated in the annual Christmas caroling event at St. Paul's Manor in Hillcrest.

The annual Christmas Party, held during the last club meeting of the calendar year, continued to be a big hit for children. Moreover, the club enjoyed its annual "Galapalooza Club Joke-a-thon," in which every club member was tasked—at least in theory—to tell a joke.

Comedy Cavalcade

The year's principal fundraiser was held on February 18, 2005, at the Portuguese Hall in Point Loma. **Tony Calabrese** and **Paul Robison**, ably assisted by **Dave DeRosier**, led the effort to organize and present what turned out to be

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the club's most profitable comedy night fundraiser so far. As a result, the PLRC

Former President's Time Capsule Message

*[During the R.I. Convention in Chicago in June, then PLRC President **David Pettigrew** delivered the following message for placement in a time capsule to be opened on the occasion of Rotary's second centennial in 2105.]*

To the Rotarians of the World on 23 February 2105

The Rotary Club of Point Loma (San Diego, CA, USA) extends its sincere congratulations on the celebration of the completion of Rotary International's second century of service.

During the first century, our club is most proud of the following service projects and those of Rotary International.

- The eradication of polio worldwide.
- The erection of a pavilion on Port of San Diego property that has been used by the public for weddings, family reunions, music programs, etc.
- The removal of gender bias for admission to Rotary.

During this Centennial Rotary Year of 2004-05, our club celebrated Rotary by completing the three service projects requested of all clubs by 2004-05 R.I. President **Glenn Estess, Sr.**

- Completed commitments to the Polio Eradication Fundraising campaign.
- Certified that our club had a minimum net membership growth of +3.
- Exceeded our pledge to the Annual Program Fund by more than 19 percent.

The hopes and dreams the Rotary Club of Point Loma has for Rotary in the second century of service are:

- Eradication of AIDS worldwide.



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- World peace and understanding among all nations.

The Rotary Club of Point Loma hereby pledges to continue to provide service to local and world communities in keeping with the valued Rotary traditions of high ethical and moral standards; and in doing so, ensures the growth of Rotary service worldwide.

David A. Pettigrew

2004-05 President
Rotary Club of Point Loma

Today's Thought

I do not know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know, the only ones among you who will be happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

— Albert Schweitzer

Invocation/Pledge Assignments

July 8—“Flip” Heintz
July 15—Larry Brenner
July 22—Dan Johnston
July 29—Claudia Low
August 5—Paul Kettenberg
August 12—Mike Nelson
August 19—George Klein
August 26—Mark Nokes

PLRCer Assistant District Governor for 2005-06

Immediate Past President **David Pettigrew** is part of District 5340 Governor **Bob Watson's** administration. In his capacity as Assistant District Governor, David has purview over the Rotary clubs of Oceanside, San Luis Rey, El Camino Real, and Encinitas.

District Governor 2007-08 Nomination

In accordance with the provisions of

the Manual of Procedure, Article XII, Section 13.020.5, all clubs in District 5340 of Rotary International are hereby advised that the District 5340 Nominating Committee selected Rotarian **James O'Meara** of the Rotary Club of Carlsbad to serve as Governor Nominee and subsequently Governor of District 5340 during Rotary Year 2007-08.

District Council

The next District 5340 Council will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at the La Jolla Marriott. Registration 5:30 PM; dinner 7:00. Guest speaker is **Bill Boyd**, R.I. President-elect.

July Birthdays

Russ Bushby—July 15
Tony Calabrese—July 11
Pete Hedley—July 2
Bob Shinn—July 11
Robert Wight—July 16



Oceanographer Visits the PLRC

Dr. Wolfgang Berger spoke to the club on June 17th. He addressed the issue of global warming and its effect on ocean temperatures and the implications of increasing ocean warmth. Here he is pictured (left) with past district governor and Coronado Rotary Club member **Bill Sturgeon**.

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was able to contribute the entire net proceeds of \$9,500 to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund.

The club will continue to use this event to support its annual fundraising efforts. However, the club leadership is committed to developing other fundraising efforts to augment that of the Comedy Cavalcade.

Club Service

Southwestern Yacht Club continued to host club meetings. Quarterly dues remained at \$185. As always, the club is grateful for the number of Rotarians who do makeups at the PLRC—particularly those from the San Diego Rotary Club (Downtown)—as their attendance helps to offset some of the meal costs.

Director Judy Byram efficiently carried out her responsibilities for the week-by-week operations of the club. Under her purview, **Dave Leedom**, who relieved **Rich Stakelum** early in the year, administered the weekly raffle. A recent estimate indicates the activity added between \$900 and \$1,000 to the club's endowment fund.

Judy also remained in her role as club photographer, an important one in the production of the club's newsletter, *The RotaPoint*. Her photos always add significantly to the content of each issue.

Equally important, **Dave Leedom** made a significant contribution to the newsletter by setting up and managing the electronic distribution of each issue to those members who have online capabilities. His effort reduced the expense of printing and mailing from an annual budget of \$775 to just \$272, with the prospect of even a greater reduction in cost in the coming year.

Club members enjoyed two social affairs, spearheaded by social chair **Sharon Bythewood**. On October 1st, **Shannon** and **Ken Osborne** reprised their roles of last year as hosts of the annual "Oktoberfest." "Sausage King" **Bill Cole** grilled the various wursts that highlighted the meal. The calendar year ended on a sparkling note with a holiday party at the home of **Mary-Kay**

and **Byron Dyck** on December 18th.

Community Service

Director Pete Hedley extended his tenure in order to provide ongoing continuity as the PLRC sustained its multi-faceted support for the Point Loma community as well as the San Diego community at large. Pete also continued to serve as the principal club liaison with the Port District in laying out the new Rotary pavilion project on Shelter Island.

Replacement of the condemned pavilion has been a major longterm effort. It is an ongoing activity that has carried over for several Rotary years and is the club's Rotary Centennial project. In March 2005 the club contributed \$10,000 to the Port District in support of the project. Construction is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2005.

Recipients of financial contributions from the club during the year included the following organizations and activities:

- Armed Services YMCA;
- San Diego Humane Society;
- Family Literacy Foundation;
- NSW Kids Sports Day;
- Point Loma Library (book purchases);
- Cub Scout Pack 588;
- Southern California dictionaries project;
- Rescue Task Force;
- Monarch High School;
- Point Loma concert series;
- Point Loma High School band; and
- Peninsula YMCA.

Vocational Service

Director Dan Johnston presided over various activities aimed at helping Point Loma teens. As always, the purpose is to help them gain a greater awareness of Rotary, to give them a better idea of club projects, and perhaps most importantly, to provide them with opportunities to interact with Rotarians. For example, the club contributed \$1,200 to the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) camp at Idyllwild, which

hosts teens from schools around Southern California.

On February 11, 2005, Vocational Service sponsored a Four-Way Test speech competition—emceed by **Dave DeRosier**—at the club level for students from both High Tech High School and Point Loma High School. Dan continued to draw on the help of local Toastmasters to work with the students in creating after-school speech programs and gavel clubs during academic year 2004-05.

Unfortunately, no Interact clubs were active in either High Tech High or Point Loma High School during the Rotary year, although prospects for the establishment of such clubs at each school are improving. Also, a Point Loma Nazarene University representative has approached the PLRC about establishing a Rotaract club.

International Service

Director Gary Stephany managed the club's international service activities during the year. Thanks to his effort, the club participated in a Matching Grant program that generated about \$6,000 for a clean water project in Africa.

A Renewed Commitment

As the curtain lowers on Rotary year 2004-05, club members should feel reasonably assured that past accomplishments will be sustained in the 2005-06 term. The new year offers members opportunities to renew their commitments to the club's goals. Moreover, each is called upon to renew his or her faith in the importance of serving both the club and the local and worldwide communities.



Calendar of Events for July 2005

Friday, July 1: Club dark; no meeting. Happy Independence Day weekend!

Friday, July 8: Club meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 12:10 PM. **Club Assembly.** The new slate of officers and directors will discuss their goals for Rotary year 2005-06.

Friday, July 15: Club meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 12:10 PM. Speaker: **Tom Caughlan**, Executive Director, Fleet Week Foundation.

Friday, July 22: Club meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 12:10 PM. Speaker: **Alan Ziter**, Executive Director, NTC Foundation.

Saturday, July 23: Membership Seminar, Braille Institute, 4555 Executive Drive, San Diego, 92121; 8:30-11:30 AM.

Wednesday, July 27: District Council, La Jolla Marriott. Registration 5:30 PM; dinner 7:00.

Friday, July 29: Club meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 12:10 PM. Speaker: **Sharon Cloward**, Executive Director, Port Tenants Association.

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