

CLUB 33 HISTORY MINUTE #2 7/16/2009

In anticipation of Rotary Club 33's Centennial in 2011, let's turn the clock back to our Golden Anniversary year of 1961. To commemorate its 50th year of Rotary service, the club sought to undertake an outstanding community service project. A poll of the membership for ideas was conducted, and after the submission of 29 ideas for projects, the Board chose one that seemed the most popular – "Let's do something to preserve Balboa Park". Nearly 50 years after early Club 33 Rotarians D.C. Collier and Aubrey Davidson built the Panama-California Exposition of 1915; the Park's buildings were in sad shape. Club 33 chose to continue its stewardship of the Park by revitalizing the Alcazar Garden. This is the spot from which the view of the California Tower on our badges is taken. The Garden's walkways were paved, sprinkler systems were upgraded, fountain heads replaced, and surroundings refurbished. Our club President in 1960-61 was Phil Klauber, holding the classification of Gas & Electric Service. Phil's only regret that year was not developing instructions for the President on what to do when the PA system goes dead. And that's your Club 33 History Minute.