

CLUB 33 HISTORY MINUTE #4 7/30/2009

In anticipation of Rotary Club 33's Centennial in 2011, let's turn the clock back to 1984; twenty-five years ago. Ernie Yahnke-classification Banking-Commercial received a rare standing ovation upon his formal introduction as Club 33's new president. It was quite a year in San Diego. Mayor Roger Hedgecock was indicted by a grand jury; two police officers were slain in the line of duty, and the Padres won the National League Championship. The violence toward our police officers led Club 33 to sponsor a program called Operation Aware; aimed at educating school-aged youth about the dangers of drugs. Our club presented a substantial sum to the Board of Education to implement the project. That year too, a newly restructured Club 33 Foundation Trust was formally announced. All of Prez Ernie's programs and innovations that year were successful, except one. That year, the Board decided to install the first computer in the office and in Ernie's words, "every damn thing that could go wrong – did go wrong!" And that's your Club 33 History Minute.