

## **CLUB 33 HISTORY MINUTE #14 10/15/2009**

**In anticipation of Rotary Club 33's Centennial in 2011, let's turn the clock back to 1989; 20 years ago. Rotarians anxiously awaited "The Year of the Bow Tie"; the installation of new President Ben Clay – classification Government Relations Consultant. New Prez Ben surprised everyone by taking the gavel resplendent in a business suit and traditional necktie. During Ben's regime, Club 33 completed its 2-year long project of constructing the Davis Primary School building in Tijuana, and roasted Executive Director Jim Lee; retiring after 18 years of dedicated service to our Club. President Ben made it a point to prepare Club 33 for the 21<sup>st</sup> century by urging newer members, and especially women members to get involved with committee leadership. This paid off in terms of fresh views on getting things done. We saw the Berlin Wall come down in November that year, and the birth of Rotary Clubs in Warsaw, Moscow and other Eastern European countries. But some things never change - we listened to a talk by Navy Captain Wayne Goodermote on the Navy's plan to redevelop its "Broadway Complex", and it seems the jury is still out on that one. And that's your Club 33 History Minute.**