

## **CLUB 33 HISTORY MINUTE #6 8/13/2009**

**In anticipation of Rotary Club 33's Centennial in 2011, let's turn the clock back to 1959; fifty years ago. In August, shortly after new President Shelly Brockett took the gavel, Club 33 made a big move. After meeting at the Hotel San Diego for 35 years, we moved to the El Cortez Hotel's Caribbean Room, and moved the club office to Suite 101. New telephone number Belmont 2-0161. A special bus service was initiated to pick up club members throughout Downtown who could not easily manage the walk up "cardiac hill" for the meetings. A major project started during Prez Shelly's year was the construction of two shelters for handicapped children at Girl Scout Headquarters. One of the buildings was named the Leslie Hopkins Rotary Memorial Building in honor of Les; in whose memory his friends had donated funds for the project. Two new district Rotary clubs were added that year – Imperial Beach and Santee/Lakeside. Throughout the 1950's, Alden Fulkerson had been Club 33's song leader, with Paul Stauffer at the keyboard. They did a superb job; except one meeting when Alden opened with "America" , while Paul began banging out "The Star-Spangled Banner". And that's your Club 33 History Minute.**