

CLUB 33 HISTORY MINUTE #25 2/4/2010

In gearing up for Rotary Club 33's Centennial in 2011, let's turn the clock back to 1930 – eighty years ago. Paul C. Edwards was installed as our new Club President with the classification of Newspaper Editor. As Paul's introductory Rotary meeting ended, a group of loud newsboys rushed the room laden with "Rotary Extra" of the San Diego Sun carrying front-page news of Paul's election as Club 33's president. This was a real surprise, and Paul promptly fined himself \$5; as he insisted he knew nothing about this special edition of the Sun. Our Club's emphasis that year turned toward providing clothes and assistance to local needy children, and directing some of our "Charity Box" funds toward the purchase and donation of equipment for various underprivileged children's organizations. Early in 1930, the Australian District of Rotary advanced the notion that "boys work" should be extended to include girls. The idea didn't take hold immediately, but it did help to focus Rotarians' attention on girls' needs. As far as daughters were concerned, Club 33 had since 1926 been scheduling annual luncheons with programs put on by the girls, which continued through the 1930s. As THE ROTATOR once said, "..all daughters are welcome, from ages 2 ½ to 60." And that's your Club 33 History Minute.