

CLUB 33 HISTORY MINUTE #43 7/1/2010

In gearing up for Rotary Club 33's Centennial in 2011, let's turn the clock back to 1981 – twenty-nine years ago. Oliver B. James was installed as our 72nd President and he immediately set the tone of his term by wearing his bright red plaid sportcoat. Prez Ollie developed a following of other club members, regularly sporting plaid or otherwise "loud" jackets to lunch meetings. Club 33 was treated to a number of outstanding lunch programs in '81-82, with visits to our Downtown Fire Station hosted by FireChief Earle Roberts; a tour of the submarine USS La Jolla, and lunch at the Ballast Point Officers Club. 1982 was the year Club 33 moved our lunch meetings from the old San Diego Hotel to the Sheraton Harbor Island where we are today. Our members were continuing the tradition of community involvement; with appointments and awards given for work in the YMCA, the 1981 Combined Health Agencies Drive, and the inception of the "LEAD" San Diego Program. Throughout Ollie's year as our President, his constant one-liners from the podium continued to amaze us...So much that ROTATOR editor Dr. Sid Smith, Heart Surgeon quipped that Prez Ollie's humor "needed a bypass". And that's your Club 33 History Minute.