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“Ladies and gentlemen, it's time to get serious,” “Ringmaster” TOM BRAULT said as he called to order the official program of the 2018 Demotion Dinner of Oceanside Rotary Club last Friday night. But then Tom said with a smile, “I mean that it's time to have some fun.”

That fun, of course, would be at the expense of outgoing President CHUCK WARD, who (seated with his wife, Barbara and daughters Tess with husband Ross and Margaret with beau Jona) took it all in good-naturedly.



CHUCK’s stature – or relative lack thereof - took a big hit, with JIM SCHRODER getting down on his knees to portray the club's outgoing leader. It was said that JIM had drawn the “short straw” when it came to assigning parts for the skit.



BILL DERN called us to attention with a lot of clanging – reminiscent of CHUCK’s use of cutlery to open meetings because the president never seemed to have his gavel – More would be said about this later in the program.

BILL said “As our dear leader told us almost every week this past year, 'We are not necessarily musically inclined, but we are inclined to music.' And so we started his demotion night off with a special song from TERRI and DAVE HALL.



*“Another meetin’, the same old room. Our “host” is Chuck,
He leaves in June*

*It’s really pleasin’, and that’s the reason We’re sayin’
whoopee!*

*He’s lost agendas, speaks off the cuff Blows introductions, and tries to bluff
Chuck’s always schmoozin’, no members losin’ We’re sayin’ Whoopie!*

*Picture our Club without him, taunting us from the front
Offering restaurant coupons, and other worthless junk*

*A lot of programs, some scheduled twice. A lot of guests, they’re all so nice
We’ve been so lucky, we love our Chuckie. We’re sayin’ Whoopie!”*

BILL said it was “a great way to kick off this special night where we put CHUCK out of his last 12 months of misery.”



JIM, playing CHUCK, said, “WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME, everyone...It’s the 22nd day of June, 2018 ...It’s Friday... We’ve made it. It’s Oceanside Rotary, the oldest and most prestigious Rotary club in Oceanside ... No, make that in this hemisphere... No, in the whole galaxy! My name is Chuck Ward...I am your host. I am

the President of the amazing Oceanside Rotary Club, and will be for the next amazing 43 minutes and 14 seconds.”

Much was made of CHUCK’s persistent habit of waiting until the last minute to ask someone to do something like lead the pledge of allegiance, provide a moment of inspiration or be the songmeister.

Exact dates were given for many of these slip-ups.

JIM said that, when the songmeister had no time to prepare, CHUCK’s advice was to go with “God Bless America” and say it was being sung because it is BILL DERN’s favorite.

And it was noted that member RON MARBEN, sought out for a last-minute “Rotary Moment,” asked if he couldn't pay a fine instead.

It also was noted that CHUCK went for months asking people to be the necessary President Elect before Past President RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE finally stepped up to fill the void in November.

LES NEWQUIST was asked to lead the pledge at this event but humorously stood for quite a while with hand over heart before he actually got a chance to do so.



And then the group broke for the dinner buffet tables. JIM and TOM were seen helping to distribute dessert plates.



Back to the program, TERRI said, looking back on the year with CHUCK in charge, it definitely wasn't “the same old same old. It definitely was different.” She related the dates at which CHUCK didn't have a gavel and was forced to use substitutes, including a huge three-foot-long gavel, as well as a foldable pocket version made of paper. NANCY RUSSIAN had brought him a back massager from Vietnam and a rubber mallet that sort-of fit the bill. Much of the time though, CHUCK used cutlery to strike the bell.

The story of the various gavels coming and going was punctuated on the video screen by drawings such as “poof” describing the disappearance of the gavel and “hallelujah” proclaiming its short-lived reappearance.

“I still do not have a gavel,” CHUCK admitted from his seat in the audience.

A picture of former President George W. Bush appeared on the screen to back up his statement that “Fool me once, shame on shame on you. Fool me... You can't get fooled again!”

Finally, it was noted, RENEE used a gong given to us by Rotarians from Thailand to close the meetings.



Reminiscent of the time BRIAN ORR made balloon animals to accentuate his Moment of Inspiration, DIEGO DOBSON “inspired” us by blowing up balloons (actually, the already inflated variety was hiding in the lectern) as visual aids as he told of Rotary's battle to eradicate polio.



Member DAVID NYDEGGER had fun with, first, a script with words so tiny he could not read them and then with prompt cards containing letters so big that only one or two fit on each card.

The quality of various songmeisters was discussed, like how squeaky high BILL DERN and BRIAN ORR and how insanely low VICKIE PROSSER or TERRI HALL would start the singing. Also mentioned was how TOM BRAULT would bring in the most obscure songs for us to sing, including “The Theme to the Andy Griffith Show” (a song which nobody even knew HAD any lyrics.... But TOM had dug the words up on the Internet and shared them with us):

*Hangin' around, takin' our ease,
watchin' that hound a-scratchin' at his fleas.*

*Come on, take down your fishin' pole and meet me at The Fishin' Hole,
I can't think of a better way to pass the time o' day.*

DAVE then mentioned how Pres Elect RENEE tried to help CHUCK save time in his meeting by printing the club updates rather than taking time to read them. As we know, that strategy didn't really work. CHUCK would STILL run late! “But I tried to help you with your timing, CHUCK. I did try!, RENEE said.



JANET BLEDSOE LACY told of CHUCK's political side, saying "We can't tell you how many times CHUCK would talk about or make reference to his and my idol, President Trump. This started way back on his very first moments in office. At last year's demotion when he had been installed for less than five minutes, he began his year by pledging to "Make Rotary Great Again" and he promptly slapped on a red baseball cap with that slogan embroidered on it to prove how much he embraces the Trumpian philosophy."



At that point, CHUCK was proudly wearing said cap.



JANET continued with more proof of his "Trump worship" - collusion this, collusion that, "Fake News", and "alternative facts." Even worse, we were told, were the instances when our President CHUCK purportedly installed members of his own family into important positions in the Oceanside Rotary administration, with First Lady Barb serving as an outside advisor without a proper Rotary security clearance, daughter Margaret and her beau Jona violating the emoluments clause by raking in big bucks in food production profits through a no-bid, "special" contract at Rotarians at Work. (Shades of Mar a Lago?) And daughter Tess and Hubby Ross were brought in occasionally for video - slash - photography, although at these various events, we all saw Tess just sitting around a lot more than we ever saw her working. All of this was described as a "steaming swamp of Oceanside Rotary Ward family nepotism!"

BRIAN ORR took over as M.C. and showed a video of CHUCK in action, "recruiting new members for Oceanside Rotary" *{which was actually a video of CHUCK manhandling a mannequin in a rescue effort demo at one of the youth events at Camp Pendleton}*. There were some joking references to other youth interactions this year - such as enticing kids into gambling by giving them chances to draw for the jackpot in our opportunity drawings and putting heavy firearms in their hands during the Camp Pendleton tours. (Were we "contributing to the delinquency of minors"?)



Next, CHUCK was accused of putting his listeners to sleep at the meetings. Some slides of questionable veracity were shown of PAM MYERS, VICKIE PROSSER, MIKE WESELOH, and Dr. TOM CURTIN appearing to catch a few Z's.

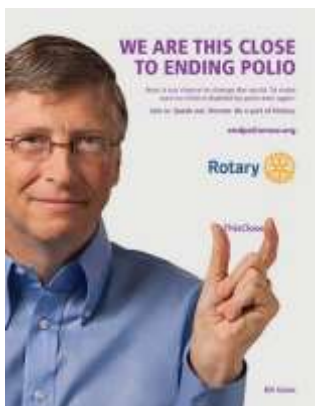


DAVE HALL brought up CHUCK's tendency to forget Happy Dollars, and slides showed how fast Guest RUDY VAN HUNNICK would try to get his \$20 in week after week, in the end just smiling and handing over the money without a single word. RUDY mimicked this progressive shortening of his Happy Dollars comments at the dinner.



TIME SAVING DOLLARS: Week 2

But somehow CHUCK always had time to tell us that there was a full-page Abbey Carpet ad on Page 3 of the Oside Magazine available in the back of the room.



Also examined was CHUCK's tendency to get so long-winded with speaker introductions that the guest had little time remaining to give his or her talk. An example was reenacted in which JIM (as "CHUCK") told the speaker's entire family history, including the names and breeds of their pet dogs and even menu items at their favorite restaurants. The example of the pretend speaker robbed of time to talk: Bill Gates (portrayed by BILL DERN). Just as "Bill" was about to start updating us on Polio Plus progress, our president said we were out of time and "Bill" was given our standard

parting gift for this year – a planter from TERI, Inc. (which TERRI HALL came forward to take credit for after hearing what sounded like her name). The president then said our usual gift wasn't big enough for such a celebrity as Bill Gates so he had ANCHISA and RON bring in a 7 foot tall ficus tree on a hand cart as a more suitable thank you gift.



Sometimes, it was noted, the speaker would be asked to come back to another meeting to finish the presentation. If they all come back, DAVE HALL said, RENEE won't have to come up with any new programs for the first eight months of her term.

RENEE then expressed her exasperation that CHUCK could not stick to an agenda and she sang:

(to the tune of "I've Been Working on the Railroad")

*I've been writing these agendas Every week, all year
Chuck, he never seems to read them. Oh, that he's made quite clear.
I even gave him extra copies. He lost each one of them.
Every week, the same frustration What to do with him?*

*Chuck, you should know It's time for you to go.
Chuck won't you go away?
Then I can take command and things will go as planned
And Rotary will live another day*



VICKIE PROSSER said that what CHUCK really liked to do was play games. "He is just a little boy at heart," she said.

VICKIE referred to our president's "Opportunity Drawing Olympics" - requiring people to toss bean bags or throw ping pong balls at a basket on his head to qualify for the chance to draw for the joker. And VICKIE also alluded to the fact that, except by ANCHISA in the beginning of the year, the joker never was found.

ANCHISA reenacted her jackpot winning moment, drawing the card, falling to the floor, and waving her hands and kicking her feet in excitement, just like the slides showed she had done when she won the \$1,000 prize way back in September. Her husband RON said he never saw any of that money.



CHUCK was accused of not even having the joker in the deck for most of the year, and VICKIE demanded to search through his jacket pockets where she found the joker hidden there (much to CHUCK's surprise), as well as the always mentioned, but never actually seen gift certificate to 333 Pacific which no one ever won in God knows how many "random" tries. It was more like "zero zero zero Pacific," VICKIE said.

DIEGO DOBSON was called up to reenact a birthday choice of a prize from three envelopes and, to no one's surprise, he won an appetizer at Fratelli's, Chuck's favorite Italian restaurant.



RENEE mentioned that 32 people consumed 18 bottles of wine at our Fratelli's game night. She suggested "Winos at Work" as a possible name change for our annual Rotarians at Work.



TOM mentioned Rotarians taking advantage of free food at the opening of the Golden Corral restaurant and wondered what we might be invited to next. Perhaps it would be "the grand opening of Oceanside's first recreational marijuana dispensary, which will be co-owned by our own "Jamaica" Jay Crawford, with his silent partner "Baked" Bob Pickrel where they have developed a special blend that will be sold in honor of the Oceanside Rotary - The Four Way Toke."





TOM took note of the Ward family tradition of surprise family outings and gave CHUCK's daughters envelopes with instructions for their next adventure.

Tess read, "Get ready to hit the road at 6 am tomorrow so we all can take part in an exclusive behind the

scenes tour of the world famous Manure Pit in beautiful Coalinga, California. We will head up the I-5 to the Harris Ranch Cattle Yards, California's largest beef processor."



And Margaret read: "At this scenic and historic location, we will be able to do it all – from shoveling stacks of cow patties to using the stun gun at the slaughterhouse. Marvelous memories to be made for the whole Ward family!"



JAY CRAWFORD took over to talk about Rotarians at Work day, noting that "we painted 8,500 linear feet of fence at Ivey Ranch, but it could have been more if CHUCK had not been painting most of us as well." He asked everyone who had been slapped with paint by our

president that day to raise his or her hand, and many went up. DAVE and TERRI HALL came forward with a brush and paint can, and those who had been splattered by CHUCK at RAW day were invited to come up and get their retribution. A plastic drop cloth was placed over the Country Club floor, and CHUCK became visibly nervous about what would be coming next.



Lawyer JANET BLEDSOE LACY interfered, appointing herself as Chuck's legal representative and pleaded his case. Participants at RAW knew in advance that there was an inherent risk of getting paint on them at some point that day. "But tonight is a different scenario. Chuck came here in (fairly) nice clothes with no expectation of having his wardrobe marred. If he were to get painted here and now, that could be considered material damages of a substantial amount, which could be grounds for a suit against our club and possibly against our parent organization Rotary International as well."

Lawyer LACY demanded some alternative means of achieving reparations and/or satisfaction for the injured parties in question. And so, instead of being painted, CHUCK was placed in front of a “pie face” mechanism which, when the crank was turned correctly, was supposed to slap whipped cream on his countenance. It didn't work too well, but CHUCK still got a faceful!



TOM said it was time for a closing song, and he called JIM, VICKIE, TERRI and RENEE up to join him in a parody medley from the hit musical “Hamilton” with new lyrics recounting CHUCK’s problems holding onto his gavel. *(The lyrics, if you are interested, are copied at the end of this newsletter.)*



An apology was demanded from our president for his improper gavel handling through the year, and he was sent on a scavenger hunt to find it, with a series of clues leading him around the room (while the gavel was passed, unseen by CHUCK, from RENEE to Margaret to Tess and finally to First Lady Barb).

CHUCK was directed by the clues to a series of envelopes: behind the Rotary banner, to the drinks area in the back of the room, to the projector table in front, and finally to his wife, Barbara, who produced the gavel and asked him if there was anything he wanted to say to the club in order to get his gavel back. Well, he hemmed and he hawed, and although he never really actually apologized in so many words, the look on his face showed how penitent he was, and he finally got his prize back.



At this point, RENEE returned to the microphone to tell us about all of the great things that CHUCK and his wife Barbara had accomplished during his year of leadership. We heard about how supportive and generous Barb had been all year, and about many of the projects and events that had taken place on President CHUCK's watch: Dollar Lei presentation for the graduates from Crown Heights; handing out of Chrome tablets to Crown Heights kids; giving \$1,000 each to Laurel and Mission Elementary Schools for their literacy projects, taking advantage of District Matching Grants to get more bang for our buck; the club's matching of members' Happy Dollars in October – doubling our donations to R.I.'s Polio Plus program. CHUCK's personal and business generosity outside of Rotary was noted as well, giving back to his community! And Chuck knew how to make our year in Rotary chock-full of fun! - Game nights and beer nights made us a more social club and “built good will and friendships.” He brought that spirit of fun and fellowship to our regular meetings, too – “With his witty jokes and asides, his tries at trivia, and by making our opportunity drawing more exciting this year. Whether he was slinging paint like a madman at RAW Day or scheduling so many night meetings that we actually had to look at our calendars to figure out when and where to go for Rotary, he certainly kept us on our toes all year long.” RENEE summed this tribute up by thanking our dear President Chuck Ward “for a very fine year as our leader and for ‘Making Oceanside Rotary Great Again.’ Hail to the Chief, Chuck Ward!” Applause followed.

But the skit was not quite finished ... Script writer TOM had to sneak in a sneak peek at what to expect in the year to come with RENEE back in charge, and he showed a video of a Pendleton drill instructor barking instructions to keep the troops in tow.



“RENEE is going to whip us back into shape after our loosey, goosey year with CHUCK!” Tom predicted.

TOM noted that the crew at Abbey Carpet had donated the red carpet for CHUCK's final stride to the lectern as president. (That carpet turned out to be just three feet long, which TOM suggested might show just how much his workers think of their boss!)

And thus, CHUCK, in his last official actions as president, came forward and it was time for bestowing of gifts and prizes and awards!



CHUCK wanted to thank his board members, saying, "What does a carpet guy have to give except carpet?" as he presented each board member with a roll of carpet – all pretty similar but "the colors were specially chosen with each individual in mind."





JANET gave CHUCK a framed picture of him with Crown Heights kids.



CHUCK also received one of ANCHISA's lovely succulent arrangements (... it might have been the one that was supposed to have been given to "Bill Gates") as well as a beautiful glass keepsake from the club as a memento of his time in charge.



DAVE NYDEGGER, in thanks for his continuing efforts arranging our Camp Pendleton visits with the Crown Heights students, was given a personalized Rotary logo beach chair.

Secretary, Past President, President Elect, and soon to be New President RENEE then handled the handing out of our annual awards:



--The New Member Award to exemplary Rotary participation by someone with less than 18 months membership went to RON MARBEN who helped out with Rotarians at Work

day even before becoming a Rotarian, has hosted international Rotarians in his home and his sailboat, and recently has stepped up to be youth protection officer.

--The El Toro Award to a member who has distinguished him or herself through “vocal participation” (a.k.a. “B.S.”) in a way that has added fellowship and good feelings. Before presenting it to herself, RENEE was told by CHUCK that this year it should be renamed the “Moaner/Groaner Award.”



--The Marty Schroder Award to a member of at least 10 years who has made our community a better place through involvement in non-Rotarian activities went to JIM SCHRODER, for following in his father's footsteps in enhancing the community of Oceanside.



RENEE said she was flying the next day to Toronto for the Rotary International convention where she expects to be inspired, and she promised an upcoming year focused on community projects.

She thanked TOM BRAULT for his ongoing efforts writing the demotion skits (presenting him with a beautiful Rotary pen and pencil set in gratitude), the whole Shorelines staff for their fine work on our weekly newsletters, MIKE CURTIN (not present) for meeting setups, LES NEWQUIST for 13 years as treasurer and DAVE HALL for the paperwork getting matching grants for our Crown Heights projects.

Then there was the traditional lineup of past presidents for the passing of the new president’s official gavel. Actually, they ended up passing the huge three foot long prop gavel, because RENEE said she did not have a gavel for her upcoming year. (Is this her sly way of making sure that she never loses it??) RENEE, now president for the third

time, had to cut in and out of line for each of her three proper places. Also in the lineup were JIM SCHRODER, TOM BRAULT, VICKIE PROSSER, BILL DERN, TERRI and DAVE HALL, and JAY CRAWFORD. Oh, and CHUCK WARD, too, who at this point was officially a Past President.



Before dismissing us, RENEE announced that some of ANCHISA's fabulous table decorations of various succulents in bowls could be purchased for a \$25 donation to the club.





**OCEANSIDE ROTARY
DEMOTION 2018**



CHUCK WARD

THIS JUST IN FROM THE R.I. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN TORONTO

Our incoming President (Again) RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE sent in this report from the R.I. Roundup up North:

“Opening session took my breath away. The flags of all the Rotary Nations started us off, 355 flags were presented. Being in an arena with 12,000 other Rotarians is quite inspirational. China town and Kensington Square here were Sunday morning highlights, despite the rain!”

The City streets are full of Rotarians and Paul isn't shy about talking to anyone one. We are walking everywhere. (I don't think I've walked this much in my whole life). We are often delayed because Chatty Paul is still asking our new friends questions! This is only day two, so I'm sure I'll have more to add! The food is fabulous, and so is the bread and wine!”



LYRICS TO THE "HAMILTON" PARODY SONG

How can a measly, half pint, local carpet seller
Go from So Cal sales rep - a La Brea Tar Pit dweller
To the prime resident (That's what I meant) He is the freaking president
Of the greatest Rotary in the world
The greatest Rotary in the world!

But all's not well... I mean, hell ... What can I tell ya?
He leaves gavels in the open. He's a way too trusting fella.
Walks away from the table. Any grabber who is able
Will just grab it. They'll nab it. For Chuck, it's quite the habit.

You'd think after the second time, or maybe on the third
He would give it more attention. But no! It's quite absurd!
He still leaves it on the table. Completely unsecured!
Oh, my freakin' word! HA!
And he wonders why he loses it. The man is out of whack!
And he bitches and he moans but never begs to get his gavel back
He cries:

Where has my darned gavel gone?
Please tell me, where has my darned gavel gone?
Like I did a million times before
I'll just wait. I'll just wait!

Weeks go by, and he'll never even mention
That his gavel's M.I.A. – It never rated his attention
It is such a shame. He wants someone else to blame
But we all know the game: The guilty goes by the name of

Chuck! Yeah, you schmuck! You never really learned
When it comes to your gavel, your back should not be turned.
This club cannot be trusted. We're really maladjusted
Leave your gavel anywhere, you're gonna be busted.

But show some contrition, and we might abort the mission
Just tell us that you're sorry and we'll give you what your wishin'
Say it, Chuck! Apologize and your gavel we'll be dishin'
Just say it! Now's the day, man. Tell us. Whadd'ya say, man?

Where has my darned gavel gone?
Please tell me, where has my darned gavel gone?

Like I did a million times before
I'll just wait. I'll just wait!

NO!! We are not throwing away our...**shot**
We are not throwing away our...**shot**
This demotion's almost done and
Your clock has almost run out
We are not throwing away our...**shot**

Do you expect it for nothing?**WHAT???**
You think we will just give it to you? ...**NOT!**
If you ever want to see it
Gotta say it like you mean it
We are not throwing away our...**shot**

Apologize ... Say "Sorry" ... And mean it.
Our three conditions Make your act of contrition

We are not throwing away our... Not throwing away our...
Not throwing away our **shot**

(The words in bold actually were printed on signs, held up by the ladies)

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

June 29: Regular Meeting is **DARK**

Sat June 30: Independence Day Parade, 10 am, Downtown Oceanside

Tues July 3: Annual Fireworks dinner at JIM SCHRODER's house, 6:30 pm

July 6: Regular Meeting is **DARK**

July 13: First meeting of the new Rotary year *AWAY MEETING*

Yard House in Carlsbad, 6 pm (Located in the Shoppes at Carlsbad, 2525 El Camino Real)

Reporter: VICKIE PROSSER

Thurs July 19: BBQ Dinner Joint meeting with Carlsbad Rotary

Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, 6 pm

July 20: Regular Meeting is **DARK**

July 27: First Regular Meeting at the country club of the new Rotary year

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Reporter: JIM SCHRODER