

**ROTARY CLUB OF  
OCEANSIDE**

**SHORELINES**

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Co-PRESIDENT JANET BLEDSOE LACY called the meeting together at 12:33 p.m. - A minute or two a little late. She leaned over to clang the Rotary Bell with her gavel attached around her neck. After a bit of shifting around, she came up with a graceful position from which she could hit the Rotary Bell.



“WELCOME TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY,” she declared to all.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by PAST PRESIDENT BILL DERN.



4 WAY TEST led by ROGER VANDERWERKEN



JANET shared a short story with the group of Rotarians and guests.

An old preacher, a renowned attorney, a rich businessman, and a young girl were all riding in a small plane.

The engine fails and the pilot tells the passengers: “We’re going down, but we only have 4 parachutes. One of us will have to stay, but it ain’t gonna be me!” He grabs a parachute and jumps.

The lawyer gets out of his seat and says, “I’m too smart to die”. He also gabs a parachute and jumps.

Once the businessman sees this, he says, “I’m too rich to die!” He grabs the third parachute and jumps.

The preacher looks at the young girl and says, “I’ve lived a long life, but you’re still young. Take the last parachute and live.”

The girl responds, “Thank you sir, that’s very kind of you. But we can both survive.”

Confused, the preacher asks, “What do you mean? We only have one parachute left.”

To which the girl responds, “Before the lawyer jumped, he grabbed my backpack.”

## **CLUB UPDATES: SECRETARY PPP PRESIDENT RENEE RICHARDSON**



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## INTRODUCTION OF VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Eric Cooper - Edward Jones

Jason Ventetuolo – our guest Speaker

Michael Jenkins - New Hacienda Senior Home next to the Mission San Luis Rey



WELCOME SONG led by BILL DERN

RENEE announced two tickets are available for this coming Friday's Moonlight Production. Some lucky member of the audience would be going home with them today!

## BIRTHDAYS

Unfortunately, TERRI HALL AND VICKIE PROSSER were both absent this week. (Celebrating their Birthdays maybe????)

Happy 63 dollars DARREL LARSON celebrating 63 years  
BILL DERN led everyone in a rendition of Happy Birthday



## ANNIVERSARIES

Happy \$50 Co-PRESIDENT JANET BLEDSOE LACY was happy for her 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this month.



## ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

Happy \$26 PAST PRESIDENT BILL DERN His mentor was Jack Feller

Bidding opened up in an auction for the 2 Moonlight Tickets worth \$96 dollars. ROGER VANDERWERKEN bid \$20 and no one else raised their hand, so he has two additional tickets. (What a steal!)

## FUNDRAISER

DARREL LARSON spoke about an October fund raiser for the OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB, A BRIGHT FUTURE EVENT, that will be held at Co-PRESIDENT JANET BLEDSOE LACY'S home on OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm with food, wine and drinks, and a live Auction for vacation Packages and



many other items. The proceeds go to students at Oceanside High School and El Camino High School. There will be former scholarship awardees speaking. Tickets are \$60.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

\$20 Happy LES NEWQUIST was happy to announce he and Cricket are leaving for a 3 week trip to Oslo Norway and then boarding a Viking Ship for the British Isles and other great ports. Have a ball!



\$5 Happy BILL DERN asked RENEE to check the Rotary

Accounting Books because LES the TREASURER for the club is suspiciously taking such a very luxurious vacation and cruise. Come on now ... LES deserves to have a great vacation. He works hard for the club. He also asked what was up with all of the Bird Houses at the meeting. RENEE told him they are for a project with students from Crown Heights. They are going to paint the bird houses and place them in a small park in the neighborhood.



\$5 Happy RENEE announced she and PAUL and DARREL and Sherry Larson are headed to Puerto Nuevo and then stopping at some wineries to bring wine for another event. Sounds like a good idea to your reporter. Also RENEE told us that at a recent trip with PAUL for a meeting in Colorado, a woman commented to RENEE how unique her Rotary Pin she was wearing and liked it very much.



\$10 Happy ROGER VANDERWERKEN mentioned he has guests coming in from France and hopes they can use the tickets he had just bid on. He added \$10 to his bid through Happy Dollars.



\$5 HAPPY ANCHISA FARRANT announced that on August 17<sup>th</sup> she is flying to Omaha, Nebraska to visit family. She will be returning on the 27<sup>th</sup>. She also made the gift today for the speaker. A beautiful potted plant. She also made a beautiful potted plant arrangement too for the Governors visit on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month. Thank you ANCHISA. Your "Green Thumb" is much appreciated by all.



**PROGRAM SPEAKER** Jason Ventetuolo – Solutions for Change

RENEE introduced Jason Ventetuolo and read a brief history of him. He started his first business (a Gym in Del Mar called Fitness Together) from 2002 to 2014. From 2014 to 2016 he went to work for Lumium Lighting in Business Development and Sales. From 2016 to 2020 Jason worked as an Education Professional at Washoe County School District where they created real world opportunities for students and achieved a 15% increase in standardized test scores over their grade level peers.



From 2020 to 2023 he held the position of CEO and Founder at Artience Lighting, building relationships with agency partners and key sales stakeholders and acted as the Chief Spokesperson for all media inquiries.

Today Jason is Vice President of Community Engagement at Solutions For Change.

Solutions for Change is leading the movement to share a transformational approach to permanently lifting people out of poverty and homelessness. The Solutions Academy graduates are leading the movement with empathy and demonstrating to society that “The ‘Churn’ can be defeated.”

The Churn is a costly futile cycle that occurs when root causes are not addressed, causing the problem to repeat and get worse. Victimhood, Handouts, and Dependency. A vicious circle. It must be broken.

The vision of Solutions for Change: To Transform the nation’s most vulnerable and dependent people into the most equipped and inspired OVERCOMERS who then lead a movement to Crush the Churn and restore community.

Starting on Day 1 in the program, the Very Dependent, Maximum vulnerabilities are addressed so the individual can progress to become an Empowered overcomer by Day 700. Solutions for Change can make this happen at one third the cost of government programs.

This is where Solutions for Change comes in. They have helped 4,300 individuals to re obtain their lives and become productive. It is a 2-year priority. A pyramid with, on the left: Solutions in the community. To the right: Solutions Enterprises. And at the top of the pyramid: Solutions Academy.

They work to achieve three R's .... Rescue: Save vulnerable families from the Churn of victimhood, Handouts, and dependency.

Restore: Implementing a servant leadership academy model, overcomers are made, equipped, and inspired to serve to solve for the sake of others.

Release: Overcomers are deployed in a movement that is transforming how society sees and acts on serving the most vulnerable.

Solutions for Change is a result driven, accountability-based approach to create Overcomers and restore community. They have graduated over 1,300 Parents and supported 2,800 children equipping, inspiring, and empowering them to break the societal chain of dependency, poverty, and pain. They perform these services through the 3 unique enterprises. Solutions Academy (personal development), Solutions Enterprises (workforce development), and Solutions in the Community (community engagement and restoration).

The cost per family each year is \$42,500. For 2 years \$85,000.

They have a 76% success rate. 100% employment.

They have just recently acquired an incredible piece of property in Vista's Green Oaks Ranch. 110 acres of land. The first 3 years, the land is leased. The total sale price is \$10.5 million. They plan to sell 9 properties they currently have and consolidate into the one property.

Solutions Academy is a 700 Day vocational school that combines education, vocational training, peer support, a therapeutic community, real love compassion, customization, and accountability, wrapped in a model of Servant Leadership.

Solutions Academy is free of charge to families accepted into the program with an approximate scholarship value of \$60,000 in education, employment, training, coaching, and housing costs. All scholarships are underwritten by private donations, foundations grants, corporate contributions and faith-based support. The community has invested in each student and their family to achieve their full potential and overcome their vulnerabilities.

Co-PRESIDENT JANET presented to Jason a plant arrangement made by ANCHISA from her garden. ANCHISA described the



plants to him - one in particular is very rare and very expensive. JANET then proceeded to tell our speaker he was receiving a “Fertility Plant”. Immediately there were a dozen orders for more of this plant from ANCHISA.

### **OPPORTUNITY DRAWING**

DAVID NYDEGGER had the winning ticket. He just did not draw the winning Joker card, still hiding in the dwindling deck. The \$1,000 grand prize remains to be won yet. DAVID was handed a \$10 consolation prize.



Please do not forget the August 23, 2024 meeting when the **5340 DISTRICT GOVERNOR** visits our club. Please let's have a good turnout for the GOVERNOR.

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