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CALL TO ORDER: In the last-minute absence of our PRESIDENT, CHUCK WARD, PRESIDENT-ELECT/SECRETARY RENEE RICHARDSON ably stepped into his place and called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm.

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT: RENEE said she had to come up with something in a hurry and offered this: “You can't always get what you want...but if you try something, you just might find you always get what you need.” - from the Rolling Stones. This prompted our golden throated boy PP TOM BRAULT to burst into song – and he was actually followed by several other Rolling Stone fans!

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Our (until-a-bit-later-in-the meeting) newest member, JORDY SPARKS, led us in the salute to our flag.



SONGS: PP VICKIE PROSSER led us in “God Bless America” and “Smile,” because she was so happy to see JANET LACY here. She had been out since mid October due to medical issues. Welcome back JANET!

CLUB UPDATES: RENEE informed us:

--The Celebration of Life for DICK YOUNG will be the next day at First Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m., followed by a reception here at El Camino Country Club. Valet parking will be available. DICK was a member of our club for 54 years.

--Sightseeing adventures are being offered the district governors from Thailand. Plans are to walk the pier on the 9th, go sightseeing in San Diego on the 10th and go sailing on the 11th with Happy Hour and dinner at the Harbor. It's not necessary to go for an entire event. People can just attend part of one. Signup sheets were being circulated. Call or e-mail ANCHISA or RENEE for more information.

--We are hosting a dinner with the district governors at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17. The location has been changed from RENEE's condo to the clubhouse at Rancho Carlsbad, 5200 El Camino Real. Everyone is to bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheets circulated.

--We will not meet Jan. 19 – our meeting here will be dark.

--On Jan. 26, our friend and incoming district governor from Argentina, ESTELA GAMBELIN, will be our guest at our regular meeting. She may be the first female governor in her Rotary district in Argentina.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS: PP VICKIE PROSSER introduced VIRGIL FLORES, soon to be our newest member, and BOB PICKREL introduced our frequent visitor, DR. TOM CURTIN.



WELCOME SONG: VICKIE led us.



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION; RENEE said that his sponsor, JIM SCHRODER, could not be with us today because he was sporting black eyes from eye surgery.

RENEE then began the induction of VIRGIL FLORES by saying:

“There are several milestones that are life-altering. We go through life so focused on career and family. But at some point, we realize that we must give back to society, to

our community.

“We believe that joining Rotary is one of those life-altering moments. When I was inducted into Rotary, I thought it was one of the most important decisions that I had ever made. And that set the tone for me as a Rotarian. I hope it does for you also.

“You have been chosen for membership in the Rotary Club of Oceanside because your fellow members believe you have a passion for giving back to the community. The members of the Oceanside Rotary Club are like extended family. They will be your greatest cheerleaders, but we are also by your side when times get tough.

“VIRGIL was born in Valparaiso, Chile. During his senior year, he became an exchange student - not through Rotary – and graduated from high school in Colorado. He returned to Chile and did his senior year again, so he could also graduate in Chile.

“VIRGIL worked for many years at Marty's Valley Inn, where he was closely involved with JIM (SCHRODER) and his parents. VIRGIL met his wife, SILVIA, as she was also employed at Marty's Valley Inn. SILVIA currently works at Tri-City Hospital.

“JIM tells me that VIRGIL plays the guitar and has possibly recorded a CD. Sounds like a new song leader to me.

“We know that we will receive much from you, VIRGIL, in help and service which will enable us to be better Rotarians; and we most heartily offer you the right hand of Rotary fellowship.

“On behalf of the Oceanside Rotary Club and Rotary International, may I welcome you into our Rotary family.

“Fellow Rotarians, please stand and welcome VIRGIL as the newest member of our Rotary family.”

And we did.



RENEE handed VIRGIL a book she said contained the words to all our songs. And she also fined him \$20, as we are a very “fine” club!



“Thank very much,” VIRGIL said. “It's wonderful.”

HAPPY DOLLARS:



LES NEWQUIST was \$5 happy, saying his son-in-law was rebuilding the bath/shower in the master bathroom at his and Les' daughter's home in Charleston, S. C., He was working with a tile cutter but found that the water had frozen. (in the tricky weather being unexperienced in the South). Les and his wife (CRICKET) sent the couple a picture from a local seafood restaurant with a “wish-you- were-here” notation. The weather is a bit warmer here than in South Carolina right now!



TOM BRAULT was \$25 happy to the Rotary Club Foundation, saying he would not be here next week because he was flying to the other side of the country with his daughter, GERILYN, to board a Disney cruise. Also, TOM said, the best review he got from playing Santa Claus (in the radio play of “Miracle on 34th Street”) was a “total stranger” telling him “You not only made me believe in Santa Claus, I believe you ARE Santa Claus.”



JANET LACY was \$98 happy. She said she had \$100 but lost \$2 to the raffle. JANET said it is her first meeting since mid-October. She had expected a short hospital routine stay and ended up being there for 20 days. JANET also said that she is very happy that our own LARRY HATTER has been nominated for the city's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award to be presented at a breakfast meeting January 15 at QLN Conference Center.



ANCHISA FARRANT was \$5 happy to have spent time with her family in Thailand and with the past district governor, having been welcomed at his home. And she was happy for the upcoming meeting with all the district governors from Thailand.

CLUB ASSEMBLY: RENEE said it really hadn't been planned, so she was “winging it,” starting with an update on our mentorship program by LARRY HATTER. LARRY said the program has changed focus a bit. In the past, we've taken kids to San Diego State University and USD (University of San Diego), but those might not be viable destinations for them. Now, we're concentrating closer to home at MiraCosta College and California State University



San Marcos. MiraCosta now has three programs – nursing and business in conjunction with Point Loma Nazarene University and bio-manufacturing - where it is giving a four-year degree. Reaching out to one kid touches many more – brothers and sisters, for instance. We started with four, five or six kids and now eight want to go “because of your efforts.” “These kids want to go see what's available to their lives rather than drugs, alcohol and gangs,” Larry said. “It's pretty exciting”, he said, “to a seventh or eighth grader to shake hands with a college soccer player”. He also mentioned the (MiraCosta) jazz concert in December. And he said Camp Pendleton hosted 45 kids in October and “we'll be going back there in the spring. “We're making a difference one kid at a time,” LARRY said. He lauded Steve Bessant, Lincoln Middle School principal, as one of the best in

Oceanside Unified School District. LARRY said STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) courses now run through the eighth grade and may extend through high school. LARRY mentioned that David Broad (a MiraCosta trustee) through his then-company, IDEC Pharmaceuticals, secured a \$4-million grant for a technology laboratory. Upcoming for the Crown Heights kids we mentor, LARRY said, is a play, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,” Mar 10 and no date yet for another trip to Camp Pendleton and for a baseball game at Cal State San Marcos in May.

RENEE commented that we've been able to do these programs because of a District grant but that could be jeopardized because our annual giving is down to the Rotary International Foundation.

PP TERRI HALL told of plans for a Four-Way Essay Contest for fourth graders. TERRI said at first the thought was to give the winner a bike, but that got complicated, so it was decided to go with a \$50 cash award. The YMCA has added a week's camp for the winner. That has a value of \$150 – so the prize is sizeable. The contest will start Jan. 8. LOLA SHERMAN, DAVE HALL and JIM SCHRODER are to be judges, TERRI said if anyone else wants to judge, to let her know.

RENEE thanked the Halls for hosting the Christmas party. TERRI apologized that the usual carol sing-a-long had been forgotten and said DAVE had “practiced “all afternoon.”

RENEE said club membership is down to 42 members – 41 active and one honorary – HUGH LaBOUNTY. And, she said, “I cannot emphasize enough the leadership problem we are having.” A president elect-elect is needed as are future leaders for our club.

Turning to fund-raising, RENEE said the golf tournament will be held with DALE MAAS in charge. But, she said, we have not been invited to participate in FEAST at Mission San Luis Rey again this year, but we are working with Carlsbad Rotary for a joint project – a “battle of the bands” with a beer and wine garden. “We've been talking about May,” she said.

For Rotarians at Work Day – (usually in April), RENEE said we probably would piggyback on a recommendation by Rotary International to plant trees.

RENEE also welcomed JANET LACY back.

TOM BRAULT gave a “shout out” to VICKIE PROSSER for “stepping into my shoes” as Shorelines editor this week.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING: TERRI HALL had the winning number, 488029, but she drew the Nine of Hearts and gave the \$10 consolation prize back to the club.

RENEE said there will be no Board meeting in the month of January, and she will not be at the next meeting because she will be celebrating her birthday on Catalina Island instead. She coyly neglected to mention WHICH birthday she will be celebrating . . . ☺

ADJOURNMENT: RENEE gaveled us done (with PREZ CHUCK's gavel) at 1:20 p.m.

