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ROTARY CLUB OF
OCEANSIDE

SHORELINES



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Co-President PAUL WENDEE opened the meeting at “12:34 sharp!” - with no apologies (as the **Secretary/Boss RENEE RICHARDSON** sadly shook her head.) He asked **MICHAEL JENKINS** to lead us in the pledge, followed by the 4-Way Test led by **BRAD FISHER**. Next up was **PP DAVE HALL**, Song Leader extraordinaire, who led us in a rousing rendition of “Smile.”



RENEE RICHARDSON gave a brief overview of the beautiful facility at our meeting site (and her place of employment) Chateau Lake San Marcos, indicating the different living arrangements and offered a tour to anyone after the meeting. **BRAD FISHER** indicated that his 88-year-old father had recently moved into the Meridian next door to our venue and said he is happily ensconced closer to **BRAD** and his sister.



RENEE also mentioned that she had represented the Club Foundation Board at the Museum of Art donor recognition event recently.

RENEE proceeded to give the **NEW MEMBER AWARD** to **MICHAEL JENKINS**, who was unable to attend the Demotion Dinner in June. He was recognized by a round of applause and a lot of “well deserved” comments. Congratulations, **MICHAEL!**



RENEE then gave the **Club Updates**:

Saturday – Memorial Service for DARLENE PICKREL - 2:00 PM - 1st
Presbyterian Church 2002 S. El Camino Real, Oceanside

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Co-President ROGER then proceeded with the **Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests**:

JOHN AULT a visitor from nearby Camp Pendleton is a Navy Chaplain, soon to be promoted to Captain, Senior Chaplain for the First Marine Division.



PP VICKIE PROSSER introduced a guest she met at **PP JIM SCHRODER’S** party KARINA KAMALA.



PP DAVE led us in the welcome song. **PAUL** was overheard to say to guest JOHN AULT, that he likely recognized the tune to the welcome song, but **PAUL** said we should consider “Caissons Go Rolling Along,” **PAUL’S** preference due to his former service.

Co-President PAUL then moved to the detailed list provided him by some unknown scribe to introduce July Birthdays and Anniversaries.

BIRTHDAYS:

PP JAY CRAWFORD complained that “I’m not that rich” when asked how happy he was to have a birthday this month, but he said he’ll pledge \$89 for his 89th birthday, if he has any money left after his upcoming trip to Montana. Congratulations to being 89 years young and still taking road trips!



MIKE WESELOH went along with the one dollar per year plan and pledged \$72 for his birthday this month.

ANNIVERSARIES:

DARREL LARSON was \$42 happy for his 42-year anniversary. **DARREL** also joined Oceanside Rotary three years ago this month, so he said he’ll round up to \$50 total to cover his club anniversary, too.



PP/P AG TERRI HALL chimed in that since they were gone last month the club missed out on their anniversary, one that has the possibility of raising a few big bucks so she pledged \$57 for their 57 years of wedded bliss. **PP DAVE HALL** said he’ll match her pledge for another \$57. Who said it wasn’t a good idea to have a married couple join the Club? Fortunately for the club’s budget, that long ago stricture is no longer!



HAPPY DOLLARS



ANCHISA FARRANT was \$5 happy to report that she’s going on a trip to Alaska. She also presented a plant arrangement to **Co-President ROGER VANDERWERKEN** to celebrate his becoming our Co-Leader. The plant was arranged in a box which had been hand painted with beautiful ocean scenes by her honey **RON MARBEN**. **ANCHISA** remarked that **RON** would be available to commission these awesome planters.



PP JAY CRAWFORD was \$10 happy to announce that he will be leaving on a trip to Montana to visit his new great-granddaughter. She's a brand-new preemie, but doing fine.



PP TERRI HALL was \$10 happy to report she and **DAVE** went on a road trip to Truckee, CA to visit their son and his family, celebrating multiple birthdays: **JASON'S** 54th, grandson **SEBASTIAN'S** 23rd, grandson **JULIAN'S** 20th and Father's Day all in the same weekend! See Rotarian's Out and About below for photos!



ANNE SPERAW was \$5 happy that she has visitors: three kids, four grandchildren, and one grand dog!

LYN CORDER was \$5 happy to report she will be visiting family at Lake Michigan.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING INCENTIVE: For those wearing a Rotary Pin (not just a patch or shirt insignia), they were given an "extra" ticket to go along with an already purchased ticket. For future meetings, wear your pin and if you contribute to the opportunity drawing, you can get an extra ticket!



PROGRAM

RENEE introduced Oceanside Rotary Member and Red Badger **CARRIE CHACON**, our speaker.



CARRIE shared the story of the not-for-profit organization, Real Hearts Give (RHG,) started by she and husband, **ARMANDO**. The Mission: To lift the spirits of underserved youth in San Diego, helping them thrive academically, physically, and emotionally. RHG gives back to the local youth community through academic, athletic, artistic, and well-being scholarships.

CARRIE told her story:

"RHG began from a desire to help one young man be able to wrestle on his high school team. Both my husband and I were high school athletes, and we

found solace, release, acceptance, and great joy in our high school athletics. As high school athletes, neither one of us thought twice about needing new cleats for soccer, new spikes for track, or new gear for football because we knew those needs would be met.

When our own kids began participating in school sports, they told us about their friends' struggles to buy necessary sports' gear. We were moved to do what we could to help these kids. Therefore, we purchased a gift card from a local sporting goods store and gave it to the athletic director. However, we realized the need was larger than a gift card, and we wanted to do more.

We sat down and talked about finding a way to reach more kids. We wanted to work with athletic directors who knew kids that need that 'one thing' to get them in the game. From there Real Hearts Give was born.

We are in the early stages of our vision, just acquiring our 501c3 status this year. We are excited to get to fundraising and making the difference we know we can make in the lives of the youth in our community, in your community.

RHG seeks to Identify youth in need of sports equipment, art supplies, or other needs for their participation in extracurricular enrichment activities. We partner with local community partners, school districts, and more!

Connect with donors who care about giving back to the future of our community - our youth! And help enable these young minds to thrive academically, physically, and emotionally. RHG gives back to local youth through academic, athletic, artistic, and well-being scholarships. Sponsorships range between \$100 - \$3,000. Small gifts, make a big impact! We engage in education to raise awareness for the need of additional financial support for youth who fly just under the radar and need a little extra boost of support to participate in extra-curricular activities that can be transformative for their lives!

You can also find a list of upcoming events on the website <https://www.realheartsgive.org/events>”

CARRIE also spoke on another of her ventures, Marcella's Moving Services, a service which specializes in making moves to senior living after a lifetime in one place easier and more successful. She works with facilities and family members to make the experience trouble free for all involved. Services include space planning, packing, unpacking, and set up. If anyone was to have such a need for a parent or relative or even yourself, this service would be ideal. Check it out here: www.marcellasmovingservices.com



CARRIE was thanked and received a beautiful plant from the Club via **ANCHISA'S** green thumb and **RON'S** planter design artistry.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING –\$1,000.00 Drawing: Find the JOKER! Alas, **CO-P ROGER** had the winning number but drew the seven of spades, not the joker. He generously donated his winnings back to the Club.



Adjournment, 1:30 p.m.

OCEANSIDE MUSEUM OF ART EVENT

The Oceanside Museum of Art invited the Oceanside Rotary Club to a Donor thank you dinner on Saturday July 26, 2025. The Oceanside Rotary Foundation has donated \$15,000 dollars over the last three years. The elegant dinner was served on the outside terrace. The OMA honored several community members with awards for their contributions to the museum.

We ran into these two love birds, **ED PARISH** and **ANNE SPERAW**. Also pictured is **RENEE RICHARDSON** with Ariel Reyes Chief Executive Officer with the Women's Resource Center. **RENEE** confesses to being “guilty of shamefully trying to recruiting a new member!” It was a beautiful event!



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Past President TOM BRAULT has basically relocated to the Northwoods of Wisconsin for the bulk of July and August, staying at the family cottage to be supportive of his almost 95-year-old mom who just loves her time looking at the lake and reveling in the beautiful scenery up there. While there, TOM has handled a few handyman projects, like installing safety bars in the shower, repairing a chronically leaky kitchen faucet, and trimming and hauling a literal trailer full of tree branches which had been intruding on mom's view of the lake. But there has been plenty of time for fun, too, as well as an unforgettable "Christmas in July" extended family reunion in southern Wisconsin with 57 of his favorite people (including all of his living aunts and uncle) gathering together to share stories and memories. All in all, a great summer so far!



Three Rotarians with season tickets for many years to the STAR Theater were surprised to look at the seat next to them and see a fellow Rotarian! DAVE and TERRI HALL for the first time were seated next to VICKIE PROSSER and her daughter LAURA! We all saw Pippin for the first time, which was a sort of weird musical but enjoyable!



As we mentioned above, DAVE and TERRI HALL were in Truckee for birthdays and Father's Day visiting their son JASON and his family. And they spent actual Father's Day with their daughter JULIE PEREZ at Broadway San Diego!



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