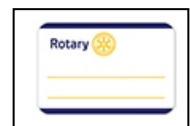


March 18, 2016

It was nice to see our meeting room so full as folks from the Fallbrook Rotary Club joined us for the annual Military Awards program.

Each year, the event alternates between the Fallbrook and Oceanside Clubs.

We're not sure that everyone signed in, but we counted at least 15 Fallbrook folk in attendance. Sincere thanks to PP VICKIE PROSSER for going from table to table to try to get down as many names as possible.



President JAY CRAWFORD called the meeting to order at exactly 12:30 p.m. He used a slender and gorgeously multi-colored (but mostly pink) six-inch hammer which he said his wife (Anita Romaine) uses to hang pictures.

Why the teeny tool, you might ask? ... Jay is still missing his gavel despite having had it in a holster for "safe keeping" which Anita made for him.

ROTARY MOMENT: PP JIM SCHRODER literally saw the writing on the wall for his Rotary Moment. It was from his trip to the Middle East last fall. Jim's visit included Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and the Yemen border, and on that trip he spotted a Seth Godin quote in English on a wall in the town of Salalah, Oman:



“I learned that a long walk and calm conversation are an incredible combination if you want to build a bridge.”



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PP TOM BRAULT led us in the pledge.

SONGS: PP BILL DERN had placed the words to the anthems of all four branches of the military on our tables, but we sang only two: the Navy and Marine Corps' songs. Bill told us that the Navy march originally was written by a midshipman in 1906 just before an Army-Navy football game and was revised in 1929.



For the next song, Bill recalled that the late PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR RANDY MITCHELL, “a Marine through and through,” always wanted to hear the third verse sung. Therefore, we sang the first, the familiar “From the Hall of Montezuma...” and then sang the third verse:

*Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve.
If the **Army** and the **Navy**
Ever look on Heaven's scenes,
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines.*

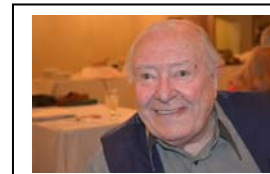


ANNOUNCEMENTS: PRESIDENT-ELECT and PP RENEE RICHARDSON, joking that she's taking the post again “because I did not get it right 22 years ago,” asked us to keep member CHARLES ADAMS in our thoughts. Renee noted the effect of exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War and said that Charles has been diagnosed with cancer related to Agent Orange.



Renee then made the introductions. She introduced Fallbrook Club President Rex Bright, and then members of the Fallbrook Club (we'll give as many names as we were able to collect at the end of this Shorelines) stood up to receive a rousing round of applause for the whole group.

Also, Renee introduced other guests scattered around the room: former members RUDY VAN HUNNICK and BRUCE DE SOTO, “permanent” visitor DR. TOM CURTIN and GARY HOLT, who has been visiting us for the past couple of months from the Rotary Club of Dartmouth East, Nova Scotia. Gary said this would be his last meeting with us, as he will be returning to Canada at the end of the month.



Renee also reminded people about the District Assembly which was held on Saturday. The day started by meeting up at the park-and-ride at 7 a.m. She noted that “somebody” had the wrong date on his calendar and had been waiting there the *previous* Saturday. Although this “somebody” wasn't named, Bill Dern was observed reddening a bit at this disclosure.

PROGRAM: President Jay handed over the military introductions to former naval officer DAVID NYDEGGER, who said it's always a great opportunity for Rotary Clubs to recognize the men and women who serve our country.



Dave said the awards will honor exemplary individuals from three different commands at Camp Pendleton.

He noted that some of the honorees carried the title GSM1 and said “I had no idea what GSM meant.” Dave learned it stands for Gas Systems Mechanic.

His first award went to GSM1 Michael Pfaus, outstanding sea sailor of the year. Dave said it is significant that Pfaus is a “plank sailor” – on the ship's crew at its launching. Pfaus serves aboard a hovercraft. Nydegger said there are 29 such craft aboard Pendleton and “you see them out there in the ocean sometimes.” He noted that Pfaus has received a Navy Achievement Medal and has an associate degree in applied sciences.



The second award went GSM1 Evan Vantine, shore sailor of the year. Dave noted that he too has received the Navy Achievement Award - something that Nydegger said he failed to receive in 14 years in the Navy.

Vantine is in Maine and could not attend this meeting, so his plaque was accepted on his behalf by Senior Chief Dan Zwisler.



PP DAVID HALL (a.k.a. “The Other Dave”) presented the next two awards. The first was to Cpl. Keith L. Richardson III, outstanding color guard of the quarter and an air-traffic controller, and the second went to Cpl. Israel Fowler, outstanding Marine of the quarter and a “bulk fuel specialist.”

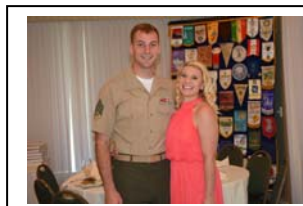


President Jay introduced the remaining honorees – from Security and Emergency Services. They are

Sgt. Garret T. Pummel, outstanding non-commissioned officer of the quarter, and NCO David S. Perez Sosa, Marine of the quarter.



Pummel was accompanied by his wife, Victoria, and Perez Soza by his wife, Yulika, and toddler daughter, Cristabelle.



Jay said that Pummel joined the Marine Corps in 2011, graduated from a military police course and deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, during Operation Enduring Freedom. There, he assisted then-U.S. Ambassador James Cunningham and then-Afghan President Hamid Karzai. As a squad leader, he headed the training of 15 Marines in martial arts. He was an international Taser instructor and holds Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and good-conduct medals.

Besides his Marine Corps duties, Perez Soza has found time to umpire Little League baseball and head its Oceanside division. His current job involves processes for 700 Marines and civilians. He supports the commanding officer in legal proceedings.

There was momentary confusion about whether a group photo should be taken right then or “after the meeting.” President Jay, thinking there might be an opportunity drawing – there was none – was a bit confused about when exactly to close the meeting, but he did so at 1 p.m. with his little hammer.

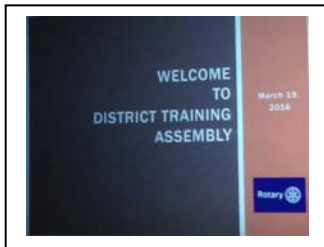
As promised, here are the names we are able to gather of the Fallbrook club members:

Besides Rex Bright, the president, they are Stephen Abbott, Dave and Marilee Breeding, Ron Kennedy, Bob Franz, Anne Klentz, Connie Fish, Jeff Johnson, Tony O'Brien, Jerry Burke, Walt Perry, Phil Forbes, Lynn Sheffer and Michael Allen.



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Our PE RENEE RICHARDSON forwarded a few photos taken by ANCHISA FARRANT at the District Assembly on March 19th. Two of the pictures are literally screenshots of parts of the presentation that day: 1) Welcoming one-and-all to the District Assembly; and 2) Rejoicing in the successes of the Polio Plus project. But our favorite photo of the whole bunch was the snapshot of the snappy group of dedicated Rotarians who showed up to represent Oceanside Rotary at this Assembly: JIM SCHRODER, RENEE RICHARDSON, MIKE CURTIN, ANCHISA FARRANT, BILL DERN and CHUCK WARD.



A big THANK YOU to all of these dedicated Rotarians for attending and learning even more about the inner workings of Rotary!



COMING UP AT OCEANSIDE ROTARY

March 25 – DARK for Good Friday

April 1 – DAVID NYDEGGER, “Who am I’s and other Fun Stuff!” - (No fooling!)
Reporter: TOM BRAULT

April 8 – TBA
Reporter: TERRI HALL

April 15 – COLLEEN FOSTER, City of Oceanside on “Green Oceanside”
Reporter: JANET LACY

April 22 – DARK for Rotarians at Work weekend

Saturday, April 23 – Rotarians at Work project and BBQ at Heritage Park

April 29 – DAVE STEWART, Genentech
Reporter: BILL DERN