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The very first maiden voyage for our brand new **PREZIDENT JAY CRAWFORD** set sail with the meeting commencing at precisely 12:29 PM. As he rang the bell, all of **PREZIDENT JAY'S** fellow Rotarians quickly and automatically exited the room. This traditional exodus from the meeting made us all feel very clever indeed that we were leaving our Fearless New Leader alone in the conference room. What we did not know until we returned was that, while we were gone, our Fearless Leader **PREZ. JAY**, had donned a glorified Burger King whopper hat as his crown, accompanied by a shimmering gold cape. Within those few seconds of our absence, our fearless leader, **PREZ. JAY** had become **KING JAY** and raised, as his very own scepter, the precious President's Gavel. Not only did he wave his priceless President's Gavel at his subjects, he showed off an incredibly smart "holster" that his wife **ANITA** made that fit around his hips to secure and house the coveted gavel. It will not be easy for the infamous gavel snatcher to pinch this **KING'S** secured mallet. We all burst out in laughter and applause. Then our Fearless Leader announced that he expected this year to bring an El Niño, in honor of his "reign" as president. Ouch!

JIM SCHRODER was brought up to give us a moment of inspiration. He shared with us his respect for our KING JAY, and in honor of KING JAY'S musical skills of playing the guitar as well as writing his own songs, JIM shared with us some of the "Oldies But Goodies" music that had been revised to recognize the ever aging baby boomers (or was that baby bummers opined TOM BRAULT later in the meeting?). Those new song titles included: Johnny Nash singing "I Can't See Clearly Now"; Paul Simon crooning "Fifty Ways To Lose Your Liver"; The Commodores' rendition of "Once, Twice, Three Times To The Bathroom"; Leo Sayer singing "You Make Me Feel Like Napping"; The Temptations with "Papa's Got A Kidney Stone"; and Abba featuring "Denture Queen." Herman's Hermits rendition of "Mrs. Brown, You've Got A Lovely Walker"; Ringo Starr singing "I Get By With A Little Help From Depends"; the BeeGees favorite "How Can You Mend a Broken Hip?"; Roberta Flack singing "The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face"; Helen Reddy with "I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore"; Leslie Gore with "It's My Hormones and I'll Cry If I Want To"; and JIM SCHRODER'S personal favorite which is Willie Nelson singing "On the Commode Again". Thank you JIM for this truly inspirational moment!

CHUCK WARD led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by VICKIE PROSSER who served as our esteemed Song Meister. VICKIE shared with us that she had printed out the lyrics for her very own song which she had created for our KING JAY, but the copies were left sitting on her desk at work! Uh oh!!! OOOPS! She promised to bring it to the next meeting when KING JAY would be present - and then led us in the songs "Smile" followed by another old favorite, "God Bless America". As we started the second song, our beloved CHARLES ADAMS stood in the doorway and was introduced, to an outburst of applause for his appearance. CHARLES did not stay, as he was on his way to physical therapy - but it was WONDERFUL to see him again and we all wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his return to the club.

RENEE RICHARDSON came up to provide Club Updates, and the introductions of visiting Rotarians and guests, and was recognized as the "Acting President Elect" (inasmuch as we do not have a <u>real</u> President Elect yet) to conduct this most important exercise. Those updates and introductions included the following information:

- Away meeting Heritage Park on July 31. Please plan on joining us for a picnic at Heritage Park and learn more about the plans to update the Blade Building. **RENEE** needs us all to sign up so that she can get a head count for food and drinks. The cost remains \$20.
- RENEE then invited MICHAEL CURTIN to introduce a VERY SPECIAL visiting Rotarian who was visiting us all the way from Madrid, Spain. MICHAEL explained that JOSE DOMINGO GOMEZ CASTALLO is a member of the ZURBARAN ROTARY CLUB in Madrid, Spain, and that JOSE DOMINGO was the host father 2 years ago for our International Scholar Exchange Student MADISON DEARIE as she studied abroad. More about this special guest and his club later! KING JAY then introduced his FAR BETTER HALF, wife ANITA. We all are beginning to see who is the real inspiration behind our very smart selection of KING JAY as our new Fearless Leader.

VICKIE PROSSER, Song Meister Extraordinaire, then led us in the Welcome Song, followed by an extremely long and somewhat isolated clapping fest led by (and consisting solely of) that rebellious team of CHUCK WARD and that constant rebel and non-conformist BOB PICKREL

For further announcements, **KING JAY** imitated the iconic voice of Ed Sullivan (no doubt only appreciated by us oldies), as he acknowledged the following July Birthdays and Anniversaries of Rotary membership: **TOM BRAULT**, whose birthdate is July 7, and to whom **KING JAY** offered the opportunity to be Happy for his "39" years of birth, to which **TOM** replied that it was "39 years plus" but he was too old to remember exactly how many more years to include in that "plus", but who was \$20 Happy for the recognition nonetheless. **MIKE WESELOH** was not present - but I am sure we will get you next time! **KING JAY** had his own royal July birthday, announcing that he was born before World War II (although a disrespectful heckler in the audience asked "You were born before WHICH World War??") When our beloved **DEAN ANDERSEN** (thank you so much for coming back to us **DEAN!!!**) was asked what was his Rotary Anniversary date, to the amazement of everyone, **DEAN** gave the exact date of June 27, and then whined about the fact that although he had been in Rotary before, when you leave Rotary and come back you apparently have to start all over with your years of membership and

anniversary date, so his "official" year anniversary was a mere 3 years, so accordingly **DEAN** gave just \$3 in acknowledgment of this artificially-less-than-momentous occasion.

KING JAY was going to congratulate LARRY HATTER for receiving the MARTY SCHRODER award at the HAS BEEN WE'RE OVER HIM FORMER IMMEDIATE PAST PREZ. DAVE HALL'S demotion dinner, but once again our dear LARRY was MIA, and we had to forego celebrating this great honor until LARRY (hopefully) shows up for the NEXT meeting.

KING JAY then brought up our Spanish visiting dignitary JOSE DOMINGO GOMEZ CASTALLO, representing the MADRID ZURBARAN ROTARY CLUB, and who had served as the host father for MADISON DEARIE who was a Rotary International Scholar 2 years ago to exchange club banners. Now, JOSE is staying with MADISON in Oceanside, which JOSE stated was representative of the long-lasting ties and of the valuable importance of the Rotary Exchange program as a whole, and the good will that Rotary creates around the world. **JOSE** indicated that there are several Rotary Clubs in Spain which work on projects to support not only Spain, but Kenya, and Ecuador, and many other countries throughout the world. JOSE'S club has approximately 30 members, consisting mainly of young members, with several of their Presidents having been women. (Go Madrid Zurbaran Rotary Club!) JOSE further acknowledged that "some of the best Rotary Presidents have been women" to which a rude and uninformed man in the audience responded "All of our club's best Rotary Presidents have been men!" to the laughter of all. **JOSE** indicated that he had been the second President of his Rotary Club since it was founded, and, as previously indicated, he is extremely active in promoting the International Exchange Program. JOSE closed with sharing that MADISON would be returning to Spain at the end of this summer to study in a Spanish University. He thanked us for the opportunity to speak to our club, and urged us to "Keep on singing!"

HAPPY DOLLARS started with HAS BEEN WE'RE OVER HIM FORMER IMMEDIATE PAST PREZ. DAVE HALL who was \$5 Happy to share that his wife (also a HAS BEEN WE'RE OVER HER FORMER PAST PRESIDENT) TERRI was at the beach with the grandkids and he was extremely Happy to be at our meeting instead of having to tag along on that outing! DAVE also shared that he was really glad that KING JAY'S wife ANITA had developed a newfound commitment to safeguarding KING JAY'S gavel by crafting the Velcro holster. Here is the background on THAT story: Apparently after the Demotion Dinner KING JAY'S gavel had somehow found its way into a toilet in the women's restroom (HEY - I just report this stuff - I don't make it up). In recognition of this calamity, **DAVE** presented **KING JAY** with a package of Handi Wipes in order to ensure the sanitary cleanliness of the almighty President's gavel. ERNIE MASCITTI was \$5 grateful for JIM SCHRODER making his lovely home available for the July 3rd Rotary Fireworks Party. Please note, that throughout the beginning of the meeting the photos of the July 3rd Rotary Fireworks Party at JIM'S gorgeous home were shown as a slide show on the projector screen. They showed pictures of the great food and fine company and the spectacular view from JIM'S hilltop hacienda. Thank you JIM! Proud Papa TOM BRAULT was \$5 Happy to share that he, and his wife LINDA, and daughter GERILYN had just spent 5 days in Seattle, Washington, to tour the city inasmuch as GERILYN is thinking of locating there after she has completed her Masters Degree in Theater. Good job TOM and LINDA! CHUCK WARD was \$10 Happy, which represented \$5 for his recognition for KING JAY'S new gold lamé cape and velcro gavel holster, and yet he shared that he was confused over how to

address His Majesty, our new leader. The other \$5 was to give a plug for the FEAST celebration at Old Mission San Luis Rey on Wednesday, July 15th from 6pm until 9pm. There will be Wine, Beer, Spirits & Food Tasting at this Fundraiser Benefiting Local Charities. He urged all to join us Behind the Gates at Old Mission San Luis Rey where we can enjoy live music as we stroll through the private gardens and participate in the large silent auction and raffle with fabulous items from our local businesses and friends to support our beneficiaries. When you purchase a ticket to this event, please select Oceanside Rotary Club! There are a number of 501(c)3 organizations listed, and the organization you select will receive money for each ticket you purchase. Go to: https://mslrfeast.com/product/admissions-support-the-oceanside-rotery-club/ to order tickets! (Yes, we know that "rotary" is misspelld on the webpage link, but what the heck!) For more information on the event, go to the Event Website: www.sanluisrey.org/events or http://mslrfeast.com/beneficiaries/ CHUCK urged us all to donate an auction item. Please let CHUCK know about your prize by calling him at: (760) 757-5033. Then you can either drop it off at CHUCK'S place of business, Oceanside Abbey Carpet & Floor, 4001 Avenida De La Plata, Oceanside, CA 92056, or bring the item to the event (early if possible). Silent Auction items are particularly important, because 100% of the money brought in on these prizes go straight to the organization that puts the items up for grabs.

CHUCK needs volunteers to serve short shifts at the event between 3pm to 10 pm, and sign up lists were passed around. GORDY WITZ was \$5 Happy to share that he had made posters to support the FEAST and if you are interested in obtaining a poster to advertise the event at your business, contact him at (760) 966-3647 extension 145, or gawitz@aol.com. VICKIE PROSSER was \$5 Happy to announce that she and ANCHISA FARRANT would be attending a Rotary Youth Exchange MusiCamp / San Diego Youth Symphony Concert at the Escondido Center of the Arts on July 25, and would love to have company for that concert. Also that there was a reception for the event on Saturday July 11 for those who wanted to attend. (See the District website at: http://rotary5340.org/ for details.)

To wrap up our Happy Dollars, **MIKE CURTIN** was \$5 Happy to finally get to meet our visiting Rotarian from Spain **JOSE DOMINGO GOMEZ CASTALLO**.

KING JAY then took royal command of the Club Assembly for the meeting and shared that he had been part of Rotary Clubs in Corpus Christi, Texas, and Missoula, Montana, and that one of the key elements of success of any Rotary Club was to Volunteer. KING JAY thanked us for our participation in making last year a success and for all who stepped up and said yes to our youth programs, and came and helped out at Rotarians at Work, and supported our fundraising events, and did your part in serving on our various committees. KING JAY recognized TOM BRAULT for again agreeing to be the editor of shorelines and to assemble a team of reporters for the year. He thanked ANCHISA as the club photographer, with occasional help coming from VICKIE PROSSER and JIM SCHRODER. NANCY RUSSIAN shall continue to help us publish our Shorelines with the help of DAVE HALL. LARRY HATTER has already begun his planning for our youth development program, lining up events for middle school kids from Crown Heights to enjoy outings with Rotarian chaperones as we did last year. CHUCK WARD has opened up a new opportunity at the Mission with the upcoming FEAST and we will hopefully grow that new venture into a premier fundraising event for years to come. JOHN MCMAHAN has worked hard these past several years to keep the golf tournament alive, providing much-needed funds for

various projects. Thanks to those of you who have agreed to help on the Programs Committee to take a month during the year to arrange programs for our meetings... We already have nine members who will help: MIKE CURTIN, GARY ERNST, DAVE HALL, LARRY HATTER, JOHN MCMAHAN, DAVID NYDEGGER, VICKIE PROSSER, NANCY RUSSIAN, and JIM SCHRODER.

The Board of Directors have decided to take on a new direction with Rotarians at Work. We will be concentrating on a year long project beginning this year and finishing off in April 2016 at Heritage Park. Renee Richardson will be coordinating the efforts this year. The Blade Building will be the Focus, so plan on coming to our July 31 picnic at Heritage Park for our outdoor lunch meeting to learn about that project. We will have a walk-through tour of the Blade Building with volunteer **TERRI LARSON** explaining her vision for fixing up the old historic newspaper building. **BILL DERN** continues to make sure that we are up to date on our Rotary International commitments, and he also tracks our luncheon arrangement with El Camino Country Club, while always trying to keep our costs down. **MIKE CURTIN** has taken on being the Sgt. at Arms since **DAVID NYDEGGER** is unable to continue with that responsibility. Big thanks to you, **MIKE! RENEE RICHARDSON** has agreed to step in as Membership Chair to meet our obligation to International. **RENEE** and **LES NEWQUIST** are up at the front desk managing the essential details of our club, and keeping us current, and getting the word out about our events. Thank you both!

KING JAY then circulated a sign-up sheet and urges us all to join in and help the club. As he reminded us, in a club with such a limited number of members, pretty much EVERYBODY has to commit to doing SOMETHING in order to keep the Oceanside Rotary engine rolling along.

KING JAY then presented a wonderful slide show that he had created "all by himself" on his laptop computer that featured various photos of the events that have occurred during 2014 and 2015. The slide show included photos of Rotarians at Work, Youth Service activities, including the June 27, 2015 parade that was joined by the winning Crown Heights Soccer Team that we supported. Photos also included the North County Lifeline agency that houses one of our darling little free library book containers, along with another photo of a couple who put a free library book container in front of their home in South O. Another photo included our kids from Crown Heights attending the Mira Costa Jazz Festival followed by a dinner at the Jolly Roger. Rotary Social Events pictured the picnic hosted by DAVE and TERRI at their home, as well as the HALL'S Christmas Ugly Sweater Party and of course the July 3, 2015 pictures at JIM SCHRODER'S house for fireworks.

KING JAY then proceeded to give us a "Good, Bad, and Ugly" test, warning us that if we fail in answering the questions correctly, that he would be asking for a "Fistful of Dollars" from each failing table... He told us that we needed to get ready to "Make Our Day!" **TOM BRAULT** quipped as a followup, "The real question is, "Do you feel lucky, punk?" And Lucky we were! One by one, each table was successful in answering the following questions:

Who is the new Rotary International president? This answer was provided by **MIKE CURTIN** who actually knew that **RAVI RAVINDRAN** from Sri Lanka is our new International President.

The second question was "Who is our new District Governor? That answer is **JANICE KURTH** and was eventually found and reported by **DEAN ANDERSEN** with a little help from his accessing the Internet on his cellphone. When **DEAN** was confronted by someone who accused him of cheating, **DEAN** responded that he "was not cheating, he was taking advantage of today's technology."

At table 3, **CHUCK WARD** was successful in reciting the Rotary Four-Way Test and **ANCHISA** was able to answer the question as to when our club was founded, with the answer being in 1924. **KING JAY** presented us with a power point slide that described the object of Rotary, which is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of a worthy enterprise, and much more.

As each table successfully answered the questions, **HIS MAJESTY KING JAY** rewarded us with "fine (Gallo) wine" small four packs and various treats from Trader Joe's including "72% Dark Chocolate bars", Almond Toffee bars and Power Berries. **KING JAY** shared with us that this year's Rotary Theme is "Be A Gift To The World" which somehow set off **DEAN ANDERSEN** to announce that he was making himself as a gift to the world by being the only one to sign up for the Rotary Social Committee and he challenged the club to find someone else to join him in being a gift to the world by signing up to serve along with him. Our very own **RENEE RICHARDSON** stepped up to the plate, much to the delight of **DEAN**, who now had someone else to share with in this gift to the world... This author will refrain from making a joke about the common practice of "re-gifting" when you are presented with a gift that you perceive as being useless or lacking in value and pass that gift on to someone else (Ha! I am only kidding Dearest **DEAN** – Your plea was so eloquent that I will offer to join you and **RENEE** on the Social Committee if you'll have me, and the three of us can be gifts to the world together!).

As **DEAN** made his "gift" announcement, **CHUCK WARD** opened his red bottle of Gallo wine that he received in the "Good Bad and Ugly" contest and took a slug of it and pronounced that it was "delicious" and commented on what a great President we had.

Our Opportunity drawing saw **ANCHISA** drawing a 10 of spades and winning \$10, instead of the \$87 jackpot. **KING JAY** then indicated that he was leaving the meeting to pick up his grandson who was at a lazar camp and that he was sure that his grandson would be really wired and bouncing off of the walls when they picked him up. **KING JAY** then joked with his wife **ANITA** by asking her "did you bring the medication" (to calm down the grandchild) to which clever **ANITA** responded, "you gave it all away!" (Referencing the fine (Gallo) wine four packs given to each victorious table in the "Good Bad and Ugly" contest).

The meeting ended about 2 minutes early, with our KING JAY announcing that he and ANITA will be in Montana next week, and that HAS BEEN WE'RE OVER HIM FORMER IMMEDIATE PAST PREZ. DAVE HALL will be running that meeting. All in all, KING JAY can be extremely proud of his very first meeting which was fun, entertaining, well prepared, and flawless in its presentation! (... Well, ALMOST flawless, as he had to be reminded to un-holster his gavel and clang the bell to end the meeting.) Good job YOUR MAJESTY KING JAY!

AS PROMISED, MORE ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF MADRID ZURBARAN

This information forwarded to Shorelines by MIKE CURTIN:

It's the only club in the world that I know of that is named after a famous painter.

Francisco de Zurbarán (November 7, 1598 – August 27, 1664) was a Spanish painter. He is known primarily for his religious paintings depicting monks, nuns, and martyrs, and for his still-lifes. Zurbarán gained the nickname Spanish Caravaggio, owing to the forceful, realistic use of chiaroscuro in which he excelled.

The founding member of the Rotary club was a great fan of the painter, and so named the club after him. And now you know more about the Wide World of Rotary.

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT (Past tense)

We told you in this newsletter that photos from the fun gathering at **JIM SCHRODER's** home for 3rd of July Fireworks viewing were shown at the meeting. Some of them are included here, just in case you missed the party and the meeting! Many thanks, again, to **JIM** for his hospitality and for opening his home to our gang for mingling and munching.

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT (Future tense)

This note is included from our reporter this week, JANET BLEDSOE LACY:

Hello all fellow Rotarians! I will miss the next two meetings because my husband and I will be cruising in the Caribbean on the Royal Caribbean cruise ship Oasis of the Seas departing from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, stopping in Labadee, Haiti; Falmouth, Jamaica; and Cozumel, Mexico. We will be traveling with family, and doing a whole lot of laughing, eating, and imbibing in spirited libations...but never fear - Rotary will constantly be on my mind and I promise to raise more than one glass of wine each day in a toast to our Club!

COMING UP AT OCEANSIDE ROTARY

July 17 – Kathy Kinane – Turkey Trot race

Reporter: Terri Hall

July 24 – Gary Shepard, CBS News correspondent on "Global situations that now confront the world"

Reporter: Dave Shore

July 31 – Away Meeting at Heritage Park

Reporter: Dave Hall

August 7 – TBA

Reporter: Mike Curtin

August 14 – TBA Reporter: Pam Myers



