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OCEANSIDE ROTARY SHORELINES

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OPENING

President DAVE HALL welcomed club members and guests at the appointed hour.



Immediately thereafter, President DAVE asked this reporter to come up for the Rotary Moment. Last week was a rare occasion in that I did not attend our Rotary meeting, as I was on the deck of the Midway for a Naval Retirement Ceremony. The Ceremony was for David Dearie, youngest son of Dave Dearie, who was a longtime banker in Oceanside known to many members. So the recitation of “The Watch” was traditional for retiring Command Master Chief Dearie. I have always found that passage inspirational and so that is what I chose to share for this week’s Rotary Moment.



“The Watch”

Aye mates...For thirty years
This sailor has stood the watch

While some of us were in our bunks at night
This sailor stood the watch

While some of us were in school learning our trade
This sailor stood the watch...and,

Yes...even before some of us were born into this world
This sailor stood the watch

In those years when the storm clouds of war were seen brewing on the horizon of history
This sailor stood the watch

Many times he would cast an eye ashore and see his family standing there
Needing his guidance and help
Needing that hand to hold during those hard times
But he still stood the watch

For thirty years Master Chief Dearie
Has stood the watch so that we, our families and
Our fellow countrymen could sleep soundly in safety, Each and every night
Knowing that **this sailor stood the watch**

Today we are here to say
'Shipmate... the watch stands relieved
Relieved by those you have trained, guided, and led
Master Chief, you stand relieved...**we have the watch...**"

"Boatswain...Standby to pipe the side...Shipmate's going Ashore.."



DUANE COLEMAN made a rare appearance so he was given the task of leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PP VICKIE PROSSER was called up for Songmeister duty and led us in rousing renditions of "God Bless America" and "Smile."



CLUB UPDATES

President-Elect JAY CRAWFORD was then called to the lectern to give us the “What’s Going Down” in our Rotary world.

- Rotarians at Work - Saturday, April 25th – Balderrama Park (709 San Diego St, Oceanside) 8:30 AM start. We are assisting the East Side Neighborhood Association to put on The Day of the Child....El Dia Del Nino Community Celebration.
- Next Friday April 24th our meeting will be DARK.
- You do not want to miss listening to our 4-Way Test Speech finalists. The event will be at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido on April 28th from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Tickets are only \$44.00. Register at the District Web Site.
- Our next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 1st. Our guest speaker will be Steve Bessant-Principal of Lincoln Middle School.
- And, finally, PE JAY gave a pitch for VICKIE PROSSER’s Oceanside Civitan Bowling Tournament which will be held on Saturday May 2nd starting at 8:45 AM at the Vista Entertainment Center. Proceeds from the entry fees benefit Oceanside Civitan and are \$30 per person, or \$120 per team.

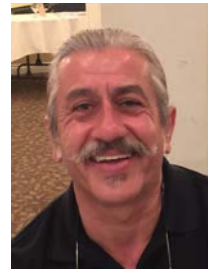


VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS



DAVID NYDEGGER introduced our speaker for today, John Carretti, from Camp Pendleton.

And CHUCK WARD introduced visiting Rotarian from Escondido East Rotary, AMIR IRAVANI.



“LEIS FOR GRADUATES”



President DAVE passed the hat again this week for the “Leis For Graduates” that we have been supporting. The North County Lifeline staff in Crown Heights makes “leis” out of fifty \$1 bills, which are awarded to the students from Crown Heights who graduate from high school. It was reported that we raised \$105 today alone, enough for over 2 of the 17 leis ultimately needed, so THANK YOU everyone for your generosity!

NOT ONE, BUT TWO “2 TRUTHS AND A LIE”



He led with “We’re going to try something new...” and Pres DAVE proceeded to call up PP VICKIE PROSSER to start a game of “2 Truths and a Lie.” Her THREE offerings were:

1. I parasailed over the end of the Oceanside Pier
2. I graduated with a degree in Theater Arts from San Diego College, which later became San Diego State.
3. I didn’t see my father for the first 13 months of my life

After an unusually spirited debate, spearheaded by none other than our prodigal bank manager PP DEAN ANDERSEN, who kept insisting that no infant under 13 months ever actually “saw” their father, it was ultimately disclosed that the lie was #2 - VICKIE did not graduate with a degree in Theater Arts.



Next up in this high stakes game of public knowledge of your life history, PE JAY claimed the following three statements...only 2 of which were true:

1. I have owned 63 vehicles in my life.
2. I have never been fired from a job.
3. I have never been to Disneyland, and I have no interest in going.

PE Jay eventually fessed up to being fired once.....but, for good reason he assured the assembled crowd of skeptics.

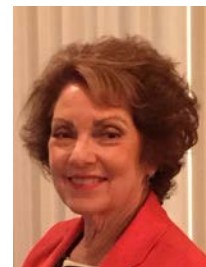


{MANAGING EDITOR’S NOTE: It is a good thing that I was absent from this meeting, for if I had been there to witness JAY professing to have “no interest in going” to Disneyland, I probably would have had a heart attack ... or at least a fainting spell ... from hearing such a shocking statement.}

HAPPY DOLLARS

PP TERRI HALL started us off by being \$4 happy that Rotarians at Work Day started right here in our District and has grown into a national day of service and coincides with Earth Day and community activism to clean up communities. Rotarians should be very proud of this remarkable event!

PE JAY CRAWFORD was \$3 happy because it was the anniversary of his first date with Anita.





This reporter was \$5 happy to have completed the training academy for Carlsbad CERT (Community Emergency Response Team).

CHUCK WARD offered up 10 sad dollars in memory of his 87 years old employee who died the previous week.



THE PROGRAM – JOHN CARETTI, CAMP PENDLETON

Mr. Caretti is the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff G-3/5 Operations, Plans, and Training at Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

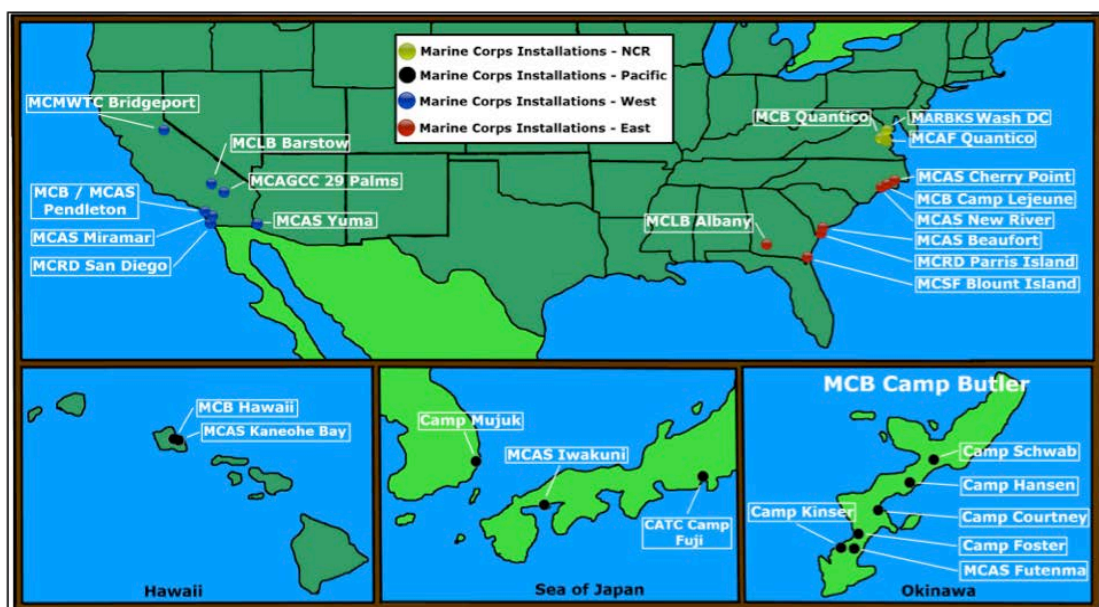
In this present capacity, Mr. Caretti is responsible for a compendium of Operations, Plans, and Training for five USMC military installations in the Southwest United States: MCAS Camp Pendleton, MCAS Miramar, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow CA, and MCAS Yuma, Arizona.



Prior to this most recent assignment, for the last 10 years our speaker had served as Director, Range and Training Area Management Division, Assistant Chief of Staff G-3/5 at Camp Pendleton.

As Mr. Caretti stepped up to the lectern, he noted the presence of Oceanside Rotarian JOHN TODD, who he said had been one of his mentors.

A few years ago, the Marine Corps changed the way they put together installations. There are 5 installations in the West Region, Camp Pendleton is one of the five.



General Banta is both Commander of Camp Pendleton as well as of the Marine Corp Western Region. On Camp Pendleton there are 18 different commands, each headed by a Colonel.

Base Facts and Figures



CAMP PENDLETON

Facilities and Facts



GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- Purchased in 1942 for 4.2 million dollars
- 125,000 acres / 200 square miles**
- 17.5 miles of shoreline
- 530 miles of roads (paved/unimproved)
- 3,119 buildings & structures
- 18 separate cantonment areas**
- Located 42 miles north of San Diego International and 88 miles south of Los Angeles International Airports

BASE POPULATION

- 42,572 Service Members**
- 3,681 (1547) Civilian Federal Government Employees**
- 36,029 Family Members
- 2,311 civilian workers with non-DOD tenant organizations (MCCS-affiliated)
- Over 100,000 registered vehicles and 5,000 motorcycles
- Average Daily Population =Approx 85,000 + Daily Visitors

ON-BASE HOUSING (Married & Single)

- 7,546 units in 21 family housing areas**
- 7,079 families currently living in base housing
- 34,040 2x0 Perm Party & student bed spaces in bachelor billeting
- 25,335 spaces occupied (73% filled bachelor spaces)
- Approximately two-thirds of our married service members live off base

GENERAL FACTS & FIGURES

- 7 Base Entry Gates
- 5 On-Base Public Schools
- Naval Hospital, plus nine branch clinics base-wide**
- 4 Sewage Treatment Plants, 3 Recycling centers
- 11 Fire Stations
- 1 Pre-Trial Confinement Facility
- Domestic Animal Control
- 14 Chapels, 3 Libraries
- 13 Mess Halls, 13 Postal Service centers
- 14 Gyms & Fitness Centers (*including Wounded Warrior specific rehabilitation gym*)
- 3 Marine Corps Exchange complexes
- 18 Mini-Exchange Convenience Stores
- 2 all-rank recreational swimming pools
- 8 Gas Stations, 4 Dry cleaning locations
- 2 Auto Parts Stores and a do-it-yourself auto skills shop
- 20 Fast Food Restaurants (*McDonalds/Subway/Carrows Wendy's/Sonic/etc*)
- 2 Commissary Stores (grocery store services)
- 2 Landfills (*disposing of 35,000 tons of waste per year*)
- Golf Course, Horse Stables, Skeet Range, Paintball Park
- Movie Theater , 24 lane Bowling Alley
- 2 Recreational Beaches & Lake O'Neil (fishing & boating)
- 7 Child Development Centers (*1,100 child capacity*)
- 105 certified Family Child Care Homes

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There are 7 Lines of Operation (LOO)

1. Facilities and Land Management
2. Community Services
3. Installation Protection and Safety
4. Command and Staff Support
5. Information Technology
6. Logistics Support
7. Training and Operations

Of the 125, 000 acres on Camp Pendleton, 15% is built up, and the balance of 85% is used for training and ranges.



CAMP PENDLETON Training Capabilities



Primary Training Organizations: Operating Forces (I MEF), Formal Schools (SOI, FMTB, AAS Bn), Tenant Commands (MARSOC, WFTBn, etc)

- Provide training capacity - I MEF & Tenant Cmds
- Schedule, control and provide 3-D deconfliction
- Support MEB-sized Expeditionary Ops
- Live-fire and maneuver training at MEU / Bn Level
- All organic ground weapons - Marine Division
- Aviation ordnance up to MK82, 500 lbs. bombs
- Support:
 - 51,000 annual training events
 - 25,000 reservists training annually
 - Over 40,000 Marines annual marksmanship
 - Over 35,000 entry-level Marines annually

GROUND

- 31 Training Areas
- 5 Assault Beaches
- 87 Live Fire Ranges
- 14 Impact Areas / 3 for dud producing ordnance
- 51 Artillery Firing Areas
- 13 Live-Fire & Maneuver Areas
- 8 Combat Towns + 7 Urban Training Sites
- 1 Infantry Immersive Trainer

AVIATION

- 10 Parachute Drop Zones
- HOLF, LHA pad, VSTOL pad 1&2, HLZ pad
- 20 Helo Admin LZs
- 23 Helo CAL sites
- 6 Helo TERF Routes
- 3 Primary F/W CAS Routes

AIRSPACE

- R-2503 A, B, C and D Restricted Airspace

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Mr. Caretti summarized his presentation as follows:

- Camp Pendleton is the linchpin entry point connecting sea power with inland force projection while the region supports full-profile exercise capabilities.
- Supports MEB-level landings, MEU Landings, operations, certification, and local amphibious training (AAV/LCAC).
- Supports Joint Force amphibious/ expeditionary operations to include Joint Logistics Over the Sea (JLOTS).
- Capable multi-use training base; limited range for complex live-fire; pre-cursor to 29 Palms/Yuma.
- Constant encroachment challenges.
- As forces return, greater training demands at the home stations to maintain readiness.
- Sustainment of required capabilities will be a fiscal challenge.

Questions

Or comments, in this case.....DAVE NYDEGGER, who introduced the speaker, wanted to point out that Yellowstone National Park covers 2.6 million acres and they only have 6-7 Endangered Species to deal with there. Camp Pendleton, on the other hand, is only 125 thousand acres and they have 17 Endangered Species to deal with.



JOHN TODD asked if the USMC still controlled Bridgeport? The answer was yes, 44 thousand acres are under the control of MCAGCC (Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center) 29 Palms.

PP JIM SCHRODER wondered about a desalination plant at Camp Pendleton. Mr. Caretti replied that there is no current plan, although a feasibility study has been commissioned.

LARRY HATTER inquired about the Vietnamese who had long ago been housed on the base. They've long since been moved but no economic impact data was readily available.

And finally, PP VICKIE PROSSER asked about buffalo on the base. There are apparently more than 300 head of bison now wandering around the interior of Camp Pendleton.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

With \$336 in the pot, this reporter's ticket number was called, so I stepped forward for a shot at the big money. Astonished at the disarray of the normally well-ordered card placement, I honed in on a likely candidate....and drew the Ace of Hearts!

Instantly, the cry from the knowing crowd went up....."IPA NIGHT!!!"



Pres DAVE closed the meeting at some point...I will confess that I don't know what time that was as I was still in shock from the recent windfall, but there were no complaints from the peanut gallery so we must have adjourned on time.

A WARM WELCOME TO A FUTURE ROTARIAN

A very proud Papa BILL DERN sent along this incredibly cute photo of the newest addition to the Dern Clan, along with this succinct, yet sincere note:

“Finally pink in the Dern family.

Born 4-16 to Shaun and Kara

6 lbs 3 oz. all fine.”

Welcome, Alyssa Madeline Dern! And congratulations to GrandPapa Bill!



{Managing Editor's Note: And a special Thank You to Dr. Dern for showing the right way to show the proper respect to all things Disney! – Note the Mickey on his jacket, the “Walt Disney World logo on his hat, and the Huey or Dewey or Louie decal on the wall behind them. I'll bet that BILL (unlike that grumpy stick in the mud JAY) can't wait for his first chance to take his new granddaughter to Disneyland to show her the marvels of the Happiest Place on Earth!}

TIME TO BUY MOONLIGHT TICKETS FOR THE SUMMER

We had taken a survey earlier to gauge interest and pick one of the productions at the Moonlight Amphitheatre's summer season to see together. It was a close vote, but the winner of the polling was “**All Shook Up**”. Here is the show's description:



“The story is all new! The hits are all Elvis! Get ready to shake things up with this hysterical new musical comedy about a guitar-playing, hip-swiveling roustabout who rides into a sleepy town in 1955 determined to help everyone discover the magic and romance of rock and roll. Throw in some mixed-up love stories and whacky Shakespearean gender-bending hijinks and you have a musical that guarantees your entire family will be jumping out of their blue suede shoes!”

If you would like to join in the fun on **FRIDAY, JUNE 12 at 8 pm** please contact TOM BRAULT right away, as he is planning to buy the block of tickets on Friday, May 1 right after our meeting. Reserved tickets will be \$42 each (unless we can manage to reserve 20 or more seats and qualify for the group discount). We will keep up our tradition of sharing desserts at intermission, and sharing dinner before (if available and interested) at Chin's Szechuan Restaurant, and sharing a memorable evening of camaraderie under the stars seeing one of the world class productions, right in our own backyard. CALL OR EMAIL TOM NOW to get your name on the list!

**** DON'T FORGET WE ARE DARK THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 24 ****

**** SPECIAL REMINDER ABOUT ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY ****

Our “R@W” Chair GARY ERNST is encouraging us all to “Bring your kids, significant others, etc ... Wear your R@W Day shirts ... And be at Balderrama Park by 8:30 am on Saturday.”

We had originally thought that we might have been able to schedule shifts of workers, but we didn't get quite enough volunteers signed up to make that a reality. So it is important that everyone shows up at 8:30 am SHARP to get instructions and their assignment(s) for the day so we can make sure that all of the manpower needs of the event are being properly planned for. And besides, you'll want to be there right at 8:30 am so you can have a better selection of donuts to choose from!

Hope to see you bright and early on Saturday!

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Oceanside Rotarians surely do get around, and we have photographic evidence of their gallivanting!

First up, JIM SCHRODER was spotted volunteering at the Oceanside Business Expo 2015 (a Chamber of Commerce trade show event) on April 16. Manning a booth highlighting Oceanside's Economic Development were JIM, Mayor Jim Wood, Patricia Mosher, and a representative from the Oceanside Library.



TOM and LINDA BRAULT spent a picture perfect weekend getaway at Yosemite National Park, including spending a romantic overnight stay at the historic Ahwanee Hotel.



Reminder: As we get closer to the classic summer season of travel and adventure, don't forget that your fellow Rotarians are looking forward to seeing photos of YOUR exploits on the road, so submit your pictures and descriptions to Shorelines Editor TOM BRAULT so you, too, can be included in this recurring feature in a future newsletter.



COMING UP AT OCEANSIDE ROTARY

April 24 – DARK for Rotarians at Work Day on Saturday

April 25 – Rotarians at Work Day – 8:30 am - ??

Joe Balderrama Park. 709 San Diego Street, Oceanside

May 1 – Steve Bessant – Principal of Lincoln Middle School

Reporter: Tom Brault

May 8 – Chris Cochran – Stone Brewing Company

Reporter: Jay Crawford

May 15 - Mark Baird – Veteran Outreach Program

Reporter: Terri Hall

May 22 – DARK for Memorial Day