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ROTARY CLUB OF  
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**SHORELINES**

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President RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. sharp with not one, not two, not three, but four gongs with the gong that was a gift from visiting Rotary elect Governors from Thailand several years ago. We have to get that thing. It is driving us crazy. What the heck happened to the Oceanside Rotary Bell that this club opened its meetings for almost 70 years?

President RENEE then explained that in Thailand, the President and the Secretary share the responsibility of opening the meetings. “Well, duh!” RENEE remarked. “The same thing happens here now!”

SONGMEISTER Past President JAY CRAWFORD led us in a song that he wrote during his year as President of the Oceanside Rotary Club. *Oceanside, My Oceanside*. The words are sung to the tune of *Oh, Christmas Tree*.

*“Oceanside, My Oceanside with the Hills of green and the beaches wide.  
You’ve got the pier... the Harbor, too and Mission Bells ring out for you. Out in  
the surf, the dolphins glide and dreams come true in Oceanside.”*

Next we sang *God Bless America*. (You probably know the words to that one.)

**President RENEE then reminded everyone that we are dark this coming Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday.**

Also it was announced that the following week on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> is our ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY. We will be at San Luis Rey Elementary School in the San Luis Rey Valley (3535 Hacienda Dr, Oceanside in the general vicinity of Mission Ave and El Camino Real). We will be adding a little free Library, painting some benches, and making some minor improvements which will include raised garden boxes for vegetables for the students to nurture and take care of in the future. (“Nurture in the Future”... Sounds like a good name for a rock band!) A place for students to learn about growing and caring for a garden.

Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> will be the visit to Camp Pendleton with the students of Lincoln Middle School and Crown Heights for a full day on the base with the students, young Marines, and our Rotarians. A signup sheet for volunteers to chaperone was passed around. If you have never assisted on this day before, you are in for a treat for sure.

Also mark Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendars for the ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT at the EL CAMINO COUNTRY CLUB. This is our fundraiser for this year. Tee Sponsorships are now being solicited at \$100 per Tee Sponsor. Brochures are now printed and available to share with all your golfing friends that would like to participate in the Golf Tournament. Plus each member is requested / expected to help out with raffle prizes – Either get a donation from a business or restaurant which you frequent or, alternatively, you can write a check to the club for \$25 and a member of the committee will be a suitable gift card to donate on your behalf.

Each table had a few copies of the expansive list of Rotary Fellowship groups with contact information. Rotary Fellowships are communities of Rotary members who share a common interest in particular recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions. Through these groups, you can explore your interest while developing connections and friendships around the world! ANCHISA FARRANT, for example, has an interest in the Bird Watching and the Photographers groups. What would YOU like to look into? ... Cruising? Environment? Golf? Travel? Or maybe the Rotary Fellowship of Magicians? Presto! There is something for everybody! Learn more and see the full list of Rotary Fellowships at [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships)

## INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Past President and President Elect TERRI HALL asked for introductions of guests.  
These included:



Dan Wilson



Rhiannon Riecke (Today's Speaker)

Rudy Van Hunnick



Past President JAY CRAWFORD led us in our *Welcome to Oceanside* song (which is different from our *Oceanside, My Oceanside* song).

## ROTARY MOMENT OF INSPIRATION

Past President VICKIE PROSSER found this appropriate passage to share:

*“Dear Lord, I am growing older. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject. Release me from the craving to*

*straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful, but not moody, helpful but no bossy. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me the grace, O' Lord, to tell them so! Amen."*



### NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

President RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE had the pleasure to not only be the mentor of today's new inductee DAN WILSON but also to be the one to induct him into the Oceanside Rotary Club and Rotary International. After the official



induction was completed, RENEE asked everyone to please stand and welcome our new member and the **NEWEST MEMBER IN ROTARY INTERNATIONAL** worldwide, DAN WILSON.

Everyone stood up, applauded, and welcomed DAN into Rotary and into our Oceanside Rotary Club. DAN was \$20 happy to be the newest member of our "fine" club.

### WHO AM I?

One of our relatively new Oceanside Rotarians LESLY ADAMS actually provided Shorelines with a full copy of her "Who Am I" (a.k.a. "What About Me") remarks, so if you missed the meeting, you can feel like you were there just by reading her the details of her life to date:

*"My life's journey has been a wild and wacky one and it's nowhere near over....I'd like to share some words of wisdom I have reflected on throughout my life first:*

*"Take measures to reduce stress in your life" - old boyfriend*

*"If you hadn't been there, you wouldn't be here" - flight attendant colleague*  
*"What's the worst thing that can happen? You have to come home, and that's not so bad" - Mom*

*“Whatever you are, be a good one” - Abe Lincoln*

*Rudy asked me a question last week and if you missed it, it went like this...”What is an attorney doing in an airplane”? It’s a valid question and one I get asked often in a number of ways.*

*Let’s back up first!*

*My dad was in the Navy, so we moved a lot; when he retired, our family was in SC, where I graduated from Summerville High School and from the University of South Carolina with a BS in Hotel, Restaurant, Tourism Management. Throughout school, I pursued a retail management career even after graduating. I was a proud full-time sales associate at The Limited Citadel Mall in Charleston SC when I took a vacation to Minneapolis, interviewed with the District Manager of The Limited Stores and got a job. I returned to Charleston, bought a VW Jetta, threw all my worldly possessions into a U-Haul and started driving to Minneapolis with an Atlas as my guide. My mother had marked my route with a yellow highlighter.*

*In Minneapolis, I worked at a few different limited stores when I decided to pursue a hotel career. I started as a Front Desk clerk, Tue-Sat, 7-3 and from 4-12 midnight at the Marriott down the way in banquets. I worked my way up to Assistant General Manager, when a new management company took over and eliminated my job. They paid me to leave with a severance agreement.*

*Shocked was an understatement. I had never failed at anything so I started scouring the classified ads for a hotel management job when I saw the United Airlines open interviews. One of my employees at the hotel had always wanted to be a Flight Attendant so I insisted she go to the interview. She insisted I go with her. I got the job, she did not.*

*On the day of the United Airlines offer, I also got an offer from a Minnetonka Hotel for their F&B manager. The hotel industry will always be there - UA was an opportunity of a lifetime! I figured 5 years of travel and I would come back*

*to the Hotel industry. 29 years later, I'm still flying the friendly skies...As a Flight Attendant; I have lived and been based or domiciled in San Francisco, London Heathrow and Frankfurt Germany and I have always volunteered for our Union, the Association of Flight attendants, the largest flight attendant union in the world. In Frankfurt, I was elected to the local Union as President where I had the opportunity of representing one of our own who had engaged in sufficient misconduct to get him fired. During the hearing, the supervisor trying to get him fired asked to go back to her office because she had forgotten some documents. "OBJECTION!" Everyone looked at me..."She should have come to the hearing prepared."*



*I stand before you as an attorney telling you something you probably already know: "She should have come to the hearing prepared" is not a valid objection. But the seed had been planted. I saved the Flight Attendant's job and decided I needed to represent employees on the economy. I'm not going to lie - it was a long and hard journey, but today I am a proud employment attorney representing employees in valid claims against their employers. I typically fly Sat-Monday, work in the office Tues-Friday, and oh wait, there is this other job, and I teach Jazzercise at 5:45 a.m. 2-5times a week. (My tax lady says I don't make enough money teaching to call it a job. It's more like a hobby that pays for itself.)*

*Random personal facts: My mother and I live in Oceanside in the house my grandparents built in 1948, I've written in a journal since 1976, I drive my dream car (Convertible Corvette), my favorite color is purple, my birthday is 2 weeks from today. I get paid to dance and travel on a regular basis, and I possess the gift of napping - anywhere, at any time, for any duration.*

*I am beyond blessed! Thank you."*

Welcome aboard LESLY. It is a shame you don't have more on your plate each week. I was tired just typing all that you accomplish each week.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

President RENEE kicked us off with a question that was a bit of an understatement ... “Let’s ask DAVID NYDEGGER if he has any Happy Dollars?” (For those of you who may not have been at last week’s meeting, in our Opportunity Drawing DAVID drew the Joker when there were just 5 cards remaining out of the 53 we had started with. That was great luck to the tune of 800 bucks.)



\$200 DAVID NYDEGGER was happy to donate to the Oceanside Rotary Foundation from his new fortune from the previous week. He really was!!!



\$10 ANCHISA FARRANT had souvenirs in her hand from a recent trip to Thailand last fall. She presented Thai folding fans to MELISSA RODRIGUEZ and ROGER VANDERWERKEN. She was also thankful for Past President TERRI HALL stopping by at the Rancho Carlsbad clubhouse to visit her Photo Art Exhibit. TERRI purchased an original picture taken by ANCHISA in Dorchester, outside of London, England on her trip last year to the UK. ANCHISA is also donating a framed photograph to the Rotary Golf Tournament to be offered as a Raffle Prize. Rudy Van Hunnick and SUSAN BROWN have also purchased photographic art from ANCHISA.



**\$15** DAN WILSON mentioned LOTS of reasons that he is happy: He is starting a New Business, beginning a Master's Degree, is Happy to be able to wear his many Hawaiian Shirts to the meetings, and most Happy to have joined OCEANSIDE ROTARY TODAY.



**\$5** Past President TERRI HALL thanked ANCHISA for allowing her to be the proud owner of one of her framed photographs and told a funny story about her visit to the exhibit. As she was looking intently at the display, as she put it, ANCHISA'S husband RON MARBEN started stomping up the hallway to stop this woman from stealing or otherwise messing with his wife's artwork. Once he realized the woman was TERRI, all was well, and the story was all in good fun.



**\$20** ROGER VANDERWERKEN was proud to announce that this is the First Easter at his new BREAKWATER COMMUNITY CHURCH at 506 S. Nevada Street, Oceanside. He invited everyone to join in the Easter Sunday Services at 9



and 11. There is also an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 with FREE Easter Egg Baskets. ROGER hopes that you will join them as they celebrate the story of Easter. There were also flyers for a Holy Thursday Seder Meal on April 18 from 6 to 8 pm. Call the church at 760-543-7190 for more information. Seating is limited and their deadline for signup is coming fast.



\$5 LESLY ADAMS is happy that she has checked off 5 things from the Rotary list to eliminate the RED badge and gain her BLUE BADGE.



\$5 PAST PRESIDENT TOM BRAULT was very happy to hear about LESLY ADAMS naps. He, too, likes naps. In college, his friends gave him a poster that reads “*When in doubt ... GET HORIZONTAL! (Anytime can be naptime!)*” TOM and Linda, his wife, had a great time at Lake Tahoe which was spectacularly beautiful with all the snow. You can catch TOM very soon singing and acting in the musical *Man of La Mancha* at the Brooks Theater in Oceanside (May 3rd to the 26<sup>th</sup> Fridays and Saturdays 7:30 and on Sundays 2 p.m.) and singing bass in the 100 voice choir of Handel’s *Messiah* at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Carlsbad on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.



\$20 Rudy Van Hunnick was very happy with LESLY ADAMS' "WHO AM I". Rudy informed everyone that he was "involved" in 3 accidents last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Luckily he claims none of them were his fault. (I guess his Big Blue Hummer is a target for bad drivers out there.) Rudy, we are glad that you were not hurt or injured. Hopefully the Van Hunnick Hummer is still on the road and will be repaired back to top shape soon.



\$75 ERNIE MASCITTI was happy to hit the MILESTONE of being 75 years young. Happy Birthday, ERNIE.

#### PROGRAM TODAY - Rhiannon Riecke - Pro Kids Oceanside

Many of you remember Rhiannon through the project we have been engaged in at Crown Heights and North County Lifeline. It was a pleasure for Oceanside Rotary to work with her in this project. Now, however, she is with PRO KIDS Oceanside.

The mission of Pro Kids - The First Tee is to challenge underserved youth to excel in life by promoting character development, life skills, and values through education and the game of golf. Through a unique set of programs that combine sport, study, and service, they provide youth (grades 2 – 12) with equitable access

to opportunities that will set them on the path to success in adulthood, with support and scholarship service for program alumni.

Pro Kids serves as a welcoming home to kids across San Diego County with primary program locations in City Heights and Oceanside – both San Diego County communities marked by poverty, gang violence, and poor high school graduation rates. Nearly 75 percent of their enrolled youth qualify for and receive income-based or military status-based scholarships covering full program membership fees, strengthening the program’s promise to provide impactful educational and enrichment services to San Diego’s most vulnerable and challenged youth.



The idea was founded in 1994. They have used the game of golf to engage kids in positive behaviors during out of school time and to help them develop the character they need to be successful. Participants engage with a couple golf instructions and with a curriculum designed by The First Tee that teaches kids life skills – like how to introduce yourself to someone new or what to do when you get angry or frustrated – and core values like respect and honesty. A team of PGA members and apprentices offer classes after school and on weekends at their par-3, 6-hole Honors Course presented by Taylor Made (Oceanside) and par-3, 18-hole Colima Park Golf Course (City Heights). Staff also delivers in-school programming during P.E. periods at partner schools.

The Academy: Pro Kids formally began offering academic support to kids with the construction of their first 8,000 sq. ft. Learning Center in 2001. Professional staff

grew to include credentialed educators and programs evolved to include individualized academic support, vocational field trips, and more. Building on previous academic offerings, they launched Pro Kids Academy at both campuses in fall 2015 to serve kids in grades 2-7. (By 2022, the Academy will serve elementary through twelfth grade.) An attendance-based program, the Academy assigns kids to teams named for their graduation year (e.g., Class of 2022) with designated Team Leaders. Enrollment requires parents' active participation. The Academy's more structured academic program helps kids to: 1) achieve grade-level proficiency in reading and math, 2) gain interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) studies, and 3) develop skills like resilience and self-sufficiency – all with golf at the foundation. A typical Academy month includes literacy and math enrichment activities, golf lessons, experiential learning (STEM), field trips, and community service projects.

College and Career Prep: The program offers the high school members comprehensive college and career prep programs, including homework support, tutoring, SAT prep classes, college visits, vocational exploration field trips, and personal development workshops. They have an annual "road trip" to expose selected kids to colleges outside of the region.

These programs are all after school programs.

Currently here in Oceanside, Pro Kids is working with students from Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School and hope soon to incorporate Chavez Middle School into the programs as well.

After her presentation and a brief Q & A, President RENEE asked Rhiannon to sign her name in a children's book that will be placed in an Elementary School Library in her name.

We had a few extra minutes and RENEE asked if there were any more Happy Dollars.

## HAPPY DOLLARS CONTINUED



\$15    **FRANK COXON**    A number of years ago when he was a judge in Arizona he was selecting a jury for a 30 day upcoming trial. It was asked if any of the potential jurors would have a problem if they were selected to serve this long of a time on the jury. Two raised their hands. The first potential juror stated that he worked at a butcher shop and, with only one other butcher on their staff, his being away from work for that long would be a hardship on the business. He was excused. The second man was then asked what his problem with serving would be. "I am the other butcher in that butcher shop and could not serve either as there would be no meat for any customers." After FRANK told his wife of this predicament, she suggested that he should submit this story to Reader's Digest. Lo and behold, he received \$500 for this story which was printed in the magazine in their "Life in These United States" section. What are the odds?



\$5    **PAST PRESIDENT BILL DERN** was happy to have his twin sons Jason and Mark here in town recently, spending time with them on a golf course and sharing an incredibly great breakfast at a new restaurant in Vista called BISTRO on Main Street.



**\$5 PAST PRESIDENT JIM SCHRODER** was happy to report that he was able to secure a \$1,000 sponsorship from FRONT WAVE Credit Union, formerly PACIFIC MARINE CREDIT UNION and BILL BIRNIE, for the upcoming ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT.

President RENEE reported that LYN CORDER'S husband Albert, who is 99, has been very sick. She asked that we keep LYN and Albert in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

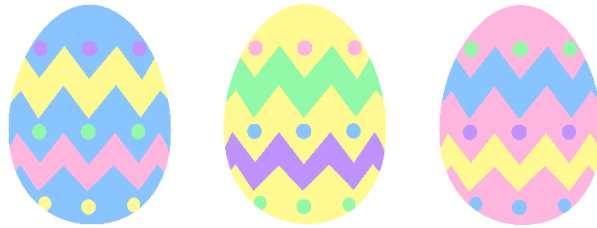
#### OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

Since the big prize of \$800 was won by DAVID NYDEGGER last week, this week's Jackpot drawing started at the still decent dollar amount of \$417. PAST PRESIDENT VICKIE PROSSER held the winning number ticket, and with 53 cards in the deck starting over, VICKIE drew the 6 of Diamonds. She received a \$10 consolation prize.



**DON'T FORGET THAT WE ARE DARK NEXT WEEK APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>  
GOOD FRIDAY.**

# Happy Easter to everyone



## ROTARIANS REPRESENTING IN THE COMMUNITY

Catching up on a recent Rotary event:

Members of three Oceanside Rotary Clubs attended Oceanside's City Council meeting on April 10 to receive a proclamation acknowledging all three of the clubs for our years of Rotary service in our City, which started with the Oceanside Rotary Club in April of 1924. Sharing the honors were Oceanside Rotary, El Camino Real Rotary and San Luis Rey Rotary. Attending was District Governor Mel Gallegos, presidents of all three Rotary clubs in Oceanside and supporting Rotary Club members.



## A REMEMBRANCE OF CHARLES ADAMS

Our long-time member CHARLES ADAMS passed away recently and will be fondly remembered. JANET BLEDSOE LACY forwarded this article about when CHARLES was presented the city's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Award in 2015 for his exemplary volunteer civic leadership for decades in the communities of Oceanside and Camp Pendleton. His legacy will be enduring, and his smile and warm heart will be missed.

### **Navy veteran picked for Martin Luther King, Jr. Award**

By Linda McIntosh 1:43 P.M. JAN. 26, 2015  
E. Charles Adams



OCEANSIDE — E. Charles Adams, Sr. was selected for this year's City of Oceanside Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award. Adams, a senior chief petty officer, served 24 years in the U.S. Navy, including tours of duty in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Adams, was recognized for his volunteer civic leadership over several decades in Oceanside and Camp Pendleton.

Adams led the City Parks and Recreation Commission as chairman for 10 years out of his 17 years on the commission from 1997 to 2014.

He served 10 years on the Mira Costa Community College Board of Trustees and was a member of the Oceanside Museum of Art Board of Directors and Oceanside Police Department Selection Committee.

Adams served on the adhoc committees for the renaming of the Bob Maxwell (Tuskegee Airman) Oceanside Field and the naming of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge in Oceanside.

At Camp Pendleton, he coached Youth Football and participated in the Naval Hospital's Special Emphasis Program, celebrating cultural diversity.

The annual award recognizes a resident of the Oceanside or Camp Pendleton who exemplifies the ideals and teachings of Dr. King and has volunteered extensively in the community.

Adams received the award at the annual commemoration celebration Jan. 19 hosted by the North San Diego County Branch of the NAACP.



## **COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

Apr 19: **DARK for Good Friday**

Apr 26: HOSPICE OF THE NORTH COAST, Global Partners in Care

Reporter: DAVE SHORE

Saturday Apr 27: ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY

Helping to set up a garden at San Luis Rey Elementary School

(3535 Hacienda Dr, Oceanside in the general vicinity of Mission Ave and El Camino Real)

May 3: JOHN ALLCOCK, Mindfulness in Education

Reporter: JAY CRAWFORD

May 10: DMITRY ENTIN, Uni Care

Reporter: TOM BRAULT

Tuesday May 14: *COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT 7 PM*

“Got Your Back” - Volunteers needed to fill backpacks with weekend food for students. 4061 Oceanside Blvd, Suite E

May 17: **DARK No regular Friday meeting**

Saturday May 18: *COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT*

Operation Appreciation

May 24: **DARK for Memorial Day**

May 31: DR. LEYLA ALI, A Pharmacist’s Perspective on Why Drugs Don’t Work

Reporter: L.J. FIMBRES