

APRIL 15, 2016



SOON TO BE EX PREZ. JAY

CRAWFORD called the meeting to order right on time, using his (almost) ever present (not yet stolen again) gavel to bang the gong to start the meeting. He then called **LARRY HATTER** up to give his **Rotary Moment. LARRY**

began by saying that he was going to give a Rotary Moment that is reflective of all of the hard work that we as Rotarians do every day throughout the community.



His Rotary Moment was "Emine's Story" by Safak Alpay, RI director-elect and a member of the Rotary Club of Istanbul-Sisli, Turkey. **LARRY** read that about ten years ago, an ambitious literacy campaign was started in their region using the Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE) method. Like all other clubs, his club members participated with great enthusiasm, running a course for women in one of Istanbul's slum neighborhoods. On graduation day, one young woman who was among those to receive their certificates, captured everyone's attention. She had both her lower arms missing, and as her certificate was placed under her armpit, Emine timidly asked her instructor to get the sheet of paper she kept in her pocket. It was a thank-you letter written to the person who had taught her to read and write. The speaker couldn't help but think, "She could read, yes, but how could she possibly write?" The instructor thanked her for her lovely letter, and also thanked the friend who had helped her write it. This made Emine furious. "I wrote it myself," she protested. "Give me a pencil and a piece of paper, and I'll show you how." And to everyone's

amazement, she wrote down the first sentence of her letter using a pencil which she clutched between her toes. As all attending tried hard to hold back the tears and overcome their astonishment, her classmates were cheering and applauding. A Rotary moment is when the magic like this happens!

If you're curious, the sequel to this story went like this: The Istanbul Rotary Club fitted Emine with state-of-the-art prosthetic arms, which operated by receiving and interpreting signals from her brain. She started to wear a watch, something she had longed for all her life. She continued to work hard on her literacy skills, and finally become a CLE teacher herself. Thank you **LARRY** for such an inspiring start to our meeting!



TOM BRAULT then came forward to lead us in A song - and what a song it was! In honor of what he said was a “very interesting political presidential election coming up in New York” he had us all belt out Sinatra style (well, almost) in

a rousing version of the “Theme From New York, New York”.

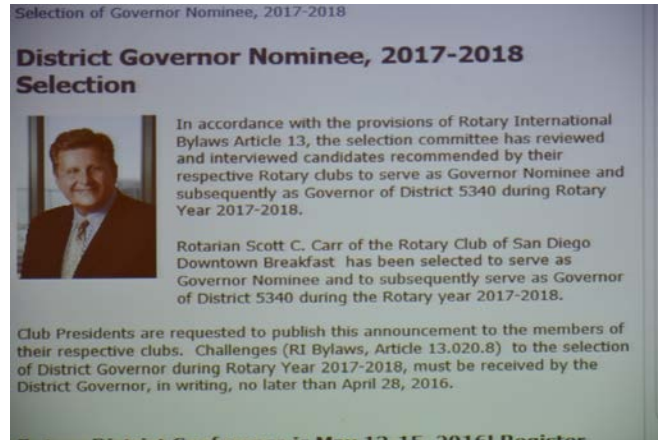


SOON TO BE PREZ. AGAIN RENEE RICHARDSON came forth to give us **Club Updates**:

- The Oceanside Rotary Club's 92nd Anniversary and Rotarian at Work Day BBQ will be held on Saturday, April 23 at Heritage Park from 11:30 to 1:30. Accordingly, our Friday April 22nd meeting will be dark. The food will be catered by That Boy Good, the cost is \$20, and children are free. So far, 26 folks have signed up.
- She invited all of us to attend the Youth International Music Contest, which will be held Wednesday April 27th at 7:00 pm at Carlsbad by the Sea. This is a free concert.
- Also, the District Conference will be held May 13 through May 15 in Newport Beach. See **RENEE** if you want to attend.



- She then announced that, while our own **PP MIKE CURTIN** had been in the running for District Governor Nominee, **ROTARIAN SCOTT CARR** had been selected instead. (WOW! THIS IS HUGE! SOMEONE MIGHT SAY THAT THE ELECTION RULES



WERE RIGGED AND THAT THE VOTE WAS STOLEN BY THE ESTABLISHMENT BOSSES WHO WERE JUST TRYING TO STOP **MIKE** AS AN OUTSIDER FROM TAKING WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE OF HONOR BY CHEATING HIM FROM BEING A NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT OF ...oops - I guess I should say District Governor - OF ROTARY! SOMEBODY SHOULD BUILD A WALL AROUND EL CAMINO COUNTY CLUB AND MAKE ROTARY GREAT AGAIN!)

{.... Sorry for the detour there. We now return to your regularly scheduled Shorelines}

RENEE then thanked all of those who attended her board meeting that was held at her home where she served dinner, margaritas, wine, and beer. Then she announced that she would be hosting yet another meeting at her home, that would be a planning meeting for the upcoming Demotion Dinner, and she invited all Rotarians who would like to be a part of the brainstorming to attend except for the **SOON TO BE EX PREZ. AND DEMOTED JAY CRAWFORD**. And guess what - **RENEE** will be serving dinner, margaritas, wine, and beer. (She is the Hostess with the Mostest!)



RENEE then called upon the club to introduce **Visitors and Guests:**

FRANK COXON, introduced his son, **TOM COXON**, who had been a member of the **FISHERMAN'S WHARF ROTARY CLUB** in San Francisco.





ANCHISA FARRANT then introduced visiting Rotarian **ANDREW J. MOLNAR** from the **ROYAL HJAHIN ROTARY CLUB OF THAILAND**.

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PREZ. JAY**

CRAWFORD said we would hear more about our speaker, **COLLEEN FOSTER** from the City of Oceanside, later.



JAY then announced that he would be hosting a casual gathering for the club at his Oceana home on May 6, after he returns from his own trip to New York City, and he passed around a signup list.

Fines and Happy Dollars! ALMOST DONE WITH PREZ. JAY then announced that there were no fines, but opened up the floor for us to give Happy Dollars.

MIKE CURTIN leaped to his feet and gave \$5 Happy Dollars for the Rotary District Governorship going to anybody but him! He said he was relieved because that meant he will have the next three years of his life back instead of being consumed by being all tangled up in the District Governor timeline!



Next, **DAVE HALL** was also \$5 Dollars Happy to be attending his Granddaughter **AVA'S 8th** grade symphony performance. They will be playing with the San Diego Symphony this weekend.

ANCHISA FARRANT was \$10 Dollars Happy to meet **ANDREW MOLNAR** from the **ROYAL HJAHIN ROTARY CLUB** of her **THAILAND** homeland who was present, and also to celebrate the sweet Happy Birthday card that she had



received from **JIM SCHRODER**, who is not going to be here for **ANCHISA'S** actual birthday. (More on that note later).

LES NEWQUIST was \$5 Dollars Happy because on Sunday he was watching the Augusta National Golf Masters Championship, and was reminded of when Jack Nicklaus's son was a teen and the pro golfer's caddy didn't show up, and his son was tapped to serve in this most important role. When later interviewed about this event, the son stated that it was at that time that his famous father told him about the three most important "Ups" of being a caddy: "Show Up; Keep Up; and Shut Up!"



VICKIE PROSSER was \$20 Happy to see **ANDREW MOLNAR** at our meeting whom she had known before he moved to Thailand, and **VICKIE** was also Happy to see her fellow City of Oceanside co-worker **COLLEEN FOSTER** at our meeting. **VICKIE** acknowledged that she had been traveling and missed some

meetings and was glad to be back.

SUSAN BROWN was \$5 Dollars Happy that it was **SUSAN MURPHY'S** birthday and \$4 Dollars Happy for something that she suddenly forgot about!



TRAVELING MAN JIM SCHRODER

was \$5 Dollars Happy that he will be off on yet another trip to exotic, far-flung locations: Bhutan, and India, as well as Kathmandu and Nepal (and thus will be missing **ANCHISA'S** birthday, and hence the early card!) **JIM**



also said that he purchased 10 cellular lights at the Rotary District Assembly, and that he will be taking them with him as gifts to some of the school children who live in remote areas of Nepal where there is no electricity. Apparently, these lights last up to 3 to 4 years. What a great and generous idea, **JIM!**



WE'RE (ALMOST) OVER YOU PREZ.

JAY was \$20 Dollars Happy that he and his beautiful bride **ANITA** were heading to New York City and would be “staying in a room above a Chinese Restaurant on 40th Street” and they were all set to “make it” in New York! (After all, “If they can make it there, they’ll make it anywhere!”) They are going to see the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the 9/11 Memorial, Central Park, and maybe even a Broadway Play (although he didn’t sound too convinced about that option). They are also going to see their 2 grandnieces, and **JAY** is going to meet up with his old “whiskey drinking and hunting buddy,” **STEVE BYERS**, who is the Department Editor for National Geographic, whom **JAY** has not seen for 35 years! Don’t worry **JAY** - the years have been quite kind to you and I am sure that **STEVE BYERS** cannot “hold a candle” to your “stud like” self!

WE'RE (ALMOST) OVER YOU PREZ. JAY

then introduced our speaker, **COLLEEN FOSTER**, who is the Senior Management Analyst of Solid Waste and Recycling – Water Utilities in the City of Oceanside. **COLLEEN’S** record of experience within the public and private sector over the past



10 years is highlighted by multiple achievements relating to zero waste plan development and implementation, as well as environmental program development. Her ability to discern goal objectives, promote and to nurture private and public partnerships, have allowed her to grow within the environmental industry. Her personal and professional endeavors highlight energy towards positive leadership with an intense dedication to actively promoting sustainability, civic duty, and conservation within a diverse array of communities. **COLLEEN** holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relations from the University of California, Davis, with a focus on Sustainability Development in Latin America, and a Masters Degree in Environmental Law and Policy from the Vermont School of Law.

As **COLLEEN** came to the podium, she indicated that the first time she had ever appeared before a Rotary club she was 12 years old, and was very nervous as she was giving a speech. Certainly, a lot has changed with this engaging speaker, who is on a mission in Oceanside. **COLLEEN** then said, “Now let’s talk trash! I love talking trash!” She said as she came to Oceanside 10 years ago, it was clear to her that the Oceanside community had a passion for supporting our youth, as well as the community as a whole. She spoke of AB 939, which was an ambitious state mandate in 1989 to have 50% of solid waste diverted from landfills by the year 2000. California had proclaimed victory over AB 939 in 2005 with a landfill diversion rate of 52%, with an eye on eventually making zero waste happen. Today, California is at a 65% landfill diversion rate with a new statewide goal of 75% by 2020, as legislated in 2011 within AB 341. CalRecycle thereafter submitted a report to the Legislature that provides for strategies to achieve the state's policy / goal that not less than 75% of solid waste generated be source reduced, recycled, or composted by 2020. **COLLEEN** referred us to the City’s website www.greenoceanside.org for more information.



COLLEEN spoke of the environmental services and programs offered by the City which include solid waste and recycling, water conservation, water pollution prevention, composting, and energy conservation. Implementing these programs and services will allow the City to protect and enhance natural resources, reduce the City's carbon footprint and save money for Oceanside ratepayers. She of course reminded us that we are in a drought, with mandatory water use restrictions now in effect. She urged us to visit the website and access the water conservation page for information about rebates, ways to reduce water waste, and more. Also, after the meeting she stated that recyclables do not need washing before being placed in the recycling containers at home, school, at work or at the beach or park. Recyclables can be processed even with food contaminants. She also said that one of the simple tests to determine whether or not plastic is recyclable, is to simply determine “if the plastic is squishy, it is not likely that it can be recycled.” This includes lightweight plastic wrap material, and those “single use bags” that sometimes can be recycled at the grocery store, but not by being placed in the blue bins.

COLLEEN stated that one of the best links of the City's environmental programs was made possible through the efforts of the students in Oceanside. The City is actively participating in "on site" school programs to give the students strong incentives to recycle at home and at school. She describes herself as a "trash freak" and that she analyzes the best ways to train people to reduce their trash that goes into our ever-dwindling landfills. She credits a group of Girl Scouts with coming up with the seed money to begin the process of the City getting a grant to place 150 recyclable containers at the beach.



There were a number of organizations that have created and participated in the city's various conservation programs, including The Green Oceanside Business Network. The goal of recycling with the green waste containers is to collect yard trimmings, and wood. She informed us that "dog poop" cannot be recycled, and belongs in the trash. She stressed the importance of having your home recycle bins close to, or right in, the kitchen. Any extra steps you have to take will minimize the chance that you'll actually follow through with recycling.

One of the biggest problems of landfills is food waste, because all those organic materials result in the buildup of methane gases. **COLLEEN** made it clear that the goal of the city is to attempt to plan for the re-distribution of surplus food from restaurants and other options for businesses which do not have an opportunity to compost the unused portions of food and food waste. Ideally, each home would be able to compost its own food waste. She urged all of us to "really think about what we are buying" and reduce the food waste we generate.

She also urged us to contact the City when we need a pickup of heavy items, such as couches, dressers, and other items. They used to just be tossed into the landfill, but now the City transports these large pieces to The Goodwill, and other such organizations, where they pick out material that can be either resold or used for parts, and thus they are diverted from being tossed into our landfills.

COLLEEN was articulate, certainly well-versed in her area of expertise, and left all of us wanting to go out into the world and compost and recycle everything we can! **JIM SCHRODER** talked about how convenient he felt

those crates were that we used to have when the recycling was easily separated into different containers right in the home. However, **COLLEEN** indicated that the change to having all recycled items going together into the blue containers, and the green waste and trash into other containers has made it much easier for the public to recycle as a whole. **SUSAN BROWN** asked how the Oceanside Main Street organization could help, and **COLLEEN** confirmed that the City is working on creating Green Ambassadors For Oceanside and certainly Main Street would be a great participant in that project.

ALMOST HAS BEEN PREZ. JAY then presented **COLLEEN** with a certificate of a donation to Brother Benno's in her name and a Rotary theme pin.



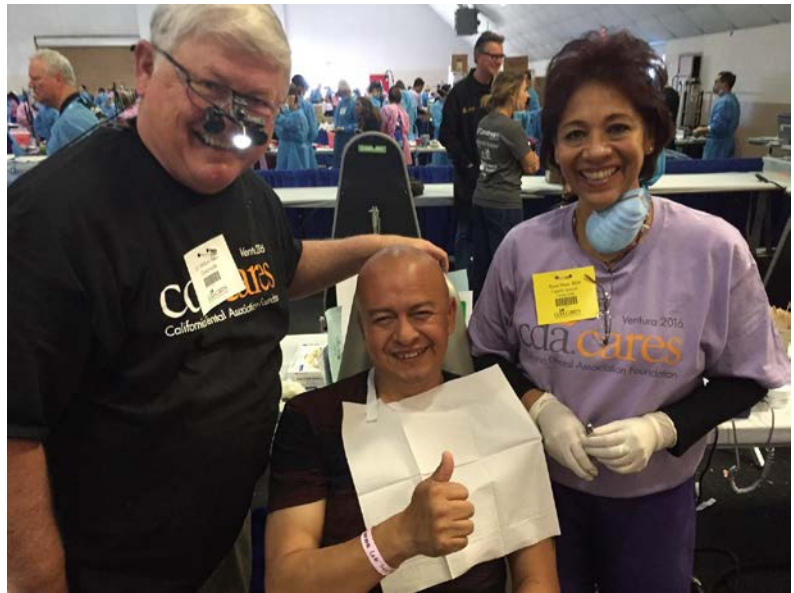
Then **DAVID SHORE** had the lucky Opportunity Drawing ticket, but his luck stopped there when he drew a deuce out of the quickly dwindling deck of cards that still holds four aces. **DAVID** lost out on \$384 in the progressive pot. (Somehow it seems right to say “progressive” and “David Shore” in the same sentence, doesn't it?) Anyway, this

writer knows the big elusive jackpot is simply waiting for **me** at the next meeting! **DAVID** returned his \$10 consolation prize to the Club. Thank you **DAVID**!

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

PP BILL DERN (a frequent contributor to our “Out and About” reports), sent in some photos from his T & T weekend. By that, we mean “Toddler and Teeth.”

He kicked off his April 16th by volunteering at the CDA Cares event in Ventura, which provided fillings, extractions, dentures, acrylic partial dentures, and cleanings to needy children and adults. Even though this event was held in Ventura, some people traveled from Sacramento and San Diego to receive much needed treatment. From 6 am to noon, he and his Registered Dental



Assistant **ROSA** were working the "Lab" section providing dentures and plastic partials (stayplates), taking care of 20 patients during those 6 hours.



But after lunch, Dr. **BILL** and wife **KATHY** headed off to join in the celebration of their granddaughter **ALYSSA**'s first birthday. All in all, a fine “T & T” weekend for the Dern Family!

COMING UP AT OCEANSIDE ROTARY

April 22 – **DARK** for Rotarians at Work weekend

Saturday, April 23 – Rotarians at Work project and BBQ at Heritage Park
Minor work project at 9:30 AM: BBQ and party from 11:30 to 1:30

April 29 – COL JOE CRAFT, The USMC Around the World
Reporter: BILL DERN

May 6 – LARRY HATTER, “Saving One Child at a Time”
Reporter: DAVE HALL

May 6 (evening) – Thank You evening at PRES JAY CRAWFORD’s place

May 13 – **AWAY MEETING** at the Jolly Roger, Oceanside Harbor
Program TBA
Reporter: PAM MYERS

May 20 – DAVE STEWART, Genentech
Reporter: VICKIE PROSSER

May 27 – **DARK** for MEMORIAL DAY