

April 20, 2018



At precisely 12:28 pm our President, CHUCK WARD, announced that he was proud to be President of the most prestigious Rotary club in Oceanside! So proud he started the meeting two minutes early: What did he lmout that we didn't?

did he know that we didn't?

CHUCK then called on LARRY HATTER to lead us all in the pledge of allegiance to our flag, which LARRY did with alacrity and precision.



Then, instead of continuing to stand, which has been the

club protocol since its inception more than 90 years ago, CHUCK had us all sit down. What <u>was</u> coming? PRES CHUCK proceeded to say that there are many different aspects of Rotary, and that we're all here with different experiences as Rotarians. He said before the meeting (*knowing CHUCK it was <u>right</u> before the meeting*), he had asked two Rotarians if they would tell us all about their "Rotary Moment". The first was newish Rotarian RON MARBEN, who after a few minutes rumination said that, "Maybe it's worth a fine instead"; so CHUCK did indeed fine RON \$5 instead. (*Seems pretty cheap for squirming out of a speech*).

CHUCK continued his tale of trying to draft someone to relate a "Rotary Moment" and described how he had moved on to ERNIE MASCITTI. Fortunately for CHUCK, ERNIE was willing to step up and regale us with his story.

ERNIE said that a recurring theme in his life seems to be "Doing Things for The Wrong Reasons". He went on to say that while he was working at Oceans 11



Casino, he was looking for a way to get away from work for a couple of hours and get paid for it, so he found a club that met on Fridays at noon and was not only able to get away from work for a couple of hours, Oceans 11 even offered to pay for his dues and his lunch! After he had been in the Oceanside Rotary for about a year, the club

president at the time said that the current advisor to the Interact Club couldn't do it anymore and asked for a volunteer to step into the position. ERNIE said his arm shot up in the air (seemingly of its own volition), not knowing that everybody else likely was sitting on their hands and avoiding eye contact with the president. So that is how ERNIE became the Interact Club advisor, which he did for many years.

After a short while as a Rotarian, he realized that it takes a few dollars to be a Rotarian, and he wondered what he would do when his work stopped paying for his membership. He told us that his Rotary Moment was when he realized that he likes being in our club too much to ever consider stopping. "I'll be a Rotarian for life". So from his initial goal of just trying to get out of work and get a free lunch, he had actually found his calling to Service above Self!

Another ERNIE Rotary Moment occurred to him when two months ago he was asked to go on the bus trip to Camp Pendleton, which was last weekend. He didn't really want to go be with 40 kids all day, but he went. After a half hour on the base while a drill instructor was "shaping the kids up", it was then that ERNIE decided he was where he should be. It was his birthday that day, and he said that he'd had the greatest birthday. All the kids sang happy birthday to him.

After ERNIE was finished with this long litany of a life story, PRES CHUCK said that he might have to redefine what he intends as the duration of a Rotary "Moment." And now we all knew why CHUCK broke with protocol and had us sit down for this section...

So we stood up again, and PP VICKIE PROSSER then led us in song. She said that she would have liked to sing "April Love" but since CHUCK just asked her to

do songs this morning, she didn't have the opportunity to print the lyrics. At which point PP TOM BRAULT started singing "April Love" all by himself. Actually, not at all <u>to</u> himself, but rather loudly to all of us, apparently to show off that he knew this rather obscure song. Since nobody else joined in, VICKIE led us instead in PP BILL DERN's favorite songs, "God Bless America" and "Smile".



PP, PE, Club Secretary, and all things Rotarian RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE then came to the podium and gave us some club updates:

- We will be DARK on Friday, April 27th so you can rest up and attend Rotarians at Work Day on Saturday, April 28th. Details have been emailed to you, but if you don't check your email, it's at Ivey Ranch (across from the Mission) from 8:30 AM till noon! Also you can volunteer at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at MiraCosta College on the 28th.
- We will be welcoming visiting Rotarians from Thailand May 5th and 6th. ANCHISA has sightseeing plans scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday, so let RENEE know if you would like to participate.
- May 3rd Demotion Planning Meeting @6:00 PM at RENEE's house. Please RSVP if you want to be a part of this fun brainstorming session.
- Our May 4th regular meeting will be in the board room of the country club, down the hall to the left of our normal meeting spaces.
- May 17th game night at Fratelli's
- June 7th beer night at Bagby's
- June 22nd 6:00 PM Demotion Dinner, El Camino Country Club
- June 25th Annual Rotary Golf Tournament

PRES CHUCK then came back to the podium and proceeded with the introductions of Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

- LYN CORDER introduced TYLER BERRY, a lifeguard at Oceanside, who we'll hear more about later, and LYN's son RYAN MULDOON who is visiting from Alexandria, VA. Some of us might remember that LYN's twin grandsons came in separate visits to a couple of our meetings last year, and both of them had their tickets pulled for the opportunity drawing. What are the odds of that?
- MIKE WESELOH introduced Principal STEVE BESSANT from Lincoln Middle School, who we'll also hear more about later.
- JOHN HARTMAN introduced our perennial visiting Rotarian Dr. TOM CURTIN. JOHN also introduced another Rotarian who is fast becoming a perennial visitor, RUDY VAN HUNNICK.
- LARRY HATTER introduced our speaker DAVID BROAD.



VICKIE then led us all in the Welcome Song.

It was at this point that PRES CHUCK asked everyone to face the back of the room where RENEE and LES were seated, and say "HELLOOO" to the late JANET BLEDSOE LACY, who was finally arriving for the meeting (at 12:44). At least JANET didn't miss lunch! Or, as she put it, "Better late than never!"

PRES CHUCK then announced that it was time for April Birthdays and Anniversaries. KYLE, ERNIE and ANCHISA all have birthdays in April, and ANCHISA's birthday was actually on that very day! Once again, CHUCK gave them all a mystery gift, depending on which of three envelopes they each chose. The possible prizes are: coffee for two, appetizers for two at Fratelli's, or (purportedly) dinner for two at 333 Pacific (drinks and gratuity not included, which CHUCK reminds us each week). KYLE and ERNIE picked envelopes with a card good for appetizers at Fratelli's, and ANCHISA had to settle for coffee for two. So far in CHUCK's year we have never seen the dinner at 333 Pacific. It is looking more and more likely that this may be "fake news." We may not know for sure until CHUCK's year is over! KYLE was \$5 happy, ERNIE was \$20 happy, and ANCHISA was \$62 happy (!) for each of their birthdays.



The only April anniversary was PP, PE and Madame Secretary RENEE. She and hubby PAUL have been married 1 year this month. She said in order not to "rock the boat", and in keeping with tradition, she would be \$1 happy for each year they've been married. Well played! (Maybe we all should consider getting remarried so we can reset our annual anniversary fines!... Yeah, right! Try explaining that rationale to YOUR significant other and I'll bet you would run up against significant resistance to the idea.)



It was time for the Opportunity Drawing. CHUCK must want to be sure that anyone who has to sneak out of the meeting early still has a chance to get in on the drawing, since he's moved this part of the agenda to the middle of the meeting

(another flouting of Club tradition!). Club Treasurer LES NEWQUIST drew two tickets from the drum, belonging to RON and LYN's son RYAN. (The CORDER family gets lucky again!) They competed in the beanbag toss, but unfortunately east coasters must not know that game, since RYAN missed the board with all three of his tosses. But not to worry, because RON (who was a remarkably good shot with the beanbags) ended up picking the three of diamonds, not the joker, and went away with only \$10, not the big \$800 prize. So CHUCK's fundraiser is safe for another week!



PE RENEE then came back to the podium (again!) for a presentation to the Oceanside Fire Department from the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation for the purchase of a new AED. Lifeguard Sergeant TYLER BERRY was on hand to receive over \$1000 from the club to replace their old AED. RUDY brought forward as well, since he was instrumental in placing the AED's in the first place, and had suggested approaching the Foundation for the replacement. TYLER pointed out that Rotary has donated all of their AED's, and that one of his best moments of his career was the chance to shake the hand of someone who's life was saved on the beach with one of the AED's we had given them.



Principal STEVE BESSANT from Lincoln Middle School then came to the podium to say thanks to Oceanside Rotary for a great field trip to Camp Pendleton last weekend for 40 Middle School kids and their teachers. He said that it's a very popular event, not only among the students but also with the teachers.

Apparently one of the teachers begs to go on this tour every time it is offered. STEVE said he gets videos and photos streamed to him from the teachers and kids the whole time they're at Camp Pendleton.



PP RENEE then introduced our program, presented by DAVID BROAD from the MiraCosta College Foundation. DAVID is a MiraCosta College Trustee representing northwest Oceanside. He became a trustee in December 2010 and has been president of the board for the last three years.

DAVID was born and raised in Plymouth, England. He received a B.S. and Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of London where he also carried out postdoctoral research studies. He then moved into the biotech industry where he held several leadership positions in both development and manufacturing. He emigrated with his family in 1993 to take a position in the San Francisco area before moving to San Diego North County. Here, they are honored to have become U.S. citizens.

In North County, DAVID worked initially for IDEC and then Genentech, where he was the general manager of their Oceanside campus. He led the successful startup and operation of that facility, including employing over five hundred staff members, before he retired in 2008. This facility produced biological drugs for the treatment of various cancers and immune disorders.

DAVID has been involved with MiraCosta since 2001, initially helping set up a biotech-certificate program to train workers for the IDEC/Genentech facility, and then with the MiraCosta Foundation prior to becoming a college trustee. DAVID is passionate about the mission of MiraCosta, which is to provide affordable, quality education for everybody so they can transform their lives. His son graduated from MiraCosta in 2010.



DAVID prefaced his talk by telling us that on July 14th he was running on the beach and had a cardiac event, and it was a lifeguard with an AED who saved his life! So he gave a very personal thank you to Oceanside Rotary Club, and lifeguard TYLER went up to shake DAVID's hand.

MiraCosta is one of 114 community colleges in California that educate about 2.1 million students. About 70% of nurses and 80% of emergency responders come through community colleges. There are lots of transfers to four year colleges and universities from community colleges: about 50% of California State University students are transfers, and about 50% of all STEM students are transfers. Also, 40% of all veterans spend their GI bill funds at community colleges. And, he said, the best part about community colleges is that they take the top 100% of all students! Community Colleges are growing in terms of recognition of their importance, starting with a push by President G.W. Bush and continuing on thru President Obama.

MiraCosta has been serving North County San Diego since 1934. They have four sites: the main Oceanside Campus, the Community Learning Center in Oceanside, San Elijo Campus in Cardiff, and a new Technology Career Institute and North San Diego Small Business Development Center in Carlsbad.

MiraCosta transferred about 1000 students last year to four year universities, mostly to UC and CSU. They are a cheaper alternative to four year universities for the first two years (and in some fields with specific degree programs, for all four years) at only \$46 per unit. MiraCosta has over 17,000 for-credit students, and over 12,000 non-credit (skills training) and fee-based students. They also do an adult high

school, and teach English as a second language. The majority of students are 18-34, with 45% male and 55% female. He said that because of that age range (Millennials work differently – they learn in groups, etc.) the college's faculty are having to change their teaching methodologies to meet their target audience's learning needs.

About 2/3 of their students are classified as economically disadvantaged, with about 50% of students being food insecure. To deal with some of those issues, they have instituted the MiraCosta College Promise Program, partnering with private donors. The program provides free tuition and fees for those with financial need for the first year, plus \$1000 toward textbooks, and tutoring and other services to ensure student success. Students have to commit to being full time students and to maintain their GPA. The Promise Program is funded via their foundation.

Measure MM (a bond measure approved by the voters in 2016) will provide \$455M for MiraCosta, and most of those funds will be spent on the Oceanside campuses. The college spent 2017 preparing and planning, and just this week approved the environmental impact report. The College has received a AAA financial rating for the bonds, partly because they have focused past spending on more classes rather than on administration, and they have successfully kept within their budget even during the recession without cutting back on instruction.

The new Technology Career institute in Carlsbad is fee-based. About 1000 students have gone through it, and 40 companies have signed up to support it. They are offering robotics, advanced security, and health care related technology degrees.

At MiraCosta Community College, a Bio-Manufacturing bachelor's degree is now available! They have a unique opportunity to be allowed to offer some four-year degrees, but they can't duplicate anything at CSU or UC, and the degree has to be job market focused. He pointed out that a four year degree at MiraCosta only costs \$10,000, which is an amazing bargain compared to either the UC or CSU system. (*As a side note, when I went to Cal State Long Beach, there was NO TUITION, and student fees were \$43 total per semester for a full-time student. Times have changed in the last 50 years!!*).

In addition to the Bio Manufacturing bachelor's degree, MiraCosta is also partnering with local universities to provide some other 4 year degrees on the MiraCosta campus. In these cases, the universities bring their teachers onto campus to teach the classes and charge the students the CSU rates.

DAVID finished up by saying that Community Colleges used to get a bad rap – but they are now seen as a high quality gateway to a 4 year degree, and to a high quality technology education.



PRES CHUCK thanked our speaker and presented him with a gift from TERI, Inc. and filled with plants from our very own ANCHISA.

Since there was a little time left, PRES CHUCK opened the floor to HAPPY DOLLARS.

DAVE NYDEGGER was \$5 happy, apparently to just be the guy with the money shoe!



VICKIE was \$10 happy, assuming that since we haven't heard anything to the contrary BOB PICKREL is doing well after his hip replacement surgery, and also to thank NANCY RUSSIAN for the invitation to the Golden Corral grand opening, which she said was amazing! (*Photos will follow in the "Rotarians Out and About" segment.*)



NANCY was \$5 happy that she had actually seen BOB in the hospital after his surgery, and could attest that he looked amazing and woke up starving. After the meeting she also said that BOB came through exceedingly happy and feeling no pain, although she allowed that may have been because he was still on painkillers...



LARRY HATTER was \$20 happy for JORDY SPARKS, who just earned his Doctorate. LARRY also pointed out that DAVID BROAD was responsible for a \$250K donation to MiraCosta to develop the campus biotech lab when he was still working for Genentech, and before he joined the MiraCosta board.

LYN CORDER was \$5 happy for her son's visiting us.

(It was at this point that my laptop battery died, so the following notes were scribbled in my admittedly execrable handwriting, so if I missed or misinterpreted anything, well you should have been there if you really wanted to know what happened...)





PAM MYERS was \$5 happy that she went to "Lost Wages" over the weekend, where her granddaughter sang karaoke. (She said that this happened in a restaurant,

but hey - "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.") PAM's granddaughter met her favorite performer (an Elvis impersonator) who signed her scarf and made her day!



PP TOM BRAULT was \$5 happy that he would be singing in the MiraCosta Concert Hall over the weekend with the "old-timers" in a Bach and Brahms concert by the Masterworks Chorale.



RUDY VAN HUNNICK was \$100 happy to contribute without saying any reason in particular, calling them "Rotary Meeting Time Saving Dollars"! That's a first for RUDY!

BONG! BONG! The oriental gong then sounded from the back of the room at precisely 1:30 PM, but PRES CHUCK said that wasn't an official bell so he just ignored it. After some extra dithering, he then clanged the "official" bell himself two minutes late, at 1:32 PM.



DON'T FORGET:

WE WILL BE DARK THIS COMING FRIDAY TO SAVE UP OUR ENERGY FOR THE ROTARIANS AT WORK VOLUNTEER EFFORTS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 28

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

First up, a couple of photos of Rotarians enjoying the grand opening of the Golden Corral restaurant last Tuesday night. Seated at the table in the first photo are LUIS & NANCY RUSSIAN, LLOYD & VICKIE PROSSER, and JOHN & SANDY TODD ... and, if you look real hard with a magnifying glass, in the background between NANCY and LLOYD you might be able to spy a table with ELIZABETH & RUDY VAN HUNNICK! More of the "usual suspects" can be seen in the second photo (from L to R going around the table): RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE, MARTA HALL, DAVE NYDEGGER, ERNIE & NANCY MASCITTI, PAUL WENDEE and MIKE CURTIN's mom SONDRA. From the smiles on everybody's faces, it seems to have been a fine meal! (Other Rotarians attending this event, but not captured in the pictures were: LYN CORDER and her husband ALBERT SOMIT, VIRGIL FLORES, and MIKE CURTIN.)



Speaking of MIKE CURTIN, he sent along this next photo, which is the key to a minor mystery. This lonely single earring was spotted on the floor right in front of our check in table at the country club. MIKE swears that the bauble is not his, which begs the question: Is it yours?? If so, get in touch with MIKE and he might just give it to you the next time he sees you.



And to wrap up this section for this week, photos are streaming in from world traveler JIM SCHRODER's latest adventure:



(Photo 1) Bucharest, Romania standing in front of the oldest bank building in Bucharest. Incredible architecture for this building, which actually is reflected in the neighboring (much newer) glass building (Photo 2).



(Photo 3) Standing on the balcony of the Parliamentary Palace. The street in the background is called the Champs Elysees of Bucharest. Government buildings on both sides of the street.



(Photo 4) The building with the balcony in the center is the Parliamentary Palace where the previous photo was taken. It is the second largest building in the world beside the Pentagon in Washington DC. Over 1,000 rooms built by the previous President dictator Ceausescu who was assassinated in the late 1980's.



(Photo 5) Standing at the edge of the Black Sea on the shore in Constanta, Romania



(Photo 6) Jim seated at the Captains table. The Captain of the ship Titi Tintea is seated two seats to the left of Jim on the left hand side of the table. What an honor!

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

April 27: Friday meeting is DARK for Rotarians at Work Day on 4/28

Saturday April 28: ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY

Our club's event: Ivey Ranch Painting Party - 8:30 am to Noon. Coffee and doughnuts before and hot dogs after. Slinging paint onto fences for the hours in between.

Option #2: Volunteer at the Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. This event runs from 10 am Saturday to 10 am Sunday at MiraCosta College.

May 3: DEMOTION PLANNING MEETING

6 pm at RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE's house RSVP to RENEE and come to give your ideas on how to roast President CHUCK at the end of his reign.

May 4: SARAH HEIRENDT, Hands of Peace ** NOTE: THIS MEETING WILL BE IN THE COUNTRY CLUB'S BOARD ROOM ** Reporter: BILL DERN

May 11: BRIAN DEVORE, Declutter Your Life

Reporter: A.J. MAZZARELLA

May 17: THURSDAY GAME NIGHT AT FRATELLI'S

May 18: Regular Meeting is DARK

May 25: Regular Meeting is DARK for Memorial Day

June 1: WHO AM I'S? (Learn more about some of our members) Reporter: PAM MYERS

June 7: THURSDAY BEER NIGHT AT BAGBY'S

June 8: Regular Meeting is DARK

June 15: MASAYO HALPIN, Sex Trade Discussion – Part 2 Reporter: JANET BLEDSOE LACY

June 15: ROTARY NIGHT AT THE MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE

June 22: DEMOTION DINNER Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

June 29: Regular Meeting is DARK