



April 21, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order a few ticks before 12:30 by PRESIDENT RENEE RICHARDSON.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION:

PAST PRESIDENT TOM BRAULT confessed that he had stranded his prepared notes for this inspirational moment at home. But, fortunately, in this technological age, he was able to phone his daughter, and get her to text a photo of the page back to him. Then, as if to prove Murphy's Law even further, he was interrupted during the reading of the text by an incoming call on a phone on which he said never receives calls. But after his cellphone screen was restored, he eventually finished reading the following, which, again through the miracle of modern technology, he was able to transmit to this reporter:



THOUGHTS ON TAXES

Last week, many of us celebrated Good Friday. Then just a few days ago, we ALL "celebrated" BAD TUESDAY as our income taxes were due. The subject of taxation has inspired many memorable words of wisdom over the years. I shall recite for you now a collection of quotes about taxes.

*First up, this observation from an astute **anonymous author**: "People who complain about taxes can be divided into two classes: men and women."*

*From the **Poet John Andrew Holmes**: "If the Lord loveth a cheerful giver, how he must hate the taxpayer!"*

From author Herman Wouk: "Income tax returns are the most imaginative fiction being written today."

*Many famous and brilliant individuals have shared their thoughts. The certified genius **Albert Einstein** noted, "The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax."*

***Will Rogers**, as you might imagine, had some choice comments on this topic. For instance, he once said, "The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has."*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by STEPHANIE YOO.

SONGS: Songmeister PAST PRESIDENT DAVE HALL bet \$20 that no one ever would have heard of his song – “Bill Grogan's Goat,” but JAY CRAWFORD and RON MARBEN said that they had, with JAY explaining to the folks at his table that he used to sing it in barbershop quartet. (Did it count that DAVE’s wife, PAST PRESIDENT TERRI HALL, said she'd heard of it, of course?)



Anyway, our song leader had us repeat every line after him. The words, again transmitted by DAVE through the marvel of modern technology, are:

There was a man (There was a man)

Now please take note (Now please take note)

There was a man (There was a man)

Who had a goat (Who had a goat)

He loved that goat (He loved that goat)

Indeed he did (Indeed he did)

He loved that goat (He loved that goat)

Just like a kid (Just like a kid)

One day that goat (One day that goat)

Felt frisk and fine (Felt frisk and fine)

Ate three red shirts (Ate three red shirts)

Right off the line (Right off the line)
The man, he grabbed (The man, he grabbed)
Him by the back (Him by the back)
And tied him to (And tied him to)
A railroad track (A railroad track)
Now, when that train (Now, when that train)
Hove into sight (Hove into sight)
That goat grew pale (That goat grew pale)
And green with fright (And green with fright)
He heaved a sigh (He heaved a sigh)
As if in pain (As if in pain)
Coughed up those shirts (Coughed up those shirts)
And flagged the train! (And flagged the train!)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: PRESIDENT ELECT CHUCK WARD told us it was Friday



and we were “where we should be.” He told us we would be dark next Friday because of the traditional Rotarians at Work Day the following day. (Our club got a jump on the program with our own Rotarians at Work Day on Saturday the 8th). Besides, our President apparently has something else to do on the 29th (like get married).

CHUCK said there would be no luncheon at the Country Club on May 5 either, but instead we would have Taco Friday on May 5 with “delicious margaritas” that evening at President RENEE’s home.

He also reminded us of the district conference Saturday, May 20, at Liberty Station, San Diego, and said our regular meeting would be dark the preceding Friday, May 19.

CHUCK tried to embarrass latecomer MELISSA RODRIGUEZ with a “Welcome to Rotary” greeting.



INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:



JIM SCHRODER introduced the students from Lincoln Middle School –



BRIAN RAMIREZ, GERSON MARTINEZ, ALEXIS GARCIA and MARQUIS WALKER, who would be talking to us later. BOB PICKREL introduced our frequent guest, DR. TOM CURTIN from Carlsbad Rotary Club. A.J. MAZZARELLA introduced his mother, MARILYN, and aunt, MARY LYNN. STEVE BESSANT, principal of Lincoln Middle School, introduced its new dean of



students, LULU FERNANDEZ. Past President JIM SCHRODER was seated next to our guest speaker (and a longtime friend) TERESA COLLIS, the Principal of Oceanside High. Past president MIKE CURTIN introduced his guest, CORI SCHUMACHER, a new council member in Carlsbad, as well as a three-time world-champion surfer. Also at MIKE's table was JASON VALADAO, a doctor at



Camp Pendleton interested in Rotary, and DICK HIGH, former local newspaper publisher.



DAVE HALL led us in the Welcome Song.

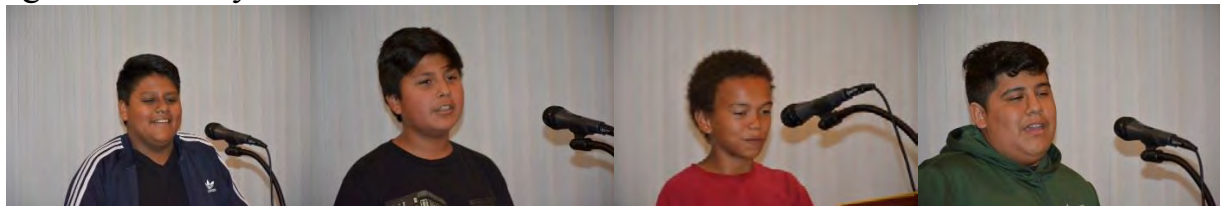
WHO AM I?: PRESIDENT RENEE



said it was time on DIEGO DOBSON's road from Red Badge to Blue Badge to give his “Who Am I?” presentation. DIEGO told us he was born in Ensenada, Mexico. His mother is American and his dad, Mexican. He traveled back and forth a lot and got such jobs as bellboy in a five-star hotel. He became a concierge and got to know a lot about wineries and whale-watching tours. He came to San Diego at the age of 18 to take

care of his mom when she had to have surgery. He went to MiraCosta College for two years and then to San Diego State University. He ran into a friend from his gymnastics days, and he traveled extensively with a Canadian company, ACROSTUNTS. But he popped his knee, finished college and had a child on the way, so he tried the mortgage business and found “I love what I do – helping families find homes.” He bought his own house and after another surgery, his mom has moved back in with him.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS: LARRY HATTER said three Rotarians – DIEGO DOBSON, ANCHISA FARRANT and LOLA SHERMAN would be taking Crown Heights kids to Cal State San Marcos Saturday for a campus tour and baseball game against Cal Poly.



PRINCIPAL BESSANT re-introduced the four boys – GERSON, ALEXIS, MARQUIS and BRIAN – and Dean Fernandez from his school. The Principal said he wants to continue to work with this club to help students from the Crown Heights neighborhood.

The boys proceeded to thank Rotary briefly for such as its taking students to Camp Pendleton for a day of fun and instructional activities. BRIAN said the trip inspired him to “go to college and play football.”



Oceanside High School Principal TERESA COLLIS, our guest speaker later in the program, was prompted to call the Middle School students “future Pirates” at OHS.



DALE MAAS said the annual fundraiser golf tournament is set for June 26 at our home, El Camino Country Club, and he urged members to take brochures and to participate. “Let's make it another successful year,” DALE said.

HAPPY DOLLARS: TERRI HALL was \$5 happy for all of



the international responses - from Peru, Kashmir, Bangladesh and Mumbai – that she had gotten to a Facebook posting for Happy Birthday, Paul Harris, the late founder of Rotary. RON MARBEN



was \$5 happy that his cataract surgery had gone well and he had taken off the patch that morning. TOM BRAULT was \$25 happy to our club’s foundation that he would be singing Sunday with the



MiraCosta College Masterworks Chorale – singing tenor, baritone and bass – two of those parts (tenor and bass) within the same piece. LES NEWQUIST was \$10 happy to wish PRESIDENT RENEE best of luck in her upcoming nuptials.



GORDY WITZ had \$5 left from his recent “wonderful” cruise through the Panama Canal. PAST PRESIDENT JAY CRAWFORD gave \$5 for being a “go-fer” at his wife ANITA ROMAINE’s request for the Days of Art



upcoming on the weekend. A. J. MAZZARELLA was \$20 happy to have his mom and aunt at the meeting. JIM SCHRODER was \$5 happy to have Principal COLLIS here.



MIKE CURTIN was \$5 happy that SCHUMACHER, the Carlsbad councilwoman had accepted his challenge to come to the meeting. “I was a little rough on her publicly”



MIKE said. (He had written a letter to the editor after she had said some unbecoming things about Rotary in her blog.) CHUCK WARD mentioned PAUL DOOLEY, builder of Pacific Village and former member of the club and said that DOOLEY’s daughter KATHLEEN, a Notre Dame graduate in environmental engineering, has been hired by the Ford Motor Company as part of a team to “think outside the box” in designing the next generation of motor vehicles.



LINCOLN MIDDLE PRINCIPAL BESSANT was \$10 happy for the “wonderful” service of this club to his students. STEPHANIE YOO was \$10 happy for a successful fundraising program for the YMCA (she's a regional leader.) And DICK HIGH was \$5 happy “because LOLA SHERMAN is still on the job.” President RENEE explained to our many guests that Happy Dollars help fund such projects as our Crown Heights effort.



BELATED BIRTHDAY: RENEE called up ERNIE MASCITTI to receive his string of candy bars in recognition of his birthday. She determined he had already heard the story behind each one, so we went ahead and sang “Happy Birthday” to Ernie.



GUEST SPEAKER: JIM SCHRODER introduced TERESA HILL-COLLIS, principal at Oceanside High. COLLIS was raised in Oceanside and graduated from Oceanside High. Shortly after graduation, she entered the Air Force where she served as an academic instructor in charge of military education programs for airmen, non-commissioned officers and civilians. She has been at OHS for the last 15 years, starting as a resource specialist, then assistant principal and now principal for the current school year.



She earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology, a master of arts in teaching and secondary education and a master of arts in special education from Chapman University. She also has a master of arts in educational administration from Concordia University. She was a student Rotary guest in 1980, and her mom was assistant manager at the Schroder family's motel.

COLLIS said she still has the plaque recognizing her as a Rotary student in her family's garage.

In the military, she said, she was stationed at age 18 with the military police in South Korea, and then to Panama and to Norway, going to school all the time and finding she loved teaching, and discovered that's what she wanted to do.

She said she never wanted to work any place except Oceanside High and, if she hadn't been named principal there, she would have stayed in a teaching job at OHS rather than be principal any other place.

COLLIS gave a brief slide-show history of the school, beginning with its establishment in 1906 and then a graduating class of five students. After an earthquake, classes were held in tents in 1935. In 1972, the East campus was split off, eventually becoming the totally separate El Camino High. She said the military had a set of values, and the school's aren't much different..



Oceanside High core values are pride, integrity, relationships, achievement, teamwork, excellence and service. (It probably is not a coincidence that those initial letters spell out “PIRATES”)

COLLIS gave each Lincoln student a card and said each should sign a commitment to graduate. “That's a big commitment,” she told them but, on the other hand, her promise to them is that “we're going to prepare you for college or career” - to have a place in the community. She said it would be a job they would like.

And, she said, if students need community support they should “come here (to Rotary) Friday at noon.” SCHRODER asked her to talk about the school's new Performing Arts Center, and COLLIS responded that it will have a main theater that seats 500 and a smaller black box that seats 250. It will have a broadcast studio plus journalism classes, and KOCT, Oceanside community television, is donating some of its old equipment. She noted that Carlsbad High has had a “phenomenal” broadcasting/ journalism program for many years. COLLIS said the center also will have classrooms with movable walls to accommodate everything from play production to show choirs to band.

At this point, JANET BLEDSOE LACY, a former longtime school board member, spoke up to thank the voters and taxpayers of Oceanside Unified School District for passing bonds in 2000 to construct the school's science and technology center and in 2008 to build the performing arts center (as well as other projects district-wide).

COLLIS talked about providing a “21st Century education” and said Oceanside High's “pathways” are helping to provide that. Area employers help determine the pathways, she said,

She cited OHS' Health Careers and Justice academies and said next year two



forensic science classes will be added to the Justice Academy. Of 538 freshmen this year, COLLIS said, 300 wanted to enroll in the Academy of Justice.

Another pathway is teaching, COLLIS said. High school students learn by tutoring pupils in the elementary grades. PRESIDENT RENEE presented COLLIS with a book of thank you quotations.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING: There was \$114 in the pot, and ANCHISA FARRANT had the lucky number of 730588, but she drew the five of diamonds so had to be satisfied with the \$10 consolation prize.



CLOSING: Just as PRESIDENT RENEE was gaveling the meeting to a close a tad before 1:30, she was asked what her new name will be when we gather for our **next regular meeting on May 12**. She said her name would be “Wendee” and even spelled it out for us. While her mind was on May 12, RENEE reminded that the board will meet at 11 a.m. that day.



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT



Past President BILL DERN had a great excuse to miss our meeting on Friday. He and his wife KATHY and his dental assistant ROSA WEST were volunteering at the free dental clinic over the weekend at the CDA Cares event in San Mateo. He reports that over 2,000 patients were treated over the two day event. (Not all by them, of course! There were a bunch of

volunteers involved.)

Here, BILL and ROSA pose with a happy 85 year old patient – one of many that they served. As BILL noted in his caption for this selfie, “Tired after 8 hours on our feet, but a fun day!”



Finally, you can hear a testimonial from another happy patient whose smile was restored and life was changed as she thanks Dr. Dern and the other event volunteers in this short video clip:

<https://www.facebook.com/cdacares/videos/1318413861576430/>



This is a picture of Vickie Prosser & her husband Lloyd on the tail end of a weeklong motorcycle ride, leaving Benson, AZ. A great time was had by all!!!

COMING UP AT OCEANSIDE ROTARY

April 28 – DARK

May 5 – Regular meeting will be DARK. Evening “Taco Friday” Happy Hour at 5:30 pm instead! (\$10 per person)

May 12 – GORDON CRESS, Escape Systems from WWII to F-22
Reporter: DAVID SHORE

May 19 – DARK for District Conference

May 20 – District Conference at Liberty Station, San Diego

May 26 – DARK for Memorial Day

June 2 – SUE OTTO, Coast News
Reporter: SUSAN BROWN

June 9 – AWAY MEETING – T.B.D.
Reporter: JAY CRAWFORD

June 16 – GUMARO ESCAREGA, Mainstreet Oceanside
Reporter: TERRI HALL



June 23 – ROBERT SHERMAN

Reporter: BILL DERN

June 30 – Regular meeting DARK

DEMOTION DINNER in the evening

Reporter: DAVE HALL