



ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE SHORELINES

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On a cool and blustery afternoon, 23 adventuresome Oceanside Rotarians braved the elements and met outside at Breakwater Community Church. As folks arrived, more than a few of them had brought in toys to donate to the Ramadan toy drive which DAN WILSON had mentioned to us, and, as time went on, the stack of toys collected got bigger and more colorful. The thoughtful folks who had brought in the toys for this drive all gathered for a photo opp at the end of the meeting.



Many thanks to ROGER VANDERWERKEN for opening up his church for this away meeting and for keeping the rain gods at bay ... Well, at least through *most* of the meeting. Still without his gavel, Pres L.J. FIMBRES called our meeting to order. PP VICKIE PROSSER led us in our Pledge of Allegiance to a flag waving in the breeze.

JACQUELINE BROWNLEE gave us our Rotary Moment, sharing her experiences as she became associated with the Oceanside Rotary Club and how impressed and proud she is to be involved with such fine people in such a remarkable organization.



“My Rotary moment begins with becoming acquainted with this Oceanside Rotary Club. The strong individual and group commitment to the objectives and practicing of Rotary goals and ideals was immediately evident. This was, and is, an exemplary utilization of Rotary’s proposed Avenues of Service - vocational, community and international.

I was moved by the constitution and effectiveness of this club. The beauty and immense value of DIVERSITY is represented and easily seen here. Diversity of businesses, diversity of professions. The strong participation of both men and women, newer and seasoned Rotarians side by side working together for the greater good of the community. As we look around, we see multiple races and inclusion of diverse nationalities here and away.

Certainly, the breadth and depth of empowerment, the effectiveness, and the overall impact of the club are enhanced and enriched by these diversities. Even diversity of service opportunities is very evident. The club’s newer opportunities and ongoing year to year opportunities for service provide many avenues for helping and supporting community.

The exemplary newsletters and very helpful ongoing information and reminder emails play a huge role in spurring activities onward and upward.

Then there are the individuals. I remain in awe of the club members. Not only are the individuals of this club extremely dedicated to Rotary purposes and ideals, there is ALSO an amazing level of diverse expertise, skills, talents, and community involvement brought to the table by each individual.....It is so impressive.

There are expert businessmen and businesswomen, outstanding planners, motivators, organizers, financial minds, writers, photographers, performing artists, technology gurus, generous financial supporters, and those that promote the special bonding of club members. From project to project, members selflessly move to various leadership and support roles as needed for maximum success of each individual project.

I am truly honored to be part of such a magnificent local and nation organization. Perhaps my Rotary moment is each of the moments in which I participate as and with Rotarians of the club.

We learn early to shoot for the stars in all that we do. Certainly, this is a stellar club. It is important that we do what we love and love what we do. Such love is most evident here at the Oceanside Rotary Club. I am honored to have such Rotary moments.”

Thank you, Jacqueline, for painting such a wonderful picture of our club, and thank you for being a part of OUR Rotary moments.

CLUB UPDATES

Saturday, April 23 - Earth Day of Service and Celebration from 9 am to 1 pm at Buccaneer Park. We were invited to join with environmental organizations and

possibly participate in Creek to Bay Clean up. The Environment was recently added as a new official Rotary International Area of Focus, which made this event timely for us.

Saturday, April 30 - Rotarians at Work - 9 am at Oceanside Cemetery (Coast Highway at Godfrey Street in Oceanside).

BRIAN LONG offered an update. Our primary purpose will be to locate headstones, lift the headstones, trim the grass around them, and reset the headstones. We may also be placing American flags on the gravesites as a lot of veterans are buried there. A clipboard with a signup list where you could choose your preferred lunch option was passed around again. Contact RENEE pronto if you missed getting your name and your meal choice on the list.



Thursday, May 5 - Cinco De Mayo Fiesta, a District Rotary Social at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation, 1580 Cannon Road, Carlsbad. Cost \$25. Sign up on the District 5340 website.

May 5th to 8th, PAUL and RENEE will be attending the District 4100 Rotary Conference in Ensenada.

Friday, May 13 - Away meeting at Enzo's BBQ, 4141 Oceanside Blvd, Oceanside, 92056 on their patio.

Friday, May 27 - Another away meeting – This one will be at PP DALE MAAS'S new office: Edward Jones, 3636 Ocean Ranch Blvd, Oceanside.

Saturday, June 25 - The club will be participating in the Independence Day Parade in Oceanside, riding on and/or walking alongside a suitable decorated flatbed.

July 3 – Closer to the actual Independence Day, we will once again party at PP JIM SCHRODER'S home as we watch the Oceanside fireworks from the prime viewing location which is his backyard. More to come.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS



PP VICKIE PROSSER introduced RUDY VAN HUNNICK and PP TOM BRAULT introduced our speaker, CHRIS WILSON. PP DAVE HALL led us in a “terrible” rendition of our “Welcome to Oceanside”.



(Maybe it was the wind, being outdoors or the key selected - We have done much better in the past.)

PROPOSED MEMBER

PP/PE RENEE RICHARDSON proposes MANUEL ALVAREZ for membership in our club. This is a required notice to club members. If anyone has a concern, please contact RENEE.

PRESIDENT STUFF

When Pres L. J. returned to the podium, he had to be directed to spot a pink plastic egg, sitting in plain sight at the podium. It held a poem inside, directing him to skip to the last table in the meeting area. (He needs to work on his skipping). Skipping there, he found a green egg. Inside that egg was another poem, instructing him to address RENEE with his best imitation of Bugs Bunny saying, “What’s up Doc?”. After a feeble attempt, L.J. finally met RENEE’s high standards and was rewarded with a purple egg. This egg’s poem instructed L.J. to “hop like a bunny” to the food table. Doing an excellent imitation of a bunny rabbit, L.J. hopped to the food table and, with some added direction, found a basket with his gavel in it. Finally reunited, L.J. looked relieved and happy to have his gavel back.



HAPPY DOLLARS

PP TOM BRAULT was \$25 happy to the Rotary International Foundation, sharing that he had given his first Gold Rush presentation in three years and only had to check his script for two notes during his two 1 hour 45 minute presentations. He was also proud to report that the kids and teachers at the school were so happy with

his presentation, they sent pictures and a review that landed Tom two more schools in Rancho Bernardo interested in bringing this program to their schools for next year ...



NANCY RUSSIAN was \$5 happy to be back home after 5 weeks on the road in their RV and another \$5 to make it home in time to attend the scholarship awards for the Hospital Foundation and Auxiliary where 90 people received nursing scholarships ...



PP JAY CRAWFORD was \$15 happy to back meeting together in person again ...

RUDY VAN HUNNICK noted, since we needed to raise our meal costs to \$30 dollars, he decided to increase his standard giving to match that \$30. (TINA ORTIZ quickly wisecracked we should increase meal prices next time to \$100) ...



DAVE NYDEGGER was \$5 happy to announce an upcoming dedication of a new building at MiraCosta College in honor of a former Oceanside Rotarian, THERESIA HEYDEN, who generously donated to the college and established nursing scholarships.

BRIAN LONG, noting he thought he grabbed \$100, but only grabbed \$80, wanted to thank fellow Rotarians for their outstanding support of the Ironman Competition. We quickly reminded BRIAN we take IOUs.





PP VICKIE PROSSER was \$10 happy to note how much fun it was working the event and another \$10 happy that L. J. finally got his gavel back.

PP DAVE HALL was \$20 happy L.J. got his gavel back, but was feeling a little guilty that L.J. had to pledge \$90 (which he had rounded up to \$100) to be reunited with the symbol of his leadership, while DAVE had gotten his lost gavel back for free, back in the day.



As a brief light rain shower passed over us, the intrepid Oceanside Rotarians decided to defy the elements and to continue our meeting outdoors. PP TERRI HALL braved the sprinkles while trying to avoid getting the frizzies.



At this time, Pres L.J. welcomed JANET BLEDSOE LACY to the podium to introduce our guest speaker.

PROGRAM



JANET introduced CHRIS WILSON, current President of the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Oceanside Public Library. He is a fifth-generation California native and has lived in Oceanside for over

10 years. Shortly after moving to Oceanside, he started volunteering at the library and soon became involved in the charitable organizations that support it. CHRIS has been a member of the Friends' Board for most of his time in Oceanside and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Oceanside Public Library Foundation, a separate organization which works alongside the Friends, underwriting capital improvements to Library facilities and providing support for programs and initiatives that are beyond the scope of the Friends. CHRIS is also an advocate for people living with diabetes, co-hosting a weekly "Diabetes Chat" audio discussion on Twitter's "Spaces" platform with hundreds of listeners worldwide, and is an independent researcher developing algorithms and mathematical formulae to improve the effectiveness of insulin dosing.



As with most programs, Rotarians needed to be present to fully appreciate our presentations. Here are a few of the highlight of CHRIS's talk.

Friends of the Oceanside Public Library has been in existence for over 50 years. Over the last several years, patrons have donated over \$100,000 a year to support programs, purchase books as well as arts and crafts supplies. Basically, the Friends fund items that fall off the library system's budget. Recent changes near the downtown branch, namely the construction of a new Fire Station, forced the Friends to seek commercial property near the Oceanside Airport to house their program. CHRIS gave a "shout out" to our own LARRY HATTER for his help in securing new retail space adjacent to the downtown Oceanside branch. Income for the Friends comes from sales of books taken out of circulation by the Oceanside Library and books donated by individuals and groups. Besides a couple of retail spaces, the Friends also sell books at the Farmer's Market in Oceanside and they have an online Amazon bookstore as well. CHRIS answered a few questions from Rotarians and invited us to join the Friends of the Oceanside Library, passing out tote bags with information for us all.

Pres L. J. presented CHRIS with a beautiful succulent arrangement by our own ANCHISA FARRANT as a thank you for his presentation.



Since there was no Opportunity Drawing today, Pres L.J. was ready to adjourn the meeting. He reached into his empty right pocket and then felt both pockets followed by an anxious pat down of himself. In a moment of panic, he thought he had lost the President's gavel already. "Not again!", he must have been thinking. "How could I have messed up so soon??" Alas, PP JIM SCHRODER pointed to the gavel, which was sitting safely on a shelf on the podium. So, with a "red face" a much-relieved President L. J. closed our Away Meeting.



Thanks again to ROGER VANDERWERKEN for letting us utilize his church for our meeting and, through his connections to "the Man in Charge", keeping the rain away, mostly.

Now Showing: “INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST ROAD TRIP”

Between this meeting and the last one, our favorite globetrotting and gallivanting gavel was taken on yet another adventure. MELISSA RODRIGUEZ invited Indy to tag along on a trip with her to the scenic and historic California Gold Rush town of Grass Valley, nestled in the foothills of the Sierras, and then on to take in the sights of Lake Tahoe. But Indy might have had some trouble with the “sights.” Let’s let MELISSA explain:

“Attached are the photos from Indy’s adventures in Lake Tahoe. He had a blast in Grass Valley & enjoyed the scenery. But he partied so hard, he lost both eyeballs!” Luckily, Indy’s keeper knows a good Gaveltometrist, and a new set of google eye peepers was purchased and put into place onto our podium pounder posthaste.



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Saturday April 30 - Rotarians at Work Day - Oceanside Cemetery cleanup (Coast Highway at Godfrey Street in Oceanside), with lunch to follow at Breakwater Community Church (506 S. Nevada Street, Oceanside).

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June 10 – Regular meeting, El Camino Country Club

Friday evening, June 24 – The long awaited demotion of the J Boys will be held under the stars at the lovely estate of JANET BLEDSOE LACY (2165 Grandview Street, Oceanside).

Saturday, June 25 – Oceanside Rotary will participate in the Independence Day Parade in Oceanside

July 3 – Fireworks viewing party at PP JIM SCHRODER'S home (4020 Wooster Drive, Oceanside)

