



**ROTARY CLUB OF
OCEANSIDE**

SHORELINES

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Co-President A.J. MAZZARELLA opened the meeting at exactly 12:30 p.m. with a side assist from Co-President RENEE RICHARDSON.



Past President VICKIE PROSSER led the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

President-elect SHOR DENNY, commenting that this part of the agenda seemed to be coming too soon in the meeting, read the following list of CLUB UPDATES:

--Friday, May 12, an away meeting at the Steven Cohen Military Family Clinic at VVSD, 3609 Oceanside Blvd., noon, BBQ lunch. Please sign up on the clipboard.

--Saturday, May 13, board retreat, 720 Silver Drive, Vista, 9:30 to noon. Board members and new members are encouraged to come. You will be treated to a full breakfast. RSVP to RENEE.

--Friday, May 19, board meeting via Zoom. Text or call RENEE for the link.

--Friday, June 9, regular meeting here (country club) at noon.

--Friday, June 23 –Demotion Dinner “Fiesta” at El Camino Country Club, see clipboard for signup. Past president BILL DERN explained that the Demotion Dinner is “to celebrate that we are finally getting rid of RENEE after four times (as president) and A.J. after two.” Cocktails are at 6 and dinner at 7. The cost is \$50. “It should be a wonderful evening,” BILL said.

--Saturday, June 24, Oceanside’s Independence Parade, see clipboard for signup. Veteran parade float decorators were glad to hear that the box of patriotic bling, which had been M.I.A, has been located.

--Monday, June 26, annual golf tournament – At this point, everyone repeated “see clipboard.” Help is needed with raffle and auction items

--Monday, July 3, potluck starting at 6:30 pm at JIM SCHRODER’s place with prime viewing of the fireworks display. By now, the words “see clipboard” brought total laughter.

RENEE explained that there was one clipboard with four sheets so “turn the page.” We will charge people who don't show up to these events, she said, so “be careful what you sign up for.”



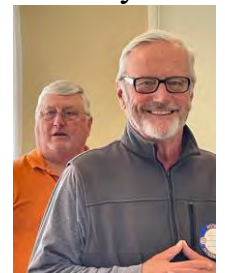
INTRODUCTION OF VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:

--RON RAND, seated at a table with two other former members of the San Luis Rey Rotary Club: ED PARISH and TINA ORTIZ.



--KATHY CORCORAN, former president of the Zelienopole (a Pittsburgh, Pa., suburb – population 3,812) Rotary Club and membership chairman of Rotary District 7280 in Zone 33. A.J. gave her one of our flags. She responded that her club's flags are “really dated, but I'll send you something.”

--JOHN DERN, BILL’s brother from Colorado who also helped at last Saturday's Rotarians at Work Day along with his wife and some visiting friends.



--LA-RENE MALCOLM. SHOR said LA-RENE has been looking for a (service club) home, and SHOR hopes she chooses our home.

--RUDY VAN HUNNICK, our guest in residence.



BILL DERN led us in our welcome song.

GOLF TOURNAMENT DETAILS

RENEE also talked about the golf tournament and about the need for auction prizes and for people to buy tee signs. Past President TERRI HALL, keeper of the signs, said they are \$100 if there's already one with your name - \$125 if a new sign and design work is

needed – and unlike some of the tournament proceeds which get split between the clubs, ALL of the \$\$ from tee signs goes straight to our club’s coffers.

RENEE invited members to consider contributing \$80 worth of dinner gift certificates to be combined with tickets which had been donated by the Oceanside Theatre Company to make a more attractive auction prize package. TERRI HALL and ED PARISH both expressed interest in doing this.

TINA ORTIZ is coordinator for volunteers for the golf tournament. She said they will be needed starting at 10:30 and “all day long.”

RENEE passed out flyers advertising the golf tournament.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

BOB PICKREL reported that he's so fortunate to enjoy good health still at age 93. He's also celebrating his 72nd wedding anniversary and his 45th year in Rotary. RENEE said the check he presented was annotated with specifics on precisely where the money should go.

ANCHISA FARRANT gave \$33 – One buck for every year ahead until she turns 100.



PAUL HARRIS PLUS ONE:

RENEE presented a new pin to Past President MELISSA RODRIGUEZ. RENEE commented that it's so easy to have a contribution withdrawn automatically each month that you don't even realize when you have reached the next level.



BACK TO BACK BROOKS THEATER FUNDRAISERS

Renee invited new member CARRIE CHACON to talk about the mixer and show, “Good People,” May 20 at the Sunshine Brooks Theater downtown. CARRIE said proceeds from the \$40 cost, which covers light refreshments and the play, will go to the nonprofit charity “Real Hearts Give”, of which she is President, and which seeks “To lift the spirit of underserved youth in our community so they may thrive.”



She said she was “looking forward to a really fun night.” There were flyers on the tables. The QR code could be scanned.

ED PARISH noted there also were also flyers for the very same show at the very same Theatre on the following day, May 21, with a wine-and-cheese reception, for \$35, to benefit the Assistance League of North Coast.

HAPPY DOLLARS:



--RUDY started things off with \$150 to make up for some recent meetings he's missed because of “medical and technical” issues.

--Past President TOM BRAULT said he couldn't match that lofty figure, but he had \$5 to remind us of the next Carlsbad Playreaders performance which both he and BILL DERN had advertised at a previous meeting. The show “Motherhood Out Loud” was in the theater at the Dove Library in Carlsbad on Monday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. TOM’s happy dollars today matched the suggested donation for the playreading - just \$5.



--*Side Note on Rotary-connected Theater options:* TOM’s talented daughter GERILYN will be starring in the San Diego premiere of the musical “Head Over Heels” which merges Sir Philip Sidney’s 1570’s prose pastoral romance “The Arcadia” with the music of the 1980’s all-girl rock band the Go-Go’s.



Performances from May 25 thru June 25 at Diversionary Theatre on Park Blvd in University Heights. More info about this show at this promo page:

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/san-diego/article/Diversionary-Theatre-Announces-Cast-Creative-Team-For-HEAD-OVER-HEELS-20230427?fbclid=IwAR24C8gVCS8Ek3EG9saIKluuQ2iHelQEdxFg9HoQt1XZ44cT6-ewH6Lsk5Y>



--THOMASINA JACKSON very generously gave \$200 to the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation.



--ROGER VANDERWERKEN said he had three happy \$20s to give: the first because he came through cancer surgery on his lip the previous Thursday and faces radiation treatment; the second because fellow Rotarian DARREL LARSON had taken the pulpit at his Breakwater Church; and the third because, hoping to be healthy, he is leading a trip to Israel next March, “Rotarians

are welcome to join me,” ROGER said. He will do the Biblical commentaries, and there will be a local Jewish tour guide as well.



--Visitor RON RAND was \$10 happy, saying “I know Rotary pretty well, and I can tell you re a great group.”



--TERRI HALL was \$20 happy because El Camino Country Club had done such a great job - good food, setup and reasonable cost – for her aunt's celebration of life.



--BILL DERN flashed a somewhat rare Two Dollar bill, happy that his brother is in town and could join us for Rotarians at Work and an additional \$5 happy not to have seen his own name on any of the gravestones.



--Our visiting Rotarian from Pennsylvania KATHY CORCORAN was \$5 happy to be with us on this fine California day.



--PABLO VALDEZ ACOSTA was \$40 happy that his TriCity Pantry is cooperating with the letter carriers' annual food drive on Saturday, May 13. He needs volunteers to help unload the groceries as they come in, between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. that day, and he needs larger warehouse space in Oceanside or Vista. Last time, he said, 2,600 pounds of food were received.



--ED PARISH was \$5 “so excited” to be joining BILL and TOM as the new Secretary on the Carlsbad Playreaders board of directors and was looking forward to a great show on Monday.



--SHOR DENNY was \$5 happy that LA-RENE MALCOLM had come as a guest.



RENEE gave kudos to BRIAN LONG for his help with our Rotarians at Work Day of cleanup at the Oceanview Cemetery where we spruced up an estimated 80 gravesites. *(More details on RAW Day, with photos, below.)*

BILL wondered out loud what the fine might be for a President Elect who was not wearing a Rotary pin. RENEE took that idea a step further and suggested that *everyone*

who was pinless should contribute \$5, but not a lot of money was seen to appear on the tables.

OUR PROGRAM (...or Maybe Not):

RENEE had announced earlier in the meeting that speaker chairman JANET BLEDSOE LACY is ill with double pneumonia and that the scheduled speaker, Oceanside City Councilmember RYAN KEIM, was delayed coming from a meeting (San Diego Association of Governments) in San Diego. At this point, even though we had engaged in an extended happy dollars session to stretch the time, our speaker still had not arrived onsite. So, we moved forward on our agenda to see if anyone could win the \$1,000 jackpot.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS:

Our visitor from Pennsylvania KATHY CORCORAN laid out her four strips of tickets she had purchased for \$20 as she told everyone at her table, “Yeah, but I never win these things.” Well, she was right. Even with all those tickets, she did not win. BILL DERN brought forth the winning number, but did not draw the joker, so he had to be satisfied with the \$10 consolation prize (*Flip through the pictures real fast and you can see him rip through the four of hearts in real time 😊*)

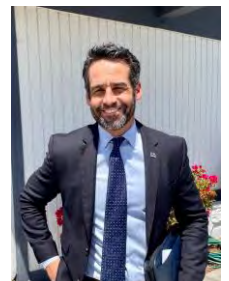


Without a presenter to present it to, ANCHISA's usual speaker gift (a gorgeous potted succulent), was given out as a second raffle prize. JOHN DERN offered up his remaining tickets, but the gift was actually won by BOB REINSETH (*in absentia*), with the plant accepted on his behalf by TINA ORTIZ.



ADJOURNMENT (... “Timing is everything”)

Co-President RENEE officially dismissed us at 1:20 p.m. just before Councilmember KEIM ended up arriving. Since the bell had already been rung and the members were already in the process of dispersing, RYAN was invited to “work the room” and mingle with the members who were still hanging around.



ROTARIANS AT WORK WRAPUP

We had a good turnout for our annual RAW day of volunteer activity. Our work party this year was 24 strong as we returned to last year's worksite at the Oceanview Cemetery on Coast Highway to pick up where we had left off. Originally known as I.O.O.F. or Oddfellows Cemetery, burials began approximately 1895, and the graves of many of Oceanside's pioneers are located here.

In 2022 we had mostly worked on the south slope of the grounds, so this time we focused more on the north side. At 9 am on Saturday, April 22 we picked up our provided tools and got our instructions from Event Chair BRIAN LONG, who had previously scouted the premises to literally flag the gravestones which were most in need of some T.L.C. In some cases, it was as simple as a short blitz with a weedwhacker. DEAN ANDERSEN took on the most challenging stone of the day, hacking at the thick roots which had raised that particular gravemarker to an unwieldy angle and, after working up a sweat, he was able to restore it to its original position.

Most of the flagged stones had simply sunk in a bit into the earth and needed to be dug out, pried up, with extra potting soil deposited underneath to raise the stone up to the level of the grass again. We repositioned so many sunken gravestones that we completely used up the 4 huge sacks of soil we had brought, so we had to get creative by taking advantage of the scattered piles of dirt left by the excavations of the friendly neighborhood gophers to use as filler material. As noted earlier in the newsletter, in all we significantly spruced up at least 80 gravesites. But we made sure that we had some fun during the process, too, like when BILL DERN and LARRY HATTER challenged each other to a jocular shovel sword fight.

After a few hours of volunteerism, we left the cemetery in much better shape than we had found it and then moseyed down Coast Highway a few blocks to commandeer some outside tables at Best Pizza and Brew where we enjoyed salads and pizzas provided by the club and lively conversations provided by each other. (NOTE: If you were one of the participants mentioned by Co-President RENEE during her report in this meeting who had put a refreshing glass of beer onto the club's tab at the restaurant that day, you might want to settle up with Treasurer LES NEWQUIST or reimburse the club by Venmo, because beverages were not supposed to be a part of the budget for our RAW day.)



CATCHING UP ON SOME OTHER PHOTOS

Since our last edition of Shorelines, we have received some pictures worth sharing which showcase Oceanside Rotary out there doing good work in our community:

First, we see DAN WILSON handing over a check from our District matching grant to support



literacy in our schools. In this case, he attended Lincoln Middle School's Coffee with the Principal on Friday, March 31st where he met up with (from L to R): Craig Leach LMS Vice Principal / "Dan the Man" / Daniela Solis LMS Community Coordinator / Cesar Mora LMS Principal

And then we see our Co-President RENEE RICHARDSON serving in her capacity as our Ironman registration volunteer captain smiling broadly because she and her fellow Rotarians did another marvelous job of efficiently checking in the athletes for the triathlon in Oceanside on Saturday, April 1.



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

On Saturday, April 29, several of our members headed to the Oceanside Civic Center Plaza for the all-day First Annual Southern California Asian and Pacific Islander Festival. This free event included live performances on three stages, culinary arts, cultural education, martial arts, artisan booths, and even a sumo wrestling display and a zen senior lounge. Oceanside Rotarians ANCHISA FARRANT, LOLA SHERMAN, RENEE RICHARDSON and PAUL WENDEE attended the festival, and ANCHISA is shown here, getting up close and personal with several of the colorful and energetic dancers from the Dragon Dance Association.



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