

April 5, 2019

President RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. and led us in the **PLEDGE** of Allegiance.



SONGS were introduced by our songmeister for the day, PP DAVE HALL who led us in singing what he said was the song all of us know better than the official state song of California, "I Love You, California." *{Hum a few bars for us, and maybe we might recognize it.}* Instead, Dave led us in the much more familiar tune of "California, Here I Come" followed by "You're A Grand Old Flag."

Renee changed our program order a bit to introduce NICKI POWELL and TERESA GOMEZ from the city Water Utilities Department to tell about the Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation April 1-30. Powell mentioned that there is a potential for prizes, including money to pay a utility bill, or even a car for a favorite charity.

Powell showed a short video featuring Mayor Peter Weiss, strumming his guitar and talking about the national challenge for



percentage of residents to sign up. Weiss said Oceanside wants to win.

He suggested saving water by repairing leaks, regulating sprinklers, sweeping (instead of hosing) driveways and using "California-friendly" plants.

He said residents should apply online (mywaterpledge.com) for a pledge card, or they will get one in their April water bill. Otherwise, Weiss said, they also can be obtained by calling 760-435-5816.

"Yeah, we want to win," Powell said.

This week's **ROTARY MOMENT** was presented by PAM MYERS, who had just returned from celebrating her father's 90th birthday in Indiana. Pam was wearing the yellow badge that identified her relationship as "daughter".

Her father is active in myriad organizations, Myers



said, but she emphasized his more-than-50-year membership in Rotary. He's done a lot for the community, Pam said, and Rotary's been a part of it, too. She told of his going to Honduras with other Rotarians in the 1960s to build a school. "He really does enjoy Rotary; he believes in Rotary – God, family and Rotary and the Four-Way Test," Pam said.

Under **ANNOUNCEMENTS**, Renee noted that the Oceanside Rotary clubs, in recognition of upcoming Rotarians at Work Day (April 27), will be honored by the Oceanside Mayor and City Council at 5 p.m. on Wednesday in council chambers. Come on down to show your support of Rotary and join in the celebration!

Renee also announced that next Friday, April 12, there will be a Community Service Committee meeting at 11 a.m., followed by a board meeting at 11:30 and then the general meeting at noon. All are invited to witness what goes on behind the scenes in club planning at both the committee and full board levels.

DAVE JONES from El Camino Rotary Club told of our joint golf tournament Monday, June 24, at El Camino Country Club. He said there's been a little change in fees - \$140 per golfer is the Early Bird pricing until June 1, \$145 June 1-June 17 and \$150 after that. Dave said \$100 of each entry fee goes back to the club. He said a lot of help is needed getting raffle prizes. Restaurant certificates valued at \$25-\$50 work well, he said. "We're looking forward to another successful tournament," Dave said. Renee told us that "everyone needs to participate" (reminding us that fines could be levied if you don't voluntarily provide a prize). But prizes are already coming in! Renee showed off two paintings that member GORDY WITZ has donated. (They're by his artist wife, BJ Witz.) **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** facilitated by PP/PE TERRI HALL included the aforementioned Dave Jones, introduced jokingly by MIKE CURTIN as a big University of Southern California fan. "I'm Mr. Notre Dame," Jones corrected, adding that "my girls" - Notre Dame's women's basketball team - were playing in the Final Four against University of Connecticut that night. (They won that game, but lost the championship to Baylor University on Sunday). Also introduced were regular visitor RUDY VAN HUNNICK from Camp Pendleton Rotary, ED PARISH from San Luis Rey Rotary and LARRY PERANICH, our guest speaker, with his wife, HELEN. (The two guests from the city had left at this point.) Songmeister Dave Hall led us in our welcome song.



PRESENTATIONS started with Renee's handing Dave Hall his Paul Harris Plus Two pin. She had wanted to do so last week, but she couldn't locate it. She said she finally found it at the bottom of her briefcase. Dave said it's easy to contribute by having a small sum taken out of the bank automatically each month.



Birthday greetings were given BOB PICKREL and ANCHISA FARRANT. Bob had a check ready, made out for \$1 for his every year - \$89, but he threatened to withhold that contribution until our President / Secretary

revealed her age as well. (Was it any surprise that both she and Anchisa reverted to the

time-honored dodge of claiming to be 39 years old?) Renee also rewarded wedding anniversaries with a mention: 68th for Bob Pickrel and two for her and her husband, member PAUL WENDEE.



HAPPY DOLLARS came from Gordy Witz, \$25 because his son's movie *Shazam* was coming out that night, and he has credits in two places;



\$10 from LES NEWQUIST because he is now a grandfather to baby girl Mackenzie Rae (Isn't she just the cutest in her "Daddy's Co-Pilot" outfit?);



\$20 from Rudy Van Hunnick because he's always happy to be with us and he congratulated ALEXA KINGAARD on the launch of her new book;



\$10 from RON MARBEN who was happy to be recovering from knee surgery and thankful for wife Anchisa's help during his rehabilitation;



\$5 from JAY CRAWFORD who was amazed that Rudy's colorful shirt "does not draw more bees";



\$2 from visiting Rotarian Ed Parish who was "happy to be with this group";



\$10 from Alexa who thanked Rudy and the rest of our group for being so supportive;



\$5 from LESLY ADAMS who was happy to have been inducted into our club last week and grateful to the absent Janet Lacy for sponsoring her;



\$11 from Anchisa whose mother in Thailand had celebrated her 92nd birthday on April 4 and she is healthier than last year! (If you are doing the math, \$11 is the amount left over from her \$50 contribution earlier for her "39th birthday");



and \$20 from Nancy Russian who was happy to be here and ready to go off on another trip. Nancy said she has been driving to Fresno weekly to visit a 91-yearold aunt who had a massive stroke. Nancy also renewed her \$100 tee sponsorship with the golf tournament and announced she will embark on a 10-day cruise next weekend



Terri Hall passed around a sheet to sign up for a new Rotarians at Work T-shirt. (The cost varies between \$10-\$13, depending on size.)

Our **SPEAKER**, a "lifelong scientist" and political conservative, Larry Peranich, with a Ph.D in nuclear engineering, said there is no doubt that climate change is taking effect. He cited everything from an increase in average temperatures to wildfires to drought to floods to rising seas as proof.



He said polar bears aren't the only creatures affected – people are, too.

Since 1900, Peranich said, there's been as much climate change as in the previous 12,000 years. He doesn't believe that fossil fuels are "inherently evil" because mankind would not have progressed without the industrial revolution they made possible - and a transport system that brings food from where's it's grown to where it's needed.

As "a conservative, lifelong Republican" who is pro-business "because that's where the jobs come from," Peranich said he doesn't want "government regulating things like crazy."

It's not moral, he said, to pass even more debt onto our children and grandchildren.

However, he said, "this is the United States of America, and I think we can do it (take hold of the problem)."

"There actually is some good news," Peranich said, and that comes from the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act recently introduced in Congress. He said it is supported by oil companies, environmental organizations, Republicans, Democrats and the Citizens' Climate Lobby.

{According to Wikipedia, "The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019 (H.R. 763) is a bill in the United States House of Representatives that proposes a fee on carbon at the point of extraction to encourage market-driven innovation of clean energy technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The fees are recycled to citizens in monthly dividends."}

At a fee starting at \$15 a ton for carbon dioxide, 60-70 percent of U. S. households will get more money (in dividends), and the free market can decide on CO2 target levels, Peranich said. It's unlike a tax, where the government keeps the money," he said.

"In conclusion," Peranich said, "The climate is changing, we are responsible, there are solutions that do not involve a lot of regulation."

"I realize Rotary is not political," Peranich said, but what this bill would do is not political.

Renee asked him to select a book that will be given, in his name, to a local elementary school library.



Then, at long last, the moment that we had all been waiting for. Today was the day. With only five cards left in our deck, we eagerly anticipated that we might see a winner in our **OPPORTUNITY DRAWING.** Dave Nydegger held lucky ticket number 9418385 and drew (finally!) the joker to win \$800. Renee said another round of drawings will begin next week, but the prize won't "quite" match the \$800.



She then adjourned the meeting.

ROTARIAN'S ART ON DISPLAY!

Want to see (and possibly purchase) a collection of beautiful photographs of nature taken by our own ANCHISA FARRANT? April is the month for a selection of her pictures to be on display and for sale at the Rancho Carlsbad's community clubhouse. The clubhouse is located at 5200 El Camino Real in Carlsbad. At the gate at the entrance to the complex, tell the security staffer that you are Anchisa's friend and are going to view the exhibit.



I am Anchisa Farrant from Thailand and moved to California in late 2009. The place where I live is surrounded by birds and flowers and other gifts from Mother Nature. I started a photography hobby. When I am gardening, sightseeing or traveling, I never forget my camera. My friends tell me my pictures are beautiful.

Please enjoy my pictures and if you are interested to buy, please

Call 760 525 3774

Anchisa Farrant

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Bill Dern followed up his report in our last edition about the good times he had shared with his visiting brother John by sending in photos from the "Boys' weekend" spent with his twin sons Mark and Jason who came to town on a visit from their hometown of Phoenix. They all hit the links at the Camp Pendleton golf course on a day with beautiful blue skies and enjoyed a dinner together at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse. Then, in what Bill labeled as "the perfect way to finish off their fun, quick weekend together", they enjoyed a delicious bite to eat at the legendary Bistro on Main Street ("Thanks, Renee!") before the sons hit the road back home.





As the Dern boys traveled back to the Arizona desert, Mark's in-laws TOM BRAULT and wife Linda found their way to the snow-kissed mountains of Lake Tahoe for a stay at their timeshare in Incline Village. With this year's substantial winter snows, some of the ski resorts there report that they will be open through the Fourth of July! But Tom and Linda got the best of both worlds as they could enjoy the beautiful snow covered sights with cleared roads, blue skies, and comparatively moderate daytime temperatures in the 50s. Even the view when they went to Sunday mass at the local church was spectacular! The blackjack odds were in Tom's favor, winning \$200 in just over 45 minutes at the tables. And, in keeping with some of our recent Rotary Moments in which folks shared seeing parks and other community improvements sponsored around the world by local Rotary clubs, Tom couldn't help but take a picture of one the bus stop shelters around town -acomforting community service provided by the Rotary Club of Incline Village. Everywhere you go, Rotary is making a difference in the lives of the community!



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Wednesday April 10 at 5:00 PM: Official Proclamation of Rotary Day Oceanside City Council Chambers

Apr 12: RHIANNON RIECKE, Pro Kids, Oceanside Reporter: JIM SCHRODER

Apr 19: DARK for Good Friday

Apr 26: HOSPICE OF THE NORTH COAST, Global Partners in Care Reporter: DAVE SHORE

Saturday Apr 27: ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY

May 3: JOHN ALLCOCK, Mindfulness in Education Reporter: JAY CRAWFORD

May 10: DMITRY ENTIN, Uni Care Reporter: TOM BRAULT

Tuesday May 14: *COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT 7 PM* Volunteers needed to fill backpacks with weekend food for students 4061 Oceanside Blvd, Suite E

May 17: DARK No regular Friday meeting

Saturday May 18: *COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT* Operation Appreciation

May 24: DARK for Memorial Day

May 31: DR. LEYLA ALI, A Pharmacist's Perspective on Why Drugs Don't Work Reporter: L.J. FIMBRES