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August 14, 2026: Oceanside Rotary Summer Social

You Should Have Been There!

To everyone who missed the Oceanside Rotary Summer Social...we're sorry to report that you missed a REALLY good one!

It was one of those perfect Southern California evenings: live music, a spectacular sunset, fabulous food, plenty of laughter, and a great group of Rotarians and friends. The weather cooperated, the food kept coming, and the conversations lasted well into the evening.

And speaking of live music, our one and only August Birthday Rotarian, Darrel Larson, outdid himself by providing the evening's live entertainment. Darrel kept the music going and helped make the night extra special.



President Renee surprised our birthday musician with his very own special birthday cake. There was just one small catch: when it came time for everyone to sing Happy Birthday, Darrel didn't get the night off. He had to strum his own birthday accompaniment while the rest of us sang to him! Only at Rotary do you have to provide the entertainment at your own birthday celebration!

Of course, President Renee decided that simply sitting around enjoying Darrel's music was not acceptable Rotary behavior. With a little presidential persuasion—okay, maybe more than a little—she encouraged everyone to get off their butts and DANCE! Some required more convincing than others, but eventually a few brave souls were up showing us their moves. Whether those moves should ever be seen again is another question!

Between the food, music, and dancing, Renee managed to sneak in a little Rotary business.

She announced that our next Rotary adventure will be August 28 at Frontwave Arena, where members will get a behind-the-scenes tour of one of Oceanside's newest attractions.

She also reminded everyone to mark their calendars for September 11, when we will be trying out our meeting at the Broken Yolk Café. Come hungry—and come ready to give us your thoughts on our potential new meeting location.

Members also received updates on some of the great things Oceanside Rotary has been doing this summer, including our Backpack Drive and our recent Solutions for Change Dinner Service Project, where Rotarians helped provide a special dinner for program participants.

President Renee also shared that on Thursday evening she attended a Pathways to District Governor meeting to learn more about future leadership opportunities within Rotary District 5340. Stay tuned...there may be another chapter in Renee's Rotary journey!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the evening so much fun.

And to those of you who didn't make it...

We missed you. But more importantly—you missed a GREAT PARTY!

Don't make that mistake twice!

