



August 18, 2017

PREZ. CHUCK WARD banged the gong with his gavel “borrowed” from **PAST PREZ. HAS BEEN RENEE RICHARDSON** right on time. **PREZ. CHUCK** promised us that he would also end the meeting on time! (More on this issue later.)

PREZ. CHUCK opened with a robust celebration that, with the ringing of the Rotary bell, we all know that it is **FRIDAY** and that we can be at no better place than right here at **ROTARY!** He then called up one of our former members (Oh **RUDY!** Please come back!) **RUDY VAN HUNNICK** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, which was most fitting because this is the 10th anniversary of **RUDY’S** receiving US citizenship! **RUDY** has emotionally reported before that 73 years ago (To save the rest of you from doing the math, this must be in 1944 or so) he was in Holland when, as a boy, he witnessed the US soldiers liberate his country from the Nazi regime, and how proud he was to have become an American citizen. This reporter, for one, noticed what an absolutely great tie **RUDY** wore to our meeting. **RUDY’S** celebratory Pledge was joined by **AIDEN MULDOON**, who is the grandson of new Oceanside Rotary member **LYN CORDER**, as he assisted **RUDY** in leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



VICKIE PROSSER was our song meister, and chose to lead off with what she said was **BILL DERN’S** favorite song, even though **BILL** wasn’t at the meeting to enjoy it. **VICKIE** then led us in a robust rendition of “God Bless America” followed by “Smile.”

PREZ. CHUCK then commented on “what an interesting week” it had been. He commented that we live in one of the greatest nations in the world, and we all want to feel that we belong to something bigger than ourselves, and that he is so grateful that he found Rotary 23 years ago. Rotary is here to make things peaceful and loving in the world and to provide a better life for people around the world that you may never meet. This brought him to comment on North County Lifeline, and how this wonderful organization is working so hard for our Crown Heights kids, with their participation in the soccer clubs and the leis for graduation and so much more. Our Rotary received a thank you letter from NC Lifeline which quoted so many of the kids who view their organization as their “second home” and that “these people are my family.”

Then **PREZ. CHUCK** brought up **MELISSA RODRIGUEZ** who gave us our official Rotary Moment for this week. **MELISSA** also commented on what a difficult week it has been for our nation, and that she thought that it would be appropriate that we call upon the words and wisdom of Mother Teresa, who beautifully said:



“There is a light in this world, a healing spirit more powerful than any darkness we may encounter. We sometimes lose sight of this force when there is suffering, too much pain. Then suddenly, the spirit will emerge through the lives of ordinary people who hear a call and answer in extraordinary ways.”

MELISSA then suggested to us that one of the many messages that we can find from Mother Teresa is that you do not need to travel to Calcutta or to some foreign or desperate place to help and heal people. There are people all around us who need love. So, **MELISSA** said, go home and be kind and love and heal those around you, and you, too, can bring much needed light into the darkness of this world.

PREZ. CHUCK then advised us that he would be raffling off various artworks and crafts that were displayed on our tables, placed there by **ASHLEY KLEIN** from **TERI INC.**, who is our speaker and we will understand after her presentation the importance of our participation in purchasing these items. **PREZ. CHUCK** also indicated that he would be raffling off a special Rotary Gift - That gift has a value of \$275 and is a Dream Dinner for 4 people, for 6 different meals! The winner will save a lot of shopping and food prep time! All you would have to do is

go online and select various meals. Then you go to their Encinitas location to pick up all of the premeasured, chopped, and prepped items needed for the recipes. You take the ingredients home and can cook them right away or freeze them for future use. More on this auction later!

PREZ. CHUCK then gave us the following club updates:

Friday, September 1 we will be **DARK** for Labor Day; but mark your calendars for the District's Rotary Foundation to be held Saturday, September 23rd at the Poway Center for Performing Arts from 8:30 am to noon. See **PAST PREZ. HAS BEEN RENEE** to register. Also announced was the



Saturday August 19 event for the South Oceanside Elementary's Feeding the Soul Fundraiser from 3 to 7. All proceeds will support South Oceanside's garden tours. Tickets are \$15. There is an adult after party at the Moose Lodge with a full bar, dancing, and food from Urge. There is an additional \$5 fee for the after party. You may remember that during **JOHN McMAHAN**'s year as President we assisted South Oceanside by planting many of the trees in their garden. Another announcement is that an Honorary Rotarian from Ventura is seeking a club member



to host him overnight one night on Tuesday, October 31st (Halloween!!!). He is arriving on a bike as he participates in Cycle for Heart, which is a nonprofit long-distance bicycle ride event raising funds for the American Heart Association and Rotary International's Polio Plus Program. Once again, see **PREZ. HAS BEEN RENEE** for more

information. Final announcement is that the next Board of Directors meeting is set for next Friday, August 25th at 11:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:



DIEGO DOBSON introduced his friend and neighbor **BRIAN LONG**. **LYN CORDER** re-introduced her grandson **AIDEN** who was visiting from Virginia. **BOB PICKREL** introduced our "permanent visitor" fellow Rotarian

from Carlsbad **DR. TOM CURTIN**. **RUDY VAN HUNNICK** was also at the table, visiting from Camp Pendleton Rotary Club.

MIKE CURTIN introduced visitors from the San Luis Rey Rotary Club which included the current President **MARLENE SAMOCHA** and the immediate Past President, **CHERYL McGLOCKLIN**. Song meister **VICKIE PROSSER** led us in our Welcome Song.



HAPPY DOLLARS!



Visitor **CHERYL McGLOCKLIN** gave \$5 because she is Happy to be part of Rotary, as was **MARLENE SAMOCHA**, who gave \$2, grateful to be able to give back to the community through Rotary. **MARLENE** then announced that their club would be having a meeting Wednesday, August 23, at 7:30 A.M., at the Broken Yolk. The speaker that day would be talking about Alzheimer's disease. **MARLENE**, not expecting to be announcing this meeting, could not remember the name of the speaker. This reporter does not even want to go into the banter that followed from our club. This was a visitor whose attendance one would think would be treated with respect and dignity. But there was a lot of laughter and teasing about the irony that **MARLENE** could not remember the name of the Alzheimer's speaker ... and one of the worst offenders was our very own **PREZ. CHUCK!** **CHERYL McGLOCKLIN** then shared that she had spent 30 years in education and had 3 granddaughters, and that one of them had wanted to go to RYLA. The end of this story is that the San Bernardino Rotary Club (where the granddaughter resided) agreed to sponsor her for the RYLA weekend and that eventually that granddaughter started her own Rotary Interact Club at her high school. **PREZ. CHUCK** remarked that this was the example of how Rotary encompasses so much of us being greater than one.





TOM BRAULT gave \$20 for the **AMAZING** news that his youngest daughter **ROBYN** had just purchased her first house in Phoenix, Arizona! At this point, **TOM** then suggested to **PREZ. CHUCK** that it was time for **PREZ. CHUCK** and **TOM** to engage in the “Find the Gavel” game, repeating last week’s episode in which there were 3 boxes to select from, wherein one secretly contained the missing gavel. **TOM** pointed out that the game was actually harder to win this time, since last week the second prize stunt gavel had already been found. He also noted that the contents of the boxes had been shuffled to keep the location of the gavel random and unpredictable. **PREZ. CHUCK** was sure that he could outsmart **TOM** and his game of “find the gavel” this time. But alas - **PREZ. CHUCK** ended up picking a box with just a country club dinner knife inside and winning a “free golf cart ride up the hill of the Country Club” certificate instead. And so we will do this all again at our next meeting. (How many picks will it take to get the gavel back?? ... Stay tuned.)



The meeting then went back to **HAPPY DOLLARS!** **RUDY VAN HUNNICK** was \$100 Happy (WOW! Go **RUDY!**) and told an amusing story about buying a piece of art from a young local artist. **VICKIE PROSSER** was \$20 Happy that we’ll be dark on September 1 because she will be going with **LLOYD** to a family reunion in Oregon that day, so that is one less meeting that she will have to miss. However, the following week she still will end up missing our Rotary meeting. **LYN CORDER** was \$2 Happy to be at our meeting with her grandson **AIDEN**. **MELISSA RODRIGUEZ** was \$20 Happy to be back from a vacation. In not so happy news, after her return **MELISSA**’s computer crashed, but that was soon fixed, and now she is up and running again!



PAM MYERS was \$10 Happy to have attended her 50th Class Reunion (Go **PAM!**). She said that the reunion was great except that it was full of a bunch of “old people.” **PAM** even met the boy that she had her first date with - and even more importantly - the fellow remembered their first date! **PAM** then also shared that she and her granddaughter have toured 16 of the 21

Missions in California. Wow! That is a lot of traveling!



The meeting then turned to the great raffle of the Dream Dinner. **VICKIE PROSSER** started and ended the bidding with a whopping offer of \$100, so she was the big winner for this fine prize. Then our **PREZ. CHUCK** engaged in a dialogue with **BOB PICKREL** about how **BOB** should have bid on the Dream Dinner prize to give his wonderful wife **DARLENE** a break from cooking and therefore he was facing a \$25 fine from our President. This was followed by an extremely misguided and somewhat convoluted debate brought on by **DAVID NYDEGGER** and **JANET BLEDSOE LACY** about the sexist concept of our President’s assumptions of just who does the cooking in the **PICKREL** home. A bailout option was offered in which **BOB** would be responsible for taking **DARLENE** out to six 5 Star Dinners to make up for the six Dream Dinners he had missed out on. **PREZ. CHUCK** made it clear that this did not mean a 5 Star approval on Yelp, and no, **BOB**, this did not include a dinner at McDonald’s! The end result is that **BOB** opted to pay the \$25 fine to the club.



TIME FOR THE PROGRAM



We were then introduced to **ASHLEY KLEIN** from TERI Inc. **ASHLEY** shared the following information about her organization:

Since its inception in 1980, TERI (which stands for Training, Education, Research, Innovation) has grown to accommodate the needs of many while remaining true to founder Cheryl Kilmer's original goal - to improve the quality of life for children and adults with developmental and learning disabilities. Through support, advocacy, dedication, innovation, and resolve, they have brought opportunity and hope to countless individuals and families.

TERI specializes in serving individuals who have needs which cannot be met by other existing programs. This includes services to persons who have autism, intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, brain trauma, severe behavioral disorders, dual diagnoses, and learning disabilities. Based in San Diego, California, TERI has grown to serve over 600 children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families; and employs 400+ professional and paraprofessional staff.

Over half a million of the children with these types of diagnoses will transition into adulthood within the next 10 years. Children are guaranteed schooling and services until 18-21, but what happens when they turn 22 and age out of the education system?

Services for adults with autism exist, but unlike school services, they are not mandated, and there are fewer of them. Combined with shrinking government budgets, the challenges are daunting. The battle to build a secure future with minimal support for these individuals who have continuing needs beyond the school age years leaves parents feeling uneasy on graduation day rather than joyous.

This gap in services is known as the "autism cliff," a powerful use of mental imagery which emphasizes the lack of support which drives the fear, anxiety and insecurity that thousands of families experience.

The agency has been recognized as a model program in the State of California for the quality of services it provides to this population. As a private, non-profit

501(c)(3) California Corporation, the agency relies on donations from the community and foundations in order to continue to set the highest standards and ensure an uncompromised quality of life to this population.

TERI looks to the future by continuing its commitment to set new standards through establishing and operating model programs, conducting applied research in best practice procedures, and offering training and consultation to professionals, families, and other community members.

TERI's two specialized schools for children ages 6-22 produce unparalleled results in student success. Their schools are able to empower students touched by special needs of all abilities - from students touched by autism and other mild to moderate disabilities affecting learning and social skills to students requiring a higher level of individualized support with a 1:1 student to teacher ratio. Their schools are funded primarily through a partnership with San Diego County Schools.

Young adults touched by special needs may be served by the public school until age 22. At age 16, laws on education require schools to develop transition plans to assure students are prepared for adulthood. TERI'S transition services include a life quality planning service and training for families and teachers, training on life planning and adult services, and life quality coaching to ensure students and families meet personal goals across their lifespan.

TERI is embarking on their most ambitious project to date: the creation of a state of the art campus for individuals with developmental disabilities, bringing their various programs all together into one central location. The Campus of Life will offer innovative facilities and cutting edge research in a world-class environment of community, acceptance and empowerment of the individual. To achieve this bold vision, they need everyone's support.

The first facility of its kind, the Campus of Life will be a world-class center of excellence and innovation in the education and empowerment of individuals with developmental disabilities. The knowledge and innovative approaches generated on campus will be shared with the outside partners as a working example of how to improve the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities the world over. Set on 20 acres in San Diego County, the campus will provide an inspired and therapeutic environment for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. The new campus will be home to many of TERI's educational centers including the Lifespan Institute, Kilmer College, Learning Academy, and the Child Development Center.



TOM BRAULT asked about the estimated cost of the Campus of Life. It will take \$30 Million to build all of the grand facilities on 20 acres of land. **PREZ. CHUCK** told us that he had toured the TERI Inc facilities in Oceanside and that they were fantastic, and he encouraged all of us to do the same. Our President then bestowed our parting gift upon our

speaker, and that is how **ASHLEY** went home with a beautiful planter box hand crafted by students at TERI Inc. (WOW! ... Bet she never expected to be taking one of those home today!) As a gift to us in return, **ASHLEY** had brought us all some great TERI Inc bags, and encouraged us to use them at grocery stores to advertise their most worthy cause.



Then **PREZ. CHUCK** brought up the fact that there had been an anniversary in the club which had not yet been celebrated - and this reporter was brought forward to announce that **THE LACY**'s had just celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary by taking a Caribbean cruise with 11 family members. **JANET** gave \$43 Happy Dollars for this announcement. (See some photos below in the "Out and About" section.)

PREZ. CHUCK then called out **DAVE HALL** and **DIEGO DOBSON ... DAVE** for brazenly texting during the meeting, and **DIEGO** for having a "musical pocket." **PREZ. CHUCK** was planning to fine them \$5 each, but generous **DAVE** said that he was thinking about \$20. Accordingly, generous **DAVE** paid for not only his own fine, but covered **DIEGO'S** musical pocket as well.



We then went to the Opportunity drawing, and visitor **AIDEN MULDOON** (**LYN'S** grandson) was the lucky winner, not for the whole pot of \$1,000, but for the \$10 consolation prize. What a great ending to a meeting that stopped (sorta) at

1:31 exactly...(kinda). So as not to run over his official meeting time, our fearless leader decided to hold the auction off the TERI INC. crafts that were made by the students of TERI Inc AFTER the bell had been gonged to end the meeting. (Thank you **TOM BRAULT** for pointing out the fact that, since this was not technically part of the official meeting, **PREZ. CHUCK** could claim that he was not running overtime! Clever dog you **TOMMY!**) Many of the cute items on the tables were scooped up by our Rotarians including **VICKIE, DIEGO,** and others.



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

As promised, here are a few photos from the **LACY** anniversary adventure! First we see **STEVE** and **JANET** in the Dallas Airport drinking Margaritas on their 43rd anniversary date of August 3, as they were flying to Fort Lauderdale, FL where their Royal Caribbean cruise aboard the “Harmony of the Seas” would begin. Ports of call on the cruise included: Fort Lauderdale, St. Maarten, San Juan and Labadee. The second picture is a shot of the Welcome Aboard group photo that was taken of the whole family gang as they came aboard the ship. Lots of great smiles! It looks like they all were sure to have a marvelous time!



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

August 25 – SHERRY CROSBY, Oceanside Library

Reporter: JIM SCHRODER

September 1 – **DARK** for Labor Day

September 8 – JOHN AMBERSON, City of Oceanside Planning

Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

September 15 – AWAY MEETING - Fratelli's Italian Restaurant (3915 Mission Ave #12, Oceanside) for Family style dinner and games

Reporter: TOM BRAULT

September 22 – CAROLYN ZOLLARS, San Diego Botanic Gardens

Reporter: DAVE SHORE

September 29 – SCOTT CARR, Official District Governor visit

Reporter: JAY CRAWFORD