



AUGUST 23, 2024

Co-President PAUL WENDEE welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 12:30 pm. He asked **DAVE NYDEGGER** to lead us in the pledge then requested **THOMASINA JACKSON** to lead us in the 4 WAY TEST. Both Rotarians comported themselves with dignity and respect.



CoP PAUL asked the Club Secretary and **PP RENEE RICHARDSON** to come up and give us the **Club Updates:**

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Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests

After a bit of fumbling from **ED PARISH** who was unsure if the person sitting next to him, who he drove to the meeting, was a guest or a member, **ED** graciously introduced guest, **RUDY VAN HUNNICK**



PP DAVE HALL then introduced a visiting Rotarian from the Encinitas Rotary Club, **JIM FILANC**



PP RENEE introduced the guests at the front table - **DISTRICT 5340 DISTRICT GOVERNOR, DIANNE CRAWFORD, SHERRI SINGLETON, and RICHARD JENNINGS**, soon to be inducted as members, as well as **DAPHNE FLETCHER**, President, Encinitas Rotary Club.



DAPHNE took a few minutes to invite our Club members to the Encinitas Rotary Club meeting Wednesday, August 28 and 12 pm-1:30 pm. Location: Elks Lodge, 1393 Windsor Road, Cardiff, CA, 92007.

The Program featured Rotarian from the Torrey Pines La Jolla Club **MAX GURNEY**, a 103-year-old veteran of WWII, who was a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne, along with his friend **TIM MCCULLEY** who gave a slideshow presentation, and spoke about the incredible Honor Flight to Normandy to celebrate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Several Oceanside Rotarians were in attendance!



PP BILL DERN led us in the **Welcome Song**

CoP PAUL WENDEE asked **RENEE** and **DIANNE CRAWFORD** to come to the front of the room for the *Induction of New Members*:

The new members were reminded that as we go through life, focused on career and family, we come to a point where we realize that we must give back to society and our community. Rotary is a way to experience the magic Rotary has to offer the lives of those we touch. **RENEE** welcomed **SHERRI SINGLETON** and **RICHARD JENNINGS** into our Rotary Wheel, which faces inward for friendship and fellowship and outward in service to our community and to the world. **DISTRICT GOVERNOR DIANNE CRAWFORD** presented



the Rotary Pins and certificates. **SHERRI** and **RICHARD** were welcomed with a standing ovation.

At this time, **RENEE** asked Rotarians **NANCY RUSSIAN** and **BOB PICKREL** to come forward. **RENEE** and **DIANNE** proceeded to present them with Paul Harris Awards (**BOB PICKREL**'s third and **NANCY RUSSIAN**'s eighth) in recognition for their devotion to the ideal of goodwill, peace, and understanding. They, too, were given a well-deserved standing ovation.



RENEE introduced **KEVIN MENDOZA** – Community Resource Specialist, Crown Heights, City of Oceanside. **KEVIN** thanked the Club members for the generous donation of bird houses which will be painted and decorated by the children along with senior partners and then will be placed in the newly reinvigorated community garden. **KEVIN** is inspiring the children with the entire project during which they will learn where food comes from, all about climate change, how to incorporate shade, a potential wildlife preserve, and ornamentation in the garden and how to take pride in their future accomplishments. The Club amassed close to 15 bird houses today.



CoP PAUL said it was time for **HAPPY \$\$\$\$**. He emphasized that there were only a few minutes, but as our members were anxious to unload cash and checks, we pretty much disregarded/disrespected this request for brevity.

DAVE NYDEGGER was \$20 happy because he attended the ribbon cutting this week of the Theresia M. Heyden Hall for Nursing and Allied Health. Some of the members will remember Theresia attending our club meetings. She donated \$4M to MiraCosta College for this center, which they acknowledged by naming it after her.



PP JIM SCHRODER was \$25 happy because he had attended the same ribbon cutting, along with several other Oceanside Rotary club members.



PP TERRI HALL donated \$100 to the Rotary International Foundation toward another PHF for her birthday this month, since she was not in attendance at the last meeting where August birthdays were celebrated. In fact, her fellow Leo **PP VICKIE PROSSER** chimed in that she was also \$100 happy for her August birthday, designating *Every Rotarian Every Year* but graciously said we didn't need to sing to her! **TERRI** insisted the Club sing to **VICKIE** and her since they had missed their song at the previous meeting when **VICKIE** was visiting grandchildren in Idaho and **TERRI** was hanging out with her "COVID buddy" **PP DAVE**.



PP BILL DERN led the club in singing "Happy Birthday" to both Rotarians. **TERRI** then said she had another \$5 happy dollars since she has been friends with **VICKIE** for 20 years, but never knew that **VICKIE** was an entrepreneur. **TERRI** held up a bag of "Miss Vickie's" potato chips and gave it to **VICKIE** saying there was a whole rack of different flavors of Miss Vickie's chips to choose from! What a successful marketing campaign!

PP BILL DERN was \$5 happy to announce that the Oceanside Foundation Board (of which he is President) has awarded a second \$5K installment of a 10 year commitment to the Oceanside Museum of Art as part of a continuing legacy for the club to the arts in Oceanside, as well as a \$3K grant to MiraCosta's resiliency fund to help kids who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend the college because they had to work. There is a matching grant which turns the club's \$3K into \$6K total!



New member **SHERRI** was \$10 happy to join our club, and said that **RICHARD** also was \$10 happy for the same reason.

JIM FILANC from the Encinitas Club got caught up in the happiness and was \$10 happy just to be here.



ED PARISH was \$5 happy to hear the District Governor speak.

NANCY RUSSIAN was \$5 happy to be back to a club meeting, \$5 happy for the birthdays, \$5 happy to hear the District Governor, and \$25 happy for her granddaughter **SOFIA SEMERSKY** who just turned 21 in London! She is on a sort of fellowship designing for the rich and famous for six months. Wonderful success story!





DAPHNE FLETCHER, President, Encinitas Rotary Club was \$10 happy just to be here.

RUDY VAN HUNICK was \$40 happy since he just turned 74 ... or was that 94? He was also happy for two people: **ED**, who drove him to the meeting since **RUDY** can no longer drive, and **JIM SCHRODER** who sends him the Shorelines every meeting. **RUDY** was definitely not happy with the doctor who told him he can no longer drive!



Program:

PP/Assistant Governor RENEE introduced **District Governor DIANNE CRAWFORD**. **RENEE** presented **DIANNE** with a Candy Board, full of rhyme, reason, and calories. Good job on this creative recognition, **RENEE!**



DIANNE is an accomplished Rotary leader with a strong commitment to community service. Joining Rotary in 1997, she is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Southeast San Diego, serving as Club President, Secretary and Board member. Her professional career spans 15 years as Director of Sales for several national telecommunications companies, where she excelled in managing sales and support teams, achieving revenue growth and market share expansion. With over 20 years of service on District 5340's Leadership Team, **DIANNE** has held diverse roles, including Assistant Governor, Membership Chair, Strategic Planning Chair, New Club Development and facilitator for Rotary Leadership Institute and President Elect Training.

Her contributions to District Operations, combined with her unique and creative approach to business and comprehensive knowledge of Rotary, have led to significant improvements in District programs and club support. Recognized for her dedication, **DIANNE** has received multiple awards, including Rotarian of the Year, for her instrumental role in membership growth and the establishment of new clubs.

As the selected District Governor for the 2024/2025 Rotary year, **DIANNE** is excited and ready to lead one of the largest and most successful Districts in the Rotary organization. Residing in San Diego, CA, with her husband Michael, **DIANNE** cherishes spending time with her son Regis and grandson Kingston, as well as visiting her family at home on the beautiful island of St. Martin in the Caribbean.

Club Members greeted **DIANNE** with a standing ovation.

DIANNE was effusive with her praise for the hospitality of our Club and the feeling of caring and family. She recognized **THOMASINA JACKSON**, who she knows and also remembered **PP/former AG TERRI HALL** from 2009! Good memory!

DIANNE shared her very personal story. Her mother was from St. Martin, Caribbean and had a dream to come to the United States and to raise a family here. She worked hard and **DIANNE** remembers how hard her Mom was always working. **DIANNE** and her siblings appreciated the sacrifices made on their behalf by their Mom but she admits she often took her Mom for granted. **DIANNE** studied, worked, and kind of felt that she was destined for an ordinary life and ordinary job and was content with that. She and her siblings were shocked when they all grew up and her Mom announced that she had work to do! She was returning to the Caribbean. Soon, she was on a plane and her Mom's second life began. With her children grown and flown from the family nest, she had bigger dreams for herself to pursue. Wherever she was, and in whatever circumstance, she saw NEED. And she proceeded to do something about it! She created non-profits, programs for food and shelter, for care for children, for the elderly, whatever needed doing, she was there. And, believe it or not, **DIANNE** was pretty much unaware of all that her Mom accomplished. It wasn't until after her Mom's passing that **DIANNE** came across a most prestigious award from the French Government and a fully translated article describing the wonder that was **DIANNE's** Mom. She was floored. Shocked. And, fortunately for Rotary, she was inspired! **DIANNE's** momentum for making and being the change in her world had begun. We are now the beneficiaries of **DIANNE's** Mom's sacrifices and gifts.

DIANNE shared her vision for the year ahead. We need more Rotarians! We need to push forward with social media and reach potential Rotarians where they are - Do they prefer to meet for a quick dinner? Or, maybe just meet monthly to do a

project? Rotary has tools and information to share, both District wide and on the International website. We will partner with Lions Club and Kiwanis for joint programs, we will empower youth and have events that their parents will attend. Both these young ones and their parents are potential future Rotarians.

DIANNE shared some statistics from our District:

Global Grants (GG) - \$115K , 30 projects; District Grants (DG)- \$146K, 98 projects and finally, Disaster Grant: \$2,500

DIANNE emphasized the need for more Rotarians and proposed some ideas that we can promote for newer members to get them more engaged - Ideas that would reach a potential Rotarian where THEY are, and encourage a Rotary journey that is specific to them or to a Club:

- Join a committee
- Visit another club
- Attend a Rotary event
- Take Rotary classes in the Learning Center
- Suggest a new project
- Use your skills & experience to help others

DIANNE's 2024-2025 Plan includes:

- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- YOUTH EMPOWERMENT
- GLOBAL OUTREACH
- MEMBERSHIP GROWTH & RETENTION
- INNOVATION & ADAPTABILITY

Upcoming Events:

- Partner Service Projects - September
- Chat With the Experts / New Member/Public Image
- Rotary Socials - 9/5
- Int'l Fellowship of Rotary Golfers - 9/22-27
- End Polio Walk - 10/19/2024
- LEAD - 10/12-13
- District Foundation Cruise - France - 10/10
- Magic of Rotary-Foundation Seminar - 11/9

DIANNE concluded her inspiring message with a reminder, "Rotary is your family! WE are the Magic of Rotary!"





CoP PAUL and **AG PP RENEE** presented **DIANNE** with a beautiful (and much larger than our standard) succulent plant gift, designed by our own **ANCHISA FARRANT**.



Opportunity Drawing:

TERRI HALL jumped up when the number she was holding was read. She said that the winning number actually belonged to **THOMASINA JACKSON** who had to leave earlier to get to another meeting. **TERRI** pulled a card and to her **SHOCK** and **DELIGHT**, she drew the Joker. At least that's what she thought she had done. It was the lowly Jack of Hearts. Oh, well. She had a momentary thrill. ("I really must play cards more often"... she was heard to mutter.) She took **THOMASINA**'s \$10 and will deliver it safely to her so she can draw for herself next time, hopefully with better luck.



The meeting was dismissed at 1:45 pm

ROTARY NIGHT AT THE MOONLIGHT

A gregarious group of 31 theater loving Rotarians and friends gathered on Friday evening, August 16 at the Moonlight Amphitheatre for our annual club social event under the stars to enjoy another fine musical performance. This year's show was *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, and it truly was a crowd pleaser! ("That was the best show I have seen at the Moonlight ever!" was heard from more than one attendee.... Just look at all the happy, satisfied faces!) The performance traced the life and career of the legendary singer / songwriter with her husband/collaborator Gerry Goffin, and their personal friendship and professional rivalry with Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil and featured a whopping 28 classic songs which really brought us all back in time – from "The Locomotion" to "Up on the Roof" to "Pleasant Valley Sunday" to "Will You Love Me Tomorrow" and "So Far Away,"... and the hits just kept on coming! Many of us were surprised that so many seminal songs came out of that one creative mind. And at the curtain call, the joint was rocking out to the tune of "I Feel the Earth Move Under My Feet."

Before the show, some of us filled a big, long table at Chin's Szechwan for a delightful meal. And at intermission, following our tradition, we shared potluck desserts. (Doesn't BRAD look like a waiter delivering slices of cake to his fellow Rotarians and friends?) JACQUE VANDERWERKEN won the prize for the most ambitious treat with her homemade Whoopie Pies, and here you can see Event Chair TOM BRAULT ambitiously attempting to eat one without getting the gooey filling all over his beard! That was *almost* as entertaining as the show! And, adding to the growing collection of photos of PAUL as our Resident Rotary Supervisor, see him in his classic hands-in-pockets-overseeing-the-action mode.



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Pile into the van, snap your seat belt, and come along (via his photos) on another one of MIKE WESELOH's adventures

"A road trip to beautiful parks! Meet my grandchild, CEDAR, age 8, who went with LAURIE and me. So naturally we had to visit Cedar City! Next of course, Cedar Breaks National Monument.

Also on our itinerary: Red Canyon, Utah and Valley of Fire, Nevada State Parks. Stunning! And the highlight of trip - Bryce Canyon."



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