

August 25, 2017

President CHUCK WARD hit the infamous Rotary Bell with a borrowed gavel saying to all, "Welcome to Oceanside Rotary. I am CHUCK WARD your President through next year." Yeh... Yeh .. don't remind us.. we know.. we know.. The time was 12:28 p.m. It has begun again!!!!!!



CHUCK launched into the meeting by saying, "And to lead the Pledge of Allegiance we will have …" But then there was silence … then some more silence … then a little fumbling with his notes and a little panic on his face. He confessed that he had forgotten whom he had asked! Finally, CHUCK sputtered, "A.J. MAZZARELLA! … Your Dad.... ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh Oh! JOHN MAZZARELLA, would you please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?"

Phew! ... One down.

Song Meister... PP BILL DERN led us with a resounding rendition of "Home on the Range." Today's Shorelines reporter reminisced that this was BEN WESELOH'S (MIKE WESELOH'S dad's) favorite song for years. The second song was "God Bless America" and we did bless it with great harmony.





To get ready for our Moment of Inspiration, CHUCK then encouraged everyone to try to recall any random moment of kindness which we may have either done or witnessed this last week, hinting that there would be some reward for those who would share their moments with us. (We are pretty sure this means that CHUCK forgot to ask someone to give the inspiration talk this week.)

As an example of such a moment, CHUCK told us that his daughter MARGARET, home for a visit, was seated on the train

to L.A. when a mother and two small children got on and could not find a seat anywhere. MARGARET, seeing the frustration on the mother's face stood up and gave the young mother and the two children her seat. That was kind enough, but then, noticing that the mother was quite distraught and upset, MARGARET overheard her talking and decided to help her. BARBARA WARD (MARGARET's mother) had given her \$100 as she was leaving home. And as she was getting off the train, MARGARET handed the \$100 to the mother to help her in her situation. The young mother looked up with surprise and thanked her. MARGARET later told her parents about this experience, adding, "I sure hope I was not scammed, but it felt good doing it!" Congratulations to CHUCK and BARBARA for raising a daughter who cares enough to help someone else in trouble. She is a great daughter and I know you are proud of her. .

Two volunteers where chosen to share their own random moment of kindness stories from this week. MIKE CURTIN has friends visiting from Finland, where he had been an exchange student many years ago. MIKE took them for drinks at Park 101 and inadvertently lost his wallet while sitting in the last table available. He discovered it was missing the next morning and went back to find that someone had turned the wallet in with all the money and credit cards still inside.

DAVID NYDEGGER has his oldest granddaughter, 18 years old, living with him and going to MiraCosta College. She invited a friend over for dinner recently and they cooked a terrific meal for DAVID. That was a great surprise and was very much appreciated.

President CHUCK handed both MIKE CURTIN and DAVID NYDEGGER three tickets each for the chance to win \$1,000 at the end of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be dark next Friday, September 1.

CHUCK announced that a clipboard was going around the room to sign up for an evening away meeting on Friday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m. to share a "Family Style Dinner" at Fratelli's Italian Restaurant. After asking three times where the clipboard was, CHUCK discovered that he had it still at the podium right in front of him. (Another "senior moment" for our president?) The price is the same as our normal Rotary lunch - \$20.00. Sounds like fun! Sign up, everyone.





Heritage Park – Saturday, September 30 from 9 to 4 and Sunday October 1 from 9 to 2:30 there will be a reenactment of the Spanish American War. We have been asked to man the Blade Building which our club has been instrumental in upgrading for many years. We would be there to watch over the building's displays and answer questions from visitors. Let RENEE know if you are interested in volunteering for this.



VISITING ROTARIANS



A.J. introduced his parents visiting him: MARILYN and JOHN MAZZARELLA.



SUSAN ASATO introduced SHERRI COSBY, our speaker today and LESLIE SALAZAR CARRILLO.



MIKE CURTIN introduced his visitor and longtime friend from Finland, now living in France – Dr. TOIVO AIJO, as well as visiting Rotarian from McLean, VA RICHARD GOLDEN and a visitor formerly with OUSD, PHYLLIS MORGAN.



Once it was pointed out that a table had been missed by our president, BOB PICKREL had the chance to introduce RUDY VAN HUNNICK. PP BILL DERN led us in "Welcome to Oceanside."

HAPPY DOLLARS

\$20 PP VICKIE PROSSER and DAVID NYDEGGER had the opportunity to FLY in the new I FLY business next door on their Grand Opening Day. Woo hoo for them! Yours truly, today's reporter, is jealous. I could not make it to that opening.





\$3 DALE MAAS announced that he is looking for a new Branch Manager for his business, Edward Jones Investments. If anyone has any leads for good candidates for the position, he would appreciate hearing about them.

\$40 A.J. MAZZARELLA was \$20 Happy each to have his Mother and Dad with him today.





\$100 to Every Rotarian Every Year LES NEWQUIST was happy that he gave each of his grown children (one

in Las Vegas and one in Charlotte, NC) a welding helmet to view the solar eclipse. They texted each other from West Coast to East Coast all the while checking out the eclipse through the welding helmets.

\$5 PP BILL DERN shared some Sad Dollars because his son and daughter in law are moving to the UK for three years with their two children. On the bright side, this means that BILL now has another reason to travel to Europe and visit TWO sons and their families - one now in the UK and the other in Switzerland.





\$4 PAM MYERS Happy to call her brother in law from West Texas who drove to Idaho to see the eclipse. He had planned this trip for two years. All went well except after the eclipse it took him 6 hours to go just 16 miles on the jammed roads. At that point, he decided that he did not want to spend the rest of his life on the road, so he finally decided to pull over and spend the night in a hotel.

\$40 RUDY VAN HUNNICK \$20 Happy to have been chosen to be a Judge in an art competition of teen age paintings from the Crown Heights area. \$20 Happy to have been given one of the winning paintings.





President CHUCK then asked PP TOM BRAULT and PP BILL DERN to stand, noting that they are soon to be in laws and that they might want to strike some sort of balance. CHUCK acknowledged TOM for all of his recent Happy Dollar announcements this past month that had added up to \$75. Was BILL content to cough up just \$5 in Happy Dollars this week?? Even though TOM reassured BILL that they didn't need to set up a pattern of "one-upmanship" for the rest of their lives, BILL decided to put another \$50 toward the Rotary Foundation. President CHUCK WARD then called on PP BILL DERN to take the podium and speak about The Rotary Foundation.



For 100 years, The Rotary Foundation has been the charity of choice for Rotarians all over the globe, Why? Because your gifts to the Foundation change lives. Without your support, Rotarians wouldn't have been able to help a hospital in Brazil purchase the equipment it needed to care for tiny newborns. Nor would Rotarians have had the funds they needed to tile bathtubs in Indonesia in an effort to fight dengue fever. We have accomplished so much during our first 100 years, and BILL is

excited to see what the future holds as we embark on the Rotary Foundation's second century. He reminded us that 97% of the money contributed goes to fund projects all around the world and that 25% of what we all give comes right back to our own district to fund the matching grants that we apply for to put that money to work in our communities.



PP JIM SCHRODER made a Public Service Announcement to alert us that all of the residents of Oceanside and owners of properties who have paid their water utilities online to a third party hired by the City of Oceanside between July 1 to August 15th should check their accounts, because their credit cards may have been compromised by a hacker. JIM himself was hit with almost \$1,000 of unwanted charges placed on his credit card. If you have made these payments, you should definitely check to make sure you have not been "hacked." *[See the Attached*

PDF file from the City of Oceanside for more information on this.}

In a now familiar ritual, PP TOM BRAULT came to the front of the room with the three Priority Mail packing boxes because President CHUCK's precious gavel was still waiting to be found. This week, the level of difficulty was amped up by adding another one of our president's little games into the mix. TOM picked up the bean bag toss game board. If CHUCK could get a bag into one of the three holes, he would have a chance to pick a box to find the gavel. But that sounded too easy, so to add an extra challenge, TOM made the board a moving target! CHUCK's first toss was a dud, but the second made it into the number One hole (with a little help from TOM moving the board to basically catch it). CHUCK then went into overdrive and opened Box Number ONE. Lo and behold there was the missing

gavel with his name imprinted on it. At last back to his owner (... for a short time, I am sure). **HE LOSES OR MISPLACES THEM EVERY MEETING.** To prove this point, it was pointed out that something was noticeably missing from the front table. In another catastrophe in the making and in the middle of our Rotary Meeting, CHUCK LOST HIS BORROWED GAVEL AGAIN. Oh, brother! He is a disaster! No one was up front besides CHUCK ... It just vanished. The Gavel Grabber has to be a ghost.



INTRODUCTION OF OUR SPEAKER TODAY



SHERRI COSBY, Library Director from the Oceanside Library.

SHERRI told us that she came today with six pages of notes which means there might be several hours of lecture. Oh boy. Good luck on that!

To let us know a little more about her, she told us that she loves Mexican food and cats.

She said she has a sad story and a happy story. She has

been married 37 years to a retired Oceanside Policeman. He is home all the time, now that he is retired. (Is that the happy, or the sad story??) They have two sons, ages 34 and 25. One son and his wife moved in with them as the daughter in law was getting her degree from college. The initial plan was that this would be for just one year, but somehow this living situation has now continued on into a second year. SHERRI confessed, "I go to work to get away from everyone."

Her library career started in High School when she was able to volunteer in a library, working and learning. She loved it! Her life plan after High School was to

go to a university and get a teaching credential and move to Alaska and get a dog. Instead she went to Fullerton Junior College for two years, got a library science certificate, and got married. She says she "got mugged" by life!

In 1986 she was lucky and was hired to work in the Oceanside Library. At this time the Library was in the old Safeway building where the Civic Center now stands today at Ditmar Street.

Her Happy story came with \$5 Happy dollars. She told of how she came from a retail background and had been able to learn some valuable lessons in the importance of taking care of the customer.

Sad Story – Back in the days when she was a 10 year old student, magazines were bound and found in the adult section of the local library. To access information in magazines, you had to locate the proper issue by consulting the Readers Guide of Periodical Literature. She could not figure out how to use the guide and asked the local librarian for help. Instead of assisting her, the librarian shot back, "Oh, honey. You should have learned that already!", and left SHERRI to her own devices. She vowed that, if she were ever lucky enough to get a job at a library, she would provide service, because service is important.

In 1986 Sherri was hired as a Library Technician. Technology in this time period moved very slowly. Almost to a stop. She was sent to work in the Children's section of the library. She was telling the story of the Gingerbread Man and the Fox. Well, to the horror of the parents waiting with their kids, she told the kids

how in the story the Fox ate the Gingerbread Man. She was transferred out of that department PRONTO!

She realized that, to advance in her career, she needed a Bachelor's degree. After 17 years at the Library she went back to college and in 2004 graduated with a degree. But to go up to the level she wanted, she then was told she needed a Master's degree and, thanks to a special Grant through the Library, she was able to achieve this goal.



In 2012 SHERRI became the Oceanside Library's Director. She told us about many of the changes with new technology in her decades of library work. Technology is the driver within libraries today. Staying current and looking forward to new customer experiences is so very important to SHERRI. She enjoys the challenge of planning for the future of the Library. She told us how LOLA SHERMAN and DAVID NYDEGGER were participants in a committee to help reshape the library, updating its strategic plans. The Library is the Cultural Heart of Oceanside.

Her goal for the library is "To Connect and Inspire." Recently they hosted over 3,700 students visiting the library. She created fun activities to bring the kids into the library and to hopefully keep bringing them back for more on their own. The Library is expanding its hours and now is open 4 nights a week until 8 p.m. They are offering citizenship classes. They are moving their data to the Cloud and are keeping up with the fast moving changes in technology.

She remembers and appreciates how the library was instrumental in helping her to achieve her own goals and is making sure that others have that opportunity as well. Eight members of her staff have been encouraged to get degrees. Questions

JANET BLEDSOE LACY asked about the outsourcing of the public library in Escondido to save only \$400,000. SHERRI is dead set against this concept. You lose the personality of the local libraries when outsourcing takes place. As she put it, "cookie cutter" corporate plans cannot meet the needs of the individual community.



JIM SCHRODER mentioned to SHERRI that recently we had a group of 15 students visiting from Fuji City. While here, they toured the library. Upon leaving, they were each given a small green backpack with some items inside as a gift from the library. JIM told her that the next morning, as the students were arriving from their homestay families, 13 of the 15 students were all wearing the same tee shirt. Upon closer examination, it was the tee shirt that the library had given them the day before. They wore these shirts on the flight home on Japan Airlines and back to Fuji City that last day. SHERRI was pleased to hear this.

Visiting Rotarian RICHARD GOLDEN mentioned to SHERRI a book entitled "Journey to the Center of the Internet" referring to the potential problems with Cloud backups today. MIKE CURTIN responded that there can often be problems with single backups, but that the Cloud has redundancies built in with multiple backups for safety and security of stored information.



CHUCK presented SHERRI with a small planter box made by students of TERI, Inc in Oceanside with succulents inside the planter box as a Thank You for coming to Oceanside Rotary today.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING



In our drawing today, the lucky ticket for the chance to draw the Joker and win the \$1,000 was held by PP SUSAN ASATO. Unfortunately, she drew the 10 of diamonds and went home with the \$10 consolation prize.

The meeting went into overtime by just a short time. CHUCK swore it was 1:31 when he clanged the bell, but most members watches actually said 1:32 ... Not that we are keeping track of these things!

Speaking of keeping track of things, to recap: President CHUCK WARD retrieved his beloved official gavel with his name on it today, but lost a borrowed gavel AGAIN to the Gavel Grabber Ghost.



Don't forget our next meeting will be FRIDAY September 8th. We are dark September 1st. If you show up on the 1st, lunch will be very lonely for you.

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

September 1 – **DARK** for Labor Day

September 8 – JOHN AMBERSON, City of Oceanside Planning Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

September 15 – AWAY MEETING 5:30 PM - 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