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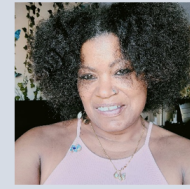
ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE

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With the ringing of our club bell, President SHOR DENNY shouted out “How you guys doing? In return she heard “GREAT!” Pres SHOR then asked Past President (PP) TERRI HALL to lead us as we all recited Rotary’s Four Way Test. SHOR also asked club members to start at the top of the banner, which reminds us that Rotary is “Service Above Self”. At the end of the 4 Way Test, PP JAY CRAWFORD shared that his Boseman, MT club added a 5th question to the test - “Is it Fun?” Good idea, JAY. ROGER VANDERWERKEN led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



UPDATES

Pres SHOR asked our “fantastic” club secretary, PP RENEE RICHARDSON, to come to the podium to share club updates. (Smart idea SHOR...staying on RENEE’s good side!)



PP RENEE noted that not only was THOMASINA JACKSON out with COVID, but also JANET BLEDSOE LACY. Let’s hope they have a speedy recovery.

Sunday August 27th Concert at El Corazon near the soccer fields from 2:30-7 pm featuring two different musical styles. (This reporter attended an earlier concert and it was delightful. Bring a lawn chair and a snack or buy food from vendors at these free concerts.)

Friday, September 8th Regular Meeting at El Camino Country Club – Guest Speaker Doug Holcomb from Jiu-Jitsu. Come at 11:30 to help assemble homeless personal hygiene bags. (*Check out this photo of the haul of collected donations which JANET had stuffed into her car for storage after our August 11 meeting.*)



Friday, September 15th Board Meeting via ZOOM

Friday, September 22nd Regular Meeting at El Camino Country Club – Guest Speaker Darrel Larson

Friday, September 29th Regular Meeting at El Camino Country Club – Guest Speaker Don Stubbs from North County Lifeline

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUEST

PP MIKE CURTIN introduced a lifelong friend of his, KURT DEARIE. MIKE also noted that we helped send KURT's daughter MADISON to Spain on an exchange program several years ago.

KURT took a few minutes to thank our club for our support. Her experience completely changed her life.



PP RENEE also gave a nod to our speaker MAX DISPOSTI, who will receive a more formal introduction later in the meeting.



PP DAVE HALL led fellow Rotarians in our welcome song for our visitors.

PRESIDENT STUFF – Pres SHOR

Due to unexpected illness today, we needed to move the Homeless Hygiene Drive bag assembly to our next meeting on September 8th. Come early at 11:30 and help us assemble these bags for those in need.

Pres SHOR invited ERNIE MASCITTI to report on the presentation he attended at the El Camino Rotary Club meeting last week by a Ukrainian concerning the plight in her country. She shared about the devastation in her hometown due to the constant bombardment and the need for break resistant vinyl as a safer substitute for glass windows. The El Camino Club donated money for nearly 30 windows at \$15 each. ERNIE also noted that winters there are cold without electricity or fuel for heating along with no running water. Rotary has an ongoing effort to provide wood burning stoves with Rotary emblems on them to Ukrainians in need of warmth. ERNIE brought back an old tradition in the Oceanside Rotary Club of (in this case, literally) passing the hat to collect donations for wood stoves



which cost \$150 each. (ERNIE reported on the amount collected later in the meeting.)

Pres SHOR then invited PP TERRI HALL to share with us a worthwhile project we could do on the spot. Our Past District Governor CHUCK PRETTO is undergoing heavy chemotherapy before he gets a stem cell transplant. These next few weeks will be tough for him. TERRI asked Rotarians to send CHUCK a quick note to let him know he is not alone and has many friends in the district. She then passed around a box stocked with blank cards, pens, envelopes, stamps, and preprinted address labels so we could jot a note right then and there during the meeting. (It was quickly noted that some of the supplied labels were incomplete, missing the city and zip code...TERRI blamed her tech guy DAVE for the incomplete labels, and he graciously accepted this ribbing with a smile...What a guy!).

If you missed this opportunity to draft a note to our PDG at the meeting, you still are encouraged to send a card of encouragement to:

CHUCK PRETTO
3555 Rosecrans St. Suite 114-109
San Diego, CA 92110

WHO AM I?



Pres SHOR invited CARRIE CHACON to the podium for her “Who am I,” a requirement to earn her blue badge and a way for fellow Rotarians to learn a bit about her.

CARRIE has been a Rotarian for about 5 months. She is a co-founder of a local non-profit (“Real Hearts Give”) which helps our youth in Oceanside, and she also works with BRIAN LONG’s office helping people moving, downsizing etc. CARRIE has two children - a daughter at Palomar College who plays water polo and a son in the Navy who will make his first deployment in October. CARRIE has been married over 30 years, noting she couldn’t stand her husband when they first met in high school. CARRIE will serve again as the Volunteer Director for Ironman on April 6th. She appreciates and looks forward to Oceanside Rotary’s support again this year. She also coordinates the Labor Day Pier Swim with the Oceanside Swim Club. Finally in response to some prodding by a certain someone, CARRIE noted who her fantastic sponsor

was - PP RENEE RICHARDSON. CARRIE, we are indeed lucky to have you as a member of our club.

HAPPY DOLLARS

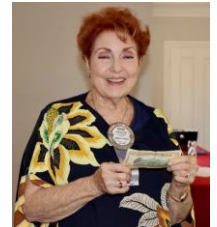
ERNIE MASCITTI was happy to announce that we had collected \$280 for stoves in Ukraine. After being pressed by the relentless prodding by our President (and with a smile on her face) for the “happiness” associated with this announcement at this point in the meeting, ERNIE added \$20 to the collection (rounding the total up to \$300 to cover two stoves) and told how he had a successful heart procedure done recently which has allowed his heart to beat normally, so he is as healthy as can be. Glad to hear that, ERNIE! And well-done Oceanside Rotary!



PP BILL DERN was \$10 happy to be able to spend a week with son JEFF and his family, visiting from England along with time with sons MARK and JASON and their families who came over from Arizona for some Dern bonding time.



PP TERRI HALL gave \$10 to share that her brother is in Maui and is well. He noted that the entire world has responded to the Maui Relief effort, both organizations and individuals.



ANCHISA FARRANT was \$3 happy to share she is leaving in September on a trip to Canada.

And finally, our President SHOR DENNY gave \$20 because her organization survived a tumultuous last year and the fact she is just “HAPPY”!



PROGRAM

Pres SHOR introduced our speaker today, MAX DISPOSTI from the North County LGBTQ Resource Center.

As with all programs, Rotarians need to be present to really enjoy the presentation. Some of the highlights are:



MAX has been in Oceanside for 20 years. He grew up in Italy near Rome. His family was a giving family, teaching him from an early age how fortunate he really was and the importance of helping others when you can.

MAX is the founder of the North County LGBTQ Resource Center, a 501-c(3) non-profit. In addition to that important work, he has served on numerous committees in the Oceanside area, working with and supporting the Sheriff's department, local children's hospitals, Martin Luther King Scholarships with JANET BLEDSOE LACY, among many others.

About 15 years ago, MAX recognized a need in the Oceanside area for support for the LGBT community.

MAX shared some facts about LGBT youth.

- LGBT youth are 7 times more unlikely to finish high school.
- More members of the LGBT community (22%) vs. cisgender heterosexual individuals (16%) live under poverty (Data from an Institute for Research on Poverty policy brief, 2021), often because they didn't finish school.
- 40% of homeless between the ages of 14 and 24 in San Diego County are part of the LGBT community. The primary reason centers around fractured relationships with their families and the subsequent lack of understanding and support.

The LBGT Resource Center conducts a lot of training in San Diego County with the local police and sheriff departments along with the FBI, mainly because law enforcement sees and must deal with the impact of violence against this community.

People of all ages come to the Resource Center looking for more acceptance, help finding jobs, and helping them to get back into our community.

When we talk about anything around the LGBT community, there is so much stigma and prejudice attached that people can have a hard time. Sadly, there is a lot of hate in our community. MAX told us that members of the LGBT community are just looking for connection with others, to feel safe when they walk the streets - just a normal life.

The Resource Center provides free licensed therapists, helping people who have suffered from numerous paths of trauma including victims of hate crimes. The center helps put these victims' lives back together. Case workers also help LGBT individuals, giving them hope and helping them live in the community. The center works in schools with children who feel isolated, with homeless awareness, human trafficking prevention and training school personnel to recognize the signs of possible trafficking. (MAX shared that 25% of all persons involved in human trafficking are boys and men.) MAX noted that it is a common misconception that trafficking victims are kidnapped. Often these victims are groomed gradually over a period of time, offering them a sense of family and belonging which they did not receive from their own family.

During the Q & A and Comments time, TERRI HALL said that a Resource Center like MAX's can be a blessing, sharing the experience of one of her young relatives and how the support and encouragement offered by the local LGBTQ community center literally saved that young life.

MAX finished with this thought - "You don't have to understand in order to feel empathy and support."

President SHOR thanked MAX for his presentation and noted that a book will be donated to the Oceanside Library in his name.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

Hearing a discernible moan from fellow Rotarians when notoriously lucky ANCHISA FARRANT held the winning ticket for a chance to win the opportunity drawing and after ANCHISA shared she was wearing the very same lucky blouse when she won a previous big drawing, she was only able to pick a Queen from the few cards left in the \$1000 pot. Instead, she got \$10. Maybe next time, ANCHISA.



After ringing our club bell with a table knife at first, Pres SHOR quickly pulled out the real deal after someone questioned if she had lost her gavel. (Gavel grabbers are always watching SHOR!) So, after this double "ting" and then "clang", our meeting came to a close. See you on September 8th.

NEW MEMBERS LEARNING NEW THINGS ABOUT ROTARY

Thanks to BILL DERN for sending in this photo from the recent New Member Seminar hosted by our Secretary / PPx4 RENEE RICHARDSON at her home, where she provided a delicious dinner of chopped Mexican salad and her famous Overnight Enchilada Casserole. All in attendance learned more about Rotary. Many thanks to RENEE for hosting this event and helping to get our new members off to a great start in Rotary! (Pictured, counter-clockwise at the table: President SHOR DENNY, DARREL LARSON, BRANDON GARCIA, Hostess with the Mostest RENEE RICHARDSON, Darrel's wife SHERI, and LA-RENE MALCOLM.)



ROTARY AT THE MOONLIGHT 2023

Friday, August 25 was the long-awaited night for us to see the high energy, toe-tapping musical *42nd Street* at Vista's Moonlight Amphitheatre. Most of our group started our evening together at Chin's Szechwan restaurant where 26 of us members, family, and friends took over the banquet room. Lots of fine food and captivating conversations! Once all the bills were settled, we moseyed off two by two to the Moonlight, a little over a mile away.

There we enjoyed a crowd-pleasing show with a quite memorable opening Instead of having the curtain pulled completely up to show the full stage, it rose at first only a couple of feet so the audience could see only the feet of the talented corps of dozens of dancers who would present the performance, giving us a preview of the precision, flashy tap dancing to come! It was a predictable "Young, eager actress from Allentown, PA gets her big break to become a star" storyline, but oh, the dancing was a sight to see and hear! And at intermission, we milled around our section of seats sampling the delicious bites of desserts we had brought to share: cookies and candies and cakes and muffins and Oh My LORD, what a sugar rush! (As if we weren't already still stuffed from dinner!!) All in all, an amazing evening together under the stars once more! Thanks to Event Chair TOM BRAULT for making all of the arrangements. We are already looking forward to NEXT year's Rotary at the Moonlight!



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Friday, September 8th, Homeless Personal Hygiene Bag assembly @11:30 am
before the regular meeting

Friday, September 8th, Regular Meeting El Camino Country club @noon.
Speaker: DOUG HOLCOMB – Gracie Barra Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Friday, September 15th, Board Meeting via Zoom @noon

Friday, September 22nd, Regular Meeting El Camino Country club @noon.
Speaker: DARREL LAWSON – Sawyer Clean Water

Friday, September 29th, Regular Meeting El Camino Country club @noon.
Speaker: NORTH COUNTY LIFELINE