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A Rotarian Adventure to Frontwave Arena

Our fearless leader, RENEE RICHARDSON, decided to spice things up this past week with an adventure to the new **Frontwave Arena** in the El Corazón area of Oceanside. Fifteen Rotarians joined our tour guide, Marybeth Hughes, for a fascinating behind-the-scenes tour of this impressive new facility.



We started with a very informative overview of **how, when, and at what cost the arena was built.** Groundbreaking took place in 2021, and the arena officially opened in September 2024. Before construction could even begin, the site had to undergo extensive preparation. All of the existing dirt was removed and then replaced with fresh, compacted soil before the foundation could be laid.



The original estimated construction cost was \$70 million, but between the extensive site preparation, COVID-related delays, rising material costs, and other challenges, the final price tag ended up at **more than \$100 million.**

Although the arena was originally designed primarily for concerts, basketball, and soccer, planners wisely built in the flexibility to accommodate ice events as well. They are currently in the process of installing a layer of ice beneath the sports floor, allowing the arena to host hockey and other ice-related events in the future.

Frontwave Arena can accommodate **up to 7,500 people for concerts, 6,400 for basketball, and approximately 5,700 for soccer and lacrosse.** The facility features 16 privately owned suites, along with a variety of seating options, including plenty of easily accessible seating on the entry level.

Attendance varies depending on the event, with concerts drawing as many as 7,500 guests, Clippers G League basketball games averaging around 2,400, and San Diego soccer games attracting approximately 3,700 fans. The arena also features **four local food vendors**, all representing businesses from the Oceanside area.



When the arena opened in 2024, its inaugural event was the **Gold Over America Tour (“G.O.A.T.”) featuring Simone Biles**, which sold out both performances. Today, the arena is home to several professional and developmental sports teams, including the **San Diego Seals lacrosse team, Oceanside Shock ice hockey team, San Diego Clippers G League basketball team, and San Diego Sockers.** The facility also hosts arena football teams, including the Strike Force and Oceanside Stealth.

And the fun doesn't stop with sports! In addition to concerts and athletic events, Frontwave Arena hosts special events, parties, and other community gatherings. It

has also become a popular commencement venue for schools and colleges throughout the area.

Another added bonus is the **Pala Starlight Lounge**, which features an indoor bar area and garage-style doors that open onto a spacious patio—making it a perfect setting for large events, parties, and gatherings.

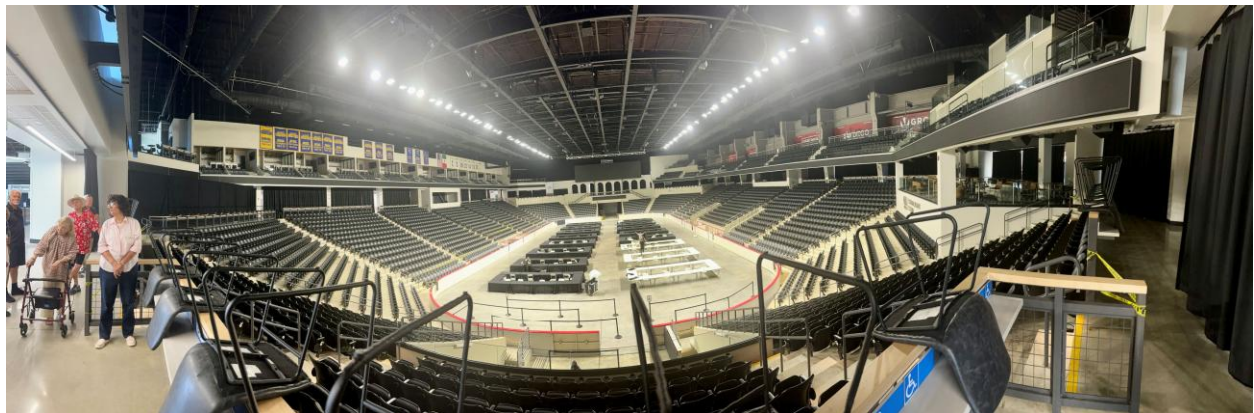
Perfectly situated in the heart of Oceanside, Frontwave Arena is more than just a sports and entertainment venue. It is an exciting new destination that will continue to bring visitors, entertainment, and economic activity to the city, while giving local residents the opportunity to enjoy major events without having to travel long distances.

With sweeping views of El Corazón and glimpses of the Pacific in the distance, it truly has become the “**Corazón**”—the heart—of Oceanside.

For more information about upcoming events, visit **frontwavearena.com**.

After the tour, many of our members continued the fun by heading across Rancho del Oro Drive for lunch together at **Junkyard Sports Bar & Grill**.

Thanks, Renee, Marybeth, and everyone who joined us for a great adventure!



LOGISTICS FOR OUR NEXT MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11

Our first regular meeting at the **Broken Yolk Café** will be on **Friday, September 11 at noon**, and I wanted to give everyone a step-by-step idea of how the meeting will work.

Broken Yolk Café
2434 Vista Way
Oceanside, CA 92054

Here is what you need to know:

1. **Lunch is optional.** If you plan to eat, please check in with **Les** when you arrive.
2. **Lunch Payment:** Your meal will cost **\$24.00, which includes gratuity.** Payment will be made directly to Les by **cash, check, or Venmo.**
3. If you have a **lunch card**, you will still be able to use it.
4. The restaurant will provide **five meal choices**, and your meal will include a drink.
5. For this first meeting, I strongly recommend arriving **before noon** so you have time to check in, make your meal selection, and get settled before the program begins.

A Slightly Different Meeting Format

This meeting is going to look and feel a little different from our usual format. We will **not be having Happy Dollars or recognizing birthdays during this meeting.**

The reason is a very good one. We are extremely fortunate to have a speaker from the **Wounded Warrior Project**, and we want to give them a full **45 minutes** for their presentation without feeling rushed.

This first meeting at Broken Yolk will be a bit of a trial run for all of us, so I appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility as we settle into the new format.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on September 11!

Reneé Richardson
President, Oceanside Rotary Club

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

September 11 –Regular meeting – Noon – Broken Yolk Café (2434 Vista Way, Oceanside) - Program = Wounded Warriors

September 18 – Rotary Night at the Moonlight Amphitheatre for “Come From Away” - 7:30 pm showtime for those who reserved tickets with our group, with Dinner at Renee’s at 5:30 pm beforehand (Just \$10 for pizza, salad, and wine) – RSVP to Renee

September 25 – Official Visit of District Governor JEB BAKKE – Noon – Broken Yolk Café (2434 Vista Way, Oceanside)

Saturday, October 10 – Ivey Ranch Hoedown Fundraiser event – 4:30 to 8:30 pm (110 Rancho del Oro Drive, Oceanside)