

 BE THE INSPIRATION 2018-2019	ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE SHORELINES			 PRESIDENT Renee Wendee
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PAST PRES. TOM BRAULT opened the meeting, trying to ring the bell by flicking his fingernail onto the hard metal, at precisely 12:30 P.M. Seeing him wincing, it appeared as if that must have hurt him a bit, but he said he was forced to do that because PRES RENEE did not provide herself with an official gavel to use this year. But the year is still young!

It seems as though this style of opening is going to be a regular “thing” - with various club members, other than the PRES herself, opening the meetings and taking care of all the “preliminaries” prior to her “GRAND ENTRANCE.”

PLEDGE:



TOM then called JANET BLEDSOE LACY, ANCHISA FARRANT, and VICKIE PROSSER up front so that JANET could present ANCHISA a “glitzy” American Flag Vest (like the ones that she and VICKIE were wearing). TOM then asked ANCHISA to lead us in the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. ANCHISA stammered a bit and said she wasn’t sure she knew it all the way through, but JANET and VICKIE put their arms around ANCHISA and they all led us in the PLEDGE together.

SONGS:



Next, TOM pointed at the ladies up front in their dazzling stars and stripes vests as he led us in singing “You’re A Grand Ole’ Flag”, followed by “The Heat Is On.” The first song was executed brilliantly by the membership, and the second one was simply “executed.” (Some of us couldn’t find the tune, and looked at one another and said, “What?”)

Finally, TOM called FRANK COXON up to deliver a series of “How Hot Is It?” jokes. It went something like this:



“How Hot Is It?” – “It’s so hot, the cows are giving evaporated milk.”

- “ “ “ “ “It’s so hot, the chickens are laying hard boiled eggs.”
- “ “ “ “ “It’s so hot, your car overheats before you drive it.”
- “ “ “ “ “It’s so hot, you learn that the seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron.”
- “ “ “ “ “It’s so hot, all the bread in the store is toast.”
- “ “ “ “ “It’s so hot, you start putting ice cubes in your water bed.”
- “ “ “ “ “It’s so hot, hot water now comes out of both taps.”
- “ “ “ “ “It’s so hot, you realize that asphalt has a liquid state.”
- “ “ “ “ “It’s so hot, the birds have to use pot holders to pull worms out of the ground.”
- “ “ “ “ “It’s so hot, the trees are whistling for the dogs to drop on by, hoping to get sprinkled.”

CLUB UPDATES:

TOM then segued with, “Speaking of hot ... President RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE!”

PRES. RENEE finally came to the forefront and announced that the club updates were on the tables. (But just to be sure you didn’t miss them, here they are):

- Friday, August 10th: Board Meeting 11:30 A.M. prior to regular meeting.
 - Friday, August 10th: El Camino CC - Deanna Larson - Asst. City Manager.
 - Friday, August 17th: El Camino CC – Jennifer Schoeneck – Innovate 78
 - Saturday, August 18th: Tree Planting at Goat Hill – 8:30 A.M.
 - Friday, August 24th: That Boy Good/Northern Pine Brewing Social – 5:30 P.M.
- OUR MEETING AT NOON IS DARK

Friday, September 7th: El Camino CC – New Member Induction/District Governor’s Visit – Board to meet with Governor prior to regular meeting at 11:00 A.M.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:

PRES. RENEE called for the introduction of visiting Rotarians and Guests.



STEPHANIE YOO introduced MIKE WITHERS from the Mottino YMCA Staff.



ERNIE MASCITTI introduced DAVID FOGLIATTI, Science and Robotics Teacher from Oceanside High School.



JIM SCHRODER introduced a trio of visitors at his front table: ANDREAS THIELE, visiting Rotarian from Germany; HARRY SINGH of Oceanside, in the Clothing Industry; and ARVINDER SINGH from Intel, who is our Guest Speaker today.

WELCOME SONG:

TOM led us in singing “Welcome To Oceanside.”



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:



PRES. RENEE called VICKIE PROSSER, STEPHANIE YOO, and TERRI HALL up front to celebrate their birthdays by having the club sing “Happy Birthday” and having their photo taken in RENEE’S colorful new “BEST BIRTHDAY EVER” Club Birthday Frame.

VICKIE was \$123 Happy for her combined birthday and anniversary. (You do the math).

STEPHANIE was \$15 Happy.

TERRI was \$25 Happy to be donating to Polio Plus.



JANET BLEDSOE LACY was \$44 Happy for her 44th wedding anniversary with her “wonderful husband.”

LYN CORDER was \$4 Happy for her one year anniversary in Oceanside Rotary because “It feels like it has been four years!”



BILL DERN was \$35 Happy for his time in Oceanside Rotary.



TOM BRAULT was \$28 Happy that August 3rd marks his 28th anniversary in Oceanside Rotary.

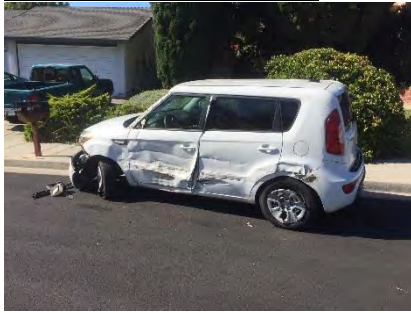
ROBOTICS PROGRAM:

ERNIE MASCITTI brought DAVID FOGLIATTI up to the podium to receive a \$500 check from our club, and to explain the Oceanside High School Robotics Program we have sponsored.



DAVID has been a teacher at OHS for 15 years and been the Robotics teacher for 3 years. DAVID used to be in the construction industry and has a strong background in designing and building things. The Robotics program at Oceanside High School incorporates the concept of Design, Build, Collaboration, and Fun for the students, including community outreach through the STEM program with Qualcomm. The sponsors include Oceanside Rotary, Oceanside High School, and ASSETs (After School Safety and Environment for Teens) program, with students from a wide variety of backgrounds. The students design and build the robots to compete in an obstacle course, where the robots run the course independently - uncontrolled by the students once they are set into motion. DAVID thanked Oceanside Rotary for their generous support of this rewarding and educational program.

HAPPY DOLLARS:



TOM BRAULT was \$10 Sad to have had their Kia Soul (parked on the street) crashed into by a UPS Truck. The Kia was a total loss, and they spent a lot of time this week in search of a replacement vehicle.



LOLA SHERMAN was \$5 Happy because she found out that if you wish a Rotarian friend Happy Birthday on Facebook, it will cost you \$\$.

VICKIE PROSSER was \$20 Happy to be going to Boise, ID to visit her Grandkids and go river rafting.



ANCHISA FARRANT was \$20 Happy to have the new beautiful American Flag Vest from JANET BLEDSOE LACY.



DAVID NYDEGGER was \$10 Sad he was going to be missing a Rotary meeting with our club while he's in Maui. It's a nasty job, but someone's gotta do it!

PROGRAM SPEAKER:



JIM SCHRODER introduced ARVINDER SINGH, speaking on “Understanding the Sikh Religion.” ARVINDER has been in the United States for about 26 years now, and in San Diego for 23+ years. He studied Engineering at Arizona State University and is currently working at Intel. He is married and has 2 sons. He enjoys the outdoors, hiking, photography,

and reading.

ARVINDER SINGH began by stating that Sikhs are not Muslims. They are one of the newest of the world religions and the 5th largest. There are nearly 25 million Sikhs worldwide - the great majority of them (20 million) living in Punjab, the Sikh homeland in northwest India. Another 2 million live in neighboring Indian states, formerly part of the Punjab. Sikhism is a monotheistic religion that originated in the Punjab region of the Indian subcontinent at the end of the 15th century. Sikhs began coming to the United States 100 years ago.

The faith is based on the spiritual teachings of Guru Nanak, the first Guru (1469-1539), and the nine Sikh gurus that succeeded him. The Tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, named the Sikh scripture Guru Granth Sahib as his successor, terminating the line of human Gurus, and making the scripture the eternal, religious spiritual guides for Sikhs. Initially, the rich exploited the poor, women were not recognized, superstitions prevailed, but Sikhism evolved over time to teach the followers to transform the “Five Thieves” (lust, rage, greed, attachment, and ego). Guru Nanak taught that “living an active, creative, and practical life” of “truthfulness, fidelity, self-control, and purity” is above the metaphysical truth, and the ideal man establishes a union with God, knows His Will, and carries it out.

Sikhism experienced times of religious persecution, and two Gurus were tortured and executed by Mughal rulers for refusing to convert to Islam. This persecution of Sikhs led to the founding of the Khalsa to protect the freedom of conscience and religion with qualities of a “Saint Soldier” (defender of rights and fighter of oppression).

Sikhism has a high moral code of conduct and prohibits smoking, and the use of drugs or alcohol. They believe in equality, freedom, selflessness, and following the path of the teachings.

ARVINDER said they strive to be in the moment, and be spiritual while on this earth, to have family, children, and give back to the community. They promote the equality of women, and don't tolerate the caste system. Sikh churches all have 4 doors, symbolizing acceptance of all faiths. As a sign of their equality, every Sikh man has the same last name (Singh), and every female shares the surname of Kaur. The Sikhs have free hospitals and clinics, and free community kitchens, and feed up to 100,000 meals daily. Everyone sits down at meals to demonstrate trust and community.

They practice a balanced life with: Meditation (Remembrance of God) and Martial Arts (Sword Fighting).

An Iron Bracelet symbolizes Good Deeds

A Comb symbolizes Cleanliness

Uncut Hair symbolizes Spirituality

A Sword symbolizes Protection

Long Underpants symbolize Self Discipline



Sikhs are prominent throughout the world as doctors, engineers, teachers, scientists, athletes. The oldest marathon runner is a 92 year old Sikh.

The turban is mandatory, symbolic, and duty-bound, and 99% of Sikhs wear them. They have been worn for 500 years. Removal is tantamount to a "strip search." The turban represents social justice for the people. Turbans come in many lengths and colors. Sikhs are proud to be Americans.

PRES. RENEE thanked our speaker and let him choose a book which will be donated to one of our local school libraries in his name. ARVINDER offered to donate \$40 Happy Dollars to Rotary for the opportunity to speak to our club.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:



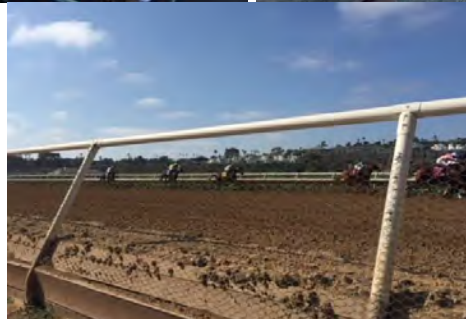
RON MARBEN held the drawn ticket, but didn't select the Joker, so he walked away with the \$10 consolation prize.

PRES. RENEE held up the antique gavel her father gave her years ago (and which the "Gunny" recommended that she keep in her bra to avoid the dreaded "Gavel Grabber"), rang the bell at 1:30 P.M., and closed the meeting. "All's right with the world!" Then she gathered up all of her satchels and signboards and other assorted Rotary paraphernalia and headed off to rejoin the real world, already in progress. (Gee, from the look of this photo, perhaps our President could use some help getting out to her car after the meetings!)



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Even Rotary Presidents need some time off for good behavior sometimes. This weekend, to decompress after the meeting, RENEE headed down to Del Mar on a beautiful SoCal day to enjoy some horse racing, and apparently a little vino as well. Shorelines has not had any confirmation from her about any windfall winning tickets, but if she doesn't show up to this Friday's meeting, then we might suspect that she hit a nice, big, fat Exacta jackpot!



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Aug 10: Board Meeting at 11:30 am. All are invited to see what happens behind the scenes to support the club.

Program for the meeting: DEANNA LORSON, Oceanside Assistant City Manager
Reporter: TOM BRAULT

Aug 17: JENNIFER SHOENECK, “Innovate 78” jobs plan for 5 cities
Reporter: DAVE HALL

Aug 24: Lunch meeting **DARK** for EVENING SOCIAL @ 5:30 pm
That Boy Good / Northern Pine Brewing
Hosted by JIM SCHRODER

Aug 31: **DARK** for Labor Day

Sept 7: MEL GALLEGOS, Our District Governor
(Board to meet with Governor prior to regular meeting at 11:00 A.M.)
Reporter: BILL DERN

Sept 14: JOEY LANDWEHR, Artistic Director of J Company Youth Theatre
Reporter: JANET BLEDSOE LACY

Sept 21: MICHAEL GIORGINE, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.), “Inside Camp David”
Reporter: PAM MYERS

Sept 28: PETER WEISS, Mayor of Oceanside
Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN