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MADAM PREZ. RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE rose to the challenge of leading the meeting by banging the gong loud and clear and repeatedly over and over and over again! Welcome to Rotary, which was once again held in the “Cabana Room” of the El Camino Country Club due to the construction work going on near the main room of the club. **MADAM PREZ.** welcomed back **SUSAN BROWN** who has been absent since May or so of 2018 due to family commitments and started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. **SUSAN** was followed by **VICKIE PROSSER** who was our Songmeister Extraordinaire. **VICKIE** led us in a rousing version of “God Bless America,” followed by our old favorite “Smile.”



JAY CRAWFORD then shared with us his Inspirational Moment by giving us the gift of hearing about his personal history of participation in Rotary. **JAY** first joined Rotary in 1982 in Corpus Christi, Texas and then moved to Montana where he continued his membership from 1985 to 1999 in the Missoula Rotary club. **JAY** shared that his first wife, **MARJORIE**, was the first woman to join the Hamilton, Montana Rotary Club in the late 1980’s. 1999 brought them both to Oceanside where **JAY** has remained active in Rotary since October 1999, even serving as President under the name “**KING JAY**” (which, by the way, came with a robe and scepter worn to some meetings). **JAY** shared how the principles of Rotary and its mission to change the world in a

positive way have been the driving force for “**KING JAY’S**” never ending loyalty to the organization which has enriched his life in countless ways.

MADAM PREZ. shared that there will be a Rotary Board Meeting next Friday on February 8th at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting shall be held in the main clubhouse. Club Updates indicate that our speaker that day will be **JIM HESTER** who is the author of the book *Two Tribes*. The following meeting is February 15th which is Sweethearts Day and all are encouraged to bring your Sweetheart to the meeting. February 22nd our speaker will be **SUSAN TAYLOR** from Scripps Health. March 1 there will be no Rotary meeting because we will be DARK for the Rotary District Conference that weekend. **MADAM PREZ.** confirmed that our incredibly brave and selfless recycled former **PREZ. TERRI HALL**, who now serves as our fearless **PREZ. ELECT** will not be at our next meeting because she will be attending a Rotary President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) next weekend in Los Angeles from Friday to Sunday.



It was at this time that **GORDY WITZ** entered the room after taking an unintended tour of the El Camino Country Club looking for our new meeting location. It was also at this time that **RECYCLED PREZ. ELECT TERRI HALL** called upon each table to introduce their guests. This brought **NANCY RUSSIAN** to her feet to introduce her longtime friend **HANK TALBOTT** who is a former Rotarian (originally in a club in Mississippi and later a member of El Camino Rotary) who had mentioned to **NANCY** how much he misses Rotary. And so, she invited him! And lo, he told her after the meeting that he had such a great time, he will come again! Y'all come back, **HANK**, and set a spell with us!



VICKIE PROSSER then introduced **JAN HIRE** who is the **PRESIDENT ELECT** of the San Luis Rey Rotary Club...Unlike our **PREZ. ELECT TERRI HALL**, **JAN** is not recycled, as this will be her first time as President of a Club. Congratulations **JAN!** **DAVID NYDEGGER** introduced **BARON MANFRED VON VIERTMALER** and **ROGER VAN DERWERKEN**. **BARON** is from the Sumner, Washington Rotary Club where he has a 39-year record of perfect attendance. **BARON** exchanged club flags with **MADAM PREZ.** and told us that he had established the 4th winery in the state of Washington in the 1970's. Now there are over 900 wineries in that state. **ROGER** had been a Navy Chaplain and now is a minister in Oceanside. **ROGER** is a welcome visitor to our club and, based on his regular visits, seems to be well on his way to membership. Also visiting us was **ED PARISH** of the San Luis Way Rotary Club, who is also a welcome visitor to our club.



MADAM PREZ. then called forth our Club's "First Man", being our very own **MADAM PREZ'S** spouse, **PAUL WENDEE**, to give a "WHO AM I" presentation. **PAUL** shared with us that he was born 65 years ago in Oceanside. His father was a Chiropractor on what was then called Hill Street (now Coast Highway). **PAUL** then did some pretty impressive name dropping, indicating that his family was close with **JIM SCHRODER'S** family, as well as **VICKIE PROSSER'S** parents, who all loved to square dance. **PAUL** attended what was then Jefferson Junior High (now Jefferson Middle School) and also attended **DAVE NYDEGGER'S** alma mater, the Army and Navy Academy in Carlsbad – but not at the same time as **DAVID**. **PAUL** shared with us that it had been **DAVID NYDEGGER'S** father who had taught typing to **PAUL** while **PAUL** was at the Academy. **PAUL** stated that he and our very own **MADAM PREZ. RENEE** were High School sweethearts – and then to **PAUL'S** chagrin **MADAM PREZ. RENEE** yelled out "Yeah – until you dumped me!" It was unclear what had caused the breakup, but it may have had something to do with the fact that **PAUL** then attended college at UC Riverside, as well as he participated in their ROTC program. He served in the Army, and in June of 1975 he was an Army

Nuclear Missile Officer serving 4 years on active duty, just as the Vietnam War was concluding. **PAUL** then returned to UC Riverside to complete his Masters in Business Degree. He worked as a Savings and Loan Banker and is now an investment banker. He teaches in an MBA Masters program. He is also a partner in a business known as Easy 2 Own, which is a self-storage company. **PAUL** also has spoken at our club on the topic of Investing For The Future. He writes articles, newsletters, and has been published in Forbes Magazine. **PAUL** obtained his Doctorate Degree approximately 8 years ago. His doctoral dissertation was on the Value Driver Theory, which is a topic that he teaches to his students. But what really impressed the club audience is his newest venture - He and his beautiful, smart, and intelligent wife have recently purchased a business known as Bistro on Main Street in Downtown Vista, which is a coffee house and sandwich shop across the street from the AVO Playhouse. At this point, **MADAM PREZ.** pulled the plug on her Hubby and gave him the hook so that we could transition into Birthdays and Anniversaries!

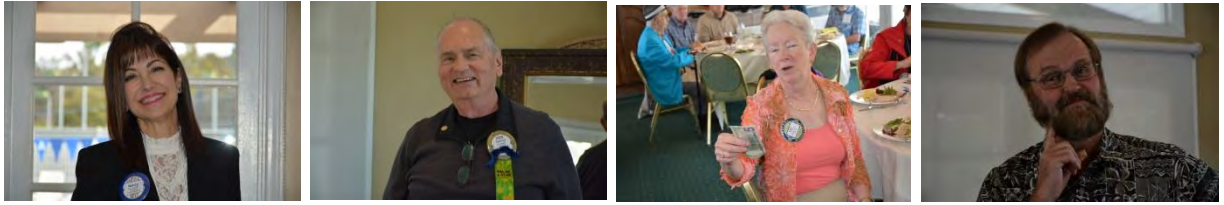


LYN CORDER was \$70 Happy to be a Birthday Girl, and **VICKIE PROSSER**, our Super Songmeister Extraordinaire, led us in a Happy Birthday song just for **LYN**. **ANCHISA** was recognized for her 2-year wedding anniversary with **RON** and was \$20 happy, therefore. **SUSAN BROWN** was \$5 Happy to be recognized for her 3-year anniversary in the club. **SUSAN** shared the challenge that she had in caring for an 8-year-old and a 3-year-old since May and was very happy to be back. **VICKIE PROSSER** was recognized for her 17 years in the Club (and was \$20 Happy about that), while **JIM SCHRODER** blew everyone else out of the water



with his 41 years in the Club, which brought **JIM** to contribute \$41 in Happy Dollars to commemorate his outstanding anniversary.





Speaking of Happy Dollars, **NANCY RUSSIAN** was \$20 Happy to be back after yet another fun trip, and she was an additional \$5 Happy to have her buddy **HANK** attend the meeting as her guest. Speaking of **HANK**, **PAUL WENDEE** was \$5 Happy to be seated next to **HANK** who had shared with **PAUL** that **HANK** was a World War II fighter pilot for the Army Air Corps. **DAVE HALL** was \$5 Happy that the laundry and bathroom remodel at their home was 99% done, subject to a final inspection by the city. This project had started September 15th. (An anonymous heckler was heard to comment, “Jeez! Your porta potty must be overflowing by now!”) **LYN CORDER** was \$5 Happy to have her daughter in law flying in from Alexandria, Virginia for a much-needed vacation from what sounds like a very challenging job. She is not bringing her twins with her – which will allow Mom-In-Law and Daughter-In-Law to really have a good visit. **TOM BRAULT** was \$5 Happy to announce that the belated **BRAULT** family Christmas celebrated on January 25 was a big success and a good time was had by all. **TOM** also shared that he had attended a Game of Thrones themed wedding for his niece which was described as “... Different.”





PAM MYERS was \$5 Happy to announce that it was Heart Awareness Day, which is why she was wearing a really cute red sparkling top. **PAM** was Happy to be at Rotary and Happy to be healthy again, after a recent health scare. Visitor **JAN HIRE** was \$5 Happy that she was heading to Long Beach to spend the night with her granddaughter as part of her PETS training weekend. **JIM SCHRODER** was \$5 Happy to have **SUSAN BROWN** back at the meeting.



LOLA SHERMAN was recognized by **MADAM PREZ.** for carrying a \$500 check from the Club for San Luis Rey Elementary School which **LOLA** explained was going to our service project to create a garden area for several classrooms at the school. This project will include “potting tables” for the kids to prepare seeds for planting, as well as other gardening supplies for the kids to learn about growing healthy food. **MADAM PREZ.** shared that we will be assisting with this project at our Rotarians At Work Day, which is the last Saturday in April (4/27).

MADAM PREZ. also shared that at our next meeting we will be giving the Fallbrook Club a check for \$250 to assist them with their Global Grant. Then it became time for the long-awaited Boat Trip Raffle drawing for the highly sought after voyage on **RON MARBEN’s** (**ANCHISA’s** wonderful hubby) sailboat in the Oceanside Harbor with a wine and cheese basket donated by **MADAM PREZ.** The tickets have been sold over several weeks, and the winning number is **9417606**. No one was holding the lucky ticket at this meeting, so check your stash of stubs and stuff at home to see if you have it. If the winning ticket is not presented at our next meeting, we will draw another lucky number until somebody can claim the prize.

MADAM PREZ. then announced that we would have **NO PROGRAM** that day because our speaker had to cancel. **WOW!** That was a first! **MADAM PREZ.** indicated that this would allow us to mingle at our tables and get to know our neighbors. **BUT** before **MADAM PREZ.** could leave the podium, she was asked

to give more insight into **PAUL**'s announcement about the acquisition of the new coffee/sandwich shop.

RENEE stated that she and **PAUL** had purchased the business to fulfill items that had been on each of their bucket lists - She had always wanted to open a sandwich shop and **PAUL** had always wanted to own a coffee shop. They both are facing retirement soon, and this acquisition was with that in mind. However, when they purchased the Bistro, there were some unanticipated challenges: They were met with "resistance" from the existing staff, and they discovered that the place was "filthy" (there were even "bugs" in some of the food supplies), and the place needed a "TOTAL re-do." Then, to add onto the stresses from this Bistro project, a copper pipe had burst in their home and they had to evacuate to a hotel while the repairs were being made. And remember - all of this was occurring while each of them was working full time! But the business is now up and running and all sparkling clean. So be sure to "check out" Bistro on Main Street at 324 Main Street across from the AVO Playhouse in Vista. **RENEE** will be the cook on the weekends, and with Bistro open from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., **RENEE** and **PAUL** will (hopefully – because they'll have so much business) be extremely busy in the days to come.



DAVID NYDEGGER was the lucky ticket holder in this week's regular Opportunity Drawing, but only drew an 8 of hearts out of the 12 cards remaining, leaving intact the \$800 pot of gold for the next lucky winner. That just may be YOU!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 21

OUR PLANNED ROTARY NIGHT AT THE MOONLIGHT

Event Chairman **TOM BRAULT** hereby proudly announces that the annual trip to enjoy the magic of a musical at the Moonlight this year will be on Friday, June 21 to see a hilarious performance of the madcap Mel Brooks hit *The Producers*. The tickets will be purchased on Saturday, March 30 so let **TOM** know before then if you want to join in the fun!. If we qualify for the group rate, the reserved seats will be just \$39. (Otherwise tickets will be \$47 General Admission or \$45 for Seniors.)

"The Producers sets the standard for modern, outrageous, in-your-face humor. It is a truly "boffo" hit, winning a record twelve Tony Awards and wowing capacity crowds night after night for 2,502 performances and is now a very popular production for touring groups and regional theater companies. The Producers skewers Broadway traditions and takes no prisoners as it proudly proclaims itself an "equal opportunity offender!" (Recommended for mature audiences only.)"

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

BILL DERN once again hit the road for fun and family bonding. This time he ventured to the Bay Area where he: 1) celebrated his birthday; 2) played some golf on a beautiful day; 3) enjoyed quality time with his siblings **JOHN** and **PAM**; and 4) sang along as his brother **JOHN** tickled the ivories.





Also, if you need proof that we all live in paradise, check out these photos that were sent in by **ANCHISA**. First is the view right outside her home of a magnificent double rainbow over the Rancho Carlsbad golf course. Check out the colors on the closeup! WOW!! And then there is a beautiful sunset that she captured on Sunday elsewhere in her neck of the woods. Ain't it heaven to live in Southern California???



How about the rest of you? When you go “Out and About” for fun, whether it is a trip out of town or just carousing in our own backyards, send in your photos so we can all vicariously enjoy your experiences!

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Feb 8: JIM HESTER – Author of *Two Tribes*

LOCATION: In the Main Clubhouse

Reporter: JAY CRAWFORD

Feb 15: SWEETHEARTS DAY

Reporter: BILL DERN

Feb 22: SUSAN TAYLOR – Scripps Health

Reporter: TOM BRAULT

Mar 1: Regular Meeting DARK for District Conference Weekend

Mar 2-3: DISTRICT 5340 CONFERENCE

Catamaran Resort and Hotel on Mission Bay

More info and registration at www.Rotary5340.org

Mar 8: CHUCK SAMUELSON – Kitchens for Good

Reporter: DAVE HALL

Mar 15: PURE WATER OCEANSIDE

Reporter: A.J. MAZZARELLA

Mar 21: The planned Away Meeting in Fallbrook for Military Awards has been cancelled

Mar 22: TBA

Reporter: VICKIE PROSSER

Mar 29: TBA

Reporter: PAM MYER