

FEBRUARY 12, 2016

Our President, **KING JAY CRAWFORD**, started the meeting early, because this was a SPECIAL Sweetheart meeting and we had a packed program as well as a packed house! **KING JAY** then gave us his own Rotary Moment:



"Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea"

— **Robert A. Heinlein**

DAVE HALL then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by **PP (Past President) VICKIE PROSSER** as our song mistress who led us in a cheery version of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart".



PP RENEE RICHARDSON then came forward to give us our club updates.



Club Updates:

a. District Training Assembly on Friday, March 19th 8:30 am to noon at the Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at USD. This event will feature seminars and trainings on a variety of Rotary subjects and it is suggested for all Board Members, Committee Chairs and New Members to attend. Cost \$25 per person.

b. RYLA Facilitators needed for the Camp in Idyllwild April 15-17.

c. New Member Mixer Wednesday, March 23 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Location to be announced.

PP RENEE then proceeded with the introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests, which started with **BILL ASHLEY** who was a former member of

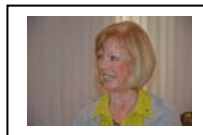


our club 23 years ago. **BILL** is now living in Nor' Wester, Washington, and attended our meeting with his friend **FRAN BLACKWOOD**, who is a member of the Vancouver, British Columbia Rotary Club. **BILL** acknowledged that we were missing some of the Titans of our club, including **HAROLD CARPENTER, FATHER MICHEL, BEN WESELOH** and others. He then shared with us that he had planned on attending the El Camino Rotary Club meeting at the Broken Yolk Restaurant this week, only to arrive a day late for their meeting. So **BILL** instead stayed for the Kiwanis Club meeting that was taking place. Somehow at that meeting, he ended up paying a whole \$6 for an embroidered Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis dress shirt, that he was donating to our club for the purpose of raffling it off with the funds to go to our Rotary Club Foundation.

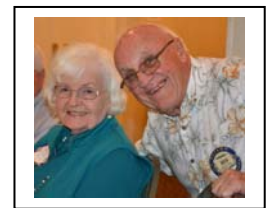


PP RENEE then announced that she would not be at the next meeting because she will be attending as our representative at the Rotary President Elect Conference, but in defense of her being absent, she assured us that **KING JAY** would, as always, have a written agenda prepared by her and that she was certain he would follow the agenda sequence to the letter...But she suggested that maybe, just maybe, the Past Presidents at the meeting might need to make certain to help **KING JAY** stay on track.

JIM SCHRODER then introduced visiting Carlsbad Rotarian **DR. TOM CURTIN** Our



newest Rotarian **SUSAN BROWN** introduced a good friend **SUSAN MURPHY** - a realtor with Century 21 who moved to the San Miguel area recently, and who is thinking about joining Rotary. Wow! **SUSAN BROWN** has only been a member for a week and she is already bringing potential new members to our meetings! This girlfriend puts the rest of us to shame! ... **BOB PICKREL** introduced his lovely bride of 65 years, **DARLENE PICKREL**.



PP DAVE HALL introduced his lovely wife and "Rotary Roommate" **PP TERRI HALL**, who then in turn introduced **DAVE** with the very same affectionate title.



... **DAVID NYDEGGER** stepped up to the plate and hit a home run by correctly introducing **NEIL CREIGHTON** and **LIANE McKENNA** of North Vancouver, and their cousins **GARY** and **NANCY HOLT** from Dartmouth East of Nova Scotia. **DALE MAAS** introduced his special (and extremely attractive!)



friend **NICOLE (aka Nicki) ANTIFUE**.

GORDY WITZ shared his bride of 58 years, his wonderful **BJ** who, as **GORDY** stated,



"everyone knows (and loves) her!" ... **ANCHISA FARRANT** introduced her "sweetheart today and forever" **RONALD DAVID MARBEN**. ... **PP VICKIE PROSSER** introduced her hubby who she said was her Valentine of 51 years, **LLOYD PROSSER**. **VICKIE** also quickly introduced our speaker **MARY LOU ELLIOTT**, acknowledging that we will hear more from her later. ... Our **KING JAY** then pointed to his beautiful **ANITA ROMAINE** who we all



know, is clearly the “woman behind the man (oops! - King)”, aka **KING JAY’S** better half for 13 years.

PP RENEE closed by indicating that she wanted to note that she had procured the valentine goodies on the table in honor of our beloved **CLARE McGINNIS** who for years decorated our tables every holiday with charming novelties that greeted our meal and meetings with love and charm that was so special...Thank you **RENEE** for this meaningful tribute to our very precious **CLARE**. **PP VICKIE** then led us in a robust Welcome Song for all of our visitors from around the world!



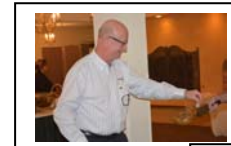
KING JAY then came back to the podium to announce **FINES AND HAPPY DOLLARS!**

This author, **JANET BLEDSOE LACY** led off the Happy Dollars with a \$5 contribution for the fact that we had as our speaker this day a Rotary hero who advanced the interests of Rotary by bringing women into the club. **JANET** stated that she was very familiar with this subject as, having been the 2nd female attorney in the North County in 1974, she had experienced her own gender bias issues as had our speaker...However - not to miss a Rotary Opportunity - **JANET** then advised all of the Sweethearts who were present that she was, after all, a Family Law Attorney (including handling divorces) and that she had her business cards available and she does not charge for the first consultation! (Please let it be noted, that this author used good taste and discretion in not announcing her phone number as well). Our own wonderful **JANET** was then interrupted by a heckler (**CHUCK WARD**) who inquired why her husband **STEVE** was not present at our meeting. **JANET** confirmed that she had invited her hubby of 41 years but that he volunteers at the Audubon Society and that they had a big scheduling meeting at the same time as our meeting. (Good answer, **JANET**!)



SUSAN BROWN was \$5 Happy that her friend **SUSAN MURPHY** was with

her and interested in joining Rotary. Visitor **FRAN BLACKWOOD** was happy that she had lived in San Diego earlier in 1985, and she was happy to hear our singing because it was greatly appreciated and not common in her Rotary experience. **BILL ASHLEY** was \$1 Happy to be here in San Diego on the “right coast” and not in Washington nor in British Columbia. Visitor **NEIL CREIGHTEN** was \$1 Happy (which is equal to \$1.40 Canadian dollars) to be here in this great weather and not in cold, cold, Canada! **BOB PICKREL** was \$10



happy to have his sweetheart and best friend **DARLENE** with him at our meeting. **KING JAY** was \$5 happy to have his special sweet heart **ANITA** to be here with him.



PP TOM BRAULT shared that we have a good group of people signed up for the Moonlight musical “Sister Act” on June 18, but if we get just a few more reservations we will qualify for a better rate for the tickets, so give some thought to signing up and let **TOM** know before February 26 if you are interested in joining in this theatre event.



Following **TOM'S** announcement, **GORDY WITZ** gave \$4Happy Dollars to introduce his former singing group, the "Pal Pac Music Men" consisting of **CHARLIE WENDT, DICK LEBEAU, TOM REDLER, and BILL SCOFIELD**. They proceeded to serenade us Barbershop Quartet style, with the following songs: "Wait Til The Sun Shines Nellie", "Heart of My



Heart" which was dedicated to the longest married couple in our group, **BOB** and **DARLENE PICKREL**. However, our own **KING JAY** protested the selection process by inquiring whether or not one could add up all prior marriages in determining who has been married the longest. The final song of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" was dedicated to our dating couple **DALE MAAS** and **NICKIE ANTIFUE**.



This lovely songfest was followed by **VICKIE PROSSER** introducing our speaker, **MARY LOU ELLIOT**. **VICKIE** shared that **MARY LOU** was born

and raised in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Her education includes an MA in Education Administration from Los Angeles State University. **MARY LOU** worked in Duarte, California as a teacher and a school administrator, retiring after 30 years. She currently is living in Oceanside, California.



MARY LOU is involved in the following community activities: Board of Directors for Hospice of the North Coast., Board for the Friends of Oceanside Public Library, City Commissioner, Secretary of the Oceanside Civitan Club and California District Civitan Lt. Governor, Tutor in READS Literacy Program, and Associate member in El Camino Rotary Club. **MARY LOU** has one son that lives in San Marcos with his wife and daughter.

MARY LOU was one of the original 4 women Rotarians who were members of the Duarte Club in California. At the time she was invited to join the club, she was a Junior High School Principal. She had been invited to come by her Superintendent of Schools. At the time, the Duarte Club (chartered in 1950) only had 6 members. The International Rotary barred women from joining Rotary at the time. However, the Duarte members were greatly concerned that they were going to lose their charter because they did not have enough members. The Rotarian president called the District Governor, who suggested that if they were going to admit women, that they should list them by their first name initials and not their full name. All of the members of the Duarte club were in favor of the women joining with the exception of one gentleman who ended up quitting the club because of this decision.

MARY LOU described all of the good work that they all were doing in their club, and then talked about how their membership situation became a controversy when in 1976 they were having a club anniversary party. They had a special cake as part of the celebration, that was also filled with various speeches. However, unexpectedly, a Rotary International representative had attended the event, and one of the speakers asked all of the Rotarians to stand, which included the women. **MARY LOU** stated that "when we all stood up, you could say that the cake hit the fan!" After learning that the club had admitted **MARY LOU** and 3 other women,

Rotary International terminated the club's charter for "violation of RI by-laws which intended for clubs to be all-male." **MARY LOU** noted that the original 1906 RI laws did not state this, but only that the members should be "Persons of Good Character" with no mention of gender. The women stayed on as members of the club and the club continued to serve its community and members as an outcast club. The club created its own Rotary pin which was the Rotary gear with an "X" through it to signify the un-inclusiveness of RI at the time. The issue was brought to the RI convention and in a vote, women were again denied admittance. The "outcast club" continued to meet at the Duarte Crystal Cafe, with the local news covering the RI Representatives coming to a meeting and cutting down and removing their Rotary Symbol hanging outside. Eventually an attorney and friend of the Duarte club, **STANFORD SMITH**, volunteered to file suit against RI to legally force them to admit women. The ACLU joined as well and the case was heard by the California Supreme Court, which denied the request to admit women. This case was appealed a couple of times after that, and finally was taken all the way to the US Supreme Court who ruled in favor of the Duarte club on May 4th, 1987. RI appealed the decision and lost. **MARY LOU** and her club members were called "The Mouse that Roared" and they made that the image on their club flag. Sadly, when **MARY LOU** moved to Oregon and tried to join a club there, even though the rules had changed and women were officially eligible for membership, she was denied admittance with the reason being "no more spaces for her category..." Fortunately we have come a long way since then, thanks to brave, persistent leaders such as **MARY LOU**.

The Duarte Club is still active and during **MARY LOU'S** time and thereafter, the Club has contributed to the City of Hope's Research Fund, given scholarships, supported orphanages in Mexico, and, as with all of Rotarians around the world, help to make the world a better place. She also indicated that one of the 4 Duarte women Rotarians, **SYLVIA WHITLOCK**, had written a book entitled "Women Also Serve" that can be located at www.iuniverse.com, or 1(800)288-4677.



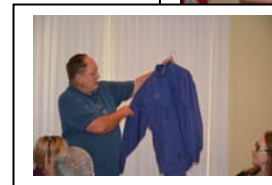
The meeting and the topic of women in Rotary had an interesting effect upon our members and provoked some lively discussion. **ANITA ROMAINE** asked what was the exact year that women were admitted and the answer is 1987, followed by the explicit change of the RI constitution eliminating the "male only" provision in 1989. **KING JAY** remembered the significance of their first woman member in his Missoula, Montana club. She was the Dean of Women at the University of Montana, who was joining a club of 120 male members. Afterward it was written in the local newsletter that there was a member of the Lion's Club who bragged that he was the only Lion's Club Member who slept with a Rotarian. **JIM SCHRODER** remembered that **DEE FLEMING** was the first female member of our club when we had 135 members. He recalled that there was only one Rotarian who objected. **JIM** further remembered attending Rotary in Uruguay in 1991, and that they still did not admit women even then. **SUSAN BROWN** commented that she appreciated **KING JAY'S** Rotary Moment statement which was very "appropriate" and she congratulated **MARY LOU** on her courage. **PP TERRI HALL** remembered going to a Rotary International meeting in London without her husband, and that



the “parting shot” of one of the local members there was, “It was good to meet you, but next time bring your husband.” **PP RENEE RICHARDSON** came across minutes of a Rotary secret meeting of our club where there was substantial discussion about whether a woman should be admitted to the club... It was clearly not an immediate, nor a casual decision.

RENEE also remembered not knowing how she would be treated when she went to Osaka, Japan, when she was our President, at a time when they did not admit women into Rotary in Osaka. **JANET** could not refrain from sharing with the club that the gender discrimination that was pervasive in our country at the time was typical of much other discrimination that was based upon race; sexual orientation; and religious beliefs or cultural differences. The Courts found that discrimination which was found to be unconstitutional within private businesses was gradually also made applicable to social clubs that engaged in commercial activities. Rules against discrimination were also applied where clubs were the beneficiaries of government in any way, notably through taxes or subsidies. To discriminate denies equal opportunity for all to earn an income and unfairly impairs an individual’s ability to compete within the business and economic community.

KING JAY presented a certificate to **MARY LOU** wherein funds from our Rotary will be donated to Brother Benno’s in her name, recognizing that the theme of Rotary is “Be A Gift To The World.” We then proceeded to the Opportunity Drawing with \$307 in the pot, but not before **BILL’S KIWANIS** shirt was auctioned off for \$11 purchased by **ANITA CRAWFORD**. Those funds will go to the Rotary Foundation. **JOHN HARTMAN AGAIN** had the winning ticket, but failed to draw one of the 4 aces in a deck of cards that is now reduced to just 30 cards for the next meeting!



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

‘Twas the night before Valentines Day when Anchisa called Jim.
She had an important question for him.
“My kitchen is small,” Anchisa confessed,
“And so I must ask you this little request...
If I cook the food, could you set a nice table
With napkins and plates for a meal? Are you able?”



Jim provided the place and the wine and the beer
And the dinner went well, as you clearly see here.
With Rotary friends and our dear Ms. Colleen
They shared the best Thai meal that you’ve ever seen.
So the lesson here, friends, is if you ever get
A request like this from her, you should say, “You bet!”



COMING UP AT OCEANSIDE ROTARY

February 19 – DANA THOMAS, Semptra Energy

Reporter: PAM MYERS

February 26 – KATHLEEN HIGGINS, Operation Hope

Reporter: TERRI HALL

Deadline to join the list for the Rotary Night at the Moonlight

March 4 – AWAY MEETING at Mission San Luis Rey

Reporter: VICKIE PROSSER

March 11 – MARK POWER, Big Brothers Big Sisters of SD County

Reporter: JIM SCHRODER

March 18 – Annual Military Awards meeting with Fallbrook Rotary

Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

March 25 – DARK for Good Friday