

February 14, 2020

Well, it is long past time for your reporter to get back into the social scene, and the Rotary Valentine program is the perfect opportunity. What a good time to join with others introducing their life partners and significant others!

As of meeting time, none of your reporter's ex's had responded and your reporter just had to wing it and fly solo.

Actually, now that your reporter thinks about it, what's up anyway with the Managing Editor picking me specifically for the Valentine Day Shorelines assignment? That Brault may be channeling Pat Sajak on the outside in this meeting, but on the inside, he is all Snidely Whiplash! (Note to self: Next year, be sure to check off Valentine's Day as "unavailable" when the Editor calls.).



PRESIDENT TERRI HALL, who unlike your reporter was in attendance with a significant other, opened the meeting and asked all the couples (plus one) in attendance to stand for the pledge.



LYN CORDER led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Actually, there was more than one of us without a mate at the meeting ... LYN's husband AL, now 100, was not in attendance. Later in this meeting, LYN noted their 29-year difference in age and said that this was "good for the marriage." And who is your reporter to disagree with

this? Come to think of it, your reporter actually needs to meet with LYN's husband and find out how he pulled that one off.

<u>SONG</u>: The president called on VICKIE PROSSER to lead us in song and Rotary will never be the same! VICKIE confessed to being a little nervous about song leading after her last assignment had gone so poorly. So, she wanted to make sure that her song choice this time would be a winner. Understanding the

mostly...uh... mature makeup of our club, she went to the Billboard Top 100 to check out what's happening on the Modern Scene (your reporter is Hip to This). How could anyone ignore that millennial rapper Nat King Cole? Taking out her iPhone and pointing it to the microphone, VICKIE proceeded to play Nat King

Cole himself as our accompaniment. (Come to think of it, your reporter believes this iPhone method was also employed by Nat King Cole himself in his concerts.) The first selection was "UNFORGETTABLE", which, based on the club sing-along performance, was an apt selection (albeit quite a bit slower than



anyone remembered). The next tune planned was "I LOVE YOU FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS"; but, not to be unkind, the club became sentimental and decided to scrap the Nat part 2 tune and sing "SMILE" instead.

ROTARY MOMENT: DAVE HALL



This year marks the 75th anniversary of Rotary International's adoption of the Four-Way Test. In 1932, Herbert J. Taylor, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, was president of Club Aluminum Company, which was facing almost certain bankruptcy. In the depths of the Depression, nobody wanted to buy aluminum. But Taylor thought that if he could convince his employees to do the right thing

in every situation, they might at least win some sales from their competitors.

DAVE quoted Taylor as saying, "So one morning, I leaned over my desk, and rested my head in my hands. In a few moments, I reached for a white paper card and wrote down what had come to me - in 24 words". Five years later, Club Aluminum Company was back in the black and Taylor always credited the Four-Way Test with its resurgence.

Rotary International adopted the Four-Way Test in 1943, and Herbert J. Taylor became Rotary International president in 1954. At one point, Rotary International assumed the copyright for the test, but now it is in the public domain and has been translated into more than 100 languages and has become synonymous with high ethical standards.

The Four-Way Test (which DAVE invited one and all to recite with him, if we had it memorized):

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

CLUB UPDATES: MELISSA RODRIGUEZ



Thursday, February 20th – Third Thursday Social – The Yard House – Carlsbad Shoppes of Carlsbad – 2525 El Camino Real @ 5:30 PM

Friday, February 21st DARK

February 28 – The club's Service Committee is gearing up to become more active, and at 11 am (before our regular meeting), this committee – and anyone else interested – will be meeting to brainstorm ideas for projects that our club could consider taking on over the next 18 months. Quite a few members have indicated that they would like to be a part of that committee, and we look forward to hearing what ideas get floated and plans get made.

Mark your calendar today to attend District Assembly on Saturday, March 21st from 8:00 AM to Noon- San Diego. All new members, Board Members and Committee Chairs are encouraged to attend. The club pays for your attendance and Continental Breakfast.

SOME VERY SAD NEWS TO REPORT



ERNIE MASCITTI asked for some time to offer \$200 sad dollars. ERNIE's niece, who had lived with him for several years, passed away at the age of 33 following a grand mal seizure. Your reporter had the opportunity to speak with ERNIE following the meeting and ERNIE'S niece was a truly wonderful woman. She entered adulthood as a young

woman with a wealth of talent and desire to succeed. Sadly, epilepsy interfered with life. Despite seizures, ERNIE described his niece as a bright, positive person who made the best of life. She will be missed.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:

Members who brought their Sweethearts along to this special meeting included:























Vickie & Lloyd Prosser
Dave Nydegger & Marta Hall
Adolpho Ayala & his husband Stephen Gendel
Bob & Darlene Pickrel
Frank & Mary Coxon and their friend Ramon
Gordy & BJ Witt
Les & Cricket Newquist
Chuck & Yong Hee Andrean
Jay & Anita Crawford
Roger & Jacque Vanderwerken
Amanda & Joel Snider



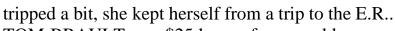
We also were joined by Rudy & Elizabeth Van Hunnick, and by Nadja Umerkajeff (originally from Sweden), Director of Communications for an organization called CouldYou?



HAPPY DOLLARS:



TERRI HALL was \$20 happy that she had gotten into the habit of holding on to the rail walking downstairs ever since she previously broke her wrist after a fall. Today, while descending the stairs, she tripped over her dog, but she was holding onto the rail and, although she





TOM BRAULT was \$25 happy for a weeklong vacation to Las Vegas with his wife LINDA. {See Rotarians Out and About for details and photos.}

LYN CORDER was happy for husband AL, age 100. LYN noted the 29-year difference in their ages as being good for the marriage.



LESLY ADAMS was \$20 happy to be at the meeting. She recently started a new 9 to 5 job that has made attendance more difficult.

NANCY RUSSIAN was happy to have her husband home following a total knee replacement.





LES NEWQUIST was \$20 happy, mentioning the T-shirt that he saw on a patient at the hospital. This poor gentleman's T-shirt said, "It was not my fault, I was left unsupervised".

PRESIDENT TERRI was happy (?) that she had received a lovely thank you note from LESLY ADAMS addressed to "Dear Terri and John" ... DAVE was not impressed.

PROGRAM:



A NANCY RUSSIAN World Production (put together between cruises), A rousing game of "WHEEL OF LOVE!" Featuring TOM "SAJAK" BRAULT and VICKIE "VANNA WHITE" PROSSER.





As "The Power of Love" blared in the background (another iPhone appearance ... Is Apple a sponsor of this game show?), TOM SAJAK welcomed the audience to the show about love and culture, teamwork, and a couple



off-color comments that your reporter may not be allowed to repeat.

DALE MAAS was introduced as judge and scorekeeper (which turned out to be bad news for Team 1, your reporter's team).

The first category was classic movies and Team 1 solved the Vlad-Donald duo of "From Russia With Love" without breaking a sweat. Next up was a love song puzzle and Team 2 immediately got the wrong letter. Team 3 got KO'd and Team 4 manage to go one and out. Team 5 and Team 6 also struck-out and Team 1 received a bad break. Finally, Team 2 "Just Called to Say I Love You." (Lucky guess, I guess.) Team 1 nailed the bonus question though, by having the first person to jump up and identify Stevie Wonder as the artist.

The next category was love songs from a movie, which your reporter knows absolutely nothing about (and may explain why the ex's never returned his phone calls). Team 5 cried out "Love is a Many Splendored Thing", or as Arnold would say, "What Girlie Men!" No one could guess the bonus question, which turned out to be a trick question as the song came from a movie with the same name. (That Sajak is a tricky one!)

Back to classic movies. Team 6 figured that "A Star is Born", and No, AMANDA, the bonus question of who starred in the 1954 version was not Kris Kristofferson. (These young people have no recollection of the golden years of the 20th century.)

It was time again for the category of love songs from a movie. All tables had an opportunity to spin on this one and on their second try, Team 1 knew "How Deep is Your Love". As a bonus, Team 1 also knew the movie that included this song was "Saturday Night Fever." (Knew I should have worn the white suit leisure suit to the meeting!)

At this point, Scorekeeper DALE gave us a recap of the standings. Team 1 had it in the bag and Team 3 had 0 points on the board. The next category (which was announced to be the final puzzle of the game) was love songs and Team 3 successfully identified a few letters and, as they were about to name the song, our President-elect and game judge du jour decided to take a page out of the Washington D.C. playbook by intervening in the judicial system. He pointed out to Team 3 that they needed more points to win and, after every spin, checked their score to let them know whether they should keep spinning. The fix was in! Team 3 stumbled to victory as Meddler MAAS helped them snatch a victory by extending their run to the final answer of "Can't Help Falling in Love".

The President-Elect / Judge proclaimed that this was "the biggest comeback victory ever" (Yeah, right), and your reporter plans to contact Rudy (...Giuliani, not VAN HUNNICK) after the meeting to dig up dirt on our President-elect. That Rotary server is out there somewhere!

Final Point Results:

Team 3: 2000

Team 1: 1850

Team 4: 800

Team 2: 750

Team 5: 650

Team 6: 175

(UPDATE: For the record, Team 6 actually earned 250 points, for LOLA SHERMAN was able to verify, after the fact, that in fact one of their bonus question answers they had only received partial credit for actually was completely correct. 75 lashes with a wet noodle for TOM SAJAK for his error in transcribing the "Star is Born" stars names from Wikipedia.)



What is a game show without fabulous prizes? And NANCY RUSSIAN did not disappoint. The second place Team 1 got the consolation prize of a box of Godiva Chocolate bars. The "winning" Team 3 received fancy caramel corn packets for the ladies and chocolate cigars for the gentlemen. Our Game Judge,

Letter Turner, and Master of Ceremonies all received parting gifts, too. And we ALL were

left with a fun and memorable Valentine's Day Rotary meeting memory to cherish. Thank you, "FANCY NANCY" for bringing this game idea to us (and coming up with the puzzles



and bonus questions and prizes)! And thanks to TOM and VICKIE and DALE for pulling off the "game" plan so masterfully!

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:



BOB PICKREL picked up \$10, which your reporter is sure will not go a long way with his Valentine.

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER TO CONSIDER

Ed Parish (formerly a member of San Luis Rey Rotary) has been proposed by VICKIE PROSSER and has been approved by the Board for membership in our club. Now it up the everyone else! Any comments or questions about Ed's entry into Oceanside Rotary should be directed to the Board within the next 10 days.

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT



On Saturday night February 15, JIM SCHRODER was a guest of Rudy Van Hunnick at the 75th Anniversary of Iwo Jima at Camp Pendleton along with 600 other guests in attendance. Seated at the table they were assigned to, right next to JIM just one seat apart, was Thomas Begay, one of 4 remaining Navajo Code Talkers, who had served in WW II, Iwo Jima, and the Korean War at Chosin Reservoir. Talk about sitting next to history! He is 97 and very alert.

He told JIM he witnessed both the Flag raisings at Suribachi - One at 10:30 a.m. with 5 men and a small flag. Then at 12 noon they had a larger flag and it needed 2 additional men to help raise that flag and the famous photo was taken. "What an incredible night of history! He even sang for our table the Marine Corp Anthem in the Navajo language. The entire evening, streams of people were coming to our

table to meet him and get his autograph. A photo of him and his son Ron was featured in the UT San Diego Sunday morning edition on page A3."

The next photo shows a group of Survivors from Iwo Jima who were honored Saturday night by the Commanding Generals at Camp Pendleton and by all in attendance. The oldest was 102. In the center, front row, in the yellow shirt is Thomas Begay, the Navajo Code Talker. An incredible evening of History, indeed!



As mentioned in Happy Dollars, TOM BRAULT sent in some photos to document his week in Las Vegas. Shows that he and Linda saw included: "Paranormal" (a mind-blowing and world-renowned mentalist); the "Beatleshow" (fabulous Beatles

impersonators working their way through the Fab Four

songbook, from the Ed Sullivan show up to "Imagine"); "LOVE" (Cirque du Soleil's production bringing colorful Cirque stunts and visuals to Beatles music); "P. 44 1 P. 44 2 (2)

"Potted Potter" (2 energetic actors taking a 70 minute hilarious

romp through all 7 books of the Harry Potter series); and Terry Fator (a

remarkable ventriloquist). Some time was reserved to take in the sights of Vegas, along with a side trip to Valley of Fire State Park, with its red rock canyons and ancient petroglyphs, plus an unusual opportunity to view the normally reclusive Righern sheep which came so incredib

normally reclusive Bighorn sheep which came so incredibly close to

their car! And, being in the gambling capital of the USA on Super Bowl

Sunday, TOM couldn't resist watching some of the big game with the crowd of mostly 49'er fans gathered at the Sports Book at Bally's Casino. Speaking of gambling, TOM walked away from the blackjack tables up \$100.



And on his last day in Nevada, he hit a different type of "paydirt", enjoying a tour of the historic El Dorado gold mine. Oh, and on the drive home, his car was unexpectedly teleported to the headquarters of Alien Fresh Jerky and forced to purchase a pouch of "Abducted Cow Teriyaki"



Beef' jerky. A weird end to quite a week!

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

February 20: Third Thursday Evening Social, 5:30 pm Yard House in the Shoppes of Carlsbad, 2525 El Camino Real, Carlsbad

February 21: Regular Meeting DARK

February 28: TOM BRAULT, Extended "Who Am I?"

Reporter: Brault

March 6: TBD Reporter: Sherman

March 13: JULIE VITALE, Ph.D., OUSD Superintendent

Reporter: Myers

March 19: Third Thursday Evening Social, 5:30 pm

Fratelli's Italian Kitchen, 3915 Mission Ave, #12, Oceanside

March 20: Regular Meeting DARK

March 27: TBD Reporter: Brault