	ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE			
	SHORELINES			
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Our fearless leader **PREZ. CHUCK WARD** brought the meeting to order with a miserably puny bang on the bell with a dinner knife, because his gavels (both the original, official one and the replacement, “stunt” one that had been loaned to him) are still M.I.A. after a never-ending series of gavel grabbings. Ah, sigh ... Will our fearless leader ever learn how to hang on to his symbol of leadership??? I would call for an investigation to see if any collusion is going on!

PREZ. CHUCK then called upon **STEPHANIE YOO** who did an excellent job in leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



TOM BRAULT, our songmeister extraordinaire, led us in “Smile”, followed by the post-traumatic Valentine melody, “Breaking Up Is Hard To Do.” **TOM** even went for a third song, which was the National Anthem in honor of the Olympics.



PREZ. CHUCK then turned to a very poignant (and dare I say “Presidential”) presentation of remarks as our “Moment of Inspiration” that served us well during this difficult week. He noted that at last Friday’s meeting, we had celebrated the upcoming Valentine’s Day joyous embrace of our loved ones. But this Wednesday’s actual Valentine’s Day was marred by horrible sadness with the Florida school shooting by a mentally disturbed teenager with an assault rifle, who took 17 lives away from us. **CHUCK’S** daughter is a teacher, and this horrific event hit very close to home for him. **CHUCK** confirmed that Rotary is not a political organization, yet at this time we need to consider what actions can be taken to stop this overwhelming flood of school shootings. He reminded us that



Rotary is not a religious organization, but is an organization that embraces all religious and non-religious beliefs. He was proud of the fact that for the past 10 years or so, our Oceanside Rotary has focused our primary efforts on various ways to support and encourage children. He acknowledged that our children are our future, and that all of us, young or old, want to feel important, and appreciate a “pat on the back” to let us know that we are “okay and doing well, and that each of us is important in this world.” He recognized that we cannot change things that have already occurred, but stressed that he personally believes in the power of prayer, and that such power can bring positive change for our future. Prayer, he noted, does not need to be to a God or a deity. **CHUCK** shared that in his prayer, he had asked for strength, and that his prayer was met with difficulties which ended up helping to make him stronger. He asked for wisdom, and was answered with problems to solve. He asked for courage, and was given dangers to overcome. He said that he received nothing that he wanted, but received everything that he needed.

CLUB UPDATES

PREZ “HAS BEEN” TWICE / PREZ ELECT

RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE thanked **CHUCK** for his moving moment of inspiration. **RENEE** then shared that, in order to save our President a few minutes during the meeting, she had put notes on all of the tables providing the Club Updates in writing, instead of taking the time to read them aloud. This included the following announcements:



Friday, March 9 the military awards luncheon with the Fallbrook Rotary Club meeting will be held at El Camino Country Club at noon

Saturday, March 24 is the District Assembly. Grab a new member and bring them along or grab an old – timer and bring that person along as well. Starting time in San Diego is 8:30 AM at the USD Joan Kroc Center for Peace and Justice and the assembly will adjourn at noon. If you would like to stop for lunch on the return home please let **RENEE** know. We will be carpooling from the Park and Ride lot at the 78 and 5.

Friday, March 30 WE WILL BE DARK for Good Friday.

A VERIFIED GAVEL SIGHTING



PAST PREZ's **TOM BRAULT** and **RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE** then gave **PREZ CHUCK** a chance to win back his long-lost gavel and brought out the now-familiar numbered boxes to choose from. But there was a wrinkle in the game this time around – There were three boxes and three possible prizes. **TOM** then displayed each of the

potential prizes: 1) a gift certificate to 333 Pacific Restaurant (like the one that **CHUCK** always *promises* is a prize in our monthly birthday drawing, but which we have never seen proof of); 2) his “replacement gavel” which had been lost by our President on multiple occasions; and the final prize (#3) was nothing less than **PREZ CHUCK'S ORIGINAL PERSONALLY INSCRIBED GAVEL!** WOW! Both gavels and a great dinner right there in front of us! No way would our **PREZ. CHUCK** be a loser!



After showing off each of the three prizes one by one, **TOM** handed them off to **RENEE** to mix them up and put them into the boxes. But (in plain sight of everyone present who was paying attention), she actually tucked each of the real prizes into a safe spot and left each of the boxes holding just a



dummy envelope. Alas and alack - when **PREZ. CHUCK** went to choose a box, he found an envelope which read: “*PSYCH!! Did you really think you would get your gavel back so easily?*” ... Inside the envelope was a slip of paper which read:



We do not think that your alleged “333 Pacific gift certificates” actually exist!

This certificate is redeemable for

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!!

(Chuck, you have lost your danged gavel *so many times*, we have run out of ideas for fake gift certificates. Sorry.)

PREZ. CHUCK then smiled, shook his head, and muttered into the microphone that you just cannot trust anyone ... apparently not even including Rotarians. He then encouraged all present to “check your wallets” and “beware of wolves in sheep’s clothing!”

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:



STEPHANIE YOO was proud to introduce **MIKE WITHERS** who is the Member Service Administrator at the Mottino Family YMCA and last month received the honor of “Rookie Director of the year” from the YMCA of San Diego County .

Also present were attorney **COLLEEN MAAS** from the Route 78 Rotary Club, and **EDWARD BECERRA**, also from Route 78 Rotary. **EDWARD** was proud to announce that he was inviting us all to attend their fundraiser to be held March 25, 2018 at the Center of the Arts in Escondido, with the proceeds supporting education and charitable programs for children and youth in the North County. The event is their 5th Annual Mariachi Festival, with the cost of a ticket varying from \$20 for just the concert, up to \$85 for the whole event which includes VIP tacos and tequila. For more information, go to www.ArtCenter.org/events or www.Mariachi78.org or www.Route78Rotary.org or call (800) 988-4253. Our own **LOLA SHERMAN** has previously attended this event, and said that it is FANTASTIC! **COLLEEN MAAS** agreed, and compared it to a Las Vegas show.



BRIAN ORR was introduced and is a Pastor with the Salvation Army,

DENNIS BERKHOLTZ was introduced as our speaker, along with his wife **KIMBERLY**.



MEETING ONE OF THE CROWN HEIGHT YOUTH



ERNIE MASCITTI gave a brief history of our club's involvement with Crown Heights over the years. He shared how women in that area were afraid to walk at night and cross a neighborhood bridge because of gang activity. That fear no longer exists. The goal of our Rotary club's work in this

neighborhood is to take some of the motivated local kids out of their limited environment and "get them out in the world." Trips with Rotarians and Crown Heights kids have ranged from college campus tours, to drama events, and touring Camp Pendleton, and much more. **ERNIE** shared that the events included a "nice lunch, at a real restaurant." This program has now spread to involve the police and fire departments. **ERNIE** then introduced **DEIRDRE COLBURN** who is a school community counselor/liaison with Lincoln Middle School, who was accompanied by **CYNTHIA GAREEZ**, who is a 7th grader at Lincoln. **DEIRDRE** reported that **CYNTHIA** had attended a concert at MiraCosta College, as well as one of the tours of Camp Pendleton with our Rotary programs. **CYNTHIA**, as a somewhat shy 7th grader, shared that she



played the violin, and really liked the MiraCosta concert. **PREZ CHUCK**, once again acting very Presidential, hugged **CYNTHIA** and told her how hard it was for all people, big or little, to speak in front of an audience. He then gave **CYNTHIA** a \$10 certificate to In N Out Burger. Well done, **PREZ CHUCK!** (... and **CYNTHIA!**)

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

PREZ. CHUCK then held the raffle, and the two competitors were **TOM BRAULT** and **DAVE HALL**. **PREZ CHUCK** read some complicated set of rules for winning the elimination round, and the opportunity of finding the Joker and walking away with \$500. The bottom line is that the contestants had to throw beanbags onto a board with holes in it with various points for where the beanbag hit. Both **TOM** and **DAVE** counted to 3, and with their first throws, nailed not the board which was supposed to be the target, but instead to the delight of all, they hit **PREZ CHUCK** with a beanbag straight on the noggin. Now, this goes back to the beginning of this report: **WAS THERE COLLUSION WITH THIS EVENT, OR WAS IT JUST AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT???** An investigation must go forward!



At the end of the day, **DAVE HALL** scored one more point than **TOM** in the beanbag toss, but did not draw the joker for \$500. Instead he drew the 6 of clubs for the \$10 consolation prize.

At this point, our President seemed ready to move on to the program, but once again was reminded that Happy Dollars might be a good idea. And so he swiftly shifted gears to grab some cash.

HAPPY DOLLARS



JAY CRAWFORD was \$3 happy that he had \$3 in his wallet, and then immediately sad that he had just handed that \$3 over to the club.

Visitor **RUDY VAN HUNNICK** was \$20 grateful for health and happiness, and was proud that he had been part of the movement to put defibrillators into the Oceanside schools.





TOM BRAULT was \$5 happy to have been part of the raffle experience, and relieved that **DAVE HALL** had not bailed out on him with the aiming at **PREZ CHUCK** part. (Hmmm - sounds suspicious to me!)

BILL DERN was \$5 happy that **CHUCK**

WARD was going to be installing new flooring in his bathroom, and promised that he would keep us posted as to whether he was satisfied with the work.



Visitor **EDWARD BECERRA** shared that he was \$5 happy to have been part of a program which has distributed over 53,000 books to kids since May 2015.



DAVE HALL was also \$5 happy to see his competitive partner for the raffle slam **PREZ CHUCK** in the head with his bean bag. (Reporter's note: COLLUSION OR WHAT????!!)



MOVING ON TO AN ACTIVE AND EXCITING PROGRAM

DAVID NYDEGGER was happy that he had the chance to have lunch with an Olympian, who he then announced was our speaker, **DENNIS BERKHOLTZ** - the Director of USA Beach Handball, and the Producer of the upcoming Championship Tournament coming to Oceanside.



DENNIS shared with us his enthusiasm for this sport. He had been part of the US Olympic handball team in Munich in 1972, as well as at the 1976 Montreal Olympics. This occurred as a result of his service in the Army, where he was “invited”, and then ultimately “ordered” to participate in the team training.



Our speaker's topic was the 2018 Pan Am Beach Team Handball Championships coming to Oceanside! This reporter thanks the Oceanside Chamber of

Commerce Business Journal for the following information regarding this major event:

Between March 8-11, 2018, Team Beach Handball will come to Oceanside, featuring teams from North America, South America, and Central America, playing for the Pan American Beach Handball Championship. There will be both men and women teams in competition, representing Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, the United States, Ecuador, Uruguay, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Trinidad/Tobago, Chile and Venezuela. Wow! The USA men's team is the defending tournament champion, and both Brazilian teams of men and women, have won world championships several times in recent years. The best four teams (both men and women) shall advance to the World Championships in Russia, in July 2018.



Beach Handball is an offshoot discipline of the Olympic sport Team Handball. Beach Handball was described as “similar to water polo on sand.” The objective is to throw a ball into a goal past a goalkeeper, with extra points for fancy moves. There are four sand players attacking and three sand players defending. It is fast-moving, high-scoring, and spectator friendly game. We were shown a short, promotional video for the event which showed players in action – leaping, twirling in the air, and tossing the ball into the goal.

This competition will take place on the beaches near the Harbor. (It originally was planned to be held around the Amphitheatre, but since the sand is so depleted in that part of the beach, it would have cost too much money to truck sand in, and so the games were relocated.) **DENNIS** states that, “One of our production goals is to



work closely with the entire Oceanside Community, generating opportunities for individuals and businesses to be involved. In that regard we have programs available for corporations to Sponsor a Team and/or to become a Community Partner in the Championship.” Contact **DENNIS** for more information (435) 714-9491 or dennis@usateamhandball.com.

During the question period of this presentation, the discussion digressed to whether a sponsor's name could appear on team uniforms, which it became clear was specifically asking about the Women's team whose "uniforms" consisted of skimpy bikini swimsuits. The cost of such a sponsorship was over \$7,000, and even this feminist had to comment that the size of the sponsorship ad could not be worth the money given the limited space upon which the sponsor's name would appear.

Thankfully, at this point, before we strayed further into more PG-13 or R rated questions focused on anatomy, **PREZ CHUCK** adjourned the meeting at 1:27 pm. Again, given his "lost" gavel, he had to use his rather pathetic dinner knife to ring the bell. At least we had **PAST PREZ. / PREZ ELECT RENEE** in the back, banging the great GONG from Taiwan to both open and close the meeting to compensate for the negligent loss of our **PREZ. CHUCK** of his gavel!

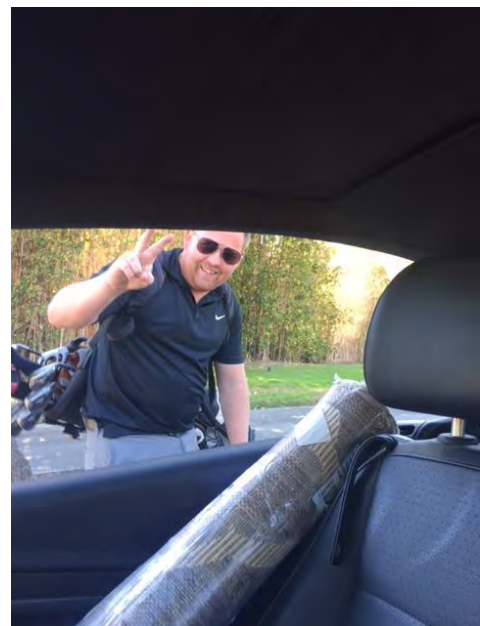


SAD BREAKING NEWS

VICKIE PROSSER passed along the sad news that **CAROL MITCHELL** (widow of beloved former member **RANDY MITCHELL**) passed away on Saturday. To date, there is no word about services. We will keep you informed as details become available.

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

In a case of "being at the wrong place at the wrong time", **DIEGO DOBSON** got busted for carting a golf bag around El Camino on Friday instead of joining us at our meeting. He may have gotten away with it had he not had the misfortune of poor timing in crossing the country club access road.



Here is how **PREZ CHUCK** described the situation to Shorelines:

*“Unfortunately Diego had other plans today.
I’m sure deep down he feels badly for missing a meeting and crossing directly
in front of my car on my way out of the parking lot.
NOT!”*

LAST CHANCE TO GIVE INPUT ON OUR CHOICE FOR THE SUMMER MUSICAL AT THE MOONLIGHT

Thanks to the folks who have already expressed their preferences for which Moonlight musical we should choose for our group gathering this year. This week is the last chance to get your opinion into the mix as we finalize the choice. Here is the lineup of shows and dates:



MAMMA MIA! June 15

DISNEY'S NEWSIES July 27

DISNEY'S HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME August 24

CHICAGO THE MUSICAL September 14

Any one of these shows would be excellent choices for our group, but we do have to choose one. So please let Event Chair TOM BRAULT know NOW by email (tombrault2@gmail.com) which of these shows you may be interested in seeing. We will choose the one with the most expressed interest, and we will start taking firm reservations soon thereafter. So contact TOM right away!

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

February 23 – BIG BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Reporter: A.J. MAZZARELLA

March 2 – JOHN DALEY, Oceanside History – El Corazon

Reporter: PAM MYERS

March 9: MILITARY AWARDS WITH FALLBROOK ROTARY

Reporter: VICKIE PROSSER

March 16: COL. JOHN POLIDORO
Reporter: JIM SCHRODER

March 23: USS MIDWAY, Part 2
Reporter: TOM BRAULT

March 24: DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, San Diego (8:30 am to Noon)

March 30: DARK for Good Friday

And for those of you into WAY advance planning, our annual demotion dinner date is in the process of being switched from June 29 to June 22. So plan accordingly to be there for the fun of bidding “Adieu” to **PREZ WARD**.

June 22: DEMOTION DINNER - New Night - Same Old President!