

**February 19, 2016**

JAY CRAWFORD, our president, started the meeting on time @ 12:30 pm.



DAVE HALL gave us this Rotary Moment: Kindness was demonstrated when a boy was going door to door selling goods to pay his way through school. He was hungry, but he just asked the person who answered the door for a drink of water. The kind lady offered the obviously hungry boy some milk instead. When asked how much it would be, she said, "There is no fee for kindness." Years later, that lady was in the hospital with some very expensive bills and the doctor was that hungry boy, now grown up. When she was presented with the bill for her treatment, it read, "Paid in full with one glass of milk."



TOM BRAULT led us in the Pledge of Allegiance (... even if we don't have an eagle on the flag pole.)

TERRI HALL led us in song – God Bless America.



RENEE RICHARDSON was representing our club at the PETS training near LAX, so our president needed to do the Club Updates:

- a) Rotary 5340 Annual Peace Forum – Saturday Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM to Noon. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice University of San Diego. Attendance is free, but you must register. Please contact RENEE for the details.
- b) Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> – Our regular Friday meeting will be held at Mission San Luis Rey. We need a head count, so please sign up with DAVE HALL if you are planning on attending. (The clipboard for this will also be passed around for signups at this coming Friday's meeting.)

- c) District Training Assembly for all Board Members, Committee Chairs, and New Members – Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to noon, also at the Joan Kroc Institute. Cost = \$25 and includes continental breakfast. See RENEE if interested.
- d) Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> – Rotarians at Work Project – Heritage Park. We will be working on the front door.
- e) RYLA Facilitators needed for the Camp in Idyllwild – April 15-17.
- f) New Member Mixer – Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> @5:30-7:00. Location to be announced. DALE MAAS to add details as they become finalized.

JAY and ANITA will be in New Orleans next week, so RENEE will be conducting the meeting.

JAY CRAWFORD told us that he had seen and spoken with Past Pres Tom Morrow, who wants to return to our club.

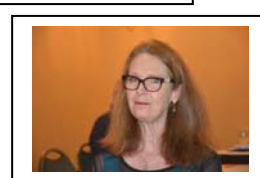
TOM BRAULT said that we need to have a head count by Friday, February 26 so we can purchase the tickets for our group night at the Moonlight Amphitheatre to see the musical Sister Act on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact TOM if you are thinking about being a part of this fun event.

### Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests:



WARD O'DOHERTY mentioned the

expansion of his business empire and introduced a new associate in his offices, Brian Wimmer. WARD also had the pleasure of introducing Gary Holt from Nova Scotia.



JIM SCHRODER introduced Bill Ashley from Port Angeles and Fran Blackwood from White Rock, Canada.

SUSAN BROWN introduced her friend Susan Murphy, who will hopefully be talked into joining our club.



VICKIE PROSSER introduced her friend from Michigan, Malseed.



BOB PICKREL introduced Jim Bushley. Also present at the meeting was LEE RUSSELL from El Camino Rotary.



JIM SCHRODER asked if we had any banners available.

MIKE CURTIN, who knows better than anyone what we have stashed away in the closet at the country club, thinks they are all in RENEE's trunk. We will try to remember to get some to our visiting guests from other clubs.

TERRI HALL led us in the Welcome Song.



JAY thanked any and all who helped Gary Holt get a loaner bike and some bridge players while he was visiting the area.

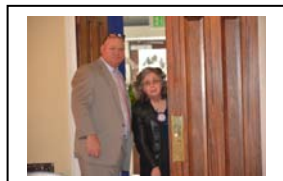


### **Happy Dollars and Fines:**

Members were asked to place a dollar on the table if they didn't have their Rotary pins.

DAVID NYDEGGER fined himself for being late due to traffic.

It was announced that, due to the change in management, if anyone parked in the former Hooters lot, their car might be towed away –



Hearing that, several members had to suddenly step out of the meeting for a few minutes.

GARY HOLT was \$5.00 happy that everyone was so helpful during his stay.



VICKIE PROSSER was \$10.00 happy to have her friend Kathy at the meeting and also relieved that her speaker had just been spotted arriving at the country club.



GORDY WITZ was \$5.00 happy that he had sold all of his tickets he had for the Soroptimist salad luncheon fundraiser Wednesday, February 24 from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Junior Seau Community Center on the Strand.



FRAN BLACKWOOD was \$5.00 sad and happy – she will be leaving soon to go home.



ANCHISA FARRANT was \$5.00 happy that she could treat friends to a Thai dinner that she prepared at JIM SCHRODER'S house.



## PROGRAM:



VICKIE PROSSER introduced the speaker, Dana Thomas, from Sempra Energy, the parent company of SDG&E. Most of Dana's career was in real estate and home

improvements. SDG&E and CCSE had joined forces on the CA Energy Upgrade Program. SDG&E brought him on as a consultant for that program. Now he coordinates presentations and some programs for residential users and also some commercial events. He also still advises on the Energy Upgrade Program and he sits in on solar workshops.



The first thing Mr. Thomas did was to give away tickets for a door prize drawing to be held at the end of the meeting for free things courtesy of Sempra. Then he touched on several topics of interest and key questions about energy:

- \* "My Accounts Online" (which can be accessed at [SDGE.com](http://SDGE.com)) should answer most peoples' questions as well as offering the ability for you to pay bills and purchase some helpful items. Look there first if you have any questions or problems. Information and data about "My Account" is undated in real time every 15 minutes online.

- \* If someone in your family uses a CPAP machine, that may earn the customer up to a 40% discount from Sempra.

- \* Level Pay Plans are available to even out bill fluctuations through the seasons by averaging highs and lows.

- \* Nest Thermostats can be purchased. They learn your home heating and cooling habits and automatically adjust to them.

- \* Many of the free items Sempra provides to customers to help with savings, such as showerheads and faucet aerators, may be sent out in about two weeks.

A large number of questions were asked of our speaker:

- \* SUSAN BROWN asked if online free items were available from Southern California Edison also. A.) Yes, it is a Sempra Company.

- \* JAY CRAWFORD asked about solar panels and why some companies can advertise that their panels are "free." A.) It is because the 30% rebate is signed over to the company. That rebate amount is what pays for the panels.

- \* JIM SCHRODER asked what is coming down the line. A.) Rate tier changes, but the PUC has to make the changes.

- \* BILL DERN asked about how the cost of dismantling the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station is being covered. A.) In this area, we consumers are "invested in" (a.k.a. "responsible for") 20% of the cost of bringing down the power plant.

- \* WARD O'DOHERTY asked about the quality of newer generation solar panels. A.) Panels are better now, but keep in mind that their efficiency still will degrade over the years.

Mr. Thomas feels that owning the panels is generally a better deal than renting them. If you sell your home, some options don't go with it.



\* SUSAN BROWN asked about the specifics of her tier plan. She is at ½ of tier #1, which is good. She was told that you shouldn't overproduce and generate more energy than you actually use, because you receive just the wholesale price from the power company for the excess electricity you feed back into the grid. That lower level of payment means that the additional panels above and beyond your usage needs simply won't be cost effective and will not be able to pay for themselves.

\* Mr. Thomas reminded us that although the panels themselves may last longer, the main electrical unit in a solar installation (the inverter) often has just a 10 year warranty. JANET BLEDSOE LACY pointed out that the solar company may or may not still be in business in 10 years.



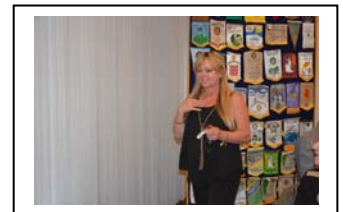
The tickets for the Sempra drawing were won by LARRY HATTER (who chose tickets to the USS Midway Museum) and JUDGE FRANK COXON (who received 3 reduced energy 60 W LED bulbs).



Then our president turned the tables and gave parting gifts right back to Mr. Thomas: A certificate for a donation in his name to Brother Benno's Certificate and a Rotary pin were presented to our guest speaker to show our appreciation for the information he shared with us.



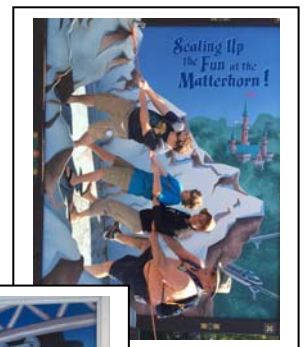
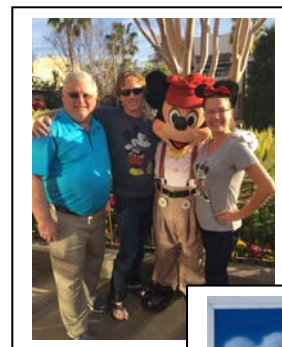
The lucky ticket for the Opportunity Drawing was held by our guest Susan Murphy, but she did not pull and Ace and received the \$10.00 consolation prize. The full pot of \$321.00 will therefore be carrying over for another week ... Another chance for another person to have a chance at the big bucks.



JAY adjourned on time, but without his gavel. Someone was really sneaky and somehow grabbed it at some point during the meeting, and JAY was completely unawares until he checked his "trusty" velcro belt holster and found it empty. Time will tell how this caper plays out this time!

## ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

BILL DERN is another big fan of Disneyland in our club, and he proved it by treating his family to a few days at the resort, staying at the Grand Californian timeshares. Here we see various loved ones cavorting around the Parks and taking advantage of photo ops with Mickey Mouse and several special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration backdrops.



## COMING UP AT OCEANSIDE ROTARY

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

***We need a head count in advance, so sign up for this meeting with DAVE HALL***

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