

 <p>ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE</p>	<p>ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE</p> <p>SHORELINES</p>		 <p>PRESIDENT Chuck Ward</p>
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A siren at 100 feet is LOUD! - Approximately 140 decibels. Our President's ringing of the Rotary bell at a distance of 5 feet is approximately 170 decibels, and this caused confusion, as right after the insanely loud CLANG, I then heard a gong and thought I was at a filming of the popular 70's talent contest, The Gong Show. I was then quickly brought back to reality when I heard CHUCK WARD, our host and President welcoming us to our meeting. Mr. MIKE WESELOH then led us in The Pledge of Allegiance.



Dr. BILL DERN was up next with a couple of songs, because "although we are not a musically inclined group, we are inclined to music." The Padres made a few moves recently, so we started with an American classic, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" followed by a favorite of BILL's (and of many more of us) written by Irving Berlin during WWI in 1918 and revised by him in 1938 right before WWII... "God Bless America."

We are also an inspirational club. RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE just got back from President Elect Training and while there, a question was posed...WHAT IS THE NUMBER ONE REASON PEOPLE JOIN ROTARY? A lot of good answers were given (service, networking, fundraising, peace, international and hands on projects), but the number one answer worldwide was FRIENDSHIP!!

This struck a chord with RENEE as she and many of us refer to each other as our “Rotary Family.” If one of us needs something, it is very comforting being able to turn to a fellow Rotarian. RENEE then went on to tell a story of how she met a gentleman by the name of RANDY MITCHELL 30 years ago and their introduction may have not been the best way to start a relationship. Apparently the first words out of his mouth to her was grumbling that the Supreme Court had ruled that Rotary was compelled to admit women as members. Eventually, though, a friendship was forged, and for the next 30 years, RANDY and his wife CAROL were very involved in our District. RANDY finally proposed LOLA SHERMAN into the club and that day RENEE had happy dollars and was quoted as saying “I’m glad I lived long enough to see RANDY propose a women into Rotary.” After RANDY passed away, CAROL was still able to join us in some of our fellowship activities thanks to BOB PICKREL escorting her. Nine months ago, CAROL’s family got in touch with RENEE because they needed to make a change in CAROL’s living arrangements. After looking into 8 facilities, they decided to place CAROL under RENEE’s care. CAROL took a lot of joy in talking about Rotary and every Friday after our meeting, RENEE would be in CAROL’s room going over the details of the meeting. Looking back, it’s hard for RENEE to think that the grouchy Rotarian that she met 30 years ago would be in her life for the rest of his life, but that’s what happened.

This past Saturday CAROL passed away... It is RENEE’s hope that 30 years from now our “younger” members (like DALE, DIEGO, A.J. and MELISSA) will benefit from this type of long-term connection and embrace their Rotary friendships each and every day!



And now our resident A/V tech MIKE CURTIN fires up the computer and projector...and all we see is a picture of a flower - More specifically, a prominent pistol and stamen and we just flashed back to Junior High Sex Ed class. What was supposed to appear was a picture of DIEGO DOBSON

missing our Rotary gathering the previous week because he had an important golf meeting...BUSTED! DIEGO was asked to stand up. A.J. was then asked to stand up, and he was praised for his unwavering respect for Rotary and



his Rotary family because he sends a text and usually a picture whenever he can't make a Rotary meeting. A fellow Rotarian even yelled out that A.J. is Presidential material, A.J. was quick to respond "maybe in a few years." As a reward for his exemplary behavior, A.J. was presented with an extra raffle ticket, which (under pressure) was paid for to the tune of \$10 by DIEGO.



MELISSA was then asked to stand up because she brought a guest two weeks in a row and as we all know... "you are in charge of your guests." At the time of questioning, KYLE (the defendant ... err MELISSA'S guest) did NOT have his name tag on. The adhesive badge was stuck to President CHUCK's accusing finger. How is anyone to know this stranger's real name without his badge? As her attorney instinct immediately took over, MELISSA was quick to accuse CHUCK, our beloved President, of stealing KYLE's name tag and boldly suggested that CHUCK should be fined! Our President quickly and firmly suggested to MELISSA that she might be going down the wrong road. She drafted a settlement offer of \$5, which was accepted ... Case closed.

CLUB UPDATES:

- Friday March 2nd John Daley will be our program.
- Friday March 9th Board Meeting at 11:00am.
- Friday March 9th Military Awards luncheon with Fallbrook Rotary Club at El Camino Country Club at noon.
- Friday March 16th Col. John Polidoro will be our program.
- Friday March 23rd Midway Part 2 will be our program.
- Saturday March 24th District Assembly. Meet at the 78 and 5 at 7:45am.
- Friday March 30th we will be DARK for Good Friday.

PAUL HARRIS PRESENTATIONS:

The presentation of Paul Harris Fellow recognition is the Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs. The award is named for our founder Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer who started Rotary International with three business associates in 1905.

MARY JO YOUNG - Rotarians often designate a Paul Harris Fellow as a tribute to a person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives of the Rotary Foundation. Today we have the honor and pleasure of recognizing MARY JO YOUNG as she receives a second Paul Harris Fellow award.

MARY JO was designated to receive this recognition as a special expression of appreciation from her late husband DICK YOUNG and several members of our club that wanted to complete her second Paul Harris in honor of DICK.

A contribution to the Rotary Foundation is an investment in the ideal of good will, peace, and understanding. That is an ideal held high by Rotarians the world over and one that both DICK and MARY JO have clearly shared for years.

Congratulations and thank you, MARY JO, and we continue to celebrate the dedicated service of your husband DICK to our Rotary world.



MELISSA RODRIGUEZ – We move closer to a world of peace and good will today as MELISSA becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

Her gift, combined with matching points from our club to the Rotary Foundation's educational and humanitarian programs, is a commitment to peace and to a better life for a better life for people across the world whom she may never meet. This is a truly selfless action.

In becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, MELISSA joins a remarkable company of persons throughout the world, all recognized for their devotion to the ideal of good

will, peace and understanding. It is the goal of Rotarians the world over, and one that MELISSA clearly shares.

It is a great pleasure, MELISSA, to present you with your certificate and pin. We congratulate you and thank you for your commitment to the programs of the Rotary Foundation.



MIKE WESELOH – Following in his father BEN’s footsteps, MIKE received his Paul Harris recognition plus 7!! The pin encrusted with not one, but two rubies, is a testament to the consistency and the depth of generosity of the Weseloh Family in supporting the Rotary mission over the years. Congratulations and thank you, MIKE!



INTRODUCTION OF VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:



- ANGELA IRVING who is a Realtor and Appraiser



- Pastor BRIAN ORR who is the Pastor of Salvation Army Oceanside



- MARY JO (DICK YOUNG's wife)



- MEGAN HARTWELL (guest and speaker with Big Brothers and Big Sisters)



- KYLE PEDERSON (Attorney)

HAPPY DOLLARS:

- PAM MYERS, her daughter, and granddaughter just completed their quest to visit all of the 21 California missions. She was \$5 happy. 
- Dr. BILL DERN gave a report on his recent flooring installation experience ...”Everything went great!” - \$5 happy. 
- TERRI HALL is \$10 proud because her granddaughter won a music competition, and grandson SEBASTIAN (who is a snowboarder) at a recent national competition was ranked #2 in Slope Style snowboarding. (It may have helped that the top tier snowboard stars were off at the Olympics, but still, this ranking was quite impressive!) 
- TOM BRAULT threw down \$25 towards our club foundation for a couple reasons, both having to do with his daughters. The first, his youngest ROBYN found her wedding dress and “that Dern wedding is getting more real as time goes on.” The second, his older daughter GERILYN, who occasionally does some work teaching at her alma mater MiraCosta Theatre, was enlisted to go along as an advisor/coach to the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival western regional tournament in Arizona, where MiraCosta students snagged an impressive and school record-setting number of finalists in the acting competition. 
- TOM also reported that he had received a phone call from former member JOHN McMAHAN, who wishes us all well!
- LYN CORDER was \$5 happy that she and her husband made a spontaneous decision to take a last minute cruise to Baja! 

- VICKIE PROSSER was \$20 happy she will be going to Boise, ID. And she's not going for the weather, but to see her family and especially those grandkids!
- ANCHISA FARRANT was a few dollars happy because of a Rotary fun fact... Today is the 113th anniversary of Rotary!!
- ERNIE MASCITTI was \$10 dollars happy because every time the Olympics are on, he remembers the time he was in Italy and he met a woman who was a second cousin to his wife and her husband was a silver and gold medal winner. She let ERNIE put the gold around his neck.
- One of the smartest Rotarians, RON MARBEN, gave his happy dollars just because his wife ANCHISA is happy.
- DAVID NYDEGGER had happy dollars because we sang "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" and he is going to Spring Training on Monday and will report back!
- JIM SCHRODER had what he hopes are happy dollars as we wish for a full recovery of SUSAN BROWN who fell down at a Chamber event and got banged up and bruised some ribs.

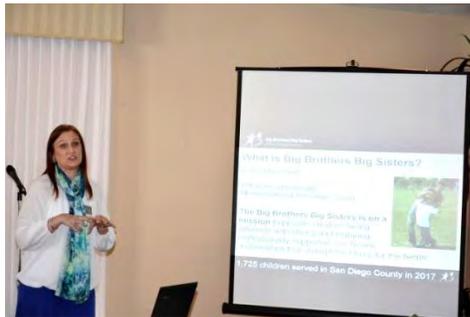


OPPORTUNITY DRAWING



You might think the jackpot is \$500, but it's not...it's \$768!!!...No wait!... Adding in more cash taken in today's ticket sales, the jackpot is actually \$828!!! Two tickets were drawn and TERRI HALL was the first winner and MELISSA RODRIGUEZ was the 2nd winner. MELISSA won the Head to Head Headband Hoop Game of Basket Case for the chance to draw for the Joker in the dwindling deck. (And remarkably, neither of the ladies bonked our President with any of the ping pong balls they were tossing toward the basket planted right on top of his head.) Unfortunately, MELISSA drew the 2 of diamonds and received a crisp \$10 bill as the consolation prize, which President CHUCK guessed would pay for dinner for three. (Yeah, right!)

GUEST SPEAKER:



Our program was given by MEGAN HARTWELL with Big Brothers and Big Sisters and specifically Operation Bigs – Mentor a Military Child. Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County's Operation Bigs is a one-to-one mentoring program for military children - the first of its kind in the nation. Mentoring provides an extra layer of support to local military families. The military lifestyle often presents many challenges for children and families such as frequent relocation, school transitions, separation from extended family, increased responsibility coupled with a sense of loss when a parent deploys and the physical and psychological stress faced when a parent returns from war. The program matches military children with "Bigs" who come from many different backgrounds - in the military, retired, or civilian.

San Diego County is home to the largest concentration of military activity in the world with 137,000 active duty military personnel, 230,000 veteran residents, and the largest discharged Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF) veteran population in this Nation with about 38,000 recent war veterans (9% of discharged recent warriors). Children in these families have unique needs for support.

In an effort to serve this population more effectively, Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County designed the Operation Bigs program, which provides mentors to children of military families through BOTH the Big Brothers Big Sisters' Site-Based program and the Community-Based program. Since its launch in 2004, Operation Bigs has served more than 1,800 Navy and Marine Corps children at 8 sites throughout San Diego County and has inspired the expansion of this concept to over 30 sites across the country. The need for caring, committed mentors to support the children of those who defend our country remains urgent.

In the Site-Based program, Bigs and Littles typically meet once a week to read together, play sports or computer games, or simply talk about life and personal issues – just as friends do. The Operation Bigs Site-Based program runs at four elementary schools on Camp Pendleton and at sites in Coronado, Point Loma, and Tierrasanta.

North County/Camp Pendleton Operation Bigs program sites:

- Mary Fay Pendleton Elementary
- Santa Margarita Elementary
- Stuart Mesa Elementary
- North Terrace Elementary

San Diego Operation Bigs program sites:

- Silver Strand Elementary, in Coronado
- Gateway Youth Recreation Center, in Point Loma
- Miller Elementary School, Tierrasanta
- Hancock Elementary School, Tierrasanta

After a brief Q&A period, MEGAN was presented with a donation in her name to TERI Inc. and a planter created by some of the people at TERI and filled by our own ANCHISA with succulents from her garden.



With 1:30 approaching, some of us were prepared with our fingers firmly plugged into our ears to try to reduce the damage to our eardrums as President CHUCK aggressively dinged the decibels on the bell to close our meeting, closely followed by the closing gong sound from the back of the room.

ANOTHER SAD NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A FRIEND OF OCEANSIDE ROTARY

In case you have not already heard this news. A message from JIM SCHRODER:

“It is with great sadness that I tell you that our friend Estela Gambelin from Parana, Argentina passed away Friday evening from Lung Cancer. She had just been here in Oceanside the week of 20 to 27th of January and prior to that the Training for Governor Elect Convention in San Diego January 14 to the 20th. She fell ill while staying at my house. I took her to the doctors and it was determined she had the pneumonia here. Upon her return to Argentina she went to her doctors and it was diagnosed that she had Lung Cancer. She died less than 3 weeks after being diagnosed. Her kidneys failed Thursday and she passed Friday. I cannot tell you how shocked I am.”

And a note that was added by our Secretary RENEE when she sent an alert to fellow members of Oceanside Rotary:

“She had such a passion for Rotary and her loss is felt here with us as well as with her family and friends in Argentina.”



HAPPY NEWS!!! A FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY!

The DALE and NIKKI MAAS family recently celebrated a milestone – The first birthday of their boy BLAKE! Shorelines received a few photos from the party, including a nice shot of a beautiful cake, followed by the birthday boy taking his first bite, with lots of witnesses cheering him on and documenting the event for posterity. Happy Birthday! The first of many more to come!



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

At a previous meeting, NANCY RUSSIAN had given us advance notice that she would be missing a few meetings as she and her husband LUIS would be touring around Thailand and other eastern locations. Well, she sent along some photos to prove that they are following through on that notice! First the Shorelines inbox was greeted by a series of pictures from their time in Singapore. This was followed a few days later by some photos from the beginning of their time in Thailand, including dinner and a visit to the Grand Palace with ANCHISA's friend, Past President and District Foundation Chair, PRASART KIATPAIBULKIT.



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

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 at the USD Joan Kroc Center for Peace and Justice)

March 30: DARK for Good Friday

And for those of you into WAY advance planning, our annual demotion dinner date has been 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!