



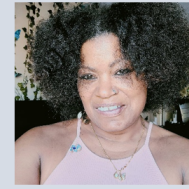
ROTARY CLUB OF
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Shor Denny

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At approximately 12:30 give or take a few minutes PRESIDENT SHOR DENNY struck the Rotary Bell with a knife. Not once, not twice, but three times. NO Gavel in sight. SHOR exclaimed, “I am so excited it is February Oh, I have lettuce in my teeth...” Ha ha laughter.

Recitation of the **FOUR WAY TEST** led by ROGER VANDERWERKEN



- IS IT THE TRUTH?
- IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
- WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by BILL DERN



PRESIDENT SHOR then let us all know, “We have a full agenda today.” She then called SPPPP RENEE RICHARDSON forth. “Excuse me SHOR,”



RENEE exclaimed, “but there are some boxes up here that have your name on it.” Turns out there was also a note from the **GAVEL GRABBER**. (*Cue the dramatic “Dun Dun DUNNN!” sound effect.*) RENEE found the note and proceeded to read it. Then turned it over to SHOR TO READ OUT LOUD. It read as follows:

“DO NOT TOUCH THE BOXES OR OPEN THIS NOTE UNTIL THE MEETING IS UNDERWAY, IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE YOUR GAVEL AGAIN”

From: The Gavel Grabber

WELL, MY DEAR, READ THIS OUT LOUD, FOR ALL TO HEAR:

We hear that you want your lost gavel back
And we *might* be inclined to cut you some slack
Because since you're a member who is relatively new
Our Gavel Grabbing traditions are not familiar to you
Well, here is one part of the Grabber nitty gritty:
Sometimes the Gavel's fate gets determined by committee

As a group, we observe and then check your reactions
Before we debate if it's time to take actions
For before a lost gavel is ever returned
We want to make sure that a lesson has been learned

Sad to say that, to date, it has not been too clear
If your wish for your gavel's return is sincere
And if this to you seems to be quite the mystery
Let us review our past meetings' history

January 12th, when you lost it, you did seem quite shocked
And then to some veteran members you talked
They told you to get back your gavel, of course
You have to show some regret and remorse
Please allow us to step out of rhymes in this text
As we recap the events of the meeting that was next:

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HOW YOU HAVE HANDLED THE LOSS OF YOUR GAVEL TO DATE:

At the January 26th meeting, in the space of just 1 hour

You whined.
Then you begged.
Then you were sad.
Then you pretended you didn't care.
You even went so far as to say, "I'm glad that it's gone!"
But at the end of the meeting you did say, "I wish I had my gavel back."

It's like you were throwing every strategy in the book against the wall to see what would stick. Your scattered, shotgun approach left the committee

wondering just how sincere you were about this serious situation. But, as a group, we can be a merciful lot. So we will give you the chance right now, to beg for your gavel's return, and you had better make it convincing this time
OR ELSE!!!



She begs for a while. The whole crowd (who had been secretly instructed by word of mouth in advance to do this) cries out, "Give her Number Two! Number Two!" Inside Box Two is the wrapped up stick part of a gavel along with this note:



If we were fully convinced, you would have gotten Box One
And this whole Gavel saga would be finally done
But, as a committee, we were only partially budged
And your level of caring still needs to be judged
We are not quite so sure you took the lesson to heart
So, at this time, Shor, we will give you just a part
UNWRAP THE CONTENTS NOW

{Wrapped up with the gavel stick is the following note}

At our *next* meeting, if your apology is the best
We just might decide we should give you the rest.
So, think long and hard what you've done and have said
And next time, if you're lucky, you just might come out ahead.



So, this gavel episode is by no means over yet. Stay tuned

PRESENTING A BIG CHECK

Two guests walked in and one of them was MAX DISPOSTI, Executive Director of the North County LGBTQ Resource Center in Oceanside. He had been invited to come to our meeting today. Earlier in the Rotary year, the Oceanside Rotary Club Board had requested funds from the Oceanside Rotary Club



Foundation to support local service groups. Out of that pot, \$1,500 was allocated by the Club Board to the LGBTQ Center, and today President SHOR presented an oversized check for that amount to this worthy community organization.

MAX told us that the Resource Center is working hard to stop violence and human trafficking in our area. They work with kids that feel isolated. 40% of the homeless in the North County are 14 to 24 year olds. The center is also creating a tiny house village for the homeless students and the center.

We were invited to visit the Resource Center in the future.

CLUB UPDATES PPPS RENEE

Friday, March 8th Regular meeting El Camino Country Club

Friday, March 8th Carlsbad Rotary Evening Social – The Landings – Carlsbad – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 9th, District Assembly 8:30 -Noon Register at 5340.org

Friday, March 15th Board Meeting via Zoom at noon

Friday, March 22nd Regular Meeting El Camino Country Club

Friday/Saturday, March 22-23 – PAUL and RENEE to join Club Rotario in Tijuana to explore helping students improve their English-speaking skills.

Friday, March 29th Regular Meeting DARK for Good Friday

Friday, April 5th Community Service Project – Ironman Registration - 11:30 to 5. Please see RENEE for sign-ups

RENEE just happen to look down at the Podium. What did she find but the handle of the Gavel. Left unguarded by SHOR and laying there just staring up at RENEE. (This does not bode well for SHOR's chances of convincing the committee that she deserves the rest of her gavel back anytime soon!)

SHOR jumped up quickly took the handle RENEE had in her hands and slid it deep into the front of her bouse... really deep not to be seen the rest of the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS by THOMASINA JACKSON

Dr. DAVID MICHAEL –Visiting Rotarian from Boston
And JIM ZOLHER, a friend from the New England area of
Dr. MICHAEL who now lives in Oceanside



Dr. DAVID MICHAEL announced that he and his wife have been married 40 years. They enjoy travel and meeting Rotarians around the

world on these trips. In a “one day only” offer, he announced that he would donate 50% toward a new Paul Harris Fellowship. If anyone in our club today would pledge to pay the remainder, he would match it with his points within the Foundation. TERRI and DAVE HALL, jumped at the chance and said they would love to have one for their son. What a great gesture.



WELCOME SONG - BILL DERN

SHOR seems to have a tendency to forget that she has an agenda in front of her at all times. One of the important things which we missed from the agenda was...

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Our Secretary RENEE pointed out to Shorelines that, “You might have thought we had forgotten, but you are not off the hook! Those of you with February Birthdays and Club Anniversaries will be honored at our next meeting.”

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION. We welcome into the OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB a Rotarian transferring into our club. WENDY VAZQUEZANZUA. She automatically received her Blue Rotary Badge since she is transferring in from another Rotary Club. She is with Navy Federal Credit Union.



HAPPY DOLLARS

\$20 TOM BRAULT was full of theatrical news for us. First he was happy to announce that the Moonlight in Vista has a number of great productions, and the voting on the preferred show for us to see as a group is tighter than it has ever been. Please get back to him with your choice. (*See the details at the end of this newsletter.*) We hope that lots of Rotarians and friends can make it to this fun evening under the stars. TOM will announce later which play we will be seeing this year.



He also announced that LARRY HATTER will be looking for chaperones to escort a group of students from Lincoln Middle School to the Mira Costa College Theatre on March 16 to see the musical “Anything Goes” and take the kids on a campus tour and out to dinner.

Also, TOM “shamelessly plugged” the show at Palomar College Theatre which he is rehearsing for: “Crazy For You – The ‘New’ Gershwin Musical” which will run March 8 – 17. And last, after being prodded ED PARISH, he announced the start of the Carlsbad Playreaders season with “Red Hot Patriot” at the Dove Library in Carlsbad on Monday, March 4 at 7:30 pm.



\$100 ERNIE MASCITTI For the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation.

\$5 THOMASINA JACKSON She is happy for all of our guests today.



\$10 DAVE AND TERRI HALL Grateful for the shared Paul Harris today for their son

\$20 LES NEWQUIST Happy to have gone to the Circus Vargas with his wife CRICKET, son and grandson in Escondido recently



\$2 Visiting Rotary Guest Dr. DAVID MICHAEL Happy to be here

\$5 JAY CRAWFORD Happy to have survived a 3 hour dentist appointment recently.



\$35 + \$1 ANCHISA FARRANT She did not sign up for the Valentine’s party as RON, her husband was sick. ANCHISA does not feel comfortable driving at night. She donated the money to the club that was the cost of the affair that she missed, plus an extra buck as an apology happy dollar.



SPEAKER

PRESIDENT ELECT JANET BLEDSOE LACY introduced our speaker today MARIA MINGALONE, Executive Director of the Oceanside Museum of Art.

She holds a Master’s of Science degree in museum education and leadership from the Bank Street Graduate School of Education in New York, NY.



MARIA's background includes not only expertise in curating and museum education, but also 25 years of progressive museum and nonprofit management expertise. She grew up on Long Island.

MARIA was recruited to the Oceanside Museum of Art after working for 14 years at the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

She loves Oceanside, where “people and locals have a passion for art. They are lively and friendly.”

The mission of Oceanside Museum of Art is to bring people together to explore the art and stories of Southern California artists.



She then focused on three ways the community can be transformed by art - Art by social changes. Creating meaningful experiences belonging and connecting. A museum can impact a local economy.

Meaningful experience – connect culture. This is the 22nd year of the Oceanside Museum of Art. It was noted that a number of former and current Rotarians donated the initial funding to get the Museum off the ground.

This coming March 30th celebrates the opening of the Spring Exhibitions.

The Education process of the Museum inspires students through Art Quest for 5th graders, which started in 2011. Every 5th grade student in Oceanside is included in and benefits from this program.

In 2018, 3rd graders were integrated through Literacy Through Art. The Museum of Art has been recognized by the State Superintendent of Schools for their work with students locally.

Next MARIA touched on the idea of belonging and connection – The Museum offers a wide variety of programs to appeal to a wide range of tastes in art, including studio art, virtual art, and road trip community engagements.

A new arts opportunity for the community has been the introduction of “Street Level” events – a recurring block party within Oceanside’s Cultural District. For these gatherings, all ethnicities of the museums and community come together.

Also new from the Museum is their Tiny Paintings fundraiser in which 5 x 5 inches squares are painted by students, talented artists, beginning painters and experienced painters. The subjects could be anything. The price is \$25 for each painting. The works are displayed and patrons buy the tiny works of art which appeal to them. No one knows who painted the piece until after the purchase is completed and is turned over. In this program, a number of young local artists are shining brightly.

Oceanside has a large Cultural District which spans from Michigan Street to the Civic Center and Star Theater, and from Horne Street to Pier View. The OMA generated millions of dollars of impact in that area.

Now that the new Oceanside Fire Department Station 1 is about to be completed, the OMA, with the blessings of the city, will be able to expand even more. Their campus will extend for the full city block from Ditmar to Nevada Streets on Pier View Way. With this planned expansion, they will be able to offer many more programs for the community through the OMA.

BILL DERN, President of the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation, presented to MARIA a check in the amount of \$5,000 for this year's installment in a plan to show Rotary's support of the Museum with continuing \$5,000 contributions for 10 years. MARIA seemed surprised, and naturally extremely pleased, to hear of this pledge.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

THOMASINA had the lucky ticket. Unfortunately, she did not draw the Joker. One less card in the deck for the next meeting.



MENTIONING MEALS AT MEETINGS

Just before the close of the meeting BILL DERN came to the podium to answer questions about the price increase in our meals at the country club which went into effect after the first of the year.

The club's base cost of the Meals is \$26, which includes beverage and dessert. (Not too outrageous for a plated, served meal.) A 22% service charge / gratuity is added to each meal for the server staff. Sales tax is 8¼% is also added. And a room charge of \$5 per person (up to a maximum of \$125) is also cranked into our cost for the meal.

To help to make us feel a bit better about the increase to a total of \$40 per meeting for our meal, BILL pointed out that in years past we had met weekly. So, even though our per meal price has had to increase due to many factors, we members will end up paying less over the course of the year than what we paid when we held meetings four times a month.

And then, the big breaking news: Starting next week, we will be returning to buffet service with 2 hot meal items (plus a vegan option) and beverages, plus we will once again be able to end our buffet meals with dessert.

So he can more reliably make our plans with the country club for our meal service, please let BILL know by the Tuesday before our Friday meeting if you will be bringing guests and/or if you will need a special meal.

And then, the meeting was officially closed with SHOR's clanging of the bell. (She whipped the stick out of her shirt to do the honors, and, I must say, this headless gavel was surprisingly effective at getting our attention.)

DISTRICT HYGIENE DRIVE

District 5340 held a successful Hygiene Drive for Sex trafficking and Domestic Violence Victims. Pictured here is Secretary RENEE RICHARDSON dropping off Oceanside Rotary's contribution. It is estimated as a District that the Clubs donated over \$10,000 worth of items to this cause.



PICTURES FROM P.E.T.S. (President Elect Training Seminar)

Co-President Elect PAUL WENDEE and Club Secretary RENEE headed up to President-Elect training in LA February 1st - 4th. Two things were noteworthy. On Wednesday, January 31st, PAUL was at Scripps La Jolla where they found that he needed 2 stents. An overnight hospital stay and then off they went to Rotary! Now that is dedication!!! One picture shows PAUL and RENEE with the President of the Thai Rotary Club in LA, who happens to be a good friend of ANCHISA. In the other photo are the President-Elects of North County.

Now for the AMAZING part of the story, as told by RENEE: "On Saturday night, as usual, we were running late for the Banquet. The featured speaker for the evening was International President-Elect STEPHAINÉ URCHICK. We hit the

packed banquet room filling up with 700 guests. As we entered a man said to us, 'Are you looking for two seats?' When we responded 'Yes,' he said, 'Follow me this is a once-in-a-lifetime chance.' A little confused, we followed and ended up sitting at the VIP table with none other than STEPHAINE! Talk about being in the right place at the right time!!"



CONNECTING WITH FELLOW ROTARIANS

Several of our members, including our President SHOR, attended the joint meeting with El Camino at The Broiler and heard Dr Ma speak on Tri City Medical Center and their new partnership with UCSD.

LAST CHANCE TO GET IN ON THE FUN AT THE "ROTARY NIGHT AT THE MOONLIGHT 2024" SHOW IN THE SUMMER



Since TOM will be buying our tickets next week (before they go onsale to the general public), we need to finalize who is going to our annual group trip to the Moonlight Amphitheatre to enjoy a musical under the stars. "Which show?" you may ask. The answer is, "We don't know yet!" The voting is just too close to call. YOUR vote just might put your favorite show over the top!

Here is the lineup of shows coming to Vista ...

May 3 – *INTO THE WOODS* – Sondheim's classic of intertwined fairy tale stories and characters

June 14 – *ESCAPE TO MARGARITAVILLE* – A wacky tale woven around Jimmy Buffett's tunes

July 12 – *SCHOOL OF ROCK* – Based on the 2003 film, with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

August 16 – *BEAUTIFUL, the Carole King Musical* – A jukebox musical telling the story of the early life and career of the songwriter

September 13 – *TOOTSIE* – An updated musical version of the 1982 Dustin Hoffman comedy film

We need to get our final answer on which of these fine shows to see and how many people will be joining in the fun. If we get 20 or more signed up, we can save some \$\$ with a group discount.

If you would like to join in the fun, let Event Chair TOM BRAULT know which of these shows you would like to see, ranked in your order of interest, as well as the number of tickets you would be signing up for. We will plan on securing seats for the most popular choice from the list. The cost will be somewhere around just \$50 per person to enjoy a Broadway caliber production right in our own backyard. (The final cost will depend on whether we get enough participants to qualify for the Group Discount.)

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

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Register at 5340.org

Friday, March 15th Board Meeting via Zoom at noon

Saturday, March 16th Mentorship Trip to Mira Costa College with middle-school kids for the musical “Anything Goes” and dinner afterward – **contact LARRY HATTER or TOM BRAULT to sign up!**

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Friday April 5 - Iron Man Volunteer Service Project at which we will be registering participants for the event on Saturday, April 6th. We need about 20 volunteers from Noon to 5:00 PM - **Contact RENEE to sign up.**

Saturday April 20th - 100th Anniversary Celebration. Heritage Park (220 Peyri Drive). 11 am to 2 pm.

April 26 – 29 – District 5340 Conference Cruise