

	ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE			
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MADAM PREZ ROTARY RENEE brought the meeting to order with an ever so subtle, light little touch on the bell. After the pathetic “ting” drew some heckling from the crowd, **MADAM PREZ** turned into her whacking real self and hit the ringer with reverberant *CLANGS* that drew startled applause from the gathering before her.

MADAM PREZ ROTARY RENEE led us in a moment of inspiration, stating, “ I truly believe that everything we do and everyone that we meet is put in our path for a purpose. There are no accidents; we are all teachers if we’re willing to pay attention to the lessons we learn, trust our positive instincts and not be afraid to take risks or wait for some miracle to come knocking at our door.”



MELISSA RODRIGUEZ led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by **DAVE HALL**, our Song Meister Extraordinaire, who led us in song. Our first tune, which **DAVE** said was in honor of our resident Disney worshipper **TOM BRAULT**, was the song “It’s A Small World After All.” This was followed by “America the Beautiful.” **DAVE** shared with us that



in his younger years, he had worked at the Happiest Place On Earth and heard the “It’s A Small World” song over and over and over and over again on a constant basis. (For **TOM**, that might be heaven, but for most of us, that would be a taste of what is in store in “the other place.”)





MADAM PREZ ROTARY RENEE then blatantly bragged that since our last meeting, our very own Rotary Club had two **VERY SPECIAL** announcements: The wedding of **ANCHISA** and her fiancé **RON** in Thailand, as well as **we have had a**



brand new, bouncing baby boy!!! DALE MAAS and his beautiful bride **NIKKI** have given birth to **BLAKE CARTER MAAS, 7 LBS. 12 OZ., 20 INCHES LONG!! HOORAY!**



MADAM PREZ then brought forward **PREZ ELECT CHUCK WARD** to announce Club Updates:

There will be a Rotary Board Meeting at the El Camino Country Club at 11:00 on Friday March 10th, before the noon meeting.

On March 16th, we will have an “away” meeting for Military Awards Day with the Fallbrook Rotary Club at the Grand Tradition, located at 220 Grand Tradition Way, Fallbrook, at Noon. That means that there will be **NO ROTARY MEETING ON FRIDAY MARCH 17th**.

There will be a District Assembly Meeting Saturday, March 18th in San Diego from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. **PREZ. ELECT CHUCK WARD** begs you to come - reminding us all that he needs all of the help that he can get! **RED BADGE ROTARIANS** are really encouraged to attend. The Club pays for your breakfast. **P.E. CHUCK** then diverted from his script – reminiscent of another President that we are familiar with who tends to get headlines when he diverts from his script - and **P.E. CHUCK** wanted to clear up the “fake news” allegedly reported in the last Shorelines wherein the author asserted that **P.E. CHUCK** was not excited about the breakfast provided at the last District Assembly Meeting. To clarify and correct the inaccurate reporting, **P.E. CHUCK** announced that he indeed, was **very** excited about the last District breakfast. He was thrilled that they had “fruit cups” at the breakfast, with oranges from Florida, and pineapples from Hawaii, and bananas from some other exciting place, along with coffee from Vienna. He stated strongly and firmly that he would go to the District meeting for the breakfast alone! (Kellyanne Conway would have been proud of **P.E. CHUCK** !)

P.E. CHUCK then advised that we have the opportunity of volunteering during the week of March 20 - 26th at the 2017 LPGA KIA Golf Tournament to be held at the beautiful Aviara Golf Course. Their volunteer committees range from marshals, shuttles, admissions and more! The volunteer package pays you \$70 and includes a uniform and a round of golf at Aviara for volunteers who are able to work 3 shifts during the week. *(NOTE: This is not a Rotary sponsored event. It is simply a separate invitation to serve in the community.)*



P.E. CHUCK then introduced visiting Rotarians and guests, whereby **VICKIE PROSSER** introduced **DEBRA SALAS** and **CHRIS MEGISON** from **SOLUTIONS FOR CHANGE**, with **DEBRA** in training, and **CHRIS** who will be our presenter at our meeting.



“PAST PREZ WE ARE OVER SO OVER HIM TOM BRAULT” and **PAST PREZ DAVE HALL** then wrestled for who would sing the welcome song to our guests, with **TOM** the renegade trying to lead a boisterous rendition of “It’s A Small World After All” followed by **DAVE** insisting that we go instead with the traditional “Welcome to Oceanside”, sung to the tune of “Anchors Aweigh.”



PAST PREZ TOM then was commanded by **MADAM PREZ ROTARY RENEE** to come forward to receive a Kiss from her! **PAST PREZ TOM BRAULT** never moved so



fast in his life to leap to the podium and receive his kiss from **MADAM PREZ**. He actually received two kisses, one from the lovely lips of our **MADAM PREZ**, and another edible chocolate kind that was from **NANCY RUSSIAN** in thanks for **PAST PREZ TOM**’s assistance in acting as a Judge at our Valentine meeting on February 10th for the Newlywed Game.

MADAM PREZ then invited **DAVID NYDEGGER** to share with the club how the Crown Heights field trip to Camp Pendleton was going in it's planning stage. **DAVID** described an incredible list of things that our students will be able to experience during this trip: they will be able to shoot (simulated laser) MIG 45s and M16 rifles; they will visit a military museum on the base that has WWI and WWII tanks and other machinery; the kids will have the benefit of tasting Yummy MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) and many other fun and informative activities. When asked if it was too late for club members to sign up, **DAVID** said that we already had enough chaperones, but that the base is open to all with photo IDs and car insurance.



MADAM PREZ then “narced” out those Rotarians who attended the famous Soroptimist salad luncheon but who did not wear their Rotary pins, and those losers had to put “a couple of bucks” on the table to pay penance for the same.



MADAM PREZ then announced her monthly Rotary Superhero award! In case you did not know, a Superhero is an extraordinary Rotarian that is exceptionally skilled. They have a strong moral code and they believe in service without expecting a reward. A Rotary Superhero has a strong belief in humanitarian services. Oceanside Rotary Superheroes use their powers every day to do good in our Community! This month's Rotary Superhero is our very own favorite Rotarian **LOLA SHERMAN!** **MADAM PREZ** acknowledged how **LOLA** is simply always there for the club, whether she is serving as our very own Uber driver for

our Crown Heights kids or fellow members; or as a chaperone for our kids; Shorelines writer. You name it, she'll do it! **LOLA** truly is a **ROTARY SUPERHERO!** GOOD CALL on this award, **MADAM PREZ!** **LOLA** was then presented with the best part of the award, which are the homemade truffles prepared by our **MADAM PREZ.**

HAPPY DOLLARS brought **TOM BRAULT** to his feet to share the little known fact that there is indeed a third verse to the song "It's A Small World." Fortunately for us, he could not remember the words to it *{But, he did insert it at the end of this Shorelines newsletter!}* **TOM** then deservedly bragged about dining at the Cabernet Grill in Fredericksburg, Texas (named "the best restaurant in the country in 2007) and having a GREAT meal there for just \$35. This author googled the menu and boy, does this food look good! Not as good of course as the Rotary District breakfast described by **CHUCK WARD**, but **TOM** described his "Texas Mixed Grill" meal as a jalapeno stuffed quail, coconut shrimp, oak smoked pork tenderloin, and dry rubbed grilled strip steak. Wow! **TOM** then donated \$35 to our Club's Foundation in honor of that memorable meal as we finished our more forgettable lunch of refried beans, flour tortillas, and a choice of chicken or fish.



JIM SCHRODER was \$5 Happy to see that we had a new marriage in the Club with **ANCHISA** and **RON** getting hitched, and also that the Club was still "producing" with **DALE** and **NIKKI** having their baby **BLAKE.**

VICKIE PROSSER had attended the Boys and Girls Club bash and won a \$40 Gift Card to the "That Boy Good" restaurant as well as four season passes to the Del Mar Turf Club. **VICKIE** was \$20 Happy for these winnings.



JAY CRAWFORD was Happy to share that his grandson **JACKSON CRAWFORD** had made a trip to South Africa and videotaped some wild baboons breaking into some backpacks to steal snacks. (... I wonder how those snacks compared to **CHUCK'S** Rotary District Conference delicious breakfast?) Then **CHUCK** and **JAY** entered into their own dialogue, which drew the ire of **MADAM PREZ** who quipped, "Well, I guess that you two don't even need a President anymore!"



MADAM PREZ then thanked those who donated food bags and cautioned all that she would need some help after the meeting to load all of those bags into her Saturn car which already had its trunk filled to the brim with Rotary stuff. {*Post-meeting update:* Somehow we were able to shoehorn all of the bags and bottles and jars, etc. (245 pounds worth of stuff!) into her vehicle while still barely leaving room for a driver and passenger. And

it all had to stay there for several days, because she could not deliver it until the following Tuesday. But when she finally was able to unload her car, she reported, “What a relief! I can now drive the Saturn without cans of food rolling around!”}



MADAM PREZ then introduced our guest speaker for the day.



MADAM PREZ shared with us that **CHRIS MEGISON** is a social entrepreneur and the cofounder, President and CEO of Solutions for Change. His trademark impact is his "*get up, suit up and show up*" model of leadership in which he leads from the front - a style of servant leadership that he learned as a U.S. Marine. **CHRIS'** efforts over two decades have resulted in thousands of once homeless

people who have transformed their lives. Many now run businesses, lead companies, manage households and are seen as leaders themselves, serving for the sake of others everywhere.

CHRIS came forward and stated that since 1993 he has designed and led numerous social purpose initiatives and innovations that have solved homelessness permanently for over 4,500 people. A dynamic and passionate advocate and protector of people, **CHRIS'** core values refuse to let the homeless and our communities succumb to what he perceives is the trap of systemic dependencies that surround people in deep poverty today. He believes himself to be a *servant warrior* up against what he describes as a hidden system within the fabric of our human-service culture that he calls "The Churn."



CHRIS fundamentally rejects the notion that the best America can do for its poor and homeless is to subsidize their existence. **CHRIS** believes that everything he has learned about solving homelessness, he learned from a person he described as "Wolfman", who was a chronic homeless street alcoholic, and from Jessica, who was a nine year old homeless girl living on the floor of a winter shelter.

CHRIS is a movement trailblazer who uses consensus to build and then craft and lead social impact initiatives that change the status quo. His approach is to create simple, clear and compelling *systemic redesign* discussion points and then move the community and leadership capital needed to bring those ideas to life. These shifts have caused community-wide tipping points in northern San Diego, bringing in world leaders (Condoleezza Rice, Rudy Giuliani, Laura Bush and Ben Carson) who have then keynoted about the impact of Solutions for Change.

Along the way Chris has acquired over 200,000 square feet of real estate, spread across multiple cities, which he uses for his interconnected network of resources needed to rebuild lives. **MEGISON** shared that Solutions for Change would be facing a \$600,000 loss in funding for their emergency housing, inasmuch as his shelter refused to admit adult drug users into their program, which he was told was a Federal requirement under a Federal program called Housing First. Accordingly, their Federal funding was cut. **MEGISON** referenced a recent newspaper article on this topic. In looking at the article in the Union Tribune written August 9, 2016 by Teri Figueroa, it verifies what **MEGISON** stated. The reporter indicated that the closure would only affect the temporary shelter, which serves as an intake to the Solutions University program. She quotes **CHRIS** as saying that there are more than 200 families on the waiting list. The reporter also stated that this was the second time that year the agency had decided against taking federal money linked to a policy called Housing First, which focuses on getting people into homes without strings attached — in other words, they don't have to be sober.

She continued, saying that the idea behind the policy is that it's cheaper and more effective to first get people off the streets and then address root problems such as drug use, rather than make cleaning up a prerequisite for obtaining housing. This Federal policy has been embraced by many communities, including San Diego, as the best hope for making a dent in homelessness. **CHRIS** strongly disagrees, saying that his board members say the Housing First approach might work for

single adults, but not for homeless families. “It’s incongruent. The thought of putting families with children next to an addict? That’s not OK.”

CHRIS MEGISON stated that his program’s projects include:

- The Solutions University - is claimed to be the nation's first ever full service leadership development residential program for the homeless. SU solves homelessness permanently by equipping and inspiring the parents of homeless families to become purpose driven leaders in our community. This approach has reduced welfare costs by over \$40,000,000 and reduced the future cost burden on society by an estimated \$120,000,000.
- Innovated, grew and sustained the region’s longest running and largest social enterprise - a multimillion dollar social purpose joint venture with southern California's largest daily newspapers. The venture put over 2000 once homeless unemployed men into full time employment, transforming a once dependent nonprofit into a thriving social enterprise.
- Visioning and building Solutions Farms, the largest commercial aquaponics farming operation in southern California and one of the largest nonprofit AP farms in the country. **CHRIS** won a regional innovation grant competition for \$1,000,000 dollars to scale the farm on a regional basis. The grand re-opening of the aquaponics farm is set for March 17, at 10:00 A.M.

CHRIS claims that his agency has brought together seven local jurisdictions, raising over 6.5 million dollars to build the first ever regional approach to family homelessness.

In our Q & A time, **JIM SCHRODER** asked how long a person could stay at one of the shelters, and the response was 500 days at the center and then up to another 500 days at the next center which has different and more advanced expectations. **DAVE NYDEGGER** asked if **CHRIS** had participated in the Oceanside Homeless forum recently held, to which **CHRIS** indicated that he “had not been invited” and did not know about it. To this, **DAVID** responded that it was extremely problematic if our surrounding cities are not talking to each other about these issues! (Go **DAVID**!!)



MADAM PREZ then presented **CHRIS** with a book of special thank you quotes as a memento of his presentation to us. Thereafter, **FRANK COXON** successfully drew an Ace of Clubs to win the \$121 jackpot from our Opportunity Drawing. Upon winning, **FRANK** summed up his luck beautifully, as he said, “Thank you all! I love Rotary!”



THE AFOREMENTIONED THIRD VERSE OF “IT’S A SMALL WORLD”

Written by Disney staff songwriter Richard Sherman, in honor of the attraction’s 45th anniversary:

*It’s a world of wonder
A world of worth
And in years to come
We’ll know peace on earth
We will open our eyes
And we’ll all realize
It’s a small world after all.*

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.....

If you have not yet seen the slideshow and video package of **ANCHISA** and **RON**’s “Endless Love”, you can find it at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PO81I1kXgmQ&sns=em>

STILL SEEKING MOONLIGHT INPUT

To get the best seats for the Moonlight Amphitheatre in the summer, we have to buy our tickets in early March. So we really do need to make some final decisions on this annual social event **VERY SOON**.

There is a remarkable lineup of shows in store, and the choice may be a difficult one to figure out which one we should attend as a group. So think about these four shows and let Event Chair **TOM BRAULT** know which ones you would most like to see. We will select the show that gets the best response.

Aida – The timeless operatic love story, reimagined with a rock and pop score by Elton John and Tim Rice and originally produced by Walt Disney Theatrical won four Tony Awards in 2000. Coming to the Moonlight in June of 2017.

The Little Mermaid – Disney’s beloved 1989 animated classic about Ariel and her friends “Under the Sea”, brought to life onstage and with added songs and characters. You will want to make this show a “Part of Your World.” Performs in July 2017.

Sunset Boulevard – Andrew Lloyd Webber took the story of the 1950 Gloria Swanson film about an aging movie star and set it to music in an epic production which won a ton of Tony Awards in 1995, including Best Musical and Best Score. August 2017.

In the Heights – Before Lin Manuel Miranda wrote the current smash *Hamilton*, he made his mark on Broadway with this rap and hip hop tale of three days in the life in a largely Dominican-American NYC neighborhood. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and nominated for the 2009 Pulitzer Prize. September 2017.

If we can’t get at least a dozen folks committed to buy tickets, we might have to call this event off. We are getting close to that number, but we’re not quite there yet. So let **TOM BRAULT** know SOON which shows you may be interested in.

COMING UP AT OCEANSIDE ROTARY

March 3 – JODI DIAMOND, Boys & Girls Club of Oceanside
Reporter: DAVE HALL

March 10 – NICOLE PEARSON, Outside the Bowl
(Super kitchens in impoverished countries)
Reporter: TERRI HALL

March 16 – **JOINT MEETING AT FALLBROOK CLUB**

MILITARY AWARDS CEREMONY

12:00 PM @ Grand Tradition Estate, 1602 S. Mission Rd, Fallbrook
Reporter: VICKIE PROSSER (on assignment in Fallbrook)

March 17 – **REGULAR MEETING DARK**



Saturday March 18 – DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY
USD KROC CENTER, 8 am to noon

March 24 – TERESA BARNES, Uphearing / Listen UP
Reporter: PAM MYERS

March 31 – DAVID LOPEZ, Teach America – San Diego
Reporter: TOM BRAULT