

	ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE		
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THE MEETING BEFORE THE MEETING

A good turnout of dedicated Rotarians started our Friday time together earlier than normal, gathering at one side of the room for the first meeting of the revitalization of our club's Community Service Committee. A brainstorming session was led by our intrepid incoming Presidents Elect, MELISSA RODRIGUEZ and DALE MAAS. In perhaps a preview of the level of organization to come in their reign, we dove into 3 page handout they had prepared with various potential projects to consider teaming up with various area organizations, such as I Love a Clean San Diego for beach cleanups, Got Your Back SD to help assemble backpacks with food assistance for homeless and/or food insecure students, Interfaith Community Services with 8 different possible projects, Operation Gratitude with 5 projects listed, and North County Lifeline. Other organizations being contacted as possible partners include: Canine Companions for Independence, Waves4All (surf lessons for disabled), Oceanside Police Department, Brother Benno's, Veterans Association of North County, Milestone House (a group home in Fire Mountain for abused and neglected girls), Camp Pendleton, and Women's Resource Center. As the floor was opened to suggestions from other committee members in attendance, we heard about: TERI, Inc., Lived Experiences, Boys and Girls Club, ways to provide needed medical supplies to hospitals and clinics, an idea to take disadvantaged kids to a Padres game (possibly including an autograph session), as well as ideas for doing more follow-up contacts with the kids we have worked with in our Crown Heights mentor project in order to deepen the connection we have to them and to that community.

MELISSA and DALE will continue to reach out to area organizations and to encourage more ideas from our club members for possible projects. Our committee's goal is to draft a schedule going out 18 months, with at least one active Oceanside Rotary service project scheduled per month so we can go beyond

just writing checks and move more into actually rolling up our sleeves and getting physically involved in community service on a regular basis.

The next meeting of the Community Service Committee (where we will bat around more ideas and hopefully get some of these projects on our calendars) will be at 11:30 am before our meeting on March 27. All are welcome to join in the planning!

AND NOW, WE RETURN TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING REPORT

At 12:30 pm, President TERRI HALL stood before 5 crowded tables and gushed, “What a turnout! ... Where’s my gavel?” She actually had that precious piece of wood in her possession, and even read a note to us which she had received (along with a couple small bottles of booze??) from our earlier Gavel Grabber. TERRI tried to get several of the members to confess to having been the perpetrator, but none would confirm their involvement. (But, in my humble opinion, whoever WAS the Gavel Grabber this last time let our President off way too easy!!)



The Pledge to our flag was led by DAVE HALL, and then there was a bit of a kerfuffle about who would lead songs. Apparently President TERRI had arranged (at different times) for both BILL DERN and TOM BRAULT to serve as Song Meister at this meeting. The two of them had haggled before the meeting and decided that TOM’s song selection was more time-sensitive, so he would take the lead this time and BILL could fill in at a later meeting. But TOM did him one better by inviting his buddy BILL up to co-lead our weekly warbling of “Smile.” (TOM admitted that with the latest crushing, crashing week on Wall Street, mustering up a Smile might not be as easy as normal!) This was followed up by a tweaked version of “This Land is Your Land” in which we all were encouraged to vote in the upcoming Super Tuesday primary election:



*This land is your land, this land is my land
From California to the New York island
From the Redwood Forest, to the gulf stream waters
This land was made for you and me*

*It's time for voting across the nation
A day we greet with anticipation
Each man and woman can have their voice be heard
This land was made for you and me*



ROTARY MOMENT



Our inspiration for the week was provided by JIM SCHRODER, who quoted Ruby Mabry, who said:

“As you navigate through life, develop an appreciation for the blessings you already have.

Many times, we complain about the simple things that we have no control over. Be mindful of what you have, grateful with what you have, and you will inherit more.”

Amen to that!

CLUB UPDATES



President TERRI had intended to call both of our Presidents Elect up to make our weekly announcements, but instead MELISSA stepped up solo, since DALE had stepped out. (We were instructed to give the absent DALE a huge round of applause, if and when he should return to the meeting.)

- At the time of our meeting, we had thought that our next Third Thursday Rotary Evening Social on Thursday, March 19 would not be held at Fratelli's Restaurant, as had been previously announced, due to the uncertainty of their remodeling project. Since then, things are looking up and

it looks like we are back on for Fratelli's. So stay tuned for further updates and a final confirmation on this location.

- We were reminded that the District 5340 Golf League Roundup will be assembling for a round at Admiral Baker Golf Club down near Mission Valley on March 11 at 1 pm. Cost is just \$39. (Details can be found at: <https://rotary5340.org/Stories/district-golf-league-to-tee-off-on-march-11>)
- *(BREAKING NEWS UPDATE ON THIS ITEM: The District Assembly and District Conference have both been cancelled due to the spread of the Coronavirus.)* 10 members, so far, have registered for the District Assembly meeting on the morning of March 21 at USD. We need more of our members to attend so that we can hear the valuable information and share the knowledge gained at more of the breakout sessions. The club will pay for your registration and our Secretary RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE will be glad to sign you up online. All you have to do is say, "YES! I'll go!" and you'll be all set.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Who came to join us at Oceanside Rotary today? Well, surprise, surprise! Sitting at



the front right table was our frequent guest RUDY VAN HUNNICK, introduced once more by LARRY HATTER. VICKIE

PROSSER then said, "Here is ED PARISH, for the last time



as a guest!" BILL DERN bravely stepped up to introduce NADJA, the young lady who originally hailed from Sweden and had come to our last meeting. When BILL mentioned that he wasn't sure about her last name, she calmly chimed in with, "Don't worry about it." (It is a bit of a tricky name: UMERKAJEFF.) BEVERLY FISHER was seated next to a



friend DONNA SMITH, who had actually attended the earlier Community Service Committee meeting and apparently may be interested in becoming a member of the club.



At this point, DALE MAAS reentered the room to the presidentially encouraged roaring ovation (which must have surprised him just a bit). He confessed that he had to step out to handle a call which normally would have been taken care of by his partner at his Edward Jones office JULIE CAPPS. But JULIE was here with him at the meeting, and DALE had reentered just in time to introduce her.

Our Song Meister TOM BRAULT then led us in our Welcome Song

P.E.T.S. REPORT FROM OUR PREZ ELECTS

PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) was back in the beginning of February, and our representatives DALE MAAS and MELISSA RODRIGUEZ wanted to share how they “drank the Kool-Aid” at this “Most amazing experience.” As they told us, seeing what goes on outside of our own club was extraordinary, very empowering, and fired them up for the year to come.



They heard from the President Elect of Rotary International, who encouraged them to think outside of the box in their planning. “What has gotten us here today is not enough to get us where we want to go.”

MELISSA and DALE are planning to meet with each club member individually to find out what we all want out of Rotary so that they can plan the year ahead. “We want to create a club that serves your needs and allows you to serve the needs of others.”

They described what had primed them in their youth to be interested in Rotary. DALE is here because he had received a Rotary scholarship and then later wanted to join Rotary to pay that generosity back. MELISSA had a great experience being in a Rotary Group Study Exchange, made possible by the donation of Rotarians. “You guys wrote checks decades ago that allowed us, and other young men and women like us, to do those things. And what we do today is growing the leaders of tomorrow. We full on ‘Glug Glugged’ the Kool-Aid! And we want you to help us grow this club and lead it into the new generation!”

It was inspiring to hear how motivated and dedicated our leaders-to-be are for their opportunity to serve!

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

President TERRI complimented our Secretary RENEE in very glowing terms as she was called up to handle two special presentations, which led RENEE to comment, “I love it when presidents suck up to the Secretary!”

First up, RENEE called on ANCHISA FARRANT to come to the podium. ANCHISA, clearly worried, asked, “What did I do wrong?” But she wasn’t being fined ... She was to receive a fine gift. We were told that in Thailand, the Rotary clubs traditionally had a fancy sash for the club’s Sergeant at Arms to wear. But when RENEE went to search online for one, she could not find anything that was appropriate to



purchase for ANCHISA to celebrate her service. So RENEE reached out to the Thai Rotary club who had a special Sgt. At Arms sash re-made for her. As ANCHISA draped the beautiful blue and gold banner across her shoulder, she giggled, “I’m like ‘Miss Rotary!’” And, after that comment, Song Meister TOM BRAULT asked her to walk slowly back to her seat as the club sang to her, “Here she comes... Miss Rotary!” ANCHISA made the moment just perfect with her classic “queen wave” while she strolled in majesty across the room.



The only way to top THAT presentation would be by bestowing a blue badge on a new member of our club, and that is precisely what came next. Sponsor VICKIE PROSSER and our newest member ED PARISH were called forward. “ED doesn’t need an introduction, because he has been visiting us for a while. As a former member of the San Luis Rey Rotary club, we are thrilled that you have decided to join us!” Cutting right to the important part, RENEE added, “Being a seasoned member, you don’t need a new member packet, but here is your club dues invoice.”

VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Then it was our Vocational Service chair L.J. FIMBRES’ turn to step up for an announcement. In honor of offering the “highest ethical standards and talents to our society”, our guest JULIE CAPPS was presented with our club’s Vocational Service Award. DALE was pleased as punch as he crowed, “Looks like the surprise worked!” and he went on to say that he couldn’t ask for a better partner as they build their practice together. JULIE received a lovely certificate and a Starbucks gift card, plus, of course, our congratulations.



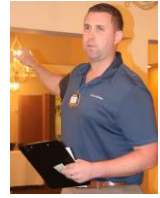
HAPPY DOLLARS

Not wanting to take away TOO much time from our speaker’s presentation today, President TERRI opened the floor to Happy Dollars by telling the happy folks to “Be quick!”



NANCY RUSSIAN started us off with a \$5 apology to JIM SCHRODER. At our Valentine’s Day meeting, JIM’s sleeve of Ferraro Rocher candies (which he had set down as he helped with the post-meeting cleanup process) had mysteriously disappeared. To make up for that tragic loss, NANCY brought him a huge Ferraro Rocher candy the size of a grapefruit! Wow!

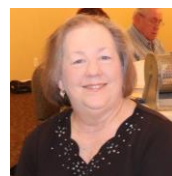
DALE MAAS put the \$4 that he had left in his wallet into the shoe to point out the information which he had laid on the tables about a local foundation run by a friend which is drumming up support for an animal sanctuary in China. With the sudden uprooting of people in Wuhan, China to go into forced quarantine due to the Coronavirus outbreak there, tens of thousands of dogs and cats are said to be slowly starving after being left alone. The World of Angels Foundation is endeavoring to raise at least \$5,000 to provide food and shelter to these abandoned animals. Visit www.woafoundation.org or call Yi Ping Lai at 760-458-9221 to learn more and/or help this cause, because “It is the cruelest winter anyone can remember for these voiceless souls.”



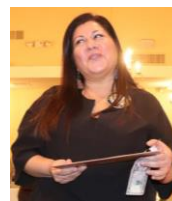
ALEXA KINGAARD put in \$10 to let us know about the book release party of the second edition of her book “Keep Forever.” The event will be at the Veterans Association of North County on May 1, which is a long time from now, but ALEXA will be leaving for a 7-week trip to Hawaii (to assist with moving her niece, nephew and their baby) and will be coming back just in time for the party. Hence the early notice to us.



VICKIE PROSSER contributed \$20 to welcome ED PARISH to our club.



PAM MYERS was \$5 proud of her granddaughter SAMANTHA who hit her goal of selling 750 boxes of Girl Scout cookies, which means she has qualified to attend a theater camp.



MELISSA RODRIGUEZ realized she could have saved herself her \$5 in Happy Dollars if she had remembered to start passing the clipboard around back when she already had the floor earlier in the meeting. But she wanted to give us the chance to sign up on the schedule for providing the Rotary Moments at our weekly meetings. Through this list, she is hopeful that she “won’t have to harass” us.

BUMPER STICKERS AVAILABLE

The last thing that we heard before we went into our speaker for the day is that CHUCK ANDREAN had purchased a stack of lovely “Proud to Be a Rotarian” removable bumper stickers to let the world know how important Rotary is to all of us. The stickers are just \$5 each. Check with CHUCK when you see him to see if there are any left.



EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT TOM BRAULT.... AND THEN SOME!!

As a preamble to the introduction of our speaker for the day, President TERRI noted that our New Members get to give a “Who Am I?” talk so we can learn more about them. She believes that we might learn some interesting stuff by giving some of our more established Rotarians the chance to “re-introduce” themselves by offering the chance to do an extended “Who Am I?” in our weekly program timeslot. Last month we heard from JIM SCHRODER and his world travel experiences. This time around, we take a deep dive into the not-so-deep mind of TOM BRAULT.



TOM let us know right off the bat that he has been “many, many different things through the years -- a shy and rather oddball kid; a jock while still being an honors student; a dentist; a military man; a business owner; a diehard Disney fan, a community servant; a stay at home dad; a political candidate; a professional Gold Rush prospector impersonator; and an author and trainer in early education.” And to get the full story, with all of its funny asides, you really should have been at the meeting. We will give just a few of the supporting details of TOM’s life in this report.

TOM’s dad was a career Navy dentist, and his family moved around a lot during his formative years. (He believes that this probably contributed to his shy nature in his youth, which he seems to have mostly outgrown.... We are not sure if he has outgrown the “oddball” part, though.)

In high school he played sports: basketball, track and field, and football. As a big kid at a small Catholic school, he did pretty well for himself on the football field and was offered some college football scholarships, but turned them down so he could concentrate more on the academics – majoring in Biology at UCSD, then receiving his DDS from the UCLA School of Dentistry.

Upon graduation, he decided to delay going into private practice in order to hone his clinical skills by joining the U.S. Navy Dental Corps (just like his dad). After 3 years at Camp Pendleton, he ventured out into the private sector, first as a dental associate and finally buying his own practice in South Oceanside from a member of Oceanside Rotary– Dr. John Safarik – who encouraged TOM to join this club. He did join Rotary (and other community service organizations) and found that he LOVED being an active servant to the community and the world through Rotary’s projects and by serving as Oceanside Rotary’s president in 2000-01.

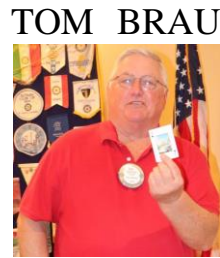
He described how he (and his daughter GERILYN) both developed their lifelong loves of acting, which TOM continues to dabble in from time to time to this day. And then he described how the challenging behavioral issues of his younger daughter led him to sell his dental practice to become a full time, stay-at-home parent (“Dr. Mr. Mom”) which meant that he sold his Cassidy Street practice to Dr. BILL DERN (now also an Oceanside Rotarian, and now also retired from that practice.)

Later, when ROBYN’s behavior had improved and she was in school, TOM tried out a couple of different career paths – first in an unsuccessful run for Oceanside City Council in 2000, but then eventually finding great joy and satisfaction in creating a “one man show”, teaching fourth graders all about the California Gold Rush, including how to pan for gold. He has done this 49’er gig seasonally now for about 17 years! And in other times of the year, he occasionally works for and alongside his wife LINDA presenting seminars to preschool teachers all across the state on working with children with challenging behaviors. LINDA now is nationally known in her field of early intervention. GERILYN is a full-time working professional actor in San Diego and a part-time drama faculty instructor at MiraCosta College. ROBYN is a pediatric intensive care unit nurse in Phoenix and newly married to BILL DERN’s son MARK. And TOM is still trying to figure out what ELSE will happen in his life as he tries to figure out “Who Am I?”



TOM received a nice round of applause and the choice of “Chocolate or Cheetos” as his reward for this presentation, plus the chance to have his picture taken with President TERRI HALL. WOO HOO!!

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING



TOM BRAULT was hoping that he could add to his busy day at Rotary (SongMeister, Shorelines Reporter and Editor, Guest Speaker) by also being the jackpot winner. Alas, it was not to be, although he did come within just 3 digits from having the winning ticket number. And ticket holder BILL DERN didn't have the best of luck either, as he drew the 9 of spades instead of the Joker out of the dwindling deck. So we will all have a chance at the \$500 jackpot again next time.

Before dismissing us with a loud clang of the bell, our president asked us to “Let RENEE know if you can come up with a location for our Third Thursday Social on March 20. And be sure to vote, if you haven't already done so.” ... And so, we were done. See you at our meeting next week!

TICKETS TO ROTARY NIGHT AT THE MOONLIGHT

Thanks to all who have already responded about reserving tickets to the annual Rotary Night at the Moonlight event being planned for the summer season of 2020. To date, we are just a few people short of qualifying for the discounted group rate pricing of just \$41 per person (normally \$49). So if you are interested and you have not already let Event Chair TOM BRAULT know, please contact him by this coming Friday, March 7 to let him know the number of tickets you would like to reserve and to vote for the top two shows that you would prefer to see. (So far, the polling is pretty close between “Ragtime” and “An American in Paris”, but we will choose the one with the most votes at the deadline for reservations.)

Here is the Moonlight season and the Friday nights we are considering:

An American in Paris – May 15

(NOTE: This is a change in the previously selected date)

Something Rotten – June 26

Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella – July 24

Ragtime – August 21

Kinky Boots – September 11

For a description of these shows, visit www.moonlightstage.com

Contact TOM BRAULT right away to be a part of this fun and festive event!



NEW MEMBER PROPOSED

As you may recall, ADOLPHO AYALA's husband STEPHEN GENDEL (a retired journalist) was introduced at our Valentine's Day meeting earlier in the month. He must have enjoyed this visit, because he now has been proposed for membership and approved by our Board. If you have any questions or concerns about STEPHEN's candidacy, let a board member know within the next 10 days.

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Would you like to see a few photos from the February Third Thursday Evening Social at the Yardhouse in Carlsbad? ... Your wish is our command. (I especially like the photo showing BOB, DALE, and L.J. toasting with their yards of beer!)



BILL DERN just keeps on enjoying his retirement days by hosting his extended family for fun trips! In his latest adventures, he took his Seattle son CHRIS, wife AMBER, and their son JAMES to enjoy various Southern California highlights - Some low key “beach time” at low tide. And then a higher excitement trip up to Universal Studios Hollywood where they entered the Wizarding World at Hogwarts Castle, followed up by a Mai Tai or Rum Runner at one of the theme park’s adult beverage locations.



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

March 6: RYAN KEIM, Oceanside City Councilmember
Reporter: Sherman

March 13: JULIE VITALE, Ph.D., OUSD Superintendent
Reporter: Myers

March 19: Third Thursday Evening Social, 5:30 pm
Location TBD – Stay Tuned for Details

March 20: **Regular Meeting DARK**

March 27 @ 11:30 am: Community Service Committee meeting
At El Camino Country Club, before the regular meeting

March 27: TBD
Reporter: Brault

April 3: JUDGES RACE DEBATE
Reporter: TBD

April 10: **DARK for Good Friday**

April 16: Third Thursday Evening Social, 5:30 pm

April 17: **Regular Meeting DARK**

April 24: SEASIDE SINGERS CONCERT
Reporter: TBD

Saturday April 25: Rotarians at Work Day