



February 8, 2019

PRES. RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE opened the meeting by ringing the gong and snapping us to attention at precisely 12:30 P.M

PLEDGE:

ERNIE MASCITTI led us in the PLEDGE.

ROTARY MOMENT:

JIM SCHRODER quoted an unknown author ... “Be decisive, right or wrong. Make a decision. The road to life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn’t make a decision.”

SONGS:

TOM BRAULT led us in singing “We Are The Champions” from Queen. He said that, as we were singing it, we could choose to celebrate either the Super Bowl win of the Patriots or the Academy Award nominations for the Queen movie “Bohemian Rhapsody.” This was followed up by the patriotic song “Yankee Doodle.” The first song was “executed” by the membership, and the second one was just “dandy.”



ROTARY UPDATES:

- Friday, February 15th – Sweethearts Day - Bring your Sweethearts to Rotary
- Saturday, February 16th – Rotary project improving garden at San Luis Rey Elementary School - 3535 Hacienda Drive, Oceanside @ 9:30 A.M. Join in and bring gardening tools and gloves.
- Friday, February 22nd – Susan Taylor – Scripps Health
- Friday, March 1st – DARK (District Conference)
- Friday, March 8th – Kitchens For Good “Where Food Changes Lives”
- Friday, March 15th – Pure Water Oceanside
- Friday, March 22nd – Military Awards Joint Meeting - El Camino CC

Friday, March 29th – TBA

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! WE NEED A NEW RYLA LEADER!

PRES RENEE asked us to congratulate ERNIE MASCITTI for 17 years of dedication by heading up the RYLA program for our club. Now, we need someone to step in and take over RYLA duties from ERNIE. Search your heart and see if that “someone” could be you!

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:



JOHN HERRERA, visiting ROTARIAN from the Route 78 Club in San Marcos (the newest club in our district). JOHN said their club meets on Saturdays at 10 am at Cocina del Charro Restaurant and that they have 51% women members. This news was well received by JANET BLEDSOE LACY and PAM MYERS who were sitting beside JOHN at his table. He was visiting in order to let us know about their upcoming major fundraiser – the “6th Annual Mariachi Festival” in The California Center of the Arts in Escondido on Sunday, April 14, 2019. It is a world class Mariachi Festival. Proceeds support education and charitable programs for the children and youth in North County. Go online to www.Mariachi78.org or www.Route78Rotary.org for more details. JOHN’s club is also beating the bushes to line up sponsors for his year’s festival.



GORDY WITZ (not as a visitor or guest) but recognized by BOB PICKREL for being in the room, already at a table with his meal half eaten already before the meeting was called to order. PRES RENEE quipped that perhaps a different

someone had taken GORDY's place. (Our own reboot of *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*?!?!?!?)



ROGER VAN DERWERKEN, a minister in Oceanside (and proposed new member) was again visiting our club.

RUDY VAN HUNNICK, a visiting Rotarian from Camp Pendleton Club.



RYAN KING, from the Fallbrook Club, and our speaker today.

VISITORS POSSBLY EN ROUTE TO BEING MEMBERS?

At our Board meeting, two new members were proposed and approved at Board level. Now it is up to us, the full membership, to weigh in on these candidates. The clock is ticking on your chance to let the President (or any board member, for that matter) about any questions or concerns that you might have about these proposed additions to our club: ROGER VAN DERWERKEN and LESLIE ADAMS. Any thoughts?

HAPPY DOLLARS:



PAUL WENDEE was \$5 Sad he would be missing next Friday's Sweetheart Day Meeting.



DAVE HALL was \$10 Happy his wife TERRI got to PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) in L.A. O.K.



TOM BRAULT was \$2 Happy his wife LINDA will be joining him at Sweethearts Day next Friday.



Guest JOHN HERRERA was \$5 Happy to see RUDY at the meeting.



RON MARBEN was \$10 Happy about his anniversary with ANCHISA, and another \$10 Happy about his new one month old grandson.



RUDY VAN HUNNICK was \$20 Happy to be sitting between two ministers, RYAN and ROGER and hoping that maybe some good stuff might rub off on him. (He was also cited for his cell phone ringing during the meeting by PRES. RENEE).



ERNIE MASCITTI was \$100 Happy (earmarked for the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation) to be back from extended travels including New Orleans, the Caribbean, etc., taking a hovercraft ride, and getting over multiple bouts with bronchitis.



ANCHISA FARRANT was \$10 Happy to be a new “Step-Grandmother.”

PROGRAM:

What a lucky thing it was that RYAN KING, of the Fallbrook Rotary Club, decided to come to today's meeting! Since our scheduled (and confirmed) planned speaker was not able to show up as planned, RYAN was able to step in to provide us with a fine presentation with very little notice. He told us that the group he is associated with – EDIFY - was created to “improve and expand sustainable Christ-centered education globally” by partnering with entrepreneurs who need access to training, capital, and technology to grow their schools. RYAN provided these sobering statistics:



EDIFY focuses on: (1) training teachers to provide a biblically-based, high quality education to children in 10 underserved countries across the world; (2) providing school owners access to lending capital to expand their facilities; and (3) providing schools with access to education technology, focusing on tools for literacy and critical think skills.

3,649 schools have been transformed, 1,038,451 students have been impacted, 27 Million dollars in loans have been secured, and 13,989 teachers have been trained as a result of EDIFY. The 10 countries focused to date on are:

Guatemala
Dominican Republic
Peru
Sierra Leon

Liberia
Burkina Faso
Ghana
Rwanda
Ethiopia
Northeast India

RYAN showed some photos in his PowerPoint presentation and noted that some of the schools in India might look pretty bare-bones and may not seem like much to us, but they are still a very positive thing for the communities because the children are in a classroom setting, off of the streets, and away from gang activity. In Guatemala, children are provided computers with a “pay me later” program. In Liberia, historically only 5% of the children have passed the exam to go on to high school. Areas with EDIFY classrooms in place have seen dramatic improvements in those matriculation rates, which means more education and better prospects for the community at large.



EDIFY provides a “hand up...not a hand out” by teaching the children to work hard for their education, and not to just expect it as a hand out. Cultures in the various countries are not disturbed. Funds are raised by EDIFY through contributions from businesses, individuals, Rotary Global Grants, and loans secured at a reduced interest rate. Money is invested to grow and provide innovative education technologies. Christian workers around the world are participating. A \$35,000 Rotary Grant was written to support 5 different schools in Guatemala with 717 students.

SMILE is a key component of their provided technology, essentially allowing classroom to have access to tons of educational data without needing to be connected to the internet. Children are taught to create their own questions, and solve their problems. The Khan Academy is a free, online resource for math concepts, research, exploration, and discovery. Focus is on thinking skills, literacy, development, reading practice, science exploration, technology, as well as “fun stuff” like drawing, painting, and music. Video learning and interaction are encouraged.

When asked if there were any language barriers to be dealt with in their program, RYAN noted that the classroom teachers come from the local communities and



therefore have no problems. For some of the outside consultants and managers, they have found Google Translate to be an amazing tool by simply scanning the sentences and letting the app do the translation for them.

PRES RENEE thanked our speaker and presented a contribution of \$250 from our club to EDIFY.

DO WE HAVE A WINNER YET??

FRANK COXON had the Opportunity Drawing ticket, but with just 11 cards left in the deck, that Joker still was up to his old tricks and FRANK drew an Ace. Ordinarily that would be a great card, but in this game, it is no better than any other choice. So FRANK earned just the \$10 Consolation Prize ... or rather an I.O.U. for the \$10, since our Treasurer was no longer in the building to hand over the sawbuck. PRES RENEE rifled through the remaining cards to prove to us all that the Joker is still in the “diminishing deck” and is waiting for the big \$800 jackpot winner! Will it be next week? Stay tuned!



Also, another “Sailing Outing” winning ticket number (9417592) was drawn, but not held by anyone in attendance. So, check your tickets at home and see if you are the winner of the future cruise with Captain RON MARBEN. We will keep on picking a new potential winner at each meeting until we finally find somebody who hasn’t misplaced their tickets in the weeks leading up to this drawing.

PRES RENEE closed the meeting at 1:25 P.M. by mentioning that her “Bistro” at 324 Main Street in Vista, CA will have Live Music and a special menu with Flatbread, Chocolate Dipped Strawberries, and Ice Cream Sundaes on Thursday,

February 14th from 5 to 8 P.M. (actual Valentine's Day). Then she bonged the GONG to let us know to move along.

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

That BILL DERN and his wife KATHY sure have jumped feet first into this retirement thing. Another week? ... Another trip! This time, they ventured up to the icy cold Pacific Northwest to visit their son CHRIS and family in Seattle. While there, their activities have ranged from the mundane (walking a grandson to school in the snow ... But was it 5 miles going uphill both ways?!) Then there was the excitement of celebrating son CHRIS's birthday with a festive 41 "Woo Hoo" cake. And then there was the apprehension about whether the weather would allow BILL and KATHY to fly back home on Monday. (I guess if we see him at this Friday's meeting, that would be a good sign!)



In our last edition, we invited folks to consider sending in photos for this “Out and About” section even if you are “just carousing in our own backyards.” Well, ANCHISA FARRANT seems to have taken this quite literally as she wanted us to see how well the plants in her garden are surviving and thriving. Beautiful! She surely has a green thumb!



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Feb 15: SWEETHEARTS DAY

Reporter: BILL DERN

Feb 22: SUSAN TAYLOR – Scripps Health

Reporter: TOM BRAULT

Mar 1: Regular Meeting DARK for District Conference Weekend

Mar 2-3: DISTRICT 5340 CONFERENCE

Catamaran Resort and Hotel on Mission Bay

More info and registration at www.Rotary5340.org

Mar 8: CHUCK SAMUELSON – Kitchens for Good

Reporter: DAVE HALL

Mar 15: PURE WATER OCEANSIDE

Reporter: A.J. MAZZARELLA

Mar 21: The planned Away Meeting in Fallbrook for the Military Awards has been rescheduled to our regular meeting the following day

Mar 22: MILITARY AWARDS MEETING here at El Camino Country Club

Reporter: VICKIE PROSSER

Mar 29: TBA

Reporter: PAM MYERS