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**SHORELINES**

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The meeting was called to order right on time by our **FEARLESS LEADER TERRI HALL. FL TERRI** then



called upon **GUEST JIM O'MEARA** of Carlsbad (who is a **PAST PRESIDENT** of his Rotary as well as a past **ROTARY**



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR**) to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thereafter, **VICKIE PROSSER** acted as our

Song Meister Extraordinaire. **VICKIE** wanted to start the meeting with a “happy song” because she was so glad to be back attending Rotary. **VICKIE** shared that, due to the busy holidays, she had not attended any Rotary meetings in the month of December. **VICKIE** announced that she had placed the lyrics to a special song on all our tables. This Shorelines Author knew that the plan was clearly doomed to failure as soon as **VICKIE** started giving us instructions that included dividing the room into two parts with each section of the room having various responsibilities as the song was being sung. The song began with a miserable attempt by the club to participate in the singing of a song that no one had ever heard of; and none of us knew the tune; and none of us understood what we were supposed to do. **VICKIE** quickly recognized that her mission was a going down in flames, abandoned her ship, and announced that instead we would simply start with the much more familiar song “Smile,” which was then followed by the favorite “God Bless America.”



**PRESIDENT ELECT MELISSA RODRIGUEZ** then came forth to give us a **ROTARY MOMENT**. She stated as follows:

*“Start now. Start where you are.  
Start with fear. Start with pain.  
Start with doubt. Start with hands shaking.  
Start with voice trembling but start.  
Start and don't stop. Start where you are, with what you have.  
Just...Start.”*

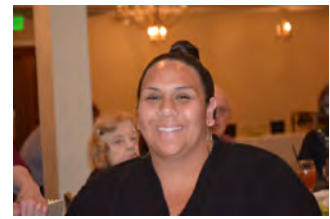
**PE MELISSA** then gave us our club updates: The Third Thursday Social will be held at Bagby Beer Company, located at 601 S Coast Hwy, Oceanside, at 5:30 p.m. **MELISSA** promises that they have the world's best vegan Corn Dogs! Come and go as you like and meet in this relaxed and fun setting. Bring friends!

**PE MELISSA** then reminded us that we had an invitation to hear **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MARK MALONEY** speak at the Fallbrook Rotary Club on Thursday, January 16th at 1:00 pm. Their meeting is held at the Grand Tradition Estates, 1602 S. Mission Road, Fallbrook. The cost is \$25.00 – If you are going, please bring a check or exact change. (NOTE: There was a MANDATORY RSVP date, by January 10th, so if you are just learning about this now ... Sorry, you're too late.) **PAST PRESIDENT HAZ BEEN RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE** noted that it is quite the treat to have a RI President speak locally. **PE MELISSA** then listed several of our members who have signed up to attend the luncheon and assured us that “all of the cool kids are going!”

**PE MELISSA** then circulated a sign-up list for those members who want to participate on the Rotary Service Committee to make recommendations about what service projects our club should engage in during the year.

**ANCHISA FARRANT** shared with us the fact that the International Assembly of Rotarians will be held in San Diego from January 19<sup>th</sup> through January 25<sup>th</sup>, which of course includes a delegation from **ANCHISA'S** homeland of Thailand. **ANCHISA** and **L J FIMBRES** will help to greet and entertain the **THAILAND ROTARY DELEGATION** (*See ANCHISA's entry under Happy Dollars*) and would welcome other members to join them in helping to make some delegates feel welcomed to what may be the last Rotary International Assembly to be held in San Diego for some time. Rotary's annual training meeting gives incoming district governors the chance to share ideas for strengthening clubs and improving communities with Rotary leaders from around the world. Keynote speakers and informative presentations are inspiring and will include breakout sessions, roundtable discussions, and workshops to motivate new ways of creating positive

change in Rotary. The event will be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego.



Introductions of Guests included: **JAY CRAWFORD** introducing **JIM O'MEARA of CARLSBAD**, who had led us in our Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the meeting; **ADOLPHO AYALA** introduced his special guest **STEPHEN GENDEL**; and the delightful, smart, beautiful and witty **JANET BLEDSOE LACY** introduced **CAMRYN LETULI**, who would be more formally introduced shortly thereafter, as well as **RUDY VAN HUNNICK**. **CHUCK ANDREAN** introduced his beautiful wife **YONG HEE**. **VICKIE** led us in our Welcome Song to all our visitors.

**FL TERRI** then announced that we were going to be giving out our **VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD**. **TERRI** stated as follows: When professionals join a Rotary club, they do so as a representative of their particular business or profession. This gives Rotarians the dual responsibility of representing their vocation within the club and of exemplifying the ideals of Rotary within the workplace.

Vocational service focuses on:

- Adherence to, and promotion of, the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just your own or those that are pursued by Rotarians.
- The contribution of your vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.

In order to recognize those members of our community who exemplify high ethical standards and who contribute their talents to society through their vocation, we would like to present the **OCEANSIDE ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD TO: CAMRYN LETULI**. **TERRI** announced that **CAMRYN** was nominated by **VICKIE PROSSER** and **JANET BLEDSOE LACY**, and then invited the charming, sensitive, articulate and gorgeous **JANET** to come forth and formally introduce **CAMRYN**. **JANET** explained that six years ago the



“LacyLand” section of her law firm had “stolen” **CAMRYN** from her job at Bob’s Clock Shop in Carlsbad. **CAMRYN** did not know anything about working in a law office, but we had been told that she was a fast learner and a hard worker. Within a week of her employment, **CAMRYN** made herself

indispensable. She quickly learned how to interact with clients, work the phones, file documents with the Court, and started to prepare legal forms and pleadings. She has now transitioned herself into a valuable career as a Legal Assistant. Most importantly to Rotary, three years or so ago, Rotary had lost the person who was formatting our weekly Shorelines Newsletter. **JANET** told our Shorelines Managing Editor **TOM BRAULT** that she certainly did not know how to format documents, but that she had someone at her office who was great at that kind of thing, and that **JANET** was just sure that she could fit formatting Shorelines into her job without any cost to Rotary. And the rest is history! **CAMRYN** has been doing a wonderful job formatting our weekly Shorelines ever since. Sadly though, **CAMRYN** has now been “stolen” from **JANET**, because as **JANET** is winding down her practice in planning for retirement, her son **JEFFREY BLEDSOE LACY** is taking over her place as a Partner with the firm,



practicing Family Law. **JANET’S** niece **KATIE ANDERSON**, who has worked for her for 20 years, is striking out on her own to have her own law practice, and **KATIE** is taking **CAMRYN** with her. **JANET** shared that she and **JEFFREY** both told **KATIE** that they expect they will miss **CAMRYN** more than they will miss **KATIE**! **CAMRYN** thanked Rotary for the award and seemed quite happy about the recognition. The good news is that before she left **JANET’S** firm on January 1, 2020, **CAMRYN** trained a replacement (**ERYN**) and so the task of the Shorelines formatting will continue on at **JANET’S** and **JEFFREY’S** office.



**FL TERRI** then shared with the club that at Christmas time, **TERRI** opened a gift which had a piece of red cloth and a sombrero figure on the top of the package, and accompanying the package was a note that read as follows:

*“I was kidnapped and taken across the border.  
A ransom was paid to secure my release.  
I am home...I am home...I am home  
Do not leave me home alone...Again.  
CUIDADO...CAREFUL”*

You might have already guessed that, below the red cloth, was our FEARLESS LEADER’S MISSING GAVEL! **TERRI** still does not know who the thief was (but she has her suspicions). Our properly chastised president promised that she would always keep her gavel in a safe place, as she impishly started to stuff it down the front of her blouse.



**TERRI** also shared with us a pair of sox that she bought at Penney’s for hubby **DAVE**, not knowing that the sox may have had a hidden meaning to them, with a picture of a cute fox along with the saying of “Zero Fox Given” – which apparently has a double meaning for some???

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS were celebrated with **TERRI** acknowledging the Birthday Babies who, at **RENEE’S** suggestion, gave in Happy Birthday Dollars based not on their actual age, but instead on how old they felt at this time. Accordingly, the following Birthday Babies were identified and gave the following: **RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE \$5; BILL DERN \$20; ROGER VANDERWERKEN \$20; JIM SCHRODER \$74** in Birthday Dollars, and \$26 in Happy Dollars, described hereafter. The Birthday Babies were treated to a Birthday Song lead by **SONG MEISTER VICKIE**.



Following Birthdays, was **MIKE WESELOH** who was celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary and therefore was \$40 Happy. Of great sentiment, Rotarians **LARRY HATTER** and **BOB PICKREL** revealed that they had attended **MIKE’S**

wedding 40 years ago! To honor **MIKE and LAURIE**'s anniversary, we all sang a special song to the tune of "The Lone Ranger."

**SECRETARY RENEE** then called up **CHUCK ANDREAN**, who was accompanied by his wife, **YONG HEE**. **RENEE** stated: "I am pleased to recognize a Paul Harris Fellow among us who has repeatedly gone above and beyond in doing good for the world. You will likely never meet the children, women, and men who will benefit from your generosity, but on their behalf, I offer you a sincere thank you, **CHUCK**, for using your time, talent, and treasure to enhance the lives of others. Your generosity means so much to so many. On behalf of our club, the District and the Foundation Trustees, we thank you and welcome you to receive your new multiple Paul Harris "plus one" pin which bears stones. Please wear this with pride in honor of all the lives that you reach through your generosity. I ask us all to please join me in a round of applause for a Paul Harris Fellow who continues to put "Service Above Self." **CHUCK and YONG HEE** were then meet with a standing ovation from the club.



**FINES AND HAPPY DOLLARS** were led by our Acting Sergeant at Arms (aka the Shoe Guy) **DAVID NYDEGGER** who absolutely gushed with his \$20 Happy Dollar celebration that the "Best College Football Team won 2 bowl games" – which was a reference to his beloved Navy team. **ROGER VANDERWERKEN** joined in this celebration, adding his own \$5 Happy Dollar contribution. (Gee Whiz! You would think that these guys attended the Naval Academy or something?!) **VICKIE PROSSER** was \$5 Happy to be back at Rotary after not attending during the month of December. **JIM SCHRODER** was Happy to have returned from his trip to Rwanda and Uganda with a cough that carried a warning from his doctor that he might have a nodule in his lung and that they would have to check for the same. After some weeks' delay, wherein the CT machine was broken, the results came back all clear! Hooray! **JIM** gave a total of \$100: \$74.00 for the Happy Birthday for having a 74<sup>th</sup> Birthday this month, and \$26.00 Happy Dollars for dodging the potential diagnosis of cancer. **YONG HEE** shared with us that many people have a problem with remembering her name, so she shared the secret between her and **CHUCK**, where she refers to him as "Old Hee" and she is "Young Hee." Ha! No more problems remembering **YONG HEE'S** name.



**YONG HEE** was \$20 Happy that hubby **CHUCK** was a Paul Harris Fellow. **RUDY** was \$25 Happy for the number of parties that he attended over the holidays. **ANCHISA** was \$20 Happy that L J has signed up to help host the delegation from Thailand who are coming to the Rotary International Assembly. They arrive on the 15th and **ANCHISA, L J,** and **JIM O'MEARA** will drive them up to L.A. to visit the Thai Rotary Club there. The group will go to other attractions on Thursday and then all day sightseeing on Friday. **JIM's** van holds 14 people, and they have 3 seats available if anyone else would like to join in.



**TERRI** shared a story about a “toot toot” pedicab type taxi car that she saw in a video about Thailand, and that **ANCHISA** had promised to get her one. Sure enough, **TERRI** produced for the club the **DARLING** little toy car that **ANCHISA** gave her for Christmas.



**WHO AM I** by **BOB PICKREL**: **BOB** shared with us an incredible story of his life going on 91 years. He was born in 1930 in Illinois, which he described as the “Bible Belt.” He said that there were 2,500 people in his town, which had 5 churches. It was a farm community with many of the residents having migrated there from the East. He reminded us that this was on the cusp of the roaring 20's and the Great Depression. There were 38 kids in his high school graduating class, and 30 of them had been together since the 1<sup>st</sup> grade. He spoke of how hard the kids would work to earn 25 cents. They mowed lawns, delivered newspapers and groceries, and worked at the local soda and fountain shops. But he said that, despite the hard times, they always had food. His Grandfather raised pigs, chickens, beef, corn, alfalfa. Soybeans became a major crop when World War II broke out. **BOB** shared that the first thing that he drove was a team of horses. He described how he drove a sickle mower to mow down the alfalfa as his first job. His second job was to run a horse to hoist up the hay. They had no electricity, no television, but they did have a radio with a few radio stations. They had an outhouse, and **BOB** implied that the famous Sears mail order catalog had more use than simply buying things and having them delivered. But he did acknowledge the importance of the Sears catalog and the excitement of having items delivered that could not otherwise be purchased at the local small family stores. He remembered how in 1941 the whole country became consumed and involved in the War. Every one of his neighbors had Victory Gardens. That year brought a great influx of young men into the armed forces. It saw women

enter into the work force into factories. The nation needed to produce food and farming became mechanized. **BOB** remembered the horse plows being replaced by mechanical tractors – which later even had headlights so that you could farm at night. **BOB'S** high school graduation occurred in 1948. By that time, there had been the huge migration of youth into the military, the war, with some going to Europe and having seen the world beyond Illinois and other farm communities. At this time, **BOB'S** father had health problems which required him to move to a different climate. His family moved to Southern California. By then, the first freeway had been built between Pasadena and Los Angeles. **BOB** remembers getting into a friend's hot rod and going a scandalous 55 mph and never having to stop. This was unheard of in Illinois! **BOB** said that he saw the Pacific Ocean and he was hooked on California. He confessed that he still has the same love for the Pacific Ocean now, that he had felt so long ago. **BOB** went to City College in Pasadena. It was there that he ended up taking a dancing class which he had earlier decided that he was not going to take. But, chalk it up to fate or luck or whatever ... It was in this class he almost skipped that he met his beloved wife, **DARLENE**, and he ended up taking 4 semesters of the dance class. **BOB** graduated from college with a business degree, and he began working for the Bank of America. Seven months later, he was drafted into the Army due to the Korean War. Upon being drafted, he was told that he was pretty smart, so the Army was going to make him a Medic. He had 10 days of training in this field. He shared that draftees were transferred as individuals, and not as a unit. **BOB** spent 13 to 14 months in Korea before coming home. **BOB** had 6 months or so left on his service duty and ended up at Fort Lewis Washington working in a hospital. Upon leaving the service, **BOB** continued with the Bank of America in California. By this time, there had been a great migration of all kinds of people to California. As a result, there were great many business opportunities. **BOB** said that you didn't even have to be really smart – just hard working. **BOB** said that he worked in all positions at the Bank, from “being a teller up.” He shared that when he left for Korea, there were no women tellers at the bank. When he returned, almost all the bank tellers were women. **BOB** worked 41 years with the Bank of America and traveled all over California. He went into the Administration aspect of the banking business, but really preferred making his own loans. He moved to Oceanside in 1978 and retired in 1991. Upon retirement, **BOB** shared that he had volunteered with many organizations, including being part of the TriCity Hospital Board. Then, after a while, he shared that he started spending more time on the golf course and other personal hobbies. **BOB** shared that he has seen Oceanside change dramatically over the years, and all the changes have been remarkably positive. He has been happily married for 69 years, and he and his **DARLENE** have been to many places. His wife, who was from Wisconsin, also had a background in farming.



They have had a wonderful life together. **BOB** remembered that he had joined Rotary in 1978 and recited some of the “old timer Rotarian” names that he has come to know over the years, and how important being part of Rotary has been to **BOB**.

**TERRI** shared that in 2001 or 2002, when she was the Executive Director of the North Coastal Service Center, which later became Interfaith Services, that she was desperate to unload some FEMA trucks to distribute the goods to the poor. She approached our Rotary Club for help. She said that she will never forget seeing **BOB PICKREL** show up at her worksite in his suit and take off his jacket and roll up his sleeves to unload the trucks.

We are grateful to our wonderful **BOB** and **DARLENE** and thank them for all that they have done for so many!



**BOB'S** presentation was followed by our opportunity drawing for a \$500 pot. Visitor **STEPHEN GENDEL** drew the winning ticket but came up with an ace (not the Joker), which leaves the big bucks available for the next meeting!

### **NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL**

At our recent board meeting, **BEVERLY FISHER** (a potential new member proposed by **MELISSA RODRIGUEZ**) was approved by the board to join the club ... assuming that no one expresses any objections. Now is the 10-day timeframe to contact our President or any board member if you have any questions or concerns about this candidate.

***DON'T FORGET:  
THIS WEEK IS A THIRD THURSDAY EVENING SOCIAL  
Starting at 5:30 pm at Bagby Beer Company, Oceanside  
NO MEETING THIS FRIDAY***

## ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT



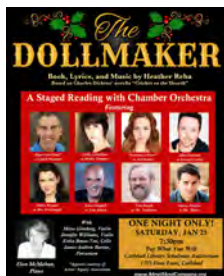
Some people like to extend the joy of the holiday season way past the traditional confines of the conventional calendar. This year, the **TOM BRAULT** family fit that description as they spent this past weekend of January 10-13 in Phoenix, Arizona gathering at daughter **ROBYN** and her husband **MARK DERN**'s house to listen to Christmas tunes, watch one of their favorite seasonal movies ("*Muppet Christmas Carol*"), open gifts, enjoy some special meals, and generally share the magic of Christmas together – not minding a whit that this celebration was a full two and a half weeks late.

**NANCY RUSSIAN** and her husband **LUIS** say hello from the Palm Springs International Film Festival with Drs. **GORDON** and **KAREN BISHOP**. They viewed 40 films, attended opening night, and got to see Antonio Banderas, Edward Norton, Cynthia Erivo and many other actors, directors, and producers.



## COMING SOON TO A THEATER NEAR YOU

Speaking of actors, our resident Thespian **TOM BRAULT** will be taking the stage twice in the next few weeks – Both performances will be for “One Night Only”, so check your calendar and see if you care to attend either or both of these shows:



Saturday, January 25 – **TOM** will play a featured part in the World Premiere recording and staged reading of a new musical “*The Dollmaker*” by local composer / director **HEATHER REBA**. The story is based on a novella by Charles Dickens, and the songs will be accompanied by an accomplished chamber orchestra led by renowned conductor **ELAN McMAHAN**. Showtime is 7:30 at the Carlsbad Library Schulman Auditorium at 1775 Dove Lane in Carlsbad, and admission is “Pay What You Will.”

Monday, January 27 – **TOM** will return to the same Carlsbad Library stage for another staged reading – This time, the play “Circle Mirror Transformation” by Annie Baker is being produced by the Carlsbad Playreaders, directed by **TOM’s** talented daughter **GERILYN BRAULT**, and will feature some very prominent professional San Diego actors in the cast. (Which begs the question: Was nepotism a factor influencing the director’s choice in casting **TOM** alongside these much more accomplished actors? Inquiring minds want to know). Showtime is 7:30 and the donation for General Admission is \$5.

### **COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

Thursday January 16: Third Thursday Social – Bagby Beer Company,  
601 S Coast Hwy, Oceanside, at 5:30 p.m

January 17: **Regular Meeting DARK**

January 24: JIM SCHRODER, Extended “Who Am I?”  
Reporter: Mazzarella

January 31: TBD  
Reporter: Prosser

February 7: COUNCILMEMBER ESTHER SANCHEZ  
Reporter: Schroder

February 14: ANNUAL SWEETHEARTS DAY MEETING hosted by NANCY  
RUSSIAN  
Reporter: Shore

February 20: Third Thursday Evening Social

February 21: **Regular Meeting DARK**

February 28: TBD  
Reporter: Sherman