



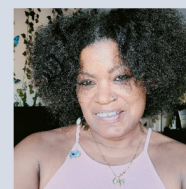
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ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE **SHORELINES**

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Unbeknownst to our President and with the first (and possibly her last) 2024 rap on our club bell with her Presidential gavel, SHOR DENNY welcomed everyone to our first meeting of the new year. ROGER VANDERWERKEN led us in reciting the Four Way Test. (JANET BLEDSOE LACY, as photographer, took some flak for standing in front of the banner so that a big chunk of the room could not see to read the words.) Then JIM SCHRODER led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SHOR asked TERRI HALL to give us an update on LOLA SHERMAN. After first breaking her elbow, she later had a second fall resulting in a broken hip which required surgical repair. As if all of that wasn't terrible enough to deal with, while recovering in a rehab facility, LOLA developed COVID and pneumonia and was transferred to Mercy Hospital, followed by a return to the rehab facility. But now, thankfully, she is back at her home to rest and recuperate and she looks forward to getting back to Rotary as soon as she can, because she misses us. *We miss you, too, LOLA!*



CLUB UPDATES BY RENEE RICHARDSON

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Feb 9th Dark Meeting



VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Joining us today are WENDY VAZQUEZANZUA from Rancho Bernardo Rotary and frequent visitor DANA ALBERT from San Marcos Rotary. With some trouble at first remembering the lyrics (... or was he just “acting”?), TOM BRAULT finally led us in our Welcome Song.



PRESIDENTIAL STUFF BY PRESIDENT SHOR DENNY



SHOR invited ERNIE MASCITTI to give us an update on the \$300 we donated to www.UkrainianChildren.org to purchase stoves for Ukraine refugees. ERNIE shared pictures of 3 stoves with our club name on

it which have been installed in homes along with messages of

thanks from the recipients.

With the help of RENEE RICHARDSON, President SHOR invited DAN WILSON to the podium and presented his Paul Harris Foundation +3 pin, having donated \$4000 over the years.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

RENEE RICHARDSON was \$56 happy to R.I. Foundation, noting how easy it was to make the donation online. (Observant Shorelines readers may recall that she gave the exact same \$56 amount for her birthday last year along with a convoluted justification promising it was the truth that the donation amount was appropriate. Do you remember how that worked??)

ROGER VANDERWERKEN was \$68 happy to share the same birthday as Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING along with the same



ordination date. He also noted he shared the same birth year as RENEE, so he was tempted to donate only \$56 just like she had, but then decided it didn't pass the Four Way Test and kept the donation at an appropriate \$68. (Do the math to get a clue to the answer to RENEE's \$56 donation justification.)

BILL DERN carried on the tradition of past Rotarian JACK FELLER and donated \$7.40, He almost immediately rounded it up to \$20.

JIM SCHRODER was \$100 happy, \$78 of which were for his birthday and \$22 for the clean bill of health he received following surgery last month.



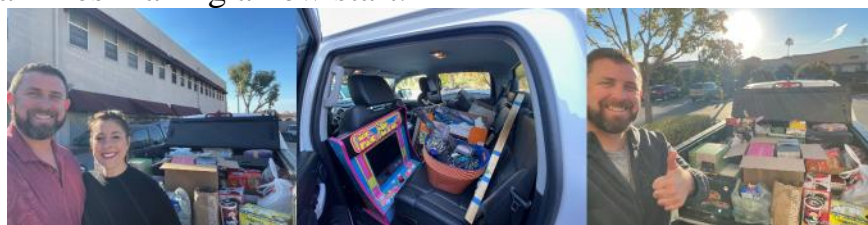
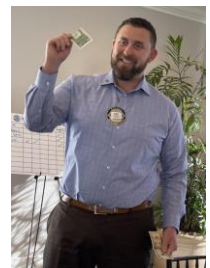
Since no one jumped up to lead us in our birthday song, birthday boy BILL DERN decided to take the matters into his own hands and led us as we wished the birthday Rotarians a Happy Birthday.



MIKE WESELOH was \$50 happy to be celebrating his 44th wedding anniversary.

HAPPY DOLLARS

DALE MAAS was \$1 happy for BILL DERN's new beard, another \$5 to honor ROGER VANDERWERKEN and the Breakwater Church for inviting them to their church at Christmas time, and yet another \$5 for everyone's support for the Women's Resource Center drive, which collected more than a truck load of toys, blankets, and household goods needed for families making a new start.



JAY CRAWFORD was \$50 happy (to the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation) to have all children and grandchildren (14 in all) home for the holidays.



ROGER VANDERWERKEN was another \$50 happy for the last-minute help of DARREL LARSON who stepped up when he found out that Santa was going to be a no



show 15 minutes prior to the start of the Harbor Boat Rides with Santa event in December. DARREL quickly rented an outfit and arrived only a few minutes late, much to the delight of many children, adults, and Rotarians. ROGER also noted President SHOR has a powerful voice as she organized and led the carolers at the event.



LYN CORDER was \$20 happy to the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation to be able to celebrate the holidays with her extended family from all over the United States.

TERRI HALL was \$5 happy to note that her granddaughter AVA got a gig playing in the pit for the musical “Sweeney Todd” at a local theater near her school.



TOM BRAULT was \$25 happy to the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation for many things including a wonderful December trip to New York, seeing numerous shows on Broadway, and celebrating a belated Christmas in January in Arizona with daughter and family. (*See “Rotarians Out and About” for photos of these experiences.*) TOM was also happy to announce he starts rehearsals for a play at Palomar College. (The musical “Crazy For You” which will perform March 7 – 17.)

ERNIE MASCITTI was happy to have his sister out from Chicago for a few months.



President SHOR DENNY was \$50 (R. I. Foundation) happy to survive a challenging 2023 in good health.

ANCHISSA FARRANT was \$10 happy to share a story about picture taking and her husband falling and loving her.



FOLLOWUP ON OUR LAST HAPPY DOLLARS REPORT

We here at Shorelines would like to apologize that we had not given JAY CRAWFORD proper credit in our writeup from our Veteran's Day 2023 meeting. He was \$41 happy to be from a family with such an extensive history in the military. (Dad was a Lt. Col. In the Army, Mom worked at Lackland Air Force Base, an uncle was at Pearl Harbor, and a brother was a jet pilot. Oh, yeah. And JAY himself served in the Air Force Reserves.)

A COMMUNITY SERVICE COLLECTION

Pres SHOR encouraged fellow Rotarians to support District 5340's project "Give" - a hygiene drive for human trafficking and domestic violence victims - by bringing personal hygiene items to our next club meeting. These items include face wash, shampoo/conditioner, hairspray. Single load laundry detergent pouches, toothpaste/toothbrushes/ dental floss, bar soap/body wash, lotion, face towels and makeup wipes. Items collected will be presented to the City of San Diego's "Your Safe Place" and San Diego County's "One Safe Place." Please help these vulnerable victims by bringing in these supplies on January 26.

CLUB ASSEMBLY

With regards to the Polio Plus matching grant challenge, the District has assigned a goal to us of \$1500, and we have raised \$1100 so far with 6 months to go. Let's reach our goal as we help Rotary eliminate Polio.

Friday, April 5th is the Iron Man Volunteer Service Project at which we will be registering participants for the event on Saturday, April 6th. We will need about 20 volunteers from Noon to 5:00 PM. As noted by previous participants, this volunteering was a lot of fun. Come join us.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 20th as we will celebrate our club's milestone 100th Anniversary from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Heritage Park. RENEE displayed a banner promoting our



anniversary celebration which will be hanging at the Civic Center during April.



RENEE also has promotional posters available to distribute. Pick some copies up if you have a business or know a business that would display the sign. The celebration will include dancers, a DJ, a Jiu Jitsu demonstration, booths manned by our partners sharing their mission, proclamations from various dignitaries, and more. TINA ORTIZ noted that the DJ we had in mind has a wedding gig booked on that day, so we are looking for another.

Please contact TINA if you know of someone that could help provide the music that day. Food trucks will provide meals to purchase, but entry to this event is free. This should be a wonderful celebration for our club.



RENEE shared that PAUL will be taking donated toys into Mexico for children with disabilities on the 19th, as Rotarian Service Above Self crosses the border again into Mexico.

The District Conference Cruise to Mexico will depart San Pedro on Friday, April 26th, returning on the 29th. Looking directly at PAUL, RENEE mentioned that the 29th is an incredibly significant date, right PAUL! (No excuses for forgetting an anniversary this year, sir.) Besides a couple of Rotary sessions and a reception onboard the ship, the ship will stop in Ensenada for a Rotarians at Work project. Since that project will be going on in Mexico, we are looking for someone to coordinate a RAW project for our club locally. Let RENEE know if you are interested in helping.



DANA ALBERT discussed the upcoming “Goat for Joe” Mental Health Fair on Saturday, May 18th. Goat for Joe is a golf tournament in memory of DANA’s brother-in-law who passed away by suicide. Although initially envisioned as a small-scale event, it has blossomed into a \$50,000 annual event. A few years ago, they partnered with the Oceanside Library to bring their mental health resources to the event. DANA asked our club to help with promotion of and connection with mental health

partners. This event allows them an opportunity to showcase their resources during the brunch portion of the day. Last year they had eight participants in the Health Care Fair and they are hoping for more organizations to be represented this year.

REMINDER ABOUT ROTARY GIVING

Oceanside Rotary Foundation President BILL DERN noted the three ways we can contribute financially – to our local club, to Rotary International Foundation, and to the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation. The last two are tax deductible non-profits. BILL highlighted areas in which our club's foundation has had an impact recently, including:

Relief for Ukraine,
TriCity Pantry holiday food distributions,
Navy Marine Corps Proud Foundation,
sending students to RYLA and LEAD,
donating to the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarships,
support for local Afghan refugees,
and refurbishing used computers for people in need, just to name a few.

Once someone donates \$1000, they become a President's Fellow and are eligible to serve on the Foundation Board of Directors. RENEE added that if you want to earmark your donations to go to a specific account like the R. I. Foundation or our local Foundation, it works best to use a check and so note which specific fund you want to support.



DAVE HALL noted an upcoming opportunity in mid-March to serve our youth through our mentorship program, this time attending the musical “Anything Goes” at MiraCosta College Theatre along with a tour of the campus. Rotarians are needed to help with this fun event which shows middle schoolers some of the educational options available to them in the area. Please note all Rotary participants need to have the Rotary youth protection certification completed. This is easily done online through the district website. Ask DAN WILSON if you have a question about this certification process.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING AND CLOSING THE MEETING

What some may think it suspicious, Pres SHOR announced the lucky raffle ticket number which, to her surprise (and to everyone else's chagrin), SHOR herself held. Sadly, she only drew the Jack of Spades and lost out on the \$900 jackpot. Better luck next time.



When it was time to ring our club bell to close our first meeting of 2024, SHOR reached for her gavel. Lo and behold, it was nowhere to be found! Someone had grabbed her gavel... So with a hint of disgust but still a smile on her face, Pres SHOR closed the meeting with a fork to ring the bell instead of her gavel. (Sorry SHOR, we just wanted to make your year complete! I wonder where the gavel is now?)



SERVICES FOR OUR PDG CHUCK PRETTO

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that last year's District Governor, Chuck Pretto passed away on January 15 after fighting an 8-month battle.

Details on the upcoming services are listed below. Please consider attending to show Rotary's appreciation of him. Chuck was an outstanding Rotarian and his dedication to our youth was his passion!

Funeral Service

Cypress View Mausoleum Mortuary and Crematory

January 24, 2024 10:00 AM

3953 Imperial Ave. San Diego 92113

Celebration of Life and Luncheon

January 24, 2024 1 PM to 4 PM

Liberty Station Conference Center

2600 Laning Road, San Diego 92106

Chuck's family requests in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to the following organizations:

Rotary International Annual Fund

San Diego Rotary Club 33 Foundation

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

CATCHING UP ON “ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT”



One way to get into the spirit back in December was to attend the Seaside Singers annual holiday concert at the Senior Center. If you went, you had the pleasure of seeing and hearing BILL DERN, DAVE HALL, and TERRI HALL as a part of the chorale. And TERRI served as their announcer / M.C. How about that?



And, as promised, here are some photos from the BRAULT family’s holiday time travels. First to New York City in early December to take in the city’s famous holiday decorations in person, and to see some great shows and have some great meals. When they saw the musical “Sweeney Todd” there, daughter GERILYN got to meet the stars JOSH GROBAN and ANNALEIGH ASHFORD outside the theater after the show. But sadly, JOSH did not end up fulfilling GERILYN’s dream of having him propose to her on the spot. Then in early January the whole nuclear BRAULT family celebrated a time-shifted Christmas in Arizona with the ROBYN and MARK DERN and family. Truth be told, the main reason for that trip was to spend more time with delightful granddaughter BROOKE who is getting more verbal and more adorable every day!



PLANNING FOR OUR “ROTARY NIGHT AT THE MOONLIGHT 2024”

Summer might be a long(ish) time from now, but NOW is the time to be planning for our annual group trip to the Moonlight Amphitheatre to enjoy a musical under the stars. Here is the lineup of shows coming to Vista ...

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

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

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

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

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

Tickets will go onsale on March 11, so we will need to agree 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.

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 (at somewhere around just \$50 per person to enjoy a Broadway caliber production). We will plan on securing seats for the most popular choice from the list.

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April 26 – 29 – District 5340 Conference Cruise