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## ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE

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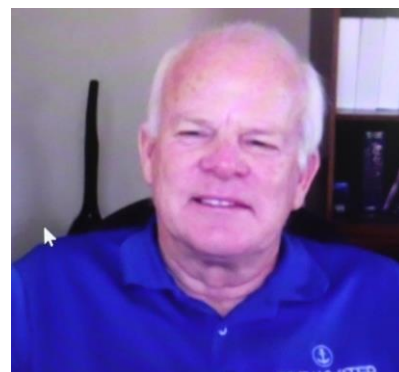
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Well, here we are again, after two years of COVID-19 Pandemic, back to ZOOM for Rotary meetings because of the Omicron variant! Undaunted, the Oceanside Rotary Club will continue to support Rotary's goals in our local community and beyond! At 12:30 on the dot our intrepid co-President LJ FIMBRES opened the meeting with a ZOOM etiquette reminder to mute our microphones unless speaking, which everyone was happy to do. Rotarians really are the best people in the world!

LJ then called on ROGER VANDERWERKEN for a Rotary Moment. Starting by apologizing for having to take off right after his moment on the screen, he said he has had lots of Rotary Moments over the course of his involvement with the organization, starting with his participating in the Rotary youth exchange program in Rotary year 1974-75 in the Netherlands. ROGER lived with four different families: one Dutch reform, one family where the father was the City Clerk, one who were Dutch nobility, and one Roman Catholic family who ran much of the local dairy industry. All three of ROGER's kids got the bug from their dad and are world travelers: his daughter was a Rotary Exchange student to Brussels, Belgium, and he said his son may be the only Rotary Exchange student to go to Kenya. While in Kenya he lived with Christian, Muslim, and Hindu families. In 2008, when his son was going to Kenya, ROGER attended a Rotary District meeting in Camarillo, CA where the District Governor talked about the importance of the exchange program. The DG said that when these kids grow up and have influential positions, they'll be a lot less likely to bomb people from other nations because of their time living with people from other countries. At the time ROGER was serving as Chaplain at China Lake where they develop weapons, and he had tears



in his eyes because he knew that the DG was right. Rotary exchanges make lasting impressions on the participants.

CO-PRES LJ then called for a Moment of Silence remembering long-term club member Judge FRANK COXON who passed away December 28. Club Secretary RENEE will send out an email with an address for cards and memories.

## CLUB UPDATES



Co-President Elect and PP RENEE RICHARDSON then gave us a few club updates:

**Saturday, January 15** - District Membership Seminar on Zoom 9:00 am – 10:30 am. RENEE will be attending and she pointed out that members could still join up on the district website. She also reminded us that every one of us is on the membership committee, and this seminar will give pointers on how to do that

**Friday January 21** - Board Meeting at Noon via Zoom

**Friday January 28** - Regular Club Meeting

## INTRODUCTION OF VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS



MARCELA JIMENEZ visited from the Rotary Club of Ensenada Califia in District 4100; MARCELA had met RENEE at the house building activity a few weeks ago.



Our perennial visitor RUDY VAN HUNNICK also ZOOM'ed in to the meeting

PP BILL DERN then regaled our visitors with our Welcome Song. BILL admitted that he had to dredge up the words after being gone for 3 months, including the time he spent visiting his family in England over the holidays.



## PRESIDENT'S STUFF

Four January Birthdays were celebrated at this meeting:

PP, Club Secretary and PE RENEE's birthday was January 12, and she showed the flowers she received for her birthday. She allowed as how she's a little spoiled. Her father the Gunny taught her a lot of things, and he would always answer "37" when asked how old he was. So, in the Gunny's honor, RENEE said she'll be \$37 happy to the Rotary International Foundation.

ROGER VANDERWERKEN's birthday was January 15, but he had bugged out of the meeting before he could get hit up for any happy dollars. Maybe we'll catch him next meeting!

PP JIM SCHRODER's birthday is January 20. JIM said that RENEE is just a few years behind him but he won't let on how old she is. He said that he was 32 when he came into the club, and now he's \$76 happy to be that old (44 years later!)



PP BILL DERN's birthday is January 28, and he was \$72 happy toward the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation (more on the Foundation later).

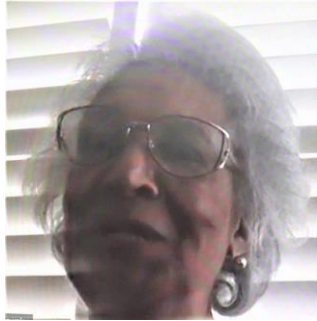
PP DAVE HALL then led everybody in singing "Happy Birthday" to our four birthday Rotarians, and almost everybody joined in, which sort of reinforced why we don't usually do group singalongs over ZOOM...



There was one Wedding Anniversary – MIKE and LAURIE WESELOH have been married 42 years on January 19<sup>th</sup>, but MIKE was not in attendance so we'll catch him later.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

Visitor MARCELA was happy to be at the meeting, but said she didn't know how to send money (that's OK MARCELA – your just being there was happy enough for us!)



JACQUELINE BROWNLEE was \$20 happy to be at the meeting

ANCHISA FARRANT was \$20 happy to see that everyone is happy and healthy, and that her previous district in Thailand interviewed her and wants to copy some of our projects! (More on that later)



JAY CRAWFORD was \$50 happy that his son flew in from Montana and played pickle ball with his brother, ANITA, and JAY (the sons beat ANITA and JAY). Their local son who lives in Temecula bought a guitar while his brother was here and all three played guitars together.

DAN WILSON was \$25 happy that while working on Afghanistan resettlement he has seen firsthand that everyone wants to help others and that restores his faith in people.



PP TERRI HALL was \$10 happy, saying that on January 10<sup>th</sup> while having lunch with daughter JULIE and granddaughter AVA, she realized it was the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her and DAVE's first date playing golf. She said she got him when he was a baby and didn't know anything...

VISITOR RUDY VAN HUNNICK was \$50 happy to see the year 2022!



## PROGRAM – CLUB ASSEMBLY

Foundation Chair BILL DERN gave an **Oceanside Rotary Foundation Update**. BILL said that there are three ways to make monetary donations to Rotary: to our club; to Rotary International; and to the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation. The Club Foundation was established in 2009 by a charter that says funds primarily are



to be used to support club projects. He said that \$20K has been set aside for club projects this year, of which currently only \$3K has been spent for Tri-City Pantry. The Foundation has a Board of 7 people – 6 elected plus the prior year's Rotary Club President. Members serve on a 2-year cycle, and the President Fellows elect 2 new members every 2 years. President Fellows are those who have made at least a \$1000 donation to the Foundation. Donations to the Foundation go to the endowment and cannot be touched, and earnings from those donations are used for projects. If you have an idea for a project, propose it to the Foundation board – they meet quarterly unless there is something pressing. The only required meeting is the annual meeting in July. They're going to meet later in January (time and date to be announced). The District Matching Grant is not supported by the Foundation but by the club directly.

Committee Chair DAN WILSON gave a **Youth Committee Update**. He said that the committee thought COVID was going away, but... Their strategy at the beginning was to rebuild relationships with the schools and going to the YMCA to explore relationships there. Some of the school personnel changed at the beginning of this school year, so the committee had to start again. LEAD and RYLA may be delayed depending on Covid. The committee received some new funds from the club based on the fundraising we did last year, but with Omicron, activities have been slowing. They met with the YMCA outreach coordinators who are interested in following up with Rotary for joint activities. The committee met with Mission and Laurel Elementary Schools, and both schools are hiring community coordinators who will be working with Rotary. SHOR DENNY's suggested Fitness program for school kids is another committee goal. The committee would also like to see a Model United Nations club at Oceanside High School to participate in the Model UN Rotary program. Hopefully, we can also restart an Interact Club and start a Rotary Exchange Program at OHS. A Life Skills program at ROGER's church might be restarted. The goal of this committee's effort is to increase our impact on kids in Oceanside.

Grant coordinator DAVE HALL gave a **Matching Grant Update**: Total Grant budget is \$7000, \$3500 from the club and \$3500 from the Rotary District. So far, we issued checks for Library books to Mission Elementary (\$1250), Laurel Elementary (\$1250) and Lincoln Middle School (\$1500). Upcoming plans include:

- Every year we contribute to the dollar leis (\$50 per lei) for high school graduates from OHS who participate in the North County Lifeline stay-in-school program. This year we will again contribute \$750 for those leis, which will provide leis to 15 happy graduates.

- As we did last year, we have earmarked \$750 for low-income OHS students who need to take AP exams but who cannot afford the registration fees.
- And we have again earmarked \$1500 for mentorship trips for middle-school kids; however, with the Omicron variant we likely won't be able to do those trips again this year, so we'll be looking for suggestions on other ways to use the funds to support literacy for kids in Crown Heights. Funds need to be spent or earmarked by 1 April.

**Rotarians at Work Day** – April 23, 2022 – Ideas? Last year we painted the paddock fence at Ivey Ranch. Thoughts on inside vs. outside events? DAN suggested we continue beach cleanup (Buccaneer beach?). Several years ago, we painted historic buildings at a park in Oceanside, and perhaps a project like that could be developed again.

Co-Pres LJ described **Community Service** activities, chaired by PP DALE MAAS who was not present at the meeting. Past activities include the holiday donation drive providing the Women's Resource Center with toys, clothing and \$2K in gift cards; support to the Oceanside Library moving day; and Brother Benno's donation drive. We are looking for ideas for future activities, so please reach out to DALE with your ideas.

**International** – PP/PE RENEE talked about Sister Club Opportunities. Our visitor from Ensenada MARCELA attended the meeting because she and RENEE were talking about how to help each other out, and developed an interest in becoming sister clubs. MARCELA's club has 25 members made up of 21 women and 4 men, so women are very active in their club. Her club works on projects to help people with their teeth once a year, plus other smaller projects. She'll be president in two years. She and RENEE talked about possibly having a joint project between our clubs. She's still thinking about what that project might be, and she will send a presentation on it when she has one to propose. MARCELA said her boyfriend is in an all-male club, and his father is the DG of District 4100, and they may be interested in working together with us as well!

ANCHISA recently was featured in a one-hour interview which was aired to three Rotary Districts in Thailand. Her previous club in Thailand is interested in how we do Rotarians at Work Day and our other projects at Oceanside Rotary, and also in developing sister club relationships with us in Thailand. We used to have sister clubs in Japan and Argentina. DAN asked if are we still active with Osaka: we are not. DAN's infantry regiment has sponsored an orphanage in Osaka and was thinking that could be another connection for our club. JACQUELINE pointed out

that we should refer to other clubs' relationship with our club as a sister/brother club!

LES NEWQUIST, our club Treasurer, discussed **Club Finances**. He pointed out that for our major fundraising project we need to round up volunteers for the golf tournament. We are committed to the date – June 13, 2022 at El Camino Country Club – and we need people from the club to round up golfers, golf, coordinate getting tee sign donors, etc. Last year we made \$8500 so we need to do that again.



LES has a list of interested participants, but we need volunteers for the golf committee. The golf tournament is a joint project with El Camino Rotary Club. ED PARISH volunteered to help on the spot! The golf committee will have a ZOOM meeting in the next week or two. ANCHISA

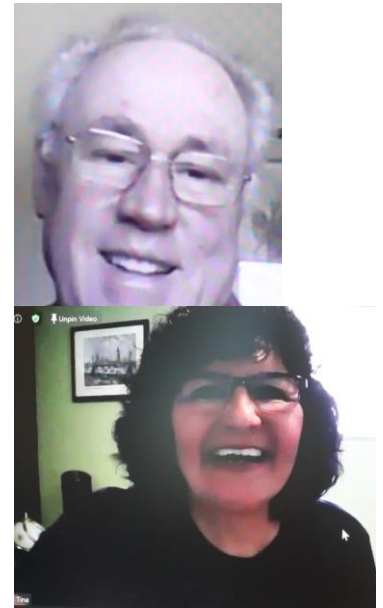
volunteered to help with the raffle. TINA ORTIZ can help again with the auction web setup (on the Trellis platform).

The golf committee needs people to round up volunteers, volunteer to help with planning and be on the committee. We also really need donated items for the auction, rather than boat or helicopter tickets that we paid for. (TERRI pointed out that we just sort of broke even on those). DAN said he used to rustle up donations for a military ball in Hawaii, and based on that experience he said that hotels and other larger businesses have an annual donation budget, usually on a calendar year basis, so we need to send out a donor letter right now to ask for donations before the end of January. TERRI volunteered to send the donor letter from the Crab and Rib Fest that we used to have, and DAN offered to freshen it up to send out for the golf tournament.



There still is an issue about our meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>, whether to have an in-person meeting or meet again on ZOOM. There was not a quorum of board members present, so that decision will be coming in the next few days via email (*the decision was made to have the Jan 28<sup>th</sup> meeting via ZOOM*).

LJ adjourned the meeting a little early at 1:27 p.m. Stay safe everyone!



## ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

In our last Shorelines, we heard about TOM BRAULT's trip to Hawaii with wife LINDA and daughter GERILYN, but at the time of our publication, they were only less than half way through that trip. A full week at a timeshare in Kauai still lay ahead! And the weather gods smiled on them for the entire trip. The extended forecast had predicted 40 to 60% chances of rain for 6 out of the 7 days in Kauai, but instead the skies were mostly clear and they had to deal with just one 5-minute scattered shower in the entire week.

"Day one started with GERILYN and TOM taking a walking tour of a Hindu monastery. Then, just in case anyone might think that we were overly virtuous, this was followed by tasting five rums at a local distillery. Coconut rum. Mmmmmmm!"



After picking up LINDA, we all motored up to the North coast of the island with stops at the beach where Gilligan's Island was filmed back in the day, a trek out to take in the



phenomenal views from the Kilauea Lighthouse, and dinner at the legendary food trucks in the town called Hanalei. The last stop this day was to take a family selfie at the viewpoint of the beach coming into our temporary hometown of Kapaa.

The next morning started out lazily lying in a hammock. But the afternoon and evening were highlighted by a dinner cruise up the Napali Coast. Since there are no roads on this western side of the island, the only ways to view these remarkable peaks and canyons butting up against the sea are either by boat or by helicopter. We had been warned that the 65-foot catamaran would give us a bumpy ride on the way up the coast, and that turned out to be an understatement! Quite a few folks ended up at the railing on this trip and absolutely everybody got completely soaked - even the folks like LINDA who





were seated on the upper deck! But the repeated salt water showers were well worth it as in our 4 hours on the water, we spotted 9 whales, countless colorfully corrugated peaks and valleys, and one beautiful sunset, accompanied by a dinner of teriyaki chicken, kalua pork, rice, and an open bar. It's the good life!



On Monday we motored around the south side of the island to check out waterfalls and the Spouting Horn blowhole, followed by our first snorkeling session at Lawai Beach where TOM ended up by bobbing in the waves a mere 20 feet from a great green sea turtle. With wrinkly fingers from this extended swim, we showered and dressed to enjoy another luau show in Wailua.



Tuesday's breakfast of macadamia nut pancakes fortified us for an extended drive along the Waimea Canyon, all the way to the Kalalau Lookout. A delicious shave ice treat refreshed one and all before we stopped in at the artsy town of Hanapepe where we located the shop of a local photographer whose work we had admired so much at our last visit in 2018. He still was in business and we still loved the work so much that THIS time, we bought it, along with a handful of smaller prints that we intend to display in our living room. We rounded out this day by sampling the brews at the Kauai Coffee Company and reveling in a remarkable rainbow illuminating the hills, followed by dinner right on the coast. Another amazing day and night in this tropical paradise!



As LINDA worked via Zoom, GERILYN flew back home on Wednesday, and after dropping her off at Lihue Airport, TOM headed straight back to Lawai Beach for more luxuriously exhilarating snorkeling, capped by picking up lunch at his favorite food truck on the island – Dim ‘n Den Sum. (They didn’t have their legendary pork belly bao buns that day, but what we did get was similarly delicious.) And then on Thursday, our last full day in Kauai, we started by immersing ourselves in Hawaiian history at the Kauai Museum and diving into classic Hawaiian brunch cuisine with a plate of loco moco (burger patties in gravy topped with a fried egg).



TOM then dove into the water for one last snorkeling session which lasted for close to two hours because it was such an amazing and memorable experience: Countless colorful fishies; following an eel as it searched for a cranny in the coral to call its own; and last, a most memorable 40 minutes shadowing the movements of a sea turtle in its life in the wild. At one point, it dove down to the base of the coral. To TOM’s astonishment, what had appeared to be just a bulge in the coral at the bottom moved. What?? It turned out to be a *second* sea turtle which had been hiding in a crevice. It lunged out, mouth wide open, to challenge the diving turtle and chase it away from its cozy corner of the coral. As the chased (and chastened) turtle abruptly swam away, it passed by TOM so close that, if I hadn’t moved, it might have bumped right into me! I will never forget this intimate encounter and we will always treasure this entire trip to the islands.”

## **COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

Friday, January 21 – Board meeting on Zoom at noon

Friday, January 28 – Regular meeting on Zoom

Friday, February 11 – Regular meeting (Possibly Valentine's themed, so check with your significant other about his or her availability to attend)

Friday, February 18 - Board meeting on Zoom at noon