



January 20, 2017



It's Friday, January 20: A day marked by two events that most folks would label as "unexpected" - the inauguration of the President Donald J. Trump and



flooding in Southern California. Oh well, come hell or high water your reporter was bound and determined to get to the Rotary meeting!



BELLS BELLS BELLS. Your reporter, already hard of hearing, made the mistake of sitting at the table closest to the podium (since this was the only table with seating available as everyone else was wise to sit further back). Banging the meeting to order with a gavel on steroids, **PRESIDENT RENEE RICHARDSON**, backed by a Board of Directors with reportedly the highest IQ in Rotary

history, got our meeting underway.

(News update... Following the submission of this copy for Shorelines, your reporter was excoriated by **PRESIDENT RENEE** for suggesting that open seats were still available at his table. Directly countering the corrupt Shorelines press crew's "fake news", your reporter was assured by **PRESIDENT RENEE** that this was the most well attended Rotary meeting ever and that she didn't see any open seats anywhere in the entire building.)

BOB PICKREL, provided our moment of inspiration with the following:

"As we gather here today as members of Rotary, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our service to fellow citizens and to our community. Keeping in mind always the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those areas and on those things upon which future generations can build with confidence, let us continue to strive to make a better world. Amen."



NANCY RUSSIAN led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. (Given the recent news and political events, your reporter is now increasingly concerned with the fact that PRESIDENT RENEE pointedly chose someone with the last name of “Russian” to lead us in the pledge to the American flag.)

JOIN US IN FUN AND SONG

Not wanting to displease madam president, TOM BRAULT led us with not one.... not two... but three songs. First we sang “Smile” and TOM observed that our singing must have been really something, for a country club staff member felt the need to close the door during our vocal performance. Not sure if it was because of the rain or the inauguration, but the next song chosen by TOM was “Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head.”

Then TOM told us that January 20th had been on his radar for a long time, as it marked the return of the Main Street Electrical Parade at Disneyland. And TOM had the flashing mouse ears to prove it! Finally, because most folks were less focused than he on Electrical Parades and more on inauguration day, despite all the kidding, he acknowledged that this day is indeed a reaffirmation of democracy in America, so we finished with “God Bless America.”



CLUB UPDATES:



CHUCK WARD, as modest as ever, observed that today should have been even more historic because he and THE DONALD were nominated on the same day; but apparently the vetting process was not going quite as well for CHUCK as he was not yet Rotary president. There was apparently something about the legitimacy of his election being questioned. But CHUCK promised to MAKE ROTARY GREAT AGAIN.

* Save the Date Friday, February 10th for our Sweethearts Day - Bring your Valentine, spouse, significant other, friend ...whatever... to celebrate Valentine’s Day at this special meeting starring some of our very own Rotary couples. There will be plenty of laughs, as well as a special treat for all in attendance!



* Rotary Youth Leadership Camp – RYLA – Friday April 7th to Sunday April 9th. Facilitators are still needed. This weekend event in beautiful Idyllwild is FREE for those attending! Please see ERNIE MASCITTI for steps required to attend.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:



JEREMY WALDEN, our speaker, was introduced by MIKE CURTIN;

DIEGO DOBSON was a “special guest” again today, sitting at the other front table close to that clanging bell along with KIM HELM, former club member and now with the Albuquerque New Mexico Rotary. They both were introduced by JIM SCHRODER. TOM BRAULT led us in our “Welcome to Oceanside” song (for song #4 today).

Although birthdays had already been recognized earlier in the month, since today was JIM SCHRODER’s actual birthday, the club sang a clanking version of Happy Birthday. (Song #5!) TOM BRAULT observed that since it was the real day, that means we get to spank him.



JOHN TODD was brought front and center to be recognized with a PAUL HARRIS plus 1 pin for contributing an additional \$1000 to the Rotary International Foundation. Impressive! (And JOHN’s generosity inspired TOM to try to break into yet another song #6: “Thank You Very Much!”)

WHO AM I?



Relatively new member and Red Badger STEPHANIE YOO, Director of the MOTTINO FAMILY YMCA, got to tell us more about herself.

Her last name at birth was CHAPEL, and she did not have a middle name. STEPHANIE was born August 4, 1971 in Hollywood, California.

She was the middle child and the rambunctious one, most likely responsible for her father's gray hair. She described herself as a young, fun-loving California girl.

During her youth, her father worked at the YMCA in San Pedro, a position he still holds today. STEPHANIE benefited from the Y's preschool, the Indian Princess and Indian Guide program, a father daughter bonding program. Her mother was also a positive role model. The family later lived in Irvine when her father headed the Santa Ana YMCA, which was more of a residential program. She recalled that Y serviced a more challenging clientele, including the naked man she encountered that was locked out of his room. (TOM BRAULT later related his own experience with a naked man in a hotel, but since this is a family friendly publication, we will spare you the details here.)

STEPHANIE's family moved to San Diego when she was in the eighth grade. She played multiple sports including soccer and softball, and this helped her make new friends. Indeed, STEPHANIE was such a good softball player that she was contacted and recruited by different colleges. She walked on as an outfielder at San Diego State University, and subsequently earned a four-year athletic scholarship.

After college, she worked for the YMCA and met her husband at the YMCA. She worked in the Bay Area for a time and then moved back to San Diego for the benefit of her children. SAMANTHA, age 13, is involved in swimming and water sports. MADISON, age 9 is in the fourth grade and STEPHANIE noted that her two children are very different. She has been Executive Director of our local YMCA for the past year.

PRESIDENT'S STUFF: PRESIDENT

RENEE had planned to spring the dreaded Rotary Magazine quiz but TOM BRAULT sang too much and we were running out of time in the meeting. (TOM BRAULT is the MAN for saving us all some stress and some \$\$!!!)



HAPPY DOLLARS:



NANCY RUSSIAN was \$10 happy to be back at Rotary. She had traveled to Bora Bora, the Bahamas, and then spent two weeks at the Palm Springs Film Festival, seeing 39 movies in just 13 days.



STEPHANIE had \$20 to announce the Y's annual support camp goal of \$204,000.

ANCHISA FARRANT offered \$10 for missing two meetings – First for a trip to Chicago where it was so cold and windy that she had to wear 3 pairs of long johns and 7 sweaters, which made her look and walk like a bear (which she demonstrated for us all and for the camera). Last week during our meeting she was doing host duty for the visiting Rotary DGE's. (More on both of these events in ANCHISA's life in the "Rotarians Out and About" segment at the end of this newsletter.)



JAY CRAWFORD was \$5 proud of his daughter who went to work at Washington Mutual as teller in 1998 at \$12 per hour. Now she is the head of training at Chase Irvine and just got HUGE raise!



JIM SCHRODER set up a website for information and pictures on his travels. The site is located at www.jimschroder.com. JIM will have a chance to add to his photo collection online, because on Monday he will be traveling to Argentina where the temperature is 105°, and he will be a guest speaker there at our sister club. He will then travel on to Antarctica where it will get down to -35°. (How do you pack for a trip like that? – I know: 3 pairs of long johns and 7 sweaters!)



AJ MAZZARELLA gave \$20 to celebrate that he will be an uncle again.



VICKIE PROSSER wanted to wish JIM a special happy birthday to the tune of a \$5 donation.

JOHN TODD has been on the road and in honor of the 75th anniversary of Camp Pendleton gave \$50 to the club's foundation.

KIM HELM (our former club member now residing in Albuquerque) was \$5 happy to be here.



And here is where TOM BRAULT also gave \$5 to tell his naked man in a hotel story which, again, we will not repeat here.

PROGRAM:

JEREMY WALDEN is the assistant principal of Mission Vista High School.

Mission Vista High School is a relatively new campus in Oceanside at Highway 76 and Melrose Avenue. It is not a charter school, but a magnet school. As a magnet, Mission Vista draws students from a wide area including the community of Vista and portions of Oceanside, Fallbrook, Carlsbad and greater North San Diego



County. The school serves a community that has a wide range of social, cultural, ethnic, economic and educational diversity. Mission Vista High School is part of the Vista Unified School District, which consists of three comprehensive high schools, one home school/independent study program and two continuation high schools. The population of the area is approximately 90,000, and Vista Unified School District serves approximately 22,000 students in grades K-12.

Mission Vista High School is a public, comprehensive, dual-magnet high school. The school opened in 2009 and currently serves 1,640 students. MVHS operates on a "4x4" block schedule, in which students are enrolled in eight classes total classes per school year. The year is split into two eighteen-week terms (Fall and Spring), and students take four classes per term. Every term-long class is the equivalent to a year-long class at schools operating on a traditional bell schedule, so motivated students can actually get all the credits they need for graduation taken care of by the middle of their junior year.



Mission Vista High School is a dual magnet high school with emphases both in the areas of Arts & Communication, and in Science & Technology. The school offers a wide and rich curriculum with a total of sixteen Advanced Placement courses and six Honors courses.

The school also allows students to take courses in core curricular areas as electives, such as Psychology, Creative Writing, A Socio - Political History of Rock and Roll, Computer Science, Project Lead the Way, Biomedical Sciences and Engineering, Speech and Debate, etc.

In addition to the courses offered at the Mission Vista campus, students are able to take advanced and special interest courses through concurrent enrollment in the school district and in local community colleges.

The school has a growing AVID (Advanced Via Individual Determination) program for students with a 2.0 or higher GPA who want to attend a four - year college or university. AVID is a program that provides academic support and tutoring in areas such as Math, English and Science. Students also participate in college and university tours.

On college admission testing, the graduating class of 2016 had approximately 65% of the students meeting the UC entry requirements. 45% were planning to attend a four-year university, 40% a two-year community college, and 6% a vocational trade school or military.

The school is particularly proud of teacher Anne Fennell, steel drum teacher and music department chair. She was named one of the nation's top 10 finalists for the 2016 Music Educator Award by The Recording Academy and Grammy Foundation. Fennell has been teaching music for 25 years in the Vista Unified School District, which named her Teacher of the Year in 2006. She teaches three levels of steel drum and music composition at Mission Vista High School.

Technology students have participated in high school hackathon competitions, which is not actually what it sounds like. "Hacking" skills in these contests actually refer to legit coding skills. Hackathons have grown to become a global student movement. By fast-tracking the software and hardware development process, hackathons provide students with valuable technical skills they will need



in their future careers. Students learn by doing and then finish with a final project that has the potential to turn into a real business.

Collaborating in a high-stakes environment, students learn how to work effectively on a team. Students meet like-minded peers from around the world and also have a chance to interact with professional engineers and

recruiters. Their new motivation and creativity remains after the hackathon. The hacker culture grows as a more diverse array of students travel to other collegiate hackathons to make new friends and win prizes.

As always, our President gave our guest our traditional Thank You gift of a book of Thank You quotes and photos were taken.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:

With the pot standing at \$68, MIKE CURTIN pulled the queen and gave the \$10 consolation prize back to club.



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

As promised above, we have details here about the recent travels and escapades of ANCHISA FARRANT.

“Here are some pictures from when I traveled in Chicago with my niece Dr. May. The coldest weather was -18 and windy.” Her Downtown photos included a visit to the famous and shiny “Bean” (Photos 01 and 02) and taking in an incredible viewpoint from a skyscraper (Photos 03 and 04).





“I also visited the Rotary Building in Evanston, Illinois.” (Photos 05 thru 07)”



“Pictures with the DGEs that I picked up at the airport (Photo 08) and shuttled them to the Grand Hyatt Manchester (Photo 09).”



“On Saturday, I took them to Seaport Village (Photo 10), the kissing Sailor statue (Photo 11)...”



“...USS Midway, Star of India, Mount Soledad (Photo 12), La Jolla Cove, Carlsbad Outlet Malls (Photo 13), SD Downtown skyline (Photo 14), Hotel del Coronado (Photo 15), a dinner of lobster (Photo 16) and then dropped them off at the hotel. It was a busy 12 hours in one day trip. They enjoyed it a lot and all gave a big thanks to the Oceanside Rotary Club!”



COMING UP AT OCEANSIDE ROTARY

January 27 – BILL PROTZMAN, Power of Music

Reporter: TOM BRAULT

February 3 – MARIA MINGALONE, Oceanside
Museum of Art

Reporter: SUSAN BROWN

February 10 – *SWEETHEART'S DAY!* (Coordinator: NANCY RUSSIAN)
Bring your 'Valentine, spouse, significant other, friend' to celebrate Valentine's
Day at this special meeting starring our very own Rotary Couples.

Special treat for all in attendance.

Reporter: JAY CRAWFORD

February 17 – JOHN COX, Rescue California Education Foundation

Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

February 24 – SUSAN LAWSON, Solutions for Change

Reporter: JANET BLEDSOE LACY

