

	<p style="text-align: center;">ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SHORELINES</p>			
<p>2025-2026</p>	<p>Tom Brault Editor-in-Chief</p>	<p>Janet Lacy Photographer</p>	<p>Terri Hall Reporter</p>	<p>CO-PRESIDENTS Roger Vanderwerken Paul Wendee</p>

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PP JANET BLEDSOE LACY led us in the pledge, evidently because she had a camera in her hand. At least that was CO PRESIDENT ROGER VANDERWERKEN'S rationale....

CO P ROGER then asked LAURA BASSETT to lead us in the 4-Way Test.



As there were no songs today, ROGER segued straight into the **Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests**: ROGER's guest was ZACK BECK, the City Clerk for Escondido. ZACK lives in Oceanside. ED PARISH introduced his perennial sweetheart, ANNE SPERAW. AG/PPPPPPPP RENEE RICHARDSON introduced a familiar guest and our speaker for the day, KRISTI HAWTHORNE.



PP DAVE HALL led us in the Welcome Song and ZACK gave this reporter a knowing smile across the table. I think he liked that we were singing and recognized the tune. Recruit this man as a potential new member!

ROGER called upon Sergeant at Arms ANCHISA FARRANT to get the shoe and collect \$1 from any Rotarian not wearing a Rotary pin. He then asked that she award each Rotarian who WAS wearing a pin with an extra raffle ticket. (PLEASE NOTE: At this point we were unaware WHO drew the lucky raffle ticket and we were excited and gratified at ROGER's largess.) Several moments of drama followed as it was announced that the deck of cards was missing! YIKES! Whatever will we do? ROGER asked that we save our tickets and bring them next week so that the drawing could be carried over to the following meeting.

ROGER mentioned an upcoming event that he was excited about: Operation Appreciation, an event which we participated in several years ago, at which the community honors our military with food booths and activities. We'll hear more about this later as the event gets closer.

ROGER then asked PP DAVE HALL to come forward and tell us **Two Truths and a Lie**. Here are DAVE's stories – One of which was bogus:



1. Because he was so shy in high school, he didn't have the nerve to ask anyone to the prom so he went with his cousin Mary Ellen.
2. DAVE has been to Disneyland over 500 times (far more times than even TOM BRAULT.)
3. DAVE won first prize at a Kern County fair for needlepoint.

ROGER then asked for votes. Two or three voted for #1 - asking Mary Ellen (he does have such a cousin) - which was the LIE! Most Rotarians voted for #2 and #3, and so they had to cough up a one dollar fine to the Sergeant at Arms. DAVE has been to Disneyland over 500 times because he worked there throughout his college years at Cal State Long Beach. And yes, he did take up needlepoint and at TERRI'S urging entered it in the fair. He really did win first prize!

Next week, LES NEWQUIST will be in the hot spot for another round of Two Truths and a Lie. And on February 13th, we will judge DANA ALBERT's ability to tell a fib.

ROGER asked PAG/PP TERRI HALL to come up and talk about the possibility of changing our meeting locations and structure. TERRI shared that at the Assembly meeting on January 9, there was a suggestion from her that we should consider alternate times and days of the week for meetings, as well as possibly a different structure, in order to attract new members and possibly younger members. TERRI volunteered to lead a committee to research options and asked for volunteers to join her at a ZOOM meeting and possibly a few visits to potential venues. Six Rotarians volunteered. If you would like to volunteer to join us in this discussion, email TERRI at theresemhall@msn.com or call or text her at 760-604-8664.





RENEE then shared the highlights and special moments from the Dia de los Reyes hearing aid event held last weekend in Tijuana. Over fifteen Rotary Clubs were involved and RENEE and CO P PAUL WENDEE found the event very rewarding.

RENEE shared that at our February 13th meeting we will be treated to a musical performance provided by a student who is entered in the District competition. Plus DANA ALBERT will have his turn at “Who Am I.” There will also be a Girl Scout selling cookies, so be sure to bring some cash at \$8 per box.

CLUB UPDATES: Information on upcoming events was provided on the tables, and the dates are listed at the end of this newsletter.

RENEE said that an Independence Day Parade Organizer is still needed and provided an outline of the tasks necessary for this event. Please contact RENEE if you are interested in taking on this role.

A Non-Profit Mixer will be held on Tuesday, 5:00 to 7:00 at the William Wager Aquatic Center – Volunteers are encouraged to attend and promote our club. Contact RENEE if you are able to attend.

ROGER then called for **HAPPY DOLLARS:**



ED PARISH – \$5 happy just to be here!

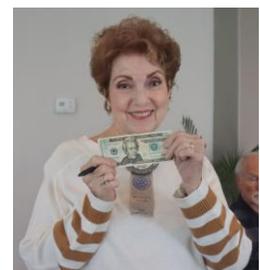
DAVID NYDEGGER - \$5 toward the cleaning bill for the cake and glasses he accidentally tipped over at the beverage table. At least he just had a minor bump and wasn't hurt.



LAURA BASSETT - \$5 happy that she will be able to travel to New York to see her son perform in a Broadway Play!

TERRI HALL - \$20 happy to report that she and honey DAVE HALL had their first date on

January 14th, sixty-one years ago! She commented he wasn't too shy and did go to the Prom and also asked her for a date during golf class as freshmen at Cal State Long Beach. She shared that they only played nine holes for



the class assignment and her first shot sailed over the water hazard and right onto the green. DAVE's shot on that hole, on the other hand, never made it! ("SPLASH!") She noted that he had more hair then and was "very cute!"



TINA ORTIZ - \$5 happy for all things Disney! A friend of hers won an auction for a tour of Pixar Studios and TINA was invited to go with her. She came back from the tour (plus a lovely day in San Francisco) with Pixar merch that she wore to our Rotary meeting. (TOM BRAULT, who missed this meeting, is extremely jealous!!!)

ROGER VANDERWERKEN - \$5 happy that his 70th birthday was Jan 15th, the same day as Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. As an aside he said that both he and Dr. King were ordained as ministers into the same denomination (although presumably not in the same year!)



PROGRAM:



DAVID NYDEGGER introduced our speaker KRISTI HAWTHORNE representing the Oceanside Historical Society. DAVID was privileged to work with KRISTI for many years when he was at the Chamber of Commerce. There was a brief discussion between DAVID and LARRY HATTER as to which of them has been an Oceanside resident longer. DAVID won! He came in 1945 and LARRY in 1949. (I'm thinking they must have been little yikes!)

KRISTI began with the comment that changes in Oceanside since the last time she spoke to us, especially changes in hotels, have been tremendous. There were never meant to be so many parking lots! Then she began our journey into the past with wonderful slide photographs of the history and growth of our beloved city starting in 1883 when Jackson Myers received a land grant. KRISTI shared some fun history - especially that the first build in town was a bathhouse, thus enabling people to take the train to Oceanside where they could change clothes for the beach and outdoor activities. KRISTI painted a wonderful picture of a vast beach where buggies could drive on hard packed sand for 20 miles. She spoke of the six piers in Oceanside and how they were designed and when they were demolished. She

expanded on the construction of the city's first hotel and some of those that followed. She gave details about the South Pacific Hotel, spoke of the 1896 hotel fire and how some of the furnishings were saved. That blaze was started by a woman using a curling iron on her hair and setting it aside and a kerosene lamp was knocked over, thus setting the hotel on fire! They had no fire hose or ladder to help fight the fire. (Who goes to a beach vacation and then curls her hair?)

A lot of movies were filmed in Oceanside and KRISTI shared some photos. She shared a photo of a location for a stunt in which there were NO stunt doubles and well, that story curled this reporter's hair! Well, it would have if it wasn't already curly... But I digress. Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford had a camp here. The bandshell was added in 1919 and back in the day, anyone could camp and park on the beach.



One of the best billboards was a beauty that proclaimed; TAN YOUR HIDE IN OCEANSIDE. LARRY shared a story of a woman who was arrested for sunbathing in the nude. When she went before the judge, she said she thought that nude sunbathing was legal due to the "proclamation" on



the billboard. The judge dismissed the charges! Who knew Oceanside was THAT cool!

The promotion of Oceanside for building, investing, summer vacations, and permanent residency was the beginning of what a great town Oceanside is today. During this presentation, KRISTI never once looked at any notes and, knowing that she only had 25 minutes to speak, bounded swiftly through slide after interesting slide. We were mesmerized (...at least your reporter was!) and alas, far too soon, it was over. Those who missed this presentation should make a visit to the Historical Society and check out the photos.

KRISTI was thanked and received a beautiful succulent prepared by ANCHISA.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING – All of a sudden, ANCHISA shouted out, “I found the deck of cards! We’re saved!” WHEW! ROGER called out the winning

ticket number. After much suspense, no one came forward. Now, remember earlier in the meeting when ROGER was so generous and we all got an extra ticket for wearing a Rotary pin? Then when no one responded with the winning ticket, he dug in his pocket and well, well, well, THERE it was! Unfortunately, ROGER drew the five of diamonds and missed out on the big bucks jackpot, but fortunately we all didn't have to save our tickets and try to remember to bring them to next week's meeting.

ROGER adjourned the gathering at 1:30 p.m.



WE NEED A VOLUNTEER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Someone in the club will need to step up to serve as the Coordinator for our entry in the annual Oceanside Independence Day Parade (to be held on Saturday, June 27). A comprehensive checklist has been created, listing the various tasks and contacts that need to be handled. We just need someone to serve as the point person on this event. Please contact RENEE RICHARDSON if you would like to know more about serving the club in this capacity. SOMEONE needs to do it ... Why not you?

TIME TO CHOOSE OUR MOONLIGHT MUSICAL FOR THE SUMMER

If you would like to join in the fun of a night of fellowship at a spectacular production of a musical at the Moonlight Amphitheatre this summer, get a message to Event Chair TOM BRAULT to let him know your list of any or all of the following shows you would be up for buying a ticket for, noting which of them would be your first and your second choice. We will pick the show that has the highest level of interest from the group.

May 8: The Cher Show – A dazzling musical celebration of the legendary superstar's life and career, featuring three actresses portraying Cher at different stages of her journey and packed with her biggest hits, stunning costumes, and unstoppable spirit.

June 12: Mean Girls – A hilarious and sharp-witted Broadway musical that follows teenager Cady Heron as she navigates the cutthroat world of high school cliques and learns that being true to yourself never goes out of style.

July 10: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* - A whimsical Broadway musical that follows young Charlie Bucket as he wins a golden ticket to explore Willy Wonka's magical chocolate factory, where imagination, morality, and pure delight collide.

August 21: *Guys and Dolls* - A rollicking, romantic romp through New York's underworld, where high-rolling gamblers, sassy showgirls, and one unlikely love story make for a wildly fun musical adventure.

September 18: *Come From Away* - An inspiring, true-story musical about the kindness and unity that emerged when the small town of Gander, Newfoundland, welcomed 7,000 stranded airline passengers after 9/11.

Normally TOM does not try to influence the voting on the show choice, but this year there is a clear winner in his mind of which one would be most appreciated by our gang of theatre-goers. *Come From Away* is a simply amazing show that he feels everyone ought to see at least once. He personally has already seen it three times (on Broadway, in L.A. and in San Diego), and is looking forward to seeing it once or twice more at the Moonlight. But he would not be offended if the group selects another one of the shows for our event. You can't go wrong with any of them, and the Moonlight productions are always well worth seeing!

Let TOM know your interest and preferences ASAP (***Deadline: Monday, February 2nd***) so he can be prepared to buy our block of seats on the first day they become available. (So far, only one person has responded on this, and I'm sure that other folks will want to be a part of this event.)

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Friday, January 30 – Regular Meeting – El Camino Country Club – Speaker: BILL BONDSHU, SNAP San Diego

Monday, February 2 – DEADLINE to sign up for Summer Social: Rotary Night at the Moonlight – Contact TOM BRAULT to get your preference and reservation in

Friday, February 13 – Regular Meeting – El Camino Country Club – Program: A representative performance from the District 5340 Music Competition, plus Girl Scout cookies available for purchase

Wednesday, February 20 - 22 – PETS Training for President Elects in L.A.

Friday, February 27 – Regular Meeting – El Camino Country Club – Speaker: SCOTT ASHTON, Oceanside Chamber of Commerce

Friday, February 28, 2:00 PM – Rotary Creates Magic Fundraiser, Carlsbad Cultural Arts Center, 3557 Lancer Way Carlsbad – Tickets: magicmagicmagic.com
-- Buy Tickets – scroll to Oceanside Rotary

Friday March 27 – Iron Man Service Project (Noon – 5 PM)

Saturday, March 28 – District Training (San Diego) – 8:00 AM – noon

April 24-26 – Multi-District Conference

Saturday, May 2 – Goat for Joe Golf Tournament