

	ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE			
	SHORELINES			
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There was no bell for our President TERRI HALL to ring today, so following a suggestion from MIKE CURTIN, TERRI used a fork instead of the gavel to tap a water glass. It did its job and got our attention! TERRI welcomed everyone to the nice little small room down the hall from our normal gathering spot at the country club and pointed out to everyone how gracious our club had been to offer the big room to accommodate the needs of a celebration of life.



There was some talk about the size of the tables because everyone felt like they were sitting a little closer to each other than usual, literally rubbing elbows. TERRI showed us why she is President by telling everyone that the reason the tables felt smaller is because there was an extra seat and place setting added to each table to better accommodate our numbers. (Nothing gets past our observant leader!) After this quick education, TERRI asked Judge FRANK COXON to lead us all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHUCK ANDREAN was up next with our moment of inspiration and he wondered out loud if we shouldn't be sitting during it. Wait a second, there's another problem...CHUCK left his reading glasses at his table, so our generous pastor ROGER VANDERWERKEN offered his pair of specs up for use. But then RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE came out of nowhere and handed CHUCK his glasses.



Since February is right around the corner, he pointed out to us that people who are born on leap day are known as "leaplings." If you are a leapling, you are permitted to have your birthday on Feb. 28th, March 1st or to not celebrate the day at all. There was a lady by the name of Karen Henrikson of Norway who gave birth to all of her children as leaplings in the years 1960, 1964 and 1968. (I mean, come on! What are the odds of that??)

CHUCK continued his “moment” with some humorous bits. Will Rogers said: Live that you won’t be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip ... The short memories of American voters are what keeps out politicians in office ... The trouble with practical jokes is that very often they get elected ... An onion can make people cry, but there has never been a vegetable invented to make them laugh ... If there are no dogs in heaven, then when I die, I want to go where they go. Abraham Lincoln said: No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar. Be thankful we’re not getting all the government that we are paying for. In closing, CHUCK quoted the wise philosopher Clint Eastwood who said, “They say marriages are made in heaven, but so is thunder and lightning.”



And on this beautiful Friday, JAY CRAWFORD would lead us in songs. The first one was a special favorite of JAY’s and do you know why? I’ll give you a hint, it’s to the tune of “O Tannenbaum” and it’s called “Oceanside.” Give up? ... JAY wrote those lyrics! He followed that up with an unforgettable club favorite, “God Bless America.”

In keeping this jam-packed, information filled meeting moving, TERRI invited one half of our President Elects (MELISSA RODRIGUEZ) up for some club updates. Luckily, we could all hear MELISSA, because most couldn’t see her behind the podium. The podium was not adjustable and seemed to be about two inches taller than MELISSA. She then really bummed us all out, telling everyone that there’s “nothing too terribly exciting for the rest of the month.” TERRI perked up, seemed offended, and interjected, “Hello, what did you say?... Nothing too exciting?” MELISSA noted, “Well there are no events” coming up, to which TERRI simply admitted... “Okay, okay.” The “not so exciting” club updates are as follows...



Friday – January 31st – Regular Meeting – El Camino
Friday – February 7th – Regular Meeting – El Camino
Friday – February 14th – 11:00 AM Board Meeting – El Camino
Friday – February 14th – Sweethearts Luncheon and Program – El Camino
Thursday – February 20th – 3rd Thursday Rotary Social – The Yard House in the Carlsbad mall
Friday – February 21st – DARK

And now it’s time to introduce our visitors...



ADOLPHO AYALA introduced his guest STEVEN GRUNDEL who is visiting us for the second time, and at the same table ANCHISA FARRANT introduced our perennial guest RUDY VAN HUNNICK. L.J. FIMBRES introduced BEVERLY FISHER, who might not be a visitor for much longer.

For a quick moment, a few people thought JAY had finally lost it when he was asked to lead us in a song and he said, “We have a song”? But anyone who knows JAY knows that he likes to joke around and so he immediately started into our standard “Welcome to Oceanside and Rotary” song.

Now that the formalities were finished, it was back to our President TERRI who I think still had a particular comment weighing on her mind. She kindly reminded MELISSA that next year when she’s President she should expect A.J. and L.J. (her presidents elect) to come up and say, “We have some exciting things happening in Rotary” instead of (in a soft, mumbly voice), “Well, there’s really not much happening.”

RENEE made a quick announcement that if you’re planning to bring a guest to the Sweethearts Luncheon on February 14, she needs to know ahead of time (no later than February 3rd) so we can tell the country club how many meals to prep. ROGER (who I think was having the same kind of day as MELISSA) said, “If you’re gonna bring a guest, are you going to make them sit through an entire Board meeting?” TERRI’s answer was yeah, and MIKE CURTIN chimed in as well with a “Yeah, there’s a bar over there!” TERRI suggested the option that ROGER could ride his bike to the board meeting and JACKIE could drive herself to the Sweethearts meeting.

TERRI went on to say that one of the things we do here at Rotary is tease each other a little bit and asked NANCY RUSSIAN, “When was the last time we saw you at a meeting?” NANCY replied that it was the one held at DALE MAAS’s office and TERRI said, “That’s not so bad. That was like October” and there were

some quick discussions amongst everyone as we quickly determined that was in fact in December. NANCY told us about some archived items she had come across recently. Two of them are these really big Rotary canisters which NANCY has now filled with chocolates. One has peanut M&M's and the other has Hershey Kisses in it. These will be donated to the club and put up for grabs at an auction we will be having in a couple of weeks. TERRI reminded the club that you don't have to look at the items in any of our auctions to decide if it is something you yourself can or can't use or attend – Keep in mind that it's about fundraising and donations to the club, so even if you don't eat chocolate, you probably know someone who does! (*Translation: Everyone should think about bidding on these prizes when they go up for auction.*)



TERRI had DAVE HALL and RENEE stand up and introduced them as our Rotarians at Work Chairs this year, so anyone who has an idea on a project for us to take on, please reach out to DAVE and/or RENEE. The goal TERRI has set for our project, which will be the last Saturday in April, is that it should be a project which everyone can work on and a project to which we can bring our family members, spouse, grandkids...

*** Please let TERRI or RENEE know if you need a Rotarians at Work T-shirt so you can be in the proper uniform for this annual event.***

Speaking of wearing things, at this point in the meeting, TERRI wanted to know, “Who isn't wearing their Rotary pin today? Please raise your hand.” There were five people and the fine was five dollars each. But those caught pinless also got to pick from a bag of Rotary pins which NANCY had donated and TERRI suggested they keep one in their car.

“It's Happy Dollar time! Who's happy!?”



TOM BRAULT was the first one to be called on with a very happy, “Yes, yes, yes, I'm both happy and busy!” This is going to be an interesting weekend for him on stage because it isn't often that he gets to do two different shows in one weekend. Saturday, he performed at the Carlsbad Library auditorium in a new musical based on Charles Dickens' novella “Cricket on the Hearth” called “The Dollmaker” where the cast would be walking around with their scripts in hand,

trying to figure out where everyone was supposed to be. Since TOM established residency at the Library, he also did a staged reading Monday of a show called “Circle Mirror Transformation” about a drama class. And if you read the fine print on the flyer you will notice the director of that show is his daughter GERILYN, but that is not why he got the part. It’s the first time she has directed Dad TOM in a production since her preschool backyard videotaped rendition of “The Little Mermaid” where she was Ariel and TOM was King Triton. To promote these shows, TOM was \$25 happy. (And TOM thanks LOLA SHERMAN and PAM MYERS for coming to be in the audience!)



ROGER VANDERWERKEN was next, and he was happy because he could justifiably bring up both religion and politics at Rotary (normally topics that are off limits at our meetings). He mentioned the impeachment hearings have opened every session with a prayer from the Senate Chaplain. This particular Chaplain was an admiral in the Navy where he was Chief of Chaplains and was ROGER’s boss for a while and was also his teacher. TERRI, who knows all and sees all, had heard the Senate Chaplain that morning and passed along the good words that she really liked when he had said, “No matter what our opinions are, we should respect the people who share their opinions.”



JAY CRAWFORD was \$10 happy to be back with Rotary. He missed the social gathering last Thursday night, but that absence from Rotary was part of his wife’s ongoing endeavor to keep him busy all the time. They had their monthly card game with six people that night, so he knew he had to be at the card table instead of with us, or else he would’ve been in trouble with the missus. With a twinkle in his eye, JAY quipped, “I sent her out of town so I could come to Rotary today.”



NANCY RUSSIAN was \$20 happy and, as an honest Rotarian, she also gave a check because we had missed her birthday – a big one on which she qualified for Medicare! Just because it wasn’t her actual birthday, do you think we would miss an opportunity to sing? Never! JAY led us in a Happy Birthday song for NANCY, who is forever young in our hearts and minds.



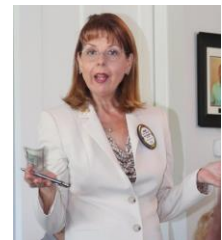
MELISSA RODRIGUEZ was happy about two things. The first \$10 was because the previous week she and several other members from our club joined the Fallbrook club and met the Rotary International President who came to speak at that particular club because his old babysitter is a member there. At that meeting, the babysitter received a Paul Harris pin. Another \$10 was for the weekend before that when she and her co-Prez Elect DALE MAAS were able to hold their first Camp Rotary. For those of you who don't know what Camp Rotary is, it was a weekend that DALE and MELISSA had set up to plan for their upcoming term. They also brought in the President Elect Elects A.J. and L.J. for a day to include them in the longer-term planning.

One thing our current President TERRI wanted everyone to know is that we have two PE's who are both awesomely enthused and are going to give all their heart and soul to this club in doing what we need to do for our future. This includes our PEE's as well – They share the same enthusiasm. What we care about in this club is supporting each other and, when we ask for volunteers, this club has never let anyone down. TERRI is excited to see what's to come for Oceanside Rotary!



ANCHISA FARRANT was \$5 happy and thanked L.J. who had joined her at the airport to pick up and drive visiting Rotarians from Thailand around during the Rotary International Assembly and get them to their hotel. (*See Rotarians Out and About for more details.*) It sounds like L.J. went above and beyond, just as ANCHISA always does.

RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE was \$5 happy because she thinks it's brilliant that NANCY is recycling so much Rotary stuff and wanted to suggest that we should have an away meeting at her condo where she has 95 years' worth of Rotary junk, errr I mean Rotary memorabilia stored. RENEE would love to clean some of it out of her garage, and we could use another fundraiser.



RUDY VAN HUNNICK was \$20 happy because a couple days ago, the Oceanside Museum of Art had a reception for their Van Hunnick Education Center and their library where 3000 students in 2019 were educated in art and culture. Thank you, RUDY, for what you've done for the arts community in Oceanside and for all of our community. You're a very generous man!

DAVE HALL was \$10 happy that he doesn't have a full-time job. On a recent nerve-wracking day, the traffic to a meeting in Rancho Bernardo was horrible, and the traffic back was even worse. That only reinforced his feelings that if his company ever opens an office in the San Diego area, he'll quit! Lol



TOM BRAULT was so excited earlier to talk about his interesting acting weekend that he forgot to add something. Every year for the past 15 years TOM's family, in lieu of getting major gifts for each other, they throw money into a pot and then draw one name to decide who gets to direct that joint family donation to a favorite charitable organization. This year TOM's name was drawn and the organization he chose was Rotary International. He instructed all the participating family members to go to the Rotary website and put their contribution to the Rotary project of their choice, anywhere in the world. In total, TOM's family donated \$1300! What a great idea and generous family!!



One thing TERRI has wanted to do during this year is to give some of our newer members and people coming up as Officers the chance to get a picture of what this club has been. We have been in existence for 95 years and we have a lot of history. A lot of the people you sit next to at lunch, you may have no clue what their past contributions have been to Rotary and maybe no idea about their career either and how they got involved in community service.



Today, for our program, TERRI asked JIM SCHRODER to share his story in an extended "Who Am I?" report.

Seventy-four years ago, last Monday in San Diego a baby was born. The crazy part is his mom was a head nurse at a large clinic in San Diego and his dad MARTY was a captain in the Army stationed in Seattle at the time. JIM asked his mom how



much it cost when he was born, and she said his birth was free. So, when the movie came out called "Born Free", JIM thought, "That's so cool! I have a song named after me." Lol

Six weeks after JIM was born, his dad got out of the Army and they were looking for a place to start a business. At the time, in 1946, Oceanside had a population of just 5 to 6000. JIM used to kid his

parents and would ask, “Did you run out of gas when you hit Oceanside?” They said no, they really and truly looked at it and this was where they wanted to raise their family and go into business. Lo and behold, about two months later, at a little place in Oceanside where the Regal theater now sits, Marty’s Coffee Shop opened for business. (It sat just 36 people.) This would be their first little restaurant in town. The next year, they opened up another place across the street from where Miss Kim’s is now, and it was called Marty’s Steak House. From 1947 to 1964, it was the leading steakhouse in town. In 1953, they took a big leap and decided they were going to buy land in the San Luis Rey Valley when nothing but the Mission was out there. In a leap of faith, they bought 13 acres on what is now Airport Rd on Mission Ave to Foussat Rd. They built a restaurant which opened on April 22, 1955 and was called Marty’s Valley Inn. It seated 125 and was a large dinner house with dancing and entertainment.

JIM’s brother and he grew up in the restaurant business and if some other employee didn’t show up, they got the call to come in. It was a great place to grow up and out of the 43 years there, JIM managed it for 38 of them. When JIM was 17, his parents were going out of town and said he was in charge. Although this was one of the hardest lessons he ever had learned, it was well worth it.

Eventually they sold the smaller restaurants until they only had the big one, but it grew to 500 seats and the hotel expanded to 111 rooms. The restaurant had people coming in from all over the world and this instilled travel in JIM’s mind. They were coming in from Mexico, South America, Europe, Asia. One of the neat things that happened from the 50’s to 60’s was a group called the “Hollywood Hackers” used to come into the restaurant. This group consisted of John Wayne, Bob Hope, Danny Kaye, Debbie Reynolds, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. JIM remembers the first time he walked up to Lucy and Desi’s table as a bus boy. Back then the staff had the bucket of ice and would use tongs to add cubes to the patrons’ glasses. Wouldn’t you know it, JIM dropped the ice on her lap! Unfazed, Lucy just grabbed the chunk, threw into her glass, and said, “Don’t worry about it, kid.” (And that is why I Love Lucy!)

JIM graduated from Oceanside High School in 1963. JIM ran track in junior high and high school but was always working and didn’t have time to do much else. During JIM’s time working and learning that there is a whole big world out there to explore, he saved up all of his money. On the day after graduation, JIM embarked on a two-and-a-half-month European excursion, a trip that would set the stage for his lifelong love of traveling. After coming back broke from Europe, he was a bit of a gypsy. His first year was at S.D. State, the second year he went to

MiraCosta College, and then the third year he went to Fresno, although he's not sure how that happened. When he got there, they had lost his application for his place to live, so he ended up in a \$78/month place (furnished plus utilities and about 8 miles from campus). JIM was sitting in his new home thinking, "Woo hoo! This is my first apartment. Cool!" And then he heard through the wall, "Oh, Jesus! Oh, Jesus!" and he thought it must be a religious couple next door, but quickly learned that two hookers lived there, which gave him quite the education. Every once in a while, they would ask JIM if he wanted to go with them to get a burger and JIM was like, "Absolutely! Why not?" When he would run into other guys he knew, they would ask, "So do you know who you're with?" and he was like, "I sure do!"

JIM's last year of college he ended up at Chapman where he received a degree in Economics and Business Administration. He went back to Oceanside and really wanted to do international business, but as the family business grew, one year turned into two, two became four, four became eight, and it became quite the institution. Not only did they have the restaurant and hotel, they also had two Burger Kings so at one point, they had 350 employees. Eventually they divested themselves of many of the other enterprises but held onto the hotel until 2003 after his parents passed away. Then the family sold everything and went into commercial and residential management and purchased some buildings in both S.D. and L.A. This would allow JIM more time to travel.

JIM's dad MARTY SCHRODER was an Oceanside Rotarian and the club met many times at the restaurant. Young JIM was a busboy for the club. How many people do you know who literally served the club and later on ended up serving as that club's president?

Back then, there weren't happy dollars, but the club president would assess fines on the members. One thing JIM remembers is that a guy like RANDY MITCHELL who was cheap, real cheap and never tipped server JIM the whole time he worked there. So, when JIM later became the club president, he would fine RANDY all the time!

JIM was president from 1986-1987 and there were 137 members then, and it was a fun club. For instance, there was a once a year meeting with breakout sessions and JIM decided to have a little fun at the hotel. Back then no one checked your identification to get a room key, so JIM told someone to keep everyone busy for an hour. Well it took closer to two, but JIM went to everyone's room and short sheeted their beds. He'll never forget HAROLD CARPENTER came in the next

morning and said, “That’s the shortest gosh darn bed I’ve ever slept in!” No one knew about his prank for years until JIM one day admitted to it.

They also did some fun projects like collecting and repairing bicycles and took them down to give them to kids in Tijuana and Ensenada. (Of course, it was a lot easier getting thing back and forth across the border back then.) Prior to this project, in 1980, JIM decided that he wanted to learn Spanish, so he packed up and moved to Mexico City for four and a half months and moved in with a family. It was quite an experience! JIM came back to the States and took night classes to keep the Spanish going and there was a group of five friends who would meet every Wednesday night and would only speak Spanish. Knowing the language opened so many doors for him that JIM could never have imagined. The most life changing event that JIM could remember is when he was chosen out of 860 Rotarians and 64 clubs from the area to take part in a Group Study Exchange. He was part of a group chosen to go to Argentina for six weeks and it was an amazing experience. The city of Buenos Aires was in massive turmoil. It was the first time Al-Qaeda had ever had a bombing anywhere as they bombed the Israeli embassy about two blocks from their hotel. JIM worried, “Oh, no! This is the first day of six weeks.” It ended up being an amazing experience, as they spoke every night to clubs and other organizations, speaking in Spanish the whole time. They stayed with families and JIM made so many friends! He has been back to Argentina at least six time since then.

JIM got Oceanside Rotary to help support a Rotary grant project in Argentina which purchased a stem cell machine that would help prevent area children from having cancer. JIM also help start a Rotary club down there called the Parana Plaza of which he is an honorary member and he has been back a few times to speak.

While JIM continued to build the family business, he represented the business not just across southern California, but they also had him cover all of Mexico. He found it quite interesting to be the only American gringo in many of those meetings. He recalled a meeting in La Paz when the chair collapsed on him as he sat down. JIM turned to the guy next to him and said (in Spanish) that he would like the name of a lawyer to sue them. This guy said, without dropping his fork, “We are in Mexico, you don’t sue the owner - the owner sues you...The chair collapsed under you, and you’re going to have to pay for it.” Needless to say, JIM did not end up pursuing the suit.

It also opened the opportunity for JIM to serve on their board of the Tijuana Chamber of Commerce. That was a blast, being able to travel around in this official capacity! The most memorable story is when they were in Pueblo Mexico honoring a gentleman from Chiapas Mexico and another one from Monterey and it was announced that they were going to honor an American as well. JIM thought, "That's cool, there's another American here." ...Well, turns out that they were talking about JIM! They were on live television with the President of Mexico and the family he lived with was watching and all the neighbors were running into their house yelling in excitement. Well, so much for that surprise!

As almost everyone knows, JIM's passion is travel. He has been to 176 countries so far and started when he was seventeen. JIM was thirteen the first time he ran away...Not kidding. He went down to the Greyhound station which used to be where Jersey Mikes and Johnny Mananas is currently. JIM would look for an older person, usually a senior lady, and he would get on the bus and sit next to her because you could ride for free if it looked like he was going with someone else. He would go to his grandparents' house. His grandparents called home and his parents would say, "We'll kill him on Sunday, but keep him until then."

But what JIM really wanted to talk about in his presentation is how there have been so many close calls when God was watching over him in his travels. One of the first times was in Yugoslavia under Tito (1973) and a second in Paraguay under Stroessner (1978). Both times they arrested JIM as a spy. He was put in jail and told he couldn't leave the country. Fortunately in Yugoslavia, JIM was able to force his way out onto a plane. He thought he was going to Bucharest, but ended up in Rome, but JIM didn't care – At least he had gotten out of there! In Paraguay, it was the Swiss embassy that got him out of jail. They took him out and cut his suitcases open. JIM grabbed a few things and they took a lady off of a plane, threw JIM into her seat and said, "Don't get out of your seat or off of this plane." JIM asked where they were sending him and they said, "It doesn't matter. Just stay on!" He ended up in Buenos Aires.

Some "bullet" points and close calls...

In Bogota Columbia, JIM got shot at.

While in the Solomon Islands, he was waiting for a plane to come in from Fiji - not a big plane. JIM inquired what was going on and they said they wanted everyone to go back to their hotels. The next day he started asking what happened because no one was calling or telling them anything. JIM asked, "It went down, didn't it?"

They replied that yes, the plane had crashed and had killed everyone onboard. JIM was supposed to be on the turn around flight.

He was on a Windjammer cruise in the Caribbean and decided he was going to propose to a young lady he had been dating and that this trip was going to be the time to pop the question. By the second day, the weather went from a tropical storm to a hurricane and this “lady” went from this demure wonderful woman who became the most horrible four-letter word. JIM realized that this eye-opening trip was the best investment he ever made. The boat was declared lost at sea and everyone onboard was presumed dead for three days. (His parents thought he was in a hotel somewhere and his brother thought he was out partying somewhere.) The boat limped into Bartholomew. JIM and this lady ended up going back to St. Martin where they both went their separate ways, but that’s okay. It all worked out for the best.

Teaser alert!! Another time, JIM walked out on the day before his wedding in Hawaii, but that’s a whole other story for a whole other day. Something else that shocked even some of JIM’s closet friends to hear is that he had a daughter named JESSICA who passed away when she was very young.

A couple years ago, JIM was in Sudan and realized they were only fifteen miles from an ISIS training camps and had to get out of there.

Just a couple months ago in Rwanda, JIM got charged by a silver back gorilla that charged right up to him, not more than an inch from Jim’s face! He thought, “This is where it ends.” He could see the headlines: Local Tourist from United States Killed by Gorilla.

While in New Guinea, JIM was standing in a crowd of people when someone knifed and killed the man right in front of him.

About four years ago, while on a cruise from King Town to Singapore, this guy sat next to JIM and said, “I’m going down.” JIM thought the man was just going back to his cabin when all of the sudden, the guy fell to the ground. JIM though this guy had just died. You couldn’t call 911 since they were out to sea, so JIM started pounding on his chest and the man started to breathe before the doctors got there. JIM ran into the guy at the end of the trip and asked him what happened and the guy said he didn’t want to talk about it. JIM said, “No, you are going to talk about it because I saved your life, I was there when you collapsed.” The man replied, “All I remember is falling over and then waking up with the doctors, and they gave

me this huge bill for medical services!” (Sheesh! Such gratitude! JIM shrugged and said, “Maybe I should’ve just stepped over the guy and left him there.”)

So many stories and so many pictures to prove them! The best thing JIM can tell everyone who may be interested in his travels is that he has put together a website... www.jimschroder.com

There are now 29 countries on there in a slideshow format, so if you know people who like to travel and/or want to just see pictures from around the world, go to the site and browse through his travelogue.

One of the neatest things about JIM’s life so far...and there’s a lot more to come...is all of the friends that he met all over the world. It’s amazing that, thanks to WhatsApp, JIM can keep in contact with all of these folks all around the world. Every day there he gets a call or message from somewhere. Yesterday JIM was talking to Argentina, the day before was London, the day before that was Japan. No matter where it is in the world and no matter what’s going on, there are four words JIM truly believes in... “Friendship moves the world” whether it’s through Rotary or through other connections. The other night on the news, they were talking about how much loneliness there is in the world. JIM says, “That’s B.S.! Get off your phone, get out there, talk to people, do things, get involved and you won’t get lonely. The days go fast!”

Thank you, JIM! That was a jaw dropping, awe inspiring tale and, not to speak for everyone, but I know it left some of us wanting more. We are all so lucky to have you not just in our club, but in our lives!

Raffle time!



A.J. MAZZARELLA won the raffle and drew the ten of hearts, pocketing the \$10 consolation prize. But be careful and keep an eye on whomever is handing out the tickets as I saw and heard that TOM BRAULT was holding three blue tickets where the rest of us all had red ones. (Is the fix on? ... And what do they have against TOM, anyway?)

MEETING THE RI PRESIDENT

Here are some photos of Oceanside Rotary members with RI President MARK MALONEY (and District Governor MARTA KNIGHT) at the Fallbrook Rotary meeting on January 16, 2020. Thanks to all of these members for representing our club at this event. We hope that you found President MARK's remarks to be inspiring!



HECKUVA HOST FOR THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Last week, PDG JIM O'MEARA, ANCHISA FARRANT, and L.J. FIMBRES picked up the delegation of District Governors Elect from Thailand's Districts 3330, 3340, 3350, and 3360. After checking them into the hotel, they were taken on a whirlwind sightseeing tour around Southern California over a couple of fun-filled days!

On January 17, they started out with a shopping adventure at Costco and the premium outlet stores in Carlsbad. Then they enjoyed drinks at the Oceanside Harbor and then dinner at the Hunter Steakhouse, joined by RENEE and PAUL

WENDEE, L.J FIMBRES, RON MARBEN, and JIM O'MEARA's wife JOANNE before being dropped off back at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Diego.

January 18 was a guided tour of some of the sights of L.A., including a Thai temple, Griffith Park Observatory, Universal Studios, the Chinese Theatre and Hollywood Walk of Fame. After a fabulous lobster dinner, it was back to the hotel.

Everyone had LOTS of fun during this touristy time together before the Assembly. And ANCHISA would continue to take care of the delegation's needs until their departure back to Thailand on January 27. This may be the last time for her to serve as a host to her Thai friends at the Rotary International Assembly, at least for a while, for next year this event moves to Orlando, Florida. (But maybe, for old time's sake, we can all ask ANCHISA to take *US* around to some of these fun and fabulous locations next January!)

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

BILL DERN celebrated his 70th birthday in style and with practically all of his family! The weekend started out with a trip to the Scripps Aquarium in La Jolla with son SHAUN's family visiting from England, including special snuggle time with new grandson OWEN. Then the rest of the brood gathered together at the Disneyland Resort for days of fun, sun, and play in the Parks, and a wonderful meal at the Napa Rose Restaurant. And as a special treat, a special cake at his birthday bash with all five of his sons (JEFF, SHAUN, MARK, JASON, and CHRIS) there to celebrate with him. Happy Birthday, BILL, Dad, Papa!



Fellow Diehard Disney fan TOM BRAULT and his wife LINDA spent last Sunday at a special, intimate gathering in tribute to MARGARET KERRY (whose main claim to fame is being the live action model for “Tinker Bell” in Disney’s 1953 animated classic “Peter Pan”). She is getting married at age 90 and moving with her new 94-year-old husband to Sarasota, Florida, and she wanted to have one more chance to meet with this particular Disney fan group before she took off in a few weeks. The chance to chat one-on-one with such a Disney legend and to share time and stories with the other notable folks in the world of Disney was quite a memorable time! And the icing on the cake was when LINDA won one of the door prizes – a collectible Tinker Bell ornament which MARGARET graciously signed for us, making it a truly treasured keepsake.



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

January 31: VISTA SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MICHAEL WASHINGTON
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