

# ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE

# SHORELINES

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The meeting was well attended with a lively and fun general discussion amongst the attendees of this Zoom meeting. A sample of this discussion was when **BILL DERN** was sharing with us one of his favorite eating establishments (Go Go Sushi) wherein he described the atmosphere as being like the sitcom "Cheers" and that everyone knows his name there, and he likes to come at the end of their Happy Hour when he has sushi and a cigar. This was met with disgust by **TERRI HALL** who does not like either raw seafood nor cigars. However, our **HALF PREZ. A.J. MAZZARELLA** chimed in that the sushi and cigar sounded good to him if "you throw in a glass of whiskey with it!"



On that note, the **HALF PREZ. A.J.** opened the meeting. **HALF PREZ. A.J.** dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance indicating that attempting to do it in a Zoom meeting just doesn't do it justice.

**HALF PREZ. A.J.** then called on our very own **BILL DERN** to share with us a **ROTARY MOMENT**.

BILL spoke of his attending a Rotary Meeting when he was on his recent trip to England, wherein he was actually the program for that club. He said that this English Rotary Club was formally established in 1947. It has approximately 25 to 30 members and meets at a hotel. Approximately 18 to 20 people were present at the meeting. BILL said that "casual attire" in England is sport coat and tie, unlike our *truly* casual dressing standards here in laid-back southern California. BILL stated that he realized that each Rotary Club everywhere shares the common goal of trying to make the world a better place, and he was proud to share with the English Club the good work that the Oceanside

Rotary Club was doing here. He said that the English Club is in support of helping the environment and likes to plant trees, amongst their other contributions. **BILL** exchanged club flags, and said that this Rotary Meeting at the English Club really enhanced his warm feelings about Rotary and reinforced the universal good that the Rotary



Clubs do around the world. When asked about what they had for lunch, **BILL** gave a "politically correct pause" and said "Yes...they had a meal." He expanded his answer explaining that he had a choice of a steak with french fries, or fish and "chips" (which means more french fries). He could also have beer or wine with the meal. He encouraged all of us to travel to other Rotary Clubs, and to exchange flags with the clubs as we do so.

HALF PREZ. A.J. then called up PREZ ELECT / SECRETARY RENEÉ RICHARDSON who gave us club updates on the following:

The District Foundation informational meeting will be held on

February 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. by Zoom. Oceanside Rotary will have a Zoom regular meeting starting at noon on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. {SEE THE IMPORTANT NOTE IN THE NEXT PARAGRAPH} There will be a Rotary Zoom board meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> at noon. As for the previously scheduled Rotary meeting of February 25<sup>th</sup>, that meeting has been canceled inasmuch as it would have taken place at the same time as the funeral services for our dear long term member FRANK COXON who recently passed away. Members of our club are encouraged to attend the funeral mass for FRANK at the St. Thomas More Church located at 1450 S. Melrose Drive, in Oceanside, 92056. The service will commence at 11:00 AM.

\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*\*\*\* THE FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> CLUB MEETING WILL BE THEMED TO VALENTINE'S DAY, AND OUR "SWEETHEART" NANCY RUSSIAN IS PREPARING "LITTLE GIFTS" FOR OUR MEMBERS TO ENJOY. BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR GIFT FROM CO-PRESIDENT L.J. FIMBRES (OR HIS STAFF) AT OCEANSIDE ABBEY CARPET – 4011 AVENIDA DE LA PLATA, OCEANSIDE - DURING THEIR REGULAR OPERATING HOURS WED & THURS, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> - 9 AM TO 5 PM FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> - 9 AM TO NOON



#### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

**ROGER VANDERWERKEN** introduced current guest **PABLO ACCOSTA**, who was unanimously approved for membership in our club by the Rotary Board at their last meeting. (See the next section of this newsletter for an action item re: this proposal.)



JIM SCHRODER asked HALF PREZ. A.J. if it would be appropriate to have our visitor from another hemisphere, Rotarian NADIA NAVARRETE, report to us about recent events in her life in Argentina. NADIA shared that she had just received her first COVID vaccine last week, and that schools are expecting to open up in Argentina in the next



month or so. She further is looking forward to visiting the USA in May / June of this year as she will be coming up for the Rotary International Convention in Houston (June 4-8). **RENEE RICHARDSON** said that she is already looking forward to visiting with **NADIA** there at the convention.

#### NEW MEMBER FINAL APPROVAL

As mentioned above, **PABLO ACOSTA** (Director of TriCity Food Pantry) has been proposed for membership and approved at the Board level. The last step before official induction is the 10-day period for any member who may have questions or concerns about this proposal to express their thoughts to any Board member. And that ten-day window starts .... NOW!

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

BILL DERN (HALF PREZ. A.J.'s buddy who wants to eat raw fish; smoke cigars; and drink whiskey together) was singled out by HALF PREZ. A.J. as a special birthday boy because it was BILL's actual birthday THIS VERY DAY!! When HALF PREZ. A.J. asked BILL how "Happy" he was for his birthday, BILL opined that he had already celebrated how "Happy" he was at the last Rotary meeting on January 14, 2022 (Editor's Note: The Shorelines of January 14, 2022 show that BILL was \$72 Happy at that meeting. It is noted that the Oceanside Rotary Shorelines has a worldwide reputation of NEVER BEING WRONG, so we must assume that this report is true!) Notwithstanding this not-so-subtle accusation of "double dipping" on this annual donation, our noble BILL offered another \$25 to the club and an additional \$25 if HALF PREZ. A.J. would personally sing him

the Happy Birthday Song. Not to miss a beat, **TOM BRAULT** (having heard **A.J.'s** singing voice earlier) offered \$5 for **HALF PREZ. A.J.**NOT to sing. Notwithstanding this tempting counter offer, **HALF PREZ. A.J.** quickly sang the Happy Birthday Song to **BILL**, bringing in the added \$25 for the club's coffers.

I guess at this point we had moved over into **HAPPY DOLLARS TIME:** 



SHOR DENNY was \$40 Happy that her organization Community Now had surpassed its performance goals in treating the issue of mental wellness during the Covid pandemic. The specific numbers will be published soon, but the caregivers' progress in raising the issue of awareness of the need to care for the mental health of our community was obvious. Our club is

fortunate to have the Chief Executive Officer of Community Now as part of our club!

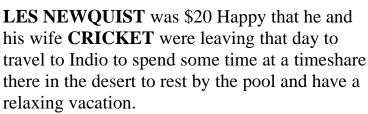


**ERNIE MASCITTI** gave \$40 in honor of an "un-Rotary Moment" and shared with us that he has long waited to attend a Rotary meeting with a real background similar to Nancy Russian's Ocean scene. He then had his opportunity a couple of weeks ago when he and his wife went on a 5-day ocean cruise. Every day of the cruise, **ERNIE** told his wife to not let him forget about attending the

Friday Zoom Rotary...except when Friday actually arrived, **ERNIE** and his wife both completely forgot about the Rotary meeting! Thus, **ERNIE** described his experience as an "un-Rotary Moment".



**ED PARISH** was \$20 Happy that his love **ANNE SPERAW** was progressing well in healing her fractured pelvis.







**TOM BRAULT** was \$10 Happy because he and his family were able to attend a beautiful wedding in Baltimore, Maryland, and while on the East Coast made a "triangle trip" to include Florida

and visit Disney World for what his cousin labeled "the best Disney trip ever".



SHOR DENNY was \$5 Happy to have another "SHOR" present, with DAVID SHORE being in attendance at the meeting. The ever present and clever TOM BRAULT immediately pointed out that DAVID SHORE is single, and that if SHOR DENNY married DAVID SHORE, then her name could be SHOR SHORE!



#### **SPEAKER**

Our speaker was the City Clerk of Oceanside, **ZEB NAVARRO**. **ZEB** was appointed City Clerk in 2019 and was elected to a full term in 2020. As City Clerk he serves as the city's head election official, records administrator, and director of legislative services. He has a doctorate in education and an MBA and Master's degree in Public Administration. **DR. NAVARRO** 



currently teaches media studies at Palomar College where he manages the campus radio station and also teaches political science at Franklin University.

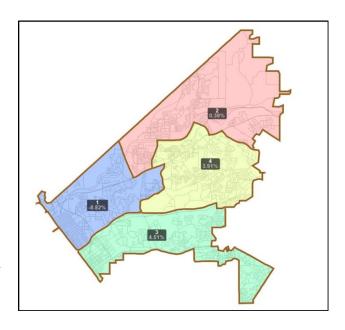
The City Clerk and staff are unbiased public servants who promote open government and transparency of information by providing a link between citizens and government. The Office of the City Clerk serves as the compliance officer for federal, state, and local statutes, including the Political Reform Act, the Brown Act, and the Public Records Act. This is achieved by coordinating the legislative process, administering city elections, and managing city records with integrity, accuracy, and independence.

#### The duties of the Office include:

Administration of Elections
Administers the Oath of Office
Custodian of records
Legal noticing and publishing
Legislative Services
Minutes preparation and archiving
Public Records Requests
Receives appeals to the City Council

The Office of the City Clerk is committed to providing the highest quality of service to the community, the public, and all other City departments in Oceanside. The current major issue that the City Clerk is addressing at this time is the Redistricting of our neighborhoods.

Redistricting is the process of adjusting district lines to reflect local populations changes, so that each district continues to contain nearly the same number of people as the other districts. This rebalancing is required to occur when census data is released every 10 years. Throughout this process, the city is seeking public input on where district lines should be drawn and what communities or groups are important to keep together. Here is a map of the 4 Districts in Oceanside, and a mathematical summary of the changes to those districts, as determined by our recent census:



District	Deviation	% Deviation
1	39,797	minus 8.82%
2	43,816	plus 0.39%
3	45,613	plus 4.51%
4	45,352	plus 3.91%

Some may ask why is the City of Oceanside enacting the redistricting process now?

All cities with city council districts must engage in "redistricting" every 10 years following the decennial federal census in order to ensure that all districts continue to have equal populations and follow all state and federal laws. In 2018, the Oceanside City Council transitioned to a district-based voting system to elect its City Council members, replacing its at-large election system. The City of Oceanside must now determine now whether changes are needed in light of the new 2020 federal census data and must go through the regular decennial redistricting process.

Any Oceanside resident can get involved in the redistricting process.

The redistricting process is designed to be as transparent and accessible as possible. All residents are invited to attend one or more of the City Council hearings and workshops to provide input in person. You can also provide input by mail or email or by dropping off materials to the City Clerk. Please see below for the contact information. You can also submit input online via the Oceanside Online Redistricting Tool where you can draw districts and/or full redistricting plans. Additionally, you can provide Community of Interest testimony online. Please see the instructions "How to Submit Your Oceanside COI Online" on the City's website.

How are the districts drawn?

Generally, the following criteria are used to redraw the council districts (California Elections Code. Section 21601):

- Each district should contain nearly the same number of people;
- Boundaries shall be drawn in a manner that complies with the United States Constitution and the Federal Voting Rights Act;
- Council districts shall consist of contiguous territory in as compact a form as practicable;
  - Districts shall follow visible features and boundaries when possible;
- Council districts shall respect Communities of Interest as much as practicable. Communities of Interest generally refers to a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of fair and effective representation;
- The demographer will disregard the location of incumbents and candidates, as well as the interests of political parties.

In summary, this means the following:

- We will use a mapping program to construct districts after public input has been received.
- Census data will be used to find out how many people live in each part of the city and ensure that each district contains roughly the same number of people.
- Census geography will be used to ensure that the districts are compact and contiguous.
- We will collect and utilize Community of Interest data from the residents of Oceanside to use in the determination of district boundaries.
- We will not use any address information for current council members or potential candidates or use political party affiliation or information in the drawing of districts.

How many people should be in each district?

As counted by the 2020 Census, the City of Oceanside had a total population of 174,578. The decennial census is the only survey that counts everyone, so we have to use that data to draw districts. There will be 4 council districts. To figure out the 'ideal population' for each council district, take the total population (174,578) and divide it by the number of districts (4) which equals approximately 43,645 persons.

Do we use the number of voters to draw districts?

Districts are drawn based on the <u>total population</u> as counted by the last census. Everyone who was counted, irrespective of age, residency status or other demographics has to be assigned to a district. Districts are not equalized using voters, registered voters, or citizens.

Why should you get involved in the redistricting process?

The City would like to hear from you so the City can make informed decisions about where to draw district lines. Specifically, they need information from you about your neighborhoods and communities of interest. You are the expert who knows your community and neighborhood! If the City knows the geographic locations of the Communities of Interest (COI) in Oceanside, they can consider them when drawing lines and they won't inadvertently split them! Keeping communities together in the same district can help to get more responsive representation.

When and where are the meetings?

The redistricting process timeline is prescribed by the California Election Code. Section 21627.1. This requires that Oceanside hold at least one public hearing before the Council draws a draft map or maps of the proposed council boundaries and at least two public hearings after the Council has drawn a draft map or maps of the proposed council boundaries. All public hearing buildings shall be accessible to persons with disabilities, and translation services shall be available upon request (at least 72 hours before the meeting).

## **Schedule of Future Public Meetings**

## Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 11am

Community Outreach Meeting 4: Receive public Community of Interest testimony in workshop-style, non-council meeting. Zoom will be available. Check city for link.

Melba Bishop Recreation Center (District 2) 5306 N. River Road, Oceanside, CA 92057

## Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6pm

Public Hearing 3: Show visualizations, begin drawing draft map live, based on public input and Council direction

Public Hearing Notice Staff Report Meeting Video City Council Chambers

## Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 6pm

Public Hearing 4: Receive feedback on the draft map(s), make changes live and in-person, finalize map

City Council Chambers

## Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6pm

City Council Chambers

Public Hearing 5: Receive any additional feedback, vote on Final Map

The City's demographer will also be hosting office hours on Zoom so you can ask any questions about the mapping tool:

**Monday, February 7, 2022 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.** Link to this Zoom session: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81021574243?pwd=M3RVYUdaV1NrNGpZdEdXOEx">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81021574243?pwd=M3RVYUdaV1NrNGpZdEdXOEx</a> nTVFSUT09

**DR. NAVARRO** was asked numerous questions about the process of redistricting with a collective interest from the Club in maintaining an impartial process free from political influence or racial or other forms of bias, and free from undue influence from those with ulterior motives. In the interest of keeping our meeting on time, our **HALF PREZ A.J.** had to cut off some additional questions, but **ZEB** encouraged anyone who wanted more information can reach him at: (760) 435-3001, or cityclerk@oceansideca.org.

And/or visit the City's redistricting webpage at: <a href="https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/clerk/elections/redistricting\_2022.asp">https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/clerk/elections/redistricting\_2022.asp</a>

## **COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

Friday, February 11 – Regular meeting (Valentine's themed) on Zoom. Social time from noon until the meeting officially starts at 12:30 pm

\*\* BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR GIFT AT:

Oceanside Abbey Carpet (4011 Avenida De La Plata, O'side) WED & THURS, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> - 9 AM TO 5 PM FRI FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> - 9 AM TO NOON \*\*



Friday, February 18 - Board meeting on Zoom at noon

Friday, February 25 – DARK for our regular meeting so that it will be possible for members to attend the funeral service for FRANK COXON at St. Thomas More Catholic Church (1450 S. Melrose Drive, in Oceanside, 92056 at the corner of Melrose and Cannon), starting at 11 am.