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# ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE

## SHORELINES

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At exactly 12:30, Co-President ROGER VANDERWERKEN brought us all to attention and had LARRY HATTER lead us in the Pledge to our Grand Old Flag celebrating the 13 original Colony stripes and 50 states' stars. Then we moved on to the recitation of our Rotary International 4 Way Test led by DANA ALBERT.

We then were blessed to say a SPECIAL HI to our Rotarian guests and other visitors as we sang along together "Welcome to Oceanside and Rotary" led by our own song leader TOM BRAULT after he had us do a tribute to the Beatles singing "Let It Be." In

the final analysis, the Ed Sullivan Show would not invite Oceanside Rotary to replace the Beatles as singers even for an audition if it were still being televised on Sunday nights.



Our guests for today were CATRINA STONE and BILL BONDSHU.

Co President ROGER then took us through our **CLUB UDPATES** and here they are:

### Upcoming Events

Friday February 28 2PM Rotary Creates Magic Fundraiser  
Carlsbad Cultural Art Center  
3557 Lancer Way  
Carlsbad, Calif.

Get your tickets at: <https://www.pauldwork.com/upcoming-events> Then click on "Buy Tickets" Be sure to scroll to select Oceanside Rotary under "Choose your Rotary Club" so we can receive credit and a portion of the ticket price.

Friday March 27, 2026 - Iron Man Service Project (Noon - 5PM)  
Saturday March 28, 2026 - Rotary District Training (San Diego) - 8AM to Noon  
April 24 to 26 - Multi District Conference  
Saturday May 2, 2026 - Goat for Joe Golf Tournament  
Saturday May 16, 2026 - Operation Marine Corps Appreciation (volunteers needed to serve food)

### Upcoming Meetings

Friday February 13, 2026 – Featuring a “Who Am I?” from DANA ALBERT

Friday February 27, 2026 - SCOTT ASHTON, Executive Director Oceanside Chamber of Commerce

Summer Rotary Social - Moonlight Amphitheatre – (Date to be determined – See the list of shows at the end of this newsletter) Let Event Chair TOM BRAULT know right away if you are interested in going to this event.

Our previous guest speaker KRISTI HAWTHORNE left a couple of Oceanside Magazines and some Oceanside historic postcards for anyone that might want them.

### **TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE TIME**

Club Treasurer LES NEWQUIST laid out 3 traits about himself to his fellow Rotarians. Two of the stories were factual, but one was less than honest. Much to his surprise, 5 of the 23 members present correctly guessed that his tale of climbing Mt. Whitney with his kids was the untruthful one. (They had indeed started the hike, but had to turn back midway due to altitude sickness.) The over 20% that raised their hands to call out this lie received accolades for knowing LES so well, and the rest of us were asked to put \$1 on the table.



### **NEW MEMBER TIME**

Past President Extraordinaire RENEE RICHARDSON introduced us to CATRINA STONE who was given an HONORARY MEMBERSHIP into our Club for being so supportive of the ideals and goals of Rotary.



She was sponsored by DANA ALBERT who as we know is our club’s advisor for the Interact Club at Oceanside High School. CATRINA has been part of the Rotary Family for as long as she can remember.

Raised by a Rotarian mother, Rotary wasn't just something she supported, it was something she lived. Service, leadership, compassion, and giving back were part of her upbringing, woven into everyday life.

As the Educational Advisor to Oceanside High School Interact, CATRINA has carried the Rotary spirit forward in the most meaningful way possible, by shaping the next generation of leaders. Through her guidance, encouragement, and unwavering dedication, countless students have learned what it truly means to serve others, to lead with integrity, and to understand that they can make a difference in their community and beyond.

CATRINA doesn't just support Interact, she champions it. She gives her time generously, shows up consistently, and leads with kindness and purpose. Her influence extends far beyond meetings and projects, it lives on in the values her students carry with them into the world.

Today, we honor not only CATRINA's service, but also the Rotary legacy she represents, a beautiful continuation of service across generations.

It is with deep gratitude and admiration that Oceanside Rotary recognizes her as an Honorary Member of the Oceanside Rotary Club. We are exceedingly lucky to have her in the Educational Field and as a believer in the ideals of Rotary. We are blessed as a Club that DANA sponsored CATRINA to be among us.

### **FINE TIME**

It was then on to a very FINE time as our Co-President asked a number of members to tell us what country our current Rotary International President hails from. Sadly no one passed the test and our Prexy felt bad for everyone and excused any fines. Our current R.I. President is Italian.

From there we hit on **HAPPY DOLLARS TIME**.

TOM BRAULT contributed \$25 to the club's foundation endowment for a great trip back East to a Disney Cruise, Walt Disney World, and New Orleans.



RENEE RICHARDSON paid \$5 for attending Grandparent Day,





ANCHISA FARRANT was happy for her special Rotary Badge.

DAVE HALL was \$5 happy to have found a parking spot on this VERY busy day at the country club .... Even if that spot was way past the iFly skydiving place!



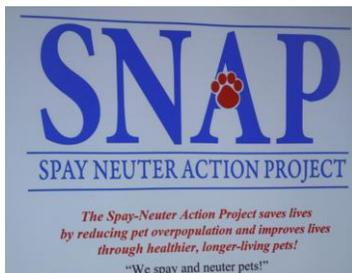
And DANA ALBERT threw in \$30 for 23 years of happy marriage and for the unforgettable experience of playing on an iconic PGA golf course, shooting par on their island green and just 80 strokes total for the day. Very impressive, DANA!

## PROGRAM

Now with 1 pm staring us in the face, our good Co President introduced us to BILL BONDSHU - the Community Outreach, Education & Legislative Director for Spay Neuter Action Project. SNAP was started locally in 1956.



BILL has had a fascinating career that started when at age 8 when he found and rescued a dog abandoned in the woods behind his home in North Carolina. The dog and Bill became best friends. This eventually led BILL to saving and helping animals as his life's journey but, along the way, BILL professionally wrote speeches for two members of our United States Congress, was deeply involved in the private sector as a business owner



before returning to that day in the woods intellectually and finding his way back to the world of animals. He first signed on with the San Diego Humane Society and recently became the leader in reaching out to everyone and anyone at Spay Neuter Action Project as the community outreach, education, and legislative member of the SNAP Staff.

SNAP focuses on the importance of spaying/neutering pets. He explained how spaying and neutering results in healthier pets, safer communities, and happier people as a whole. SNAP provides low to no cost spay/neuter services throughout San Diego County with a specific focus on underserved and under-resourced areas.

We are indeed fortunate to have Spay Neuter Action Project (SNAP) in our midst, making our County a fortunate recipient of these valued services for everyone to benefit from now, and into the future. It is a great program and all of us who have animals in our midst can only benefit from knowing that this service is available.



At the conclusion of his remarks, BILL did a Q and A with a number of our Rotarians having questions which he answered very well. Thanks to BILL BONDSHU and the entire staff of SNAP for their efforts. ANCHISA presented BILL with our traditional speaker's gift of succulents from her garden.

### OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

With just ten cards left to choose from, DAVE HALL had the winning ticket number but couldn't muster enough strength to pull out the JOKER. The ten of clubs earned him the \$10 consolation prize and the \$1,000 lives to see another meeting and another drawing. Onward and upward!



ROGER reminded us to leave a tip for our server and then hit the bell for adjournment at 1:30PM just like a true Navy retired Chaplain would do at the end of the week's service.

*Our new reporter LARRY HATTER brings us a new feature to the Shorelines:*

### ROTARIAN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Our 2015/2016 President JAY CRAWFORD was born in San Antonio, Texas but long ago lost his Texan drawl. JAY spent three years at Texas A&M - the same University our Past President (and Former USMC General) RAY MURRAY went to. Then JAY headed to Mill Valley, California and went to work for Bank of America (member BOB PICKREL's old employer) where he toiled for 2 years.

Our illustrious Past President then realized he needed to go back to school and finish his educational pursuits. JAY decided on the University of Nevada Reno where he realized his dream with a degree in Geological Engineering. Near the end of this effort, he met CHARLIE STEEN - a miner for all types of mines geologically. STEEN hired JAY which led him to extensive mining expeditions and knowledge, making him a very valued engineering mind for many employers. JAY later went to work for Phillips Petroleum and ultimately become licensed as an Engineer in 6 of our U S states, which was no small feat.

Past President JAY eventually became his own boss, owning and running his own Geological Engineering Company prior to retiring for the first time. He then came out of retirement to work for his son as an Engineer for his son's engineering company in Bozeman, Montana. Like father like son, as they say.

JAY never quit giving back throughout his life. He was member of Rotary in Corpus Christi, Texas, Missoula, Montana, and of course here in Oceanside. One of his sons served Rotary as a President of the Missoula, Montana Club. JAY has another son in South Dakota and a daughter in Anaheim. When asked to tell us about the most fun time of his life, he simply said, "his whole life." A modest answer for a truly great Rotarian who lives and breathes our Four Way Test daily.

JAY and his very dear and wonderful wife ANITA live in Oceanside and now have a goal of going somewhere outside the United States each year. Fellow travel lover JIM SCHRODER sponsored JAY CRAWFORD into Oceanside Rotary - another feather in the many positive feathers in JIM's hat as we salute the life and times of Rotarian JAY CRAWFORD whom we are fortunate enough to have walk among us.

## **MOONLIGHT MUSICALS TO CHOOSE FROM FOR THE SUMMER SOCIAL**

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*

June 12: *Mean Girls*

July 10: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

August 21: *Guys and Dolls*

September 18: *Come From Away*

Let TOM know your interest and preferences ASAP so he can be prepared to buy our block of seats on the first day they become available. If enough folks sign up, we might qualify for a discounted group rate.

## COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Friday, February 13 – Regular Meeting – El Camino Country Club – Program: DANA ALBERT “Who Am I?”, 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: : <https://www.pauldwork.com/upcoming-events> -- Buy Tickets – scroll to Oceanside Rotary

Friday, March 13 – Regular Meeting - El Camino Country Club – Speaker: LESLEE GAUL, Visit Oceanside

Friday March 27 – (Regular Meeting Dark) - Iron Man Service Project - Noon to 5 PM – volunteer for registration

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 – volunteer to help run this annual fundraiser

Saturday, May 16 – “Epic Day of Service” - Operation Marine Corps Appreciation – volunteer to serve food to servicemembers and their families

Friday, May 22 – Regular Meeting Dark for Memorial Day