

 BE THE INSPIRATION 2018-2019	ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE SHORELINES			 PRESIDENT Renee Wendee
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After the striking of the infamous Oceanside Rotary Bell.... several times, and rather loudly ... we heard, “Welcome to Oceanside Rotary January 4, 2019. Welcome to the Dreaded Club Assembly”. Thus was the welcome given by Past President, Past President, President, President Elect, and Secretary (PPPPPPES) RENE RICHARDSON WENDEE



PP BIL DERN was asked to lead us in singing for the First Rotary Meeting of 2019. BILL said he had selected two of his favorite tunes to kick off the new year and he jokingly mentioned *ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT* before actually leading us in a resounding rendition of *SMILE*. We did sound good, too. Then out of the blue PP TOM BRAULT started singing from the Peanut Gallery of seated Rotarians “*ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT*”, which BILL DERN picked up on immediately, leading the other half of the room in the second part of the round. We kept on *ROW, ROWing* for a couple of rounds, leapfrogging the singing from one side of the room to the other. Great way to warm up the crowd for today’s meeting. BILL started to walk back to his seat, having done his allotted two songs, but TOM insisted that we should follow up with the song leader’s actual second choice which, to no one’s surprise, was *GOD BLESS AMERICA*.

ROTARY MOMENT OF INSPIRATION was given by PRESIDENT RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE

She took us back in time prior to her joining Rotary in the late 1980’s. PP DON HARMON met RENEE at a sandwich shop in Carlsbad. DON was the CEO of Oceanside Federal Savings and Loan, a major bank in Oceanside at the time. DON



offered RENEE a job in the bank's mailroom in the basement. As time went on, she moved up to the first floor to be DON's secretary and, during that time, he held the Oceanside Rotary board meetings at the bank, where RENEE served goodies including adult beverages.

She then moved to a job in the law firm of Feist, Vetter, Knauf, and Loy, where Rotarians AL BURSON and HENRY HAGUE worked. AL was in charge of the club's Shorelines, but that meant that he would take the notes at the meetings and RENEE would be left to type up the newsletters. "That was an old fashioned manual typewriter, too!" RENEE recalled. Even before she became a Rotarian, she was active in service to our club!

After she left that law firm to go into upper management at a Retirement community, she decided to approach DON to ask, "How can I join Rotary"? He admitted that he was a bit reluctant to extend the invitation to be her sponsor since in that era, women were allowed (but not particularly welcomed) in Rotary. He pretty much told her, "If you become a member, you should keep quiet and try not to make waves." Well, we all know how THAT turned out! The next thing you know, in no time, she became a member of the Oceanside Rotary Club and in 1994 she became the First Woman President of the Oceanside Rotary Club. ("Keep quiet and try not to make waves", huh?)

Coincidentally in that same year, today's reporter remembers, both the San Luis Rey Rotary Club and the El Camino Rotary Club also elected the First Woman President of their respective Rotary Clubs, too. All three traveled to Taiwan for the Rotary International Convention that year. RENEE also stopped for a visit at our Sister Rotary Club in Osaka, Japan during the same trip.

Coming Soon: THE FIRST AWAY MEETING OF THE YEAR

LYN CORDER was asked to tell us about next week's AWAY meeting at LYN and ALBERT's home in Oceanside. Next Friday, January 11th 5:30 to 7:30 at 349 Moonstone Bay Drive, Oceanside (at the top of the hill, after the second speed bump).



Delicious Appetizers will be made by Community Service Committee Members and wine, beer, and other drinks will be provided.

Adults \$20 – same cost as a regular meeting – but the money will go to support the Community Service Committee projects. Bring your spouse, potential members and friends. Children FREE! A Kid friendly environment.

We will also have a special Opportunity Drawing – Sail from Oceanside Harbor, complete with wine and cheese, at a mutually agreeable time between the lucky winner and the Captain RON MARBEN, member of our club hosting the sailing trip on his sailboat. (You do not need to be present to win the trip. You do need to present the lucky winning ticket to claim the prize.) Funds raised from this drawing will also benefit Oceanside Rotary Club’s Community Projects. Sounds like a fun evening.

MOVING ON IN THE MEETING



PRESIDENT RENEE announced that BRENDA ORR will be stepping into the place of former member BRIAN ORR in our Club. She will be continuing the connection between the Salvation Army and our Club.

Our *WELCOME TO OCEANSIDE* Rotary song was led by PP BILL DERN for BRENDA ORR visiting today. She will be inducted soon into our club. Please do welcome her when you see her.

HAPPY DOLLARS \$\$\$

\$20 BOB PICKREL was Happy to wish everyone a Happy New Year.



\$10 ANCHISA FARRANT This month from the 10th to the 12th she will be meeting friends and Rotary Governors arriving from Thailand for the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego for a week’s training session for incoming District Governors from all over the world. ANCHISA would like to invite any or our club members that would like to join with her during the 11th and 12th as she takes them around San Diego and North County to show them the area.

\$10 PP TOM BRAULT is proud of his daughter GERILYN who is a very talented actress and played Mrs. Santa Claus during the Christmas holiday season at Sea World for the third year in a row. As Mrs. Claus, she appeared on television news programming several times, getting to have breakfast with the

orcas and meeting penguins and sloths on various broadcasts. And in her daily interactions with visitors to the park, she brought to life the Magic of the Christmas Season and brought a lot of happiness to young and old.



RENEE announced that she will be a Grandmother in June this year. It is a boy and the parents have chosen the name "JAMES." (Gee... What a great choice of a name! It just so happens that your reporter this week is named "JAMES." What impeccable taste in names they have!)

Also, PAUL and RENEE WENDEE are having a soft opening of their new Coffee House - BISTRO ON MAIN STREET (at 324 Main Street on Sunday 1/6 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) Looks like we may be having an Away Visit coming soon to this new business. And here you can see some photos from that soft opening on Sunday, forwarded to Shorelines by RENEE along with her "Many thanks to the Rotarians who came out to support me!"





On a sad note RENEE, told us of her New Years Eve plumbing crisis problems at their condo with a broken water line under the floor. They have no water in the house and have had to flee to a hotel to live while it is being repaired. We feel your pain. I think a lot of us have gone through the same mess with our homes at some time.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating were PRESIDENT RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE, PP BILL DERN, and yours truly, PP JIM SCHRODER. RENEE was 39 AGAIN, BILL DERN was just Happy to be here and yours truly, JIM SCHRODER 73. OUCH!

RENEE was Happy \$35
 BILL was Happy \$20
 JIM was Happy \$40



The club sang Happy Birthday to the three celebrants.

THE CLUB ASSEMBLY BEGINS

MELISSA RODRIGUEZ brought us up to date with the COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

September Flea Market fundraiser netted over \$1,000

Nail and Sail - Oceanside Rotary represented at Oceanside Harbor Days in the Nail and Sail contest



November Toys for Tots Toy Drive in conjunction with Weseloh Chevrolet
Turkey Drive for Brother Benno's
Turkeys for Salvation Army
Hosted Thanksgiving for Marines
Thanksgiving Day Service and Clean up at Salvation Army

December Toy Collection for the Women's Resource Center
Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing

-----Planned for 2019-----

Mid- February Trash Pick Up Day with Oceanside Masons

March Food Drive and Volunteer at Got Your Back San Diego
Fighting childhood hunger for food insecure kids in our community.
Packing backpacks with enough food for a kid for the weekend. 500 backpacks handed out on Fridays. Backpacks returned each week and refilled.

April Our 95th Club Anniversary and Art Auction

May 18th Armed Forces Day - Operation Appreciation. This is designated as our Rotarians at Work Project. Day of recognition to honor active duty military. Thousands of active duty military, their family and dependents are treated to a day of free food, carnival rides, and entertainment.

October 24th World Polio Day – Essay Contest with Lincoln Middle Schoolers – Prizes to top 3 essays

Other ideas being considered: Planting a garden at a local school.

LARRY HATTER also spoke of the CROWN HEIGHTS PROGRAM in conjunction with Lincoln Middle School. This fall we have completed three events with two more to come in early 2019. Students from Lincoln Middle School have had the chance to visit the Camp Pendleton Base and Mira Costa College to learn about potential life opportunities. Each group was also treated to dinner or lunch during the outing. LARRY reports that attendance at these events keeps growing, and we are touching more and more lives, one kid at a time.



This is the 5th year of this Project. LARRY also stated that recently 2 students from Crown Heights area had played in the Army Navy football game. How great to have a local boy from Crown Heights selected for the West Point Military Academy!

If you have any other ideas for Community Service, please see MELISSA or any member of the committee for comments and suggestions for future projects.

THE INTERACTIVE PART OF THE MEETING

Each table was given a sheet with questions to consider about the club. After 10 minutes we reassembled and shared some of what each table had discussed.

Table 1 Question: Do you make valuable connections through Rotary?
TOM BRAULT reporting. The Salvation Army was one great example of a connection that was made through Rotary. We not only found an organization where we could provide direct hands-on service, but we also added a new member in the process. Also you can make more connections within the wider community by attending meetings at other clubs. Would like to see more of this.

Table 2 Question: Does the Club value New Members? Do the new members feel engaged?

MELISSA RODRIGUEZ reporting. We need to engage our new members better from right out of the gate. "Who Am I" should be scheduled much sooner, ideally within the first few weeks of membership. Pair up new members with current Rotarians as mentors. Schedule new members to be Greeters at the front entrance for several meetings. All current members need to work on integrating our new

members better. Within the first few months see that the new members have the opportunity to be a part of a project. To make them feel wanted within the club.

Table 3 Question: What about our Community Service Projects?

LYN CORDER reporting. We need an annual service calendar published so we can plan ahead to keep dates open. This would help with the members participating more. RAW (Rotarians at Work) Day should be held on the date suggested by Rotary District. Consider reducing the number of projects to be Quarterly versus every month.

Also mentioned is an International project with Fallbrook this coming year.

PRESIDENT RENEE wrapped up the Assembly by noting that, with these new ideas on the table, we as a group should take up the challenge to put these items forward.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Please keep these four of our Oceanside Rotary members in your thoughts: PP MIKE CURTIN had shoulder surgery last month. He has had some complications.

JANET BLEDSOE LACY has had heating problems in her house. She was waiting today for technicians to show up at her house.

PAM MYERS' daughter had an emergency appendectomy over Christmas holiday

JAY CRAWFORD is dealing with a death over the holiday of a member of his wife ANITA's family.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

It took awhile after the announcement of the lucky ticket number before we finally heard ANCHISA FARRANT cry out with glee. But, as it turns out, that ticket actually belonged to LOLA SHERMAN who had asked ANCHISA to hold it for her for luck. LOLA tried to get ANCHISA to also go up to pick the card for her but was eventually convinced to do it herself.



Unfortunately LOLA drew a 10, which was good for the \$10 consolation prize. The cards keep getting fewer and fewer. That \$800 jackpot will be going to a lucky card holder sometime soon in 2019.

Meeting adjourned on time. **REMEMBER WE ARE MEETING AT LYN CORDERS HOME NEXT FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 11TH AT 5:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M. COME HAVE FUN, BRING YOUR SPOUSE, A FRIEND, A NEW MEMBER.**

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

First up, a few pictures snapped at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas, which celebrates the life and legacy of the renowned author John Steinbeck. Here we see BILL and KATHY DERN along with BILL's sister PAM and her husband NINO visiting with the author himself. (Gee, John Steinbeck seems much more two-dimensional here than he comes across in his writings.)



Next up, to close out the holidays, we have a stack of photos sent in by ANCHISA showing everyone smiling, munching, celebrating, and generally having a good time at our club's annual Christmas Party which was held on December 16 at the Rancho Carlsbad Clubhouse. What a great way it was to start off the festive season by sharing special social time with friends!



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Jan 11: Noon meeting **DARK for Evening Social at LYN CORDER and AL SOMIT's Home** (349 Moonstone Bay Drive, Oceanside Phone: 760-434-6862)

Jan 18: CLINTON YOUNG, Reigniting Your Human Spirit
Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

Jan 25: JOHNNY WATSON – Mobilizing Rotary Microcredit
Reporter: SUSAN BROWN

Feb 1: DEANNE GOODMAN – Helping Rotarians Be of Service to Others by Spreading Positivity
Reporter: TOM BRAULT

Feb 8: JIM HESTER – Author of *Two Tribes*
Reporter: JAY CRAWFORD

Feb 15: SWEETHEARTS DAY
Reporter: BILL DERN

Feb 22: SUSAN TAYLOR – Scripps Health
Reporter: JANET BLEDSOE LACY

Mar 1: Regular Meeting DARK for District Conference Weekend