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With precise military-like order and discipline which, we suspect, was in the honor of our guest speaker (who requested all the time he could get for his presentation), “Gunny” President RENEE RICHARDSON rang our club bell with a real gavel and called our meeting to order at exact 12:30 PM. She then invited Co-Pres A.J. MAZZARELLA to the podium. We could not help but notice that both of them were sporting conspicuously color coordinated lavender attire, leading us to believe that there simply must have been some collusion on their color choices. This included all the way down to the lavender socks on A.J. (... We dared not to ask whether his boxers or briefs bore the same hue) and the flowing and sartorially chic lavender scarf emblazoned with the Rotary logo which adorned our adorable RENEE. (It is not often that one of the first questions about our club’s president(s) ends up being, “What, and Who, are you wearing?”, just like at a red carpet celebrity event ... although in this case, it would have been a purple carpet, and probably provided by Oceanside Abbey Carpet.



As a festively fitting start to their first live meeting together as Co-Presidents, RENEE raised a glass of wine and A.J. a glass of beer as they led us in a toast to a new and exciting year.



WHY ROTARY

Pres RENEE invited JANET BLEDSOE LACY to give us her “Why Rotary” remarks.

“I attended Rotary meetings as a guest of my law partner, KEN GREENMAN, who was a member of this club. I had just been elected as a member of the OUSD school board,



and was impressed by the diversity of community members, the humor, and the camaraderie of the Oceanside Rotary. In 1993 Past President GARY ERNST, a wonderful Rotarian, asked me to join the club.

“Why did I stay?” Because I was NEEDED! On May 4th, 1987, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership based on gender. So... the admission of women into the club was not the result of some epiphany of great insight and movement toward inclusion – Rotary only did so after a court order which they fought all the way to the highest court in the land! Not unsurprisingly, there were very few women in our club at the time, and the meetings were filled with common sexism that existed throughout our society. Back in those days, it was common to hear language such as ‘Call your doctor, HE will know what to do’ or ‘Get a lawyer, HE will help you’ and ‘Talk with your boss, HE will agree’, etc. So, I became Captain Lacy of the Oceanside Rotary Gender Bias Police, never hesitant to patrol the speech of our members and guests and to correct them when warranted...and that is why I remain as a vigilant member today!!”

CLUB UPDATES

After mumbling one of his euphemisms (“Less Responsibility is Better”) and with a smile on his face following some ribbing from fellow club members, Past Pres/President A. J. MAZZARELLA gave us the following club updates:



Our next meeting at El Camino Country Club will be at noon on Friday, July 29th

On Thursday, August 11th, there is a Health Fair at Oceanside Civic Center. Help is needed with set up at 8 AM. The event runs 9AM to 1 PM. See RENEE if you can help.

On Friday, August 12th, we will have a regular meeting at El Camino Country Club

On Friday, August 19th, there is a ZOOM Board Meeting at noon.

Our District Governor will visit our club on Friday, August 26th at noon. We ask fellow Rotarians to save that date and to show up for of our DG and hear his Rotary story. Board members will meet with him at 11:30 prior to the meeting.

Then on Friday night, August 26th, some Rotarians and friends will gather at the Moonlight Amphitheatre to enjoy the musical “Ragtime” together.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS



Wearing a shirt that said “American Made / Italian Parts”, ERNIE MASCITTI introduced his sister AUDREY MASCITTI ALLEN from the Chicago area, who is wrapping up a rare summer visit to beautiful So Cal. Doing double duty, ERNIE also introduced BRAD FISHER, a wealth management /financial advisor who wanted to check out our club.



TINA ORTIZ introduced a former Rotarian with the San Luis Rey Club BOB REINSETH who is thinking about getting involved again with Rotary.



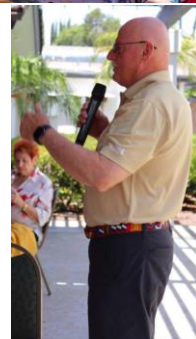
ED PARISH introduced his “Sweet ANNE SPERAW.”

Pres RENEE introduced our perennial guest, RUDY VAN HUNNICK.



SUSAN BROWN introduced our speaker for today, CAPT Dave Carey, USN (ret).

With the enhanced transmission rate of the current Covid variant ba.5 in mind, it was only after masking back up that PP TOM BRAULT led us in our “Welcome Song.” (Think our guest speaker from the U.S.N. was familiar with the tune?)



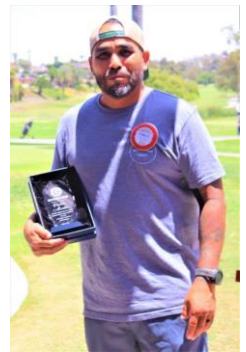
PRESIDENTIAL STUFF

Pres RENEE presented Past Pres A. J. MAZZARELLA with his Past President badge and pin to supplement his currently still accurate President badge and pin. (Do you suppose he could / should wear both the current and past versions simultaneously and blow some people’s minds?) A.J. also took possession of his Past President’s gift just like the one which L.J. FIMBRES had received at their Demotion - a portable canvas folding captain’s chair with Oceanside Rotary on the back.





Pres RENEE then invited PABLO ACOSTA and DAN WILSON to the podium. Continuing to follow up on some of the awards from our recent Demotion Dinner, PABLO was given the “New Member Award”, selected by the club board for his active involvement during his first year or so within the club. DAN WILSON received the “Marty Schroder Award,” given annually to the member whose efforts in the community made it a better place. Congratulations to them both for these well-deserved accolades!



FINES AND HAPPY DOLLARS



First up was MIKE WESELOH who appeared in a “fine” article in the Union Tribune newspaper which talked about the shortage of referees for high school football games and how hard he works to train them. MIKE was



\$50 happy and contrary to what the newspaper reported, MIKE is not retiring from refereeing.

LOLA SHERMAN was \$26 sad, each one for a year in the life of the son of her goddaughter who passed away recently. Speaking of unhappiness, Pres RENEE received an email from SHOR DENNY stating she had to miss today’s meeting because of a family emergency - her niece just died. Please keep these families close to your heart at this time.



PP TOM BRAULT was \$10 happy to share his recent adventures in Wisconsin with his siblings and another \$10 for an upcoming trip to a ski resort in Vermont (in July TOM?) and then off to Canada for a few days.

ED PARISH was \$5 happy to see RENEE back in action. RENEE quickly noted ED was a “smart man”.





SUSAN BROWN was \$100 happy that our speaker DAVE CAREY came to share his story with us. His wife and SUSAN have been good friends for an exceptionally long time. When asked where she would like the money to go, SUSAN left it up to RENEE's discretion. PP JIM SCHRODER quickly suggested his retirement fund.

PABLO ACOSTA said that he was way more than the \$3 which he pulled out of his wallet happy that Tricity Pantry now has 2 refrigerated vans up and running because of a grant he received recently. With the new vehicles in their fleet, he can pick up and deliver more fresh food to those in need. PABLO concluded with thanking the club for his unexpected New Member award.



PP TERRI HALL had \$20 happy dollars to invite Rotarians to join her for a bingo fundraiser for women's scholarships at her home on Saturday, Aug 6th from 5pm until the money runs out. Cost is \$25 which includes a meal selection and one bingo card. More cards can be purchased at the event. Contact TERRI for more information.

RUDY VAN HUNNICK was \$35 happy just to be with us at our meeting. We are happy you're here too, RUDY.



ANCHISA FARRANT was \$1 happy to share her story about realizing at the last minute that we needed a speaker gift today. Being without any readily available pots, she scurried around her home looking for something that might work and ended up pulling together a beautiful pot and arrangement for our speaker today. Thank you ANCHISA for your efforts. They are always appreciated.

TINA ORTIZ was \$4 happy to celebrate her birthday all week long. It concluded with a wonderful party organized by her daughter (See "*Rotarians Out and About*" for photos) followed by few nights at the new hotel and resort in downtown Oceanside. While sitting around the pool there, TINA reached for her phone to



respond to an email. Her daughter exclaimed, “NO MORE EMAILS!” TINA followed through on this directive to unplug for a bit and had a wonderfully relaxing time.



NANCY RUSSIAN was \$5 happy to get back the Rubbermaid container she had brought to the Independence Fireworks party at JIM SCHRODER’s house, which he appeared to be hoarding. She added \$5 sad dollars that she might have to scoot and miss our speaker’s presentation But she has heard him speak before. NANCY wasn’t sure if DAVE would remember her from RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) which she attended, representing another Rotary club, from 1998 – 2008. She had heard DAVE speak every one of those 14 years, and “he wowed me and all the students”, making his story compelling year after year.

PROGRAM

SUSAN BROWN introduced our speaker, CAPT DAVE CAREY USN (Ret). He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and twice selected as the Commanding Officer of a Navy Air Squadron. Before he retired at the rank of Captain, DAVE also had the Command of the Naval Amphibious School.



Early in his career as a Naval carrier pilot, he was shot down flying a combat mission over North Vietnam. He spent 5 ½ years as a Prisoner of War in the infamous Hanoi Hilton. Since his retirement from the Navy, DAVE has worked as a professional speaker, a consultant, and the author of “The Ways We Choose: Lessons for Life from a POW’s Experience” which was available for purchase after the meeting. As SUSAN detailed it, “\$100 for an unsigned copy / \$20 for an autographed one.”



DAVE asked us all: Have you ever:

felt alone and overwhelmed?

uncertain and worried about what to do next?

faced a crisis with no resolution in sight?

had to make decisions without enough input/information?

Knowing that today’s decisions shape our destiny tomorrow, DAVE was here to tie his prisoner experience to how we deal with the hard choices which we all face in our personal and professional lives.

As we often hear from our Shorelines reporters, “You really need to be here to get the most out of our speakers.” In this particular case, I couldn’t be more correct. DAVE’s 40-minute presentation was entertaining, intriguing, inspirational, and fascinating, filled with life lessons for us all. Any written report on his presentation would end up being a disservice to DAVE because even the best transcription cannot capture the spirit and energy behind his stories. Here are a few highlights from his talk.

DAVE started by sharing his story of being shot down in August 1967 over North Vietnam and how that day was the worst day of his life and would be forever etched into his memory. DAVE noted we all have had a similar day in either our professional or personal life which changed our destiny - a day in which you felt all alone. He shared his experience of being captured, interrogated and of his time in the Hanoi Hilton for 5 ½ years. He lived with various small groups of aviators, ranging in number from just a few to as many as 20 individuals in a cell. The captors’ purpose behind this separation into splinter groups of P.O.W.’s was to make them feel isolated and alone.

Whenever he is asked how he survived those 5 + years, he would count the points off on his fingers as he answered with “We did what we had to do”, “We did our best”, “We grew through that experience”, “We kept our sense of humor” and “We kept the faith - faith in ourselves, faith in our country, faith in each other, faith in a god.”

One of the first things they did was to come up with a way to secretly communicate, developing the tap code. This helped fellow captive not feel alone but feel connected. This holds true in each of our personal lives as well - a need to feel connected and maintain connection at work and at home. He pointed out that if there is a communication problem anywhere in your life, only YOU can fix it.

After they learned to communicate, the next thing they worked on was entertainment. During cell meetings, (with a smile, DAVE noted they always had 100% attendance at these meetings), fellow prisoners would mention something from their past, like the last book they read. At that point they were tasked to prepare to tell the story of the book for the entertainment and education of the group. Poets would share poems they had read or had even written themselves. Sometime when they couldn’t remember a particular line of a classic piece, they’d tap out what they could remember and in response, they received suggestions for what the missing text might be. They did their best, learned something from their

experience, and kept their sense of humor – all lessons that can be applied to our lives. DAVE concluded with the idea that regardless of what happens in our lives, we have the ability to choose how we are going to respond. Whether this is the best of all times or the worst of all times, we can choose which one it is.

Pres RENEE and A.J. expressed sincere thanks to our speaker and presented him with the lovely succulent pot created that day by ANCHISA.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

The winning ticket was held by ERNIE MASCITTI for a chance to win \$900. Sadly (for ERNIE but not for the rest of us, who still have a shot), he drew the 6 of hearts and quickly returned to consolation prize back to the club.

So, to cap off our time together, ringing the bell with a REAL gavel, A.J. closed a fantastic meeting. Hope to see you all next Friday!



RICHARDSON / WENDEE COVID UPDATE

As we all know, our very careful Co-President RENEE RICHARDSON came down with Covid and it put her out of commission for a short time. So, since Covid has clearly been on her mind of late, imagine our surprise when an email came in to Shorelines with the following subject line: *“When you come home after 16 days of Conferences and test Positive for Covid. The President shows no mercy!”* So clearly, we needed to dig deeper into this situation to be able to report the full story to you.

Here is the scoop: PAUL WENDEE went to a conference in Las Vegas while RENEE was quarantined and then after that, he came home and flew to Georgia for 3 days. Lo and behold, PAUL tested positive on Wednesday July 20. He was planning to test again on July 25 - his 5th day! If THAT test came back negative, he could then leave the house safely if he wore a mask for an additional 5 days! RENEE revealed that her comment about “NO MERCY” was since she had gone on record in advance about being against him going on this trip and he went anyway. Therefore, his punishment was being quarantined and having to read the Rotarian Magazine! (... as documented in the accompanying photograph. But why is that man smiling???)



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

As TINA ORTIZ mentioned in her Happy Dollars, she celebrated a milestone birthday on Saturday, July 16, and photos and recollections of that celebration were sent along to Shorelines by JIM SCHRODER:

The second photo shows TINA with her daughter BRIANNA, who had put the party together for her Mom.

Next, we see the birthday gal along with JIM and some of the eye-catching decorations. (Note the balloons, which we are told kept exploding during the afternoon's festivities, making the both "eye catching" and "ear popping"!)

Also celebrating at the party were friends like MARTI FARRIS and DAN, as well as ED PARISH with ANNE SPERAW.

But we saved the cutest picture for the last, as TINA seems to be shyly saying, *"Who me..... A Birthday today on Saturday July 16th???? ... 60 years young, too!!!"* Yeah, TINA. Keep that sunny attitude and we bet there will be "many happy returns" for you in the years ahead!



ANCHISA FARRANT and RON MARBEN had an eye-opening visit to the home of DEAN and CAROL and DAX ANDERSEN. Let's let ANCHISA herself tell that story:

"Last Sunday DEAN ANDERSEN's family came to my place because I had three books to give to DAX and on Wednesday July 20, DEAN invited us to visit his place. I was very impressed by his home, starting from walking inside, and then upstairs to the second floor, and to the third floor to see their beautiful view. (The pictures are telling the story.) Then we walked outside to see their six hens and veggie gardens. DEAN designed his home and worked on the hens' house. Their hens lay about five eggs every day and they eat grasses and veggies. They also have a soil and worm composting area!! I couldn't believe how much that made me feel like I was in my hometown in Thailand.

That was a happy day out and about."



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

July 29 – Regular meeting

Thursday, August 11 - Health Fair at Oceanside Civic Center. Help is needed with set up at 8 AM. The event runs 9AM to 1 PM. See RENEE if you can help.

August 12 – Regular meeting

August 19 – Board meeting on Zoom @ noon

August 26 – Regular meeting – Annual District Governor's visit. Board will meet with the D.G. at 11:30

Friday night, August 26 – Rotary Night at the Moonlight Amphitheatre to enjoy the musical *Ragtime* – 8 pm

