

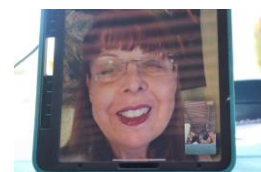
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HAS BEEN PAST PRESIDENT BILL DERN opened up our first meeting of the new Rotary Year with a loud bang of the gavel striking our bell, pointing out to **HALF CO-IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT L.J. FIMBRES** that this is the proper sound to hear when one opens a Rotary Meeting. The key is to use a real gavel instead of a spoon or knife (which seemed to be the preferred tools **L.J.** would be forced to employ since his gavel had been stolen at his very first Rotary meeting last year.)

BILL DERN then recognized **FORMER AND CURRENT CO-PRESIDENT “RECYCLED RENEE” RICHARDSON** whose pretty face appeared on a computer tablet on a table next to the podium. **RECOVERING RENEE** welcomed us to the meeting via Zoom because she had come down with COVID – proof that even the most conscientiously careful individuals among us can catch this particularly virulent current subvariant. But clearly, a bout with this nasty virus was not going to keep **RELENTLESS RECYCLED RENEE** away from her Presidential duties!



HAS BEEN BILL tasked **PP JAY CRAWFORD** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance on this beautiful day at the lovely outdoor patio at the El Camino Country Club.

Then it was announced that for this new year, in place of members giving “Moments of Inspiration”, each week a chosen member would be called upon to share with the club why they joined Rotary in the first place, and what is it about Rotary that makes you stay. **HAS BEEN BILL** himself then



proceeded to share with us our first “Why Rotary?” presentation. **BILL** told us that when he was active in the military, he was also interested in interacting with the local community, serving the public good. Then, when he retired from military service and acquired **PP TOM BRAULT’S** dental practice, it was **TOM** who introduced **BILL** to Rotary and invited him to join. Simply put by **BILL**, “I joined Rotary because I was asked to.” **BILL’S** answer to the second part of the question, as to why he has stayed in Rotary, is that he has realized that through Rotary involvement he can really make an impact in the community, and specifically, he likes Oceanside Rotary’s focus on the disadvantaged kids in our city. That realization, coupled with the great camaraderie and interaction with the members of the club, has been a rewarding experience in **BILL’S** life.

BILL and **RENEE** then confirmed that we are bringing back the SONGS to Rotary that we lost during Covid. **PP DAVE HALL** was then brought forward to lead us in a robust rendition of “You’re a Grand Old Flag” followed by our old favorite “Smile”.



With **RENEE’S** supervision, **BILL** then gave us our **CLUB UPDATES:**

- Saturday, July 16th 9:00 am to 11:00 — Board Retreat at Renee's Condo (720 Silver Drive, Vista) — Breakfast will be included. Attending Board members should RSVP to Renee ASAP
- Friday, July 22nd Noon — Regular Meeting El Camino — Guest Speaker Dave Carey, a former POW
- Friday, July 29th Noon — Regular Meeting El Camino
- Friday, August 12th Noon — Regular Meeting El Camino
- Friday, August 19th — ZOOM Board Meeting @ noon
- Friday, August 26th Noon — Regular Meeting - District Governors Visit @ El Camino
- Friday, August 26th 8 pm — “Rotary Night at the Moonlight” Social to enjoy the musical *Ragtime*

BILL then proceeded with the **Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests:**

ED PARISH introduced his sweetheart, sweet **ANNE SPERAW**.





This was followed by **SHOR DENNY**, who introduced her partner, **DENEEN GIBSON**.

Visitor **SEAN LOWE**, who is a Financial Planner, was given a warm welcome to the club. And



DAVE HALL introduced our “favorite forever visitor”, **RUDY VAN HUNNICK**. **DAVE** then led us in the Welcome Song.

BIRTHDAYS! Celebrating were **MIKE WESELOH** \$70; **JAY CRAWFORD** \$86 to be paid to the Oceanside Rotary Foundation; and **TINA ORTIZ**, who gave \$100 to the Oceanside Rotary Foundation, indicating that she had hit a milestone for herself, and that she has heard that turning 60 is the “new 39”. **TINA** let us know that she is going to be celebrating her birthday all Summer!



NEXT: ROTARY ANNIVERSARY! **NANCY RUSSIAN** was happy to celebrate 34 years of Rotary, with 12 years in this club! She gave \$35 to the club.



RENEE then reminded everyone to pay their dues for the year before the end of July. Club Dues are \$220 for the year, and Rotarians are encouraged to contribute to Every Rotarian Every Year [EREY]. This Annual Fund makes it possible for Rotary clubs to transform lives worldwide, supporting local and international projects which advance the Rotary International Foundation’s mission.

NEXT: WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES! **TERRI** and **DAVE HALL** celebrated their 54th year of wedded bliss last month, along with **LARRY** and **CATHIE HATTER** who were married on the same day and year as **TERRI** and **DAVE**, **TERRI** and **Dave** at 10:00 AM at St Anthony's Catholic church in Long Beach, and **LARRY** and **CATHIE** at 7:00 PM at the Methodist Church downtown (**LARRY** said **DAVE** and **TERRI** beat him and **CATHIE** to the altar)! **TERRI** and **DAVE** and **LARRY** each pledged \$54 apiece to mark this year's anniversary.



FOLLOWED BY: HAPPY DOLLARS!

The ever-generous **RUDY VAN HUNNICK** gave \$100 Happy Dollars for being at the Rotary meeting.

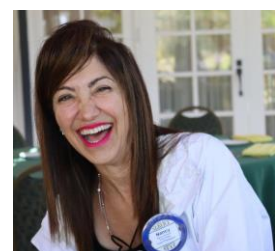


PP TERRI HALL gave \$10 for how well the golf tournament went. She also offered up some older golf signs that she needed to clear out, and found a happy taker in **MIKE WESELOH** for the **WESELOH CHEVROLET** tee sponsor sign, which is now an official "antique" since that business had been sold and is no more.



ED PARISH gave Happy Dollars for observing an older person being helped by a younger Rotarian, when **ED** was at an event and observed the young **BOB PICKREL** giving a ride to the older **JIM TERRY**.

NANCY RUSSIAN was \$10 Happy to have been at **JIM SCHRODER'S** lovely home on July 3rd to see the great view of the fireworks. **NANCY** also generously donated \$100 to Rotary in memory of her sister **CORINNE RUSSIAN**, who



had been a **PAUL HARRIS FELLOW**, who passed away 4 years ago.

Upon arrival at the Rotary meeting, all were given bags emblazoned with the Rotary theme for this year “**IMAGINE ROTARY**” which were filled with assorted goodies, all specifically selected with Oceanside Rotarians in mind! **RENEE** then shared with us the meaning of all of the contents of the bags.



“For those of you concerned about outdoor meetings, because of the inclement weather in Oceanside, we have provided you with Sunscreen and Lip Balm. Apply generously!

The small bubble containers are for your inner child! Have fun! Let go!

The 100 Grand Bar is because I believe that every Rotarian in our Club is worth 100 Grand!

The Lemon Head Candy is for every time you have one of those sour thoughts, like "It can't be done", "We have tried that before", "OMG, there she goes again!", or "They should do it this way." If thoughts like that creep into your consciousness, just reach into your bag and pop one of those tart Lemon Heads in your mouth to make some lemonade Yes, I have plenty more where they came from! No worries!

Save your Imagine Rotary bag, you may need to have it refilled as the year goes on!!!!”

HAS BEEN BILL then proceeded to share with us some of things that could be in store for us during our new Rotary year:

“Imagine the next Rotary year!

Plans in the hopper!

Increase membership by 6

Increase Rotary's presence in the community by setting up a Rotary information table at Community events throughout the year!

Beer Garden Volunteering at Oceanside Harbor Days — September 17th and 18th. Maybe even enter a team in Nail and Sail if they bring it back this year.

Possible participation in Heritage Park Days — Oceanside Rotary to enter in the Chili Cook Off. Date TBD

Working on collaborating with the Odd Fellows and Moose Lodge for a Chili Cook off and Bingo Fundraiser as a joint community endeavor.

Volunteer to assist in the Ironman Event registration — TBD

Enter a Rotary team in Oceanside's Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving

A social gathering every month

Increased Social Media presences
Every member in the club to learn how to use ClubRunner
New member information Socials will be set up quarterly
Inspire members to take leadership roles”



Next, **BILL** went to each table holding a “Fish Bowl” full of written Rotary questions as well as assignments for various dates to present your “Why Rotary?” moment. (Put away those Cell phones!! No cheating! The 4-way Test applies!!!)

Assembly Questions Pulled from Fish Bowl:

1. Question: Are the Rotary International Foundation and the Oceanside Rotary Foundation one and the same?

Answer: No! They are completely different and separate entities. The Oceanside Rotary Foundation supports local causes, while the Rotary International Foundation funds projects around the world.

2. Question: What is ClubRunner and do you know how to use it?

Answer: ClubRunner hosts our club’s website and members can update personal information and find members email addresses and phone numbers with just a click of a finger!

3. Question: What District are we part of?

Answer: District 5340 which hosts 63 Clubs

4. Question: Recite the 4-Way test.

Answer: Is it the Truth?

Is it fair to all Concerned?

Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?

Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?

5. Question: How did Rotary Begin and who was its Founder?

Answer: Rotary began with 4 business partners who rotated their meetings at their different places of work. Paul Harris was the Founder.

6. Question: What is a Paul Harris Fellow?

Answer: A Paul Harris Fellow is a special recognition given to anyone that contributes \$1,000 or more to the Rotary International Foundation.

7. Question: When is Rotarians at Work Day?

Answer: The last Saturday of every April. (Fun fact: This worldwide Rotary service opportunity was actually started right here in San Diego by one of our past District Governors!)

8. Question: Who can join the Oceanside Rotary Club?

Answer: Any member of the community in general who shares in our ideals.

9. Question: How do you propose a member to our club?

Answer: Bring the proposed member to at least two meetings and ask the club secretary for a proposal card and fill it out. The proposed name is presented to the Board for approval, then is published in Shorelines for 10 days. After this period of consideration and review by the full membership, the new member is inducted into the club.

During this “Fish Bowl Tour”, the following members were assigned dates to present their “Why Rotary” moments:

July 22: **JANET BLEDSOE LACY**

August 12: **NANCY RUSSIAN**

August 26: **MIKE WESELOH**

September 9: **RENEE RICHARDSON**

September 23: **DAVE HALL**

September 30: **ROGER VANDERWERKEN**

October 14: **L.J. FIMBRES**

October 28: **MIKE CURTIN**

November 11: **LOLA SHERMAN**

December 9: *Not filled!*

January 13: **BOB PICKREL** to Host the meeting: **TINA ORTIZ** presents “Why Rotary?”

Be aware that the new Rotary Board will be introduced at the July 22nd meeting

Also, during the “Fish Bowl Tour” **ED PARISH** was tasked to suggest a Rotarians at Work project and was given until August 8th to come up with an idea. I am sure that **ED** would welcome any suggestions from members!

SHOR DENNY was asked to list Rotary’s 7 Areas of Focus, and she got a lot of volunteers who tried to suggest various themes ... This author cheated and googled the answer, which is:

Promoting peace. Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. ...

Fighting disease. ...
Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene. ...
Saving mothers and children. ...
Supporting education. ...
Growing local economies. ...
Protecting the environment.

Also of interest, when **BOB PICKREL** pulled his paper out of the Fish Bowl, he read the following: “Everyone will give **BOB** money!” (Slick move, sir! How did that work out for you?)

Speaking of getting money from other folks, **LYN CORDER** had the lucky ticket for the **OPPORTUNITY DRAWING**, but instead of pulling out a winning Joker, she lost out on the big bucks by picking the 5 of spades. **LYN** gave her \$10 consolation prize back to the club, since the \$10 provided little comfort after losing out on the \$1,000 plus pot!



And at that, we closed this first meeting of the new Rotary year, coming full circle by poking fun once again at **HALF CO-IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT L.J. FIMBRES**, who was called up to the podium to rap our Rotary bell to close the session, since he had not been able to properly close his last meeting as our President, having lost his gavel ... again ... at the very end of his tenure.

ADDENDUM TO THIS FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW ROTARY YEAR:

As a reporter, of course, your main task is to provide a record of everything that happens at a given event. However, there are times when it is just as important to note what did NOT happen. And in this case, it is worth mentioning that one of our longstanding traditions to start our new year was missing No one walked out at the start of this first meeting. Were the members taking it easy on our Zoomed-in Co-President **RENEE** in deference to her being in quarantine? Or are we just waiting for our actual presidents to actually be at the meeting before we make a show of ditching them? Stay tuned for further developments on this unresolved story.

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT



JUNE 25: After the Independence Parade, **ANCHISA FARRANT**, **RON MARBEN** and **JIM SCHRODER** joined in the celebration of the 51st anniversary of Sherry and Bob Blankenship. It's a small world that this couple are **ANCHISA** and **RON**'s next-door neighbors and they are also **JIM**'s friends from church for many years!!



JULY 3: Once again, Oceanside Rotarians along with various family members and friends and neighbors gathered at the hillside estate of **JIM SCHRODER** for a potluck dinner, libations, and convivial mingling, capped by spectacular views of the Independence Day fireworks. What an unbeatable view and an enjoyable evening!





TOM BRAULT missed these fireworks, as well as this first meeting of the year, because he was spending a relaxing 10 days with his mother and all three of his brothers at the family cabin on Planting Ground Lake in beautiful Three Lakes, Wisconsin. Highlights of **TOM**'s stay included lots of horseshoes, a Brault boys bowling tournament, dips into the lake, boat rides, deer, loon, and eagle sightings, great food, and an occasional beer or two. And the Fourth of July was a fun-filled day, starting with a classic small-town American parade, a community party and concert in the park, and a gut-busting dinner of burgers and brats and delightful desserts. Although **TOM** missed being able to share the festivities of the Fourth with his Rotary friends, he was glad that he did not miss being at this special family time together in the Northwoods.



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Saturday, July 16 – Board Retreat at Renee’s condo (720 Silver Drive, Vista) – 9 to 11 am. Breakfast included

July 22 – Regular meeting - Speaker: Dave Carey, former POW

July 29 – Regular meeting

August 12 – Regular meeting

August 19 – Board meeting on Zoom @ noon

August 26 – Regular meeting – Annual District Governor’s visit

August 26 – *Ragtime* at the Moonlight Amphitheatre – 8 pm