



**ROTARY CLUB OF
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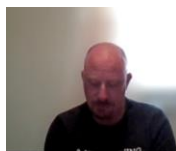
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The Oceanside Rotary Club gathered for a meeting once more (... and perhaps for the very last time) on Zoom, starting at around noon. As usual, there was spirited conversation and engaging banter in the half hour prior to the official start of the meeting. Three things were NOT “as usual”, however: 1) MELISSA



RODRIGUEZ and DALE MAAS were both seen on screen (in adjacent boxes, as it turns out) and they looked like they didn’t have a care in the world as they settled into their long-awaited

roles as PAST Presidents with no responsibilities for this meeting; 2) NANCY RUSSIAN’s square on the screen showed her in the comfiest of travel clothes, lounging beside her RV as she and LUIS were camped out at Pala Resort again, prepping for an extended 6,600 mile cross country adventure; and 3) One of our new presidents



A.J. MAZZARELLA may have been present on the screen, but everyone could see that his mind was definitely somewhere else as he was intently looking over his notes and agenda to make sure he was ready for his first meeting with him and L.J. FIMBRES in charge. Tick tock. Tick tock. That time was coming up fast!

WHO KNEW THEY WERE THIS COMPETITIVE??

After a year of Rotary meetings commonly starting at 12:31, our new leaders apparently wanted to stake their claim to comparatively enhanced efficiency. At precisely 12:29 pm, Co-Prez L.J. asked his partner in crime, “A.J., do you want to start the meeting early and get a better start than DALE and MELISSA?” And thus their attempt at one-upmanship started, and they tried to launch boldly into their first meeting, but not before TOM BRAULT proclaimed to the masses, “Alright everyone. You know what to do!” as he covered his camera (the online equivalent of our traditional walking out of the meeting when the new president first appears before us). Taking the cue, many other members either shut off their video feed, or put their hands in front of their cameras, or simply walked away from their

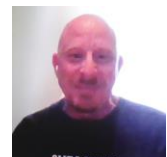
computers. This non-violent insurrection only lasted about a minute or so and the regular order was quickly reestablished. Our new presidents calmly waited out this brief pause in their plans, as A.J. shook his head and muttered, “I’d be upset if you guys didn’t do *something!*”

Then the first “something” that happened at this first meeting was calling upon LESLY ADAMS to share her **ROTARY MOMENT**. Realizing that she might not



be a particularly familiar face to some of us, since work has kept her away from a lot of our meetings lately, she re-introduced herself and told some of her personal Rotary journey. She became a member in March of 2019 after eavesdropping on a conversation between MELISSA RODRIGUEZ and JANET BLEDSOE LACY and she ended up being invited to join them at one of our regular Friday meetings. After being inducted into the club, she landed a job that required her to work on Fridays and that kept her from attending Rotary as much as she would have liked. In fact, she told us that the very first of our Social Evenings that she was able to be at was our recent Demotion dinner which she was excited to be able to attend as a “soon-to-be breast cancer survivor.” She was enjoying the gathering and at one point as she was “chit-chatting and eating chocolate” behind the LACY home where the desserts were stashed, she was approached by someone who insisted that “RENEE is summoning you. You had better go back to the main party.” LESLY got the impression that she was somehow in trouble and wondered what that might be about. Well, RENEE was talking about Paul Harris Fellows, and LESLY settled down then figuring, “Whew! That doesn’t have anything to do with me.” RENEE was describing how contributions had been made from the club’s Rotary Foundation credits to sponsor someone to receive their first Paul Harris Fellowship. “Isn’t that nice?” thought LESLY. But then came the big surprise – “Little did I know it was me!” What an amazing surprise that was, and what a terrific Rotary Moment for her. Congratulations, LESLY, for the award, and thanks for sharing your thoughts today!

Our **CLUB UPDATES** were read by A.J., since we currently do not have anyone lined up to be President Elect. A.J. took some time to make a plug for someone to think about filling that position. “L.J. and I both work full time jobs and we were concerned about how we would be able to pull this presidency off.” But they both learned during their year as Presidents Elect that, when you step up to serve as a leader in our club, “you get so much help and support. You really can do this! If you are at all considering a leadership role with the club, please ask us about the job.”



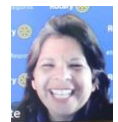
Wednesday, July 14 – Evening Social at the home of ERNIE MASCITTI (4067 Wooster St, Oceanside) starting at 5:30 pm and lasting until he and NANCY kick us out. BYOB and also bring an appetizer for sharing as we get back to sharing time together as a club



Friday, July 16 – Board meeting on Zoom at noon

Friday, July 30 – Our first IN PERSON ROTARY MEETING in a long, long time at El Camino Country Club. (In case you have forgotten where that is, it is located at 3202 Vista Way, Oceanside.)

VISITORS AND GUESTS included NADIA NAVARETTE (our friend and frequent online visitor from Parana, Argentina), RUDY VAN HUNNICK (our friend and VERY frequent visitor), SHOR DENNY (another regular face on our Zoom screens), and MARTI FERRIS (who at this point would not be a visitor for much longer). TOM BRAULT was asked to sing our “Welcome Song” to all of our friends, which he did. Then TOM added, “I was asked to come up with a song for our new presidents ... Should I sing that now?” Yup. This was the time for it, and TOM prefaced this tune by saying, “Since our new presidents are so (relatively) young, I decided to use a really fresh, new, hip, happening song for them”, and then launched into this ditty, sung to the tune of “Bicycle Built for Two” (... If TOM thinks that song is “new” and “fresh”, he must be older than we think!!!)



*A.J., L.J. Starting your year, so new
Revved up? I'll say. Who knows just what you'll do?
We hope you will be succeeding
Through your 12 months of leading
Now we can't wait You'll be just great
In your presidency built for two.*

Moving on to **BIRTHDAYS AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS**, the first name that came up was the very same TOM BRAULT who hit a big milestone year as he qualified for a special Red, White, and Blue card. How happy was he to now be Medicare-aged and qualified for Senior Discounts? “Since I only feel like I am one-tenth of my actual age, I’ll give \$6.50.” How generous! ... Not seen at the meeting, but in our birthday thoughts nonetheless were both MIKE WESELOH and JAY CRAWFORD.



Present and accounted for, though, was TINA ORTIZ who (unlike TOM) said, “I will own my birthday” and gave \$59, plus one extra dollar “for the year that I lost” when she had forgotten about her birthday last year. That money went toward her RI Foundation “Every Rotarian Every Year” commitment. ... As it turns out, TINA has a birthday twin in MARTI FERRIS who celebrates on the very same day. JIM SCHRODER puckishly asked her, “Same year?” and MARTI answered, “Yeah. That would be fine.” Not being familiar with our Oceanside Rotary routines, she asked, “So do you want me to make a donation now? ... But what if I’m not happy??” She must



not have been too displeased by her adding another year to her age, because she donated an even \$50 to our treasury. Then local treasure VICKIE PROSSER was asked to sing a birthday song for our celebrants, and she launched into an unexpected variation that had us clapping along and laughing. Well done, Miss VICKIE!!

Our one Rotary Anniversary in July was NANCY RUSSIAN who has now been in our club for 11 years. But when we looked for NANCY to chat about this, her lounge chair was empty, so that discussion was tabled.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

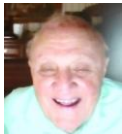


RENEE RICHARDSON had the honor of officially bringing MARTI FERRIS into our club, although MARTI has actually been a Rotarian for 22 years already, much of it spent as a member of the San Luis Rey club. We got a glimpse into one of the reasons she made the switch: “Noon meetings are much better for me. As the years go by, it’s getting harder and harder to wake up early!” MARTI was relieved that “At least JIM didn’t blackball me!” and she closed her comments with “I don’t know what to say, so I’ll just say, ‘Thank you.’” (And we will just say “Welcome!”)



WHO HAS HAPPY DOLLARS?

Turns out, quite a few members wanted to offer up some cash:



BOB PICKREL was \$40 happy that we are opening up and going back to meet at the country club ... JIM SCHRODER is \$20 pleased to have started back at L.A. Fitness and had a “great start for my first week back at the gym”, describing how he ended up bleeding on one of their elliptical machines. (Ah, so when he said it was a “great start”, he must have been speaking sarcastically... It is so hard to tell

on Zoom.) ... ROGER VANDERWERKEN gave \$10 times three for three different reasons: \$10 for his dad's 94th birthday; \$10 for being invited to offer the invocation at a City Council meeting in May; and \$10 for being on the winning team in our Rotary Golf Tournament (thanks to their handicap and mulligans) ... VICKIE PROSSER thought it was worth \$20 to see the "J Guys" stepping up to the presidency and doing a great job ... Visitor SHOR DENNY gave \$20 to celebrate the temperature differential to be sitting in "glorious Oceanside" while her friends in the Inland Empire are dealing with temps in the hundreds. UFF da! ... ERNIE MASCITTI has no idea what this will end up adding up to, but he pledged to donate \$5 for every member who shows up at the social at his house on Wednesday. (We tried to find a way to pad the total, but he was quick to note that it would cover members only, not the ton of guests we might have drafted, too.) ... DAN WILSON split his \$20 thusly - \$5 for his wife and mother-in-law heading to Vegas to visit the wife's godmother, and \$15 for the peace and quiet he will enjoy while they are gone. (Of course, there may be some payback to come, if wife DEBBIE ever reads this newsletter!!) ... L.J FIMBRES thought that the Governor's Dinner he attended was \$20 worth of awesome, and he also is quite pleased that his favorite team (the Phoenix Suns) was in the NBA Finals ... DALE MAAS had actually mentioned this earlier during the pre-meeting chatting, but he officially wanted to say he was \$20 proud that his business will be relocating to a grander, more central location soon. The deal closes on September 30, and he hopes to be up and running in the new space in November. Congrats, DALE, and Good Luck on the move! ... ANCHISA FARRANT had the last word, giving \$20 to "welcome our J J Presidents" and "I can't wait to see everyone at the social and our live meeting!"

HEALTH UPDATE

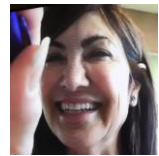
Not-so-happy news was shared by TOM BRAULT who had heard from FRANK COXON's son TOM. FRANK is getting weaker, and his pulse is getting lower (as low as 41 beats per minute, which is of great concern, along with his kidney function and other health issues). In-home hospice care has started, in keeping with FRANK's wishes about end-of-life care. The doctors' best guess is that he may have days or weeks left (although his son said, "Knowing Dad, it may be months" since FRANK has such a strong personality). Most of his family has been able to come out to be with FRANK and MARY at this time, and your thoughts and prayers and notes and cards (1158 Briosso Court, Vista, CA 92083) would be appreciated.

THE CLUB ASSEMBLY STARTS

L.J. FIMBRES then took the reins as we launched into the business of the day – our Club Assembly meeting reports. First, he talked about the great news that the club is planning to return to live, in-person meetings. Huzzah! Current plans have us holding regular meetings on the second and fourth Fridays of each month and a board meeting on the third Fridays. Plus, we plan to put Social Evening gatherings onto the club calendar on the third Wednesdays of each month. The first in-person meeting will be on Friday July 30 at El Camino Country Club, but stay tuned, for the location for future meetings is still under discussion.

THE CLUB ASSEMBLY GETS PUT ON HOLD

Eagle-eyed L.J. noted that NANCY RUSSIAN was once again on the Zoom screen, so we took a brief pause to congratulate her on her 11 years in Oceanside Rotary. NANCY thanked us for the good thoughts but said she would have to ponder over how much money she would want to contribute to honor this anniversary.



AND NOW, BACK TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED ASSEMBLY

Not missing a beat, L.J. started to read down the list of our Committee Chairs for 2021-22:

JAY CRAWFORD – Vocational Service
JIM SCHRODER – International Service
TINA ORTIZ – Social Media Coordinator
DAN WILSON – Youth Committee

DAN was called upon to expound on our plans for the Youth Committee in the coming year. DAN started out by inviting folks to submit their input and ideas to the committee with the aim of expanding our service to the youth in our community in new ways. We plan to continue with our successful mentorship opportunities for the Crown Heights kids and we are also looking into how to work with Lived Experiences to potentially offer programs (like surfing, fishing, hiking, etc.) as chances to get the area youth off the streets and seeing other possibilities for positive activities. DAN invites all interested members to attend the Youth Committee meetings as they work up to a comprehensive plan for fundraising and programs.

DALE MAAS was then given the floor to spotlight what is in the works for our Community Service Committee. As DALE put it, he “was tempted to step back and just become a ‘mediocre member’” after his presidential year was completed, but he was so moved by seeing what a difference was made in so many graduates’

lives and outlooks as he attended the lei ceremony for local Crown Heights OHS grads that he was inspired to continue to pitch in on our Community Service efforts this year. This Committee believes that our members are “eager for service projects where we can get our hands dirty”, now that we are continuing to come out of the pandemic shutdowns and distancing, and he asks us to send him an email with any ideas we might have for worthy ways for us to serve our community.

FUNDRAISER UPDATES

The bottom line can now be told on our recent big fundraiser events. The Virtual Wine and Cheese Tasting event netted \$6,900 in income, and a tip of the hat was aimed at that committee and to all of us participants for making this fun event such a financial success. And the Golf Tournament brought in even more moolah, with \$8,600 in income to our club. Wow! That reportedly is almost double the funds that were received in previous year’s tournaments. We appreciate the committee and all of the volunteers and sponsors and players. And congratulations to ROGER and his team for being the big winners that day!

Knowing what the “take” from those events added up to gives us more info to work with as we craft our budget for the coming year, which will be discussed at the Board meeting next week. And, while we are talking money and financial stuff, our presidents offered a friendly reminder that DUES ARE DUE at this time, so please pay your fair share to help the club to keep on keeping on.

MULTIPLE WAYS TO GIVE THROUGH ROTARY



Our presidents then gave BILL DERN some time to talk about the three ways you can donate to Rotary. Each of them is separate and distinct, and each of them have their own specific focus and purpose. We are encouraged to support all three of these aspects of Rotary.

*You can give to the Oceanside Rotary Club directly, to help run the club and fund our local service projects.

*You can contribute to the Rotary International Foundation to fund the efforts that allows Rotary to reach people and make a difference on a more global level.

*You can make a tax-deductible donation into the “corpus” of our own Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation – a separate and independent local 501-c-3 non-profit entity. As the pool of collected money grows over time, this local Foundation can vote to distribute the interest income which spins off from the fund’s investments to support various causes. Last year, with the expectation that the pandemic could

have had a negative impact on Oceanside Rotary's fundraising, \$10,000 of ORC Foundation funds were earmarked to provide direct support to the Club's activities. The ORC Foundation will be starting the new fiscal year with some new board members added and will meet soon to choose an area of focus for this year's giving.



One of the projects which the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation has provided funds toward is a Mobile Laundry facility to be managed by the organization Lived Experiences. We were invited to attend the launch of this new resource for the community on July 14th at 9 am, and our leaders hoped that the club would be well represented at this event.



(UPDATE: Our club was represented at this event by BILL DERN and TOM BRAULT. On display at the site for the ribbon cutting ceremony were the new mobile laundry trailer with multiple washers and dryers which we helped to fund and a 6-stall mobile shower unit. Plus, there were booths for food, clothes, and toiletries. Being mobile, these resources can be transported to different areas of the city so they can more conveniently serve those in need, wherever they might be living. California State Assembly Member TASHA BOERNER HORVATH's representative presented a proclamation and BILL checked out the new laundry equipment with Lived Experiences' OSCAR ORTEGA.)

As this Club Assembly was drawing to a close, BRIAN LONG had a question ...



“How do we send in input on a project that we think the club should consider?” He had a specific project in mind which he will be bringing forward, but the answers given would generally apply to all such proposals. RENEE suggested that if the request is for money toward a specific purpose, you can contact the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation Board, but for service opportunities or other projects, talk to either of our Presidents or to anyone else on our Club's board.

JANET BLEDSOE LACY mentioned that if anyone has an idea for a topic or organization or individual which could be an interesting program at one of our upcoming meetings, be sure to run those suggestions by her so she can consider adding them to our club's speaker calendar.



WE DIDN'T FORGET HOW HAPPY WAS NANCY??

By this point, NANCY RUSSIAN had plenty of time to ponder how much her 11-year Rotary Anniversary was worth to her. And here is what she said: "\$11 is not enough. I'll add a zero and make it \$110." Wow! That generosity was well worth waiting for. Thank you, NANCY! Here's hoping for many more wonderful years with you as a member of our club!

WRAPPING UP

Co-Presidents L.J. and A.J. gave thanks to all of the committee chairs and to all who continue to be so supportive of the Oceanside Rotary Club and its efforts to make a difference. The "J Guys" look forward to continuing all of the good things that we have been doing. If you would like to participate more actively in these club efforts, you are encouraged to reach out to the chair of whichever committee(s) interest you.

One final reminder was given about the Evening Social at ERNIE's place and then we said our "Fare thee well's and signed off of Zoom, ready to meet up live at the country club at the end of the month!

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Friday, July 16 – Zoom Board meeting. Noon

Friday, July 30 – Regular meeting Noon *LIVE and IN PERSON at El Camino Country Club!!!*

Program: SATIA AUSTIN, President, North County NAACP Youth and College Division

Friday, August 13 – Regular meeting Noon / Program: TBA

Wednesday, August 18 – Evening Social @ 5:30 pm

Friday, August 20 - Regular meeting Noon / AProgram: TBA