

*June 10, 2022*

The final meeting of the Oceanside Rotary Club year 2021 to 2022. Who will be our final CO PRESIDENT at today's gathering? Is it CO PRESIDENT LJ FIMBRES or will it be CO PRESIDENT AJ MAZZARELLA? Drum Roll.... da da da da da da da da Suspense.... Ah with a lei around his neck... with the Real Rotary Bell and a *Gavel in hand* it is.... Suspense .... Co President LJ FIMBRES.



Welcome to the OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB. The final meeting of the year begins.

### ROTARY MOMENT

LES NEWQUIST came to the podium, greeted by a round of applause and smiles from his fellow Rotarians. His Rotary Moment focused on Group Giving.



A current example is the upcoming Rotary Golf Tournament. Members are giving to this event in so many different ways: Tee Signs, Auction Items, Raffle Ticket Prizes, Sponsoring a number of USMC Golfers. Our Rotary Club has 41 Golfers signed up and the El Camino club has slightly more. Of the 41 who are playing Golf from our Club, 7 will be from the Marines.

### CLUB UPDATES

PAST PRESIDENT (times three) AND CO PRESIDENT ELECT RENEE RICHARDSON

"Love You All. I had a fabulous time at the Rotary International Convention in Houston. It was Inspirational."



RENEE told us that ROTARY is in more countries than the United Nations. At the beginning of the Convention, flags from each country are carried in procession by

groups from that country. When the flag from the country of Ukraine paraded by, all of the 12,000 ROTARIANS in attendance jumped to their feet and applauded long and hard for their friends from the Ukraine. RENEE was seated in an area where a delegation from the Philippines came in - 40 of them. They were short some chairs but somehow RENEE was bribed with candy to share some room for more of them to squeeze in next to her.

She reported that Monday's Rotary Golf Tournament at El Camino Country Club has a total of 78 golfers with a dinner later in the afternoon and prizes and opportunities to bid on items.



The Demotion Dinner will be Friday evening June 24th at JANET BLEDSOE LACY'S home in the outdoor gardens with a Polynesian evening planned. Sounds like fun. LJ asked, "It's Polynesian?". Yep.. that is why you are wearing the flowered lei around your neck. Cocktails 5:30, dinner at 6:30, followed by awards and then the skewering of our outgoing Co-Presidents. An evening that should not be missed!



Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. is the Independence Day Parade downtown, produced by Mainstreet Oceanside. OCEANSIDE ROTARY will have a float. Information for time and place where the float will be found will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date. Members of the OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB will be riding on the float, and we were encouraged to bring young ones (kids / grandkids) along for the experience. Wear Red, White and Blue that morning. Yours truly will be announcing the parade along with Kristi Hawthorne for KOCT Television. Smile as you ride by the cameras.

July 3 Fireworks and a Potluck Dinner will be at yours truly, JIM SCHRODER'S home. 4020 Wooster Drive. Oceanside. More will be forthcoming prior to this event too. Be sure to bring a sweater or jacket as it can get cooler as the sun sets. The fireworks are close by for viewing from the home.



Our first meeting for 2022-2023 year will be on July 8<sup>th</sup> at El Camino Club.

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

ROGER VANDERWERKEN introduced Kalina Justice, a “one room school teacher” at Breakwater Community Church.



PABLO ACOSTA introduced Ana Serano and Toya Quintana – they help women that are domestic violence victims.



RENEE RICHARDSON introduced Darrel Larson and Sean Lowe - both interested in learning more about ROTARY.



TOM BRAULT introduced our speaker Blake Kern and Rudy Van Hunnick as guests.



BILL DERN led us in our “Welcome to Oceanside” song for our guests today.

## THE HANDING OUT OF CHECKS

LJ called up to the Podium ROGER VANDERWERKEN who presented a check in the amount of \$350 from OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB to Pablo Acosta and Tri City Pantry. Each week through Tri City Pantry, Pablo goes to schools and provides food to over 300 families at each school. He now has two Mobile Vans to deliver the food. Congratulations.



A second check of \$100 was presented by ROGER and the OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB to Kalina Justice and a new home school Independent Academy that meets in a room at Breakwater Community Church in Oceanside. This money will provide two scholarships for students.



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JANET BLEDSOE LACY celebrates a Birthday on June 15<sup>th</sup>. She was not at the meeting today.

\$32 Happy - ERNIE MASCITTI was happy to announce to the club that he and Nancy have been married 32 years. He finally got it right the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. (Ha!! His words not mine.)

DAN WILSON also has an anniversary this month. He was not at the meeting today.



\$15 Happy - TOM BRAULT is celebrating 42 years this month. He said this is a very important number, since “42” is the answer given in the “Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy” to the ultimate question of “life, the universe, and everything.” And since “Hitchhiker’s Guide” is a trilogy of five books, he donated three five-dollar bills to commemorate reaching that significant number of 42 with wife Linda.

DAVE HALL AND TERRI HALL are celebrating 54 years marriage this month. They were not at the meeting today.

LARRY and Cathie HATTER are celebrating 54 years marriage this month. Ironically both the HALLs and the HATTERs were married on the same day and year - only an hour apart, I believe. Congratulations to both couples. LARRY was not at the meeting today.

\$5 Happy - DAVID NYDEGGER was married 55 years ago this month on the east coast.

\$20 Happy - MELISSA RODRIGUEZ for 6 years Club Anniversary

\$10 Happy - ANCHISA FARRANT for 10 years in our Club after 12 years in her previous club in Thailand. A total of 22 years a Rotarian



## OTHER HAPPY DOLLARS

**\$75 Happy** BILL DERN reported that Robert Sherman, a massage specialist who gave a presentation to us back in 2017, has followed our Shorelines each week since then. Robert Sherman donated a gift certificate worth \$120 for a one hour massage to the Rotary golf tournament as well as \$25 cash for the inspiring “Who Am I” presentation by Jacqueline Brownlee at one of our May meetings. BILL also made good on the \$50 IOU which TOM BRAULT mentioned when he announced the birth of the Brooke Erin Dern, a Brault-Dern granddaughter in May. While visiting the newborn granddaughter, BILL was also happy to celebrate another granddaughter’s first birthday while in Phoenix for a total donation of \$75.



**\$5 Happy** DAVE NYDEGGER attended the presentation of the \$50 cash leis which the Oceanside Rotary Club bestows each year upon the Oceanside High School graduates of the Crown Heights neighborhood. There were 5 graduates honored this year.



**\$20 Happy** TOM BRAULT His daughter, Gerilyn was director of a staged reading of the musical “Tintypes” through Carlsbad Playreaders. Just 3 days before the May performance, one of the singers was hit by a nasty flu bug and was unable to perform. So TOM was asked to step up and step into the role of Teddy Roosevelt and (as TOM put it), “I didn’t embarrass myself.” He was thankful for the Rotarians who had come to check out his performance.



**\$10 Happy** PABLO ACOSTA, grateful for the club’s contribution to Tri City Pantry. PABLO was quick to point out that (even with today’s inflation), through their program, that \$10 would still feed a family of 6.



**\$5 Happy** BILL DERN was at the Playreaders performance when TOM BRAULT stepped in at the last minute to save the show. “His performance was Strong and Super!”



**\$20 HAPPY** VICKIE PROSSER She wanted to thank LES and all those who stepped up these past two years while she was in charge of lining up the ROTARY MOMENTS assignments for each meeting.



\$10 Happy     MIKE CURTIN was Happy Just Because.....!  
(Actually, everyone at the meeting knows precisely why MIKE was happy, but we were directed by him in no uncertain terms to keep the reason Hush Hush at this point.)



\$50 Happy     MIKE WESELOH recently spent 9 days in France at Normandy Beach and Omaha Beach. After visiting these moving memorials, he was eager to see the movie “Saving Private Ryan” again, and says that it brought him to tears, with the personal connection of having been at that hallowed and historic location himself. He described it as an “Incredible Trip” which he highly recommends. (I agree with him, having visited there many years ago.)

\$70 Happy - Double his normal contribution - since Rudy Van Hunnick felt badly that he was not able to attend the last *Away Meeting* at DALE MAAS’s new office in Oceanside and then lunch at Felix Barbecue closeby. You missed a good meeting and a great lunch. Rudy also mentioned that he had visited the San Diego County Fair this week and enjoyed it very much.



\$10 Happy     MARTI FARRIS recently attended the Martin Luther King meeting and ran into MIKE CURTIN dressed up in a coat and tie and had heard some early buzz about MIKE’s news. Also her Great Grandchild is flying in shortly.

\$5 Happy     RENEE RICHARDSON offered CO PRESIDENT LJ \$5 for his gavel if he would give it to her right now so she could be ready for the demotion. LJ quickly started looking around and realized that his Gavel was once again missing. He swore that he thought it was in his pocket, but that bulge was actually his wallet. Oh, brother, LJ ... We told you to Duct Tape it to your body when you got it back recently...!



## PROGRAM

LOLA SHERMAN Introduced our speaker today - Blake Kern from the Friends of the Oceanside Library. This is the second in a series of information about the Friends of the Library.



Blake has been a volunteer for many years at the Friends of the Library as well as with many other organizations in the City. Blake and her husband Jerry were the founders and teachers for 26 years at the first charter school in Oceanside. He was a Councilman for a number of years in Oceanside. She will be focusing her remarks on the Friends' bookstores which sort through the books which are received as donations and what the Friends do with them.



Blake thanked LOLA for her introduction and thanked JANET BLEDSOE LACY for making the arrangements for her to speak today.

The Friends of the Oceanside Public Library was Founded in 1971 as a non-profit organization. Their mission is to support and promote the services and resources of the Oceanside Public Library through community involvement, volunteer activities, and fundraising. The organization maintains a membership of persons interested in the library, sponsors special programs and cultural events for both children and adults, and works to enhance the library's collection and facilities.

The Friends of the Oceanside Library sponsors library programs and events for all ages, ranging from author and musical events, to summer reading programs for children, teens, and adults.



They run the all-volunteer bookstores in the Civic Center and the Mission Branch Libraries and now also at their new retail bookstore downtown.

Blake described the journey that a book will take through their system. People donate books at either the downtown library at the Civic Center and/or at the Mission Library Branch, next to the Oceanside Police Department headquarters.

Community donations of books then go to the sorting rooms, now located in the San Luis Rey Valley on Roymar Road. They are sorted for distribution to the three different stores. What is not sorted to be sold is donated to local schools. Some

books are sent to programs in Mexico and some go to the Marriott Hotel for guests to read.

Some books are listed on Amazon for sale online. They also sell books every Thursday at the Farmers Market in downtown Oceanside on Pier View Way - All types of books from Hard copies to Paper backs with many varied subjects.

All genres and types of books are welcomed as donations. They also accept jigsaw puzzles, CD's, DVD's, and new greeting cards.

Their presence at the Farmers Market is not just about selling books. It is also a chance for their volunteers each week to show off the library next door and to acquaint people who may be unfamiliar with the Library and its programs.

LARRY HATTER convinced George Cheadle, a friend of LARRY'S, to offer a facility he owned downtown to use as a bookstore for the Friends of the Library in the name of his wife Jane, who recently passed away, and also to honor longtime library enthusiast Evie Magana. They both had been supporters of the Friends of the Library for years.

Jane and Evie's Used Books just recently opened at 323 N. Coast Highway in Oceanside and is run by the Friends of the Library – This is their third location to sell books.

Each week, 6 to 8 boxes go out to the bookstores that have been sorted. The books are given color coded tags, and if they do not sell within a certain length of time, they are then donated to other outlets. Books are available for all ages. They used to have big quarterly book sales to clear out their inventory.

The Roymar location in the San Luis Rey Valley is the storage location for all the incoming books. Sometimes they run specials for teachers for their students.... a box for \$3. These are books that young children would like to read.

The Friends has raised funds for the library in many ways over the years. One of the more famous was the Trivia Bee which was held annually for years. Through the years the Friends have raised over a million dollars to return to the library, and they regularly meet with the director of the library to discuss goals and strategies.

When you want to clean out your closet or storage areas, consider donating your books to the Friends of the Oceanside Library. They are happy to receive them.

“These donations allow us to give back to the Library. We are able to change lives through books.”

Several questions were asked.

ROGER VANDERWERKEN asked what the approximate budget of the library is. Blake offhand guessed that the budget for the Library per year is around \$600,000 to \$800,000. Blake mentioned that LARRY HATTER has been able to assist individuals who want to donate money to areas of the community through their trusts. The Library has been one of those beneficiaries.

Rudy Van Hunnick mentioned that a number of years ago he oversaw the donation of AED External Defibrillators and the Library was one of the first locations to receive one. He was interested to know whether the AED at the Library had ever saved a life, and Blake said she would ask the director and would get back to Rudy with an answer.

DAVE SHORE asked what types of books are you looking for? Answer: everything from old to new books. Old text books can be surprisingly valuable for resale. Particularly valuable books are sold on Amazon for higher price returns, and the Friends decide which platform would be best for the sale of all donated items.

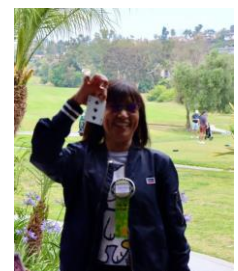
Some of the books are destined for the Oceanside Museum of Art and their Artists to utilize. Blake herself is a collage artist, and can attest that even damaged books can be cut up and used creatively in a piece of art. Currently the foundation has a complete set of Encyclopedias. Some in the past have gone to Mexico.

PRESIDENT LJ thanked Blake for speaking to us today and presented her with a gift of planted succulents prepared by ANCHISA FARRANT.



## OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

The winning ticket holder today was none other than our LUCKY MISS ANCHISA. Unfortunately, ANCHISA drew the 3 of Spades, not the Joker, but still was smiling as she walked away with the \$10 consolation prize. The Jackpot is now over \$1,000.



Don't forget all the great activities coming soon in June and early July. It is a great time to be an Oceanside Rotarian ... but then again, when *isn't* it a great time for that?

### **FUN AT THE FITNESS EVENT!**

SHOR DENNY forwarded this message from Natalie Gibney, the Community School Coordinator at Libby Elementary:

"I just wanted to say thank you again for coming out to Libby yesterday (June 2) for Fun Fitness and for the generous donation of hula hoops, jump ropes, and balls! The students had a great time and were asking me all afternoon about when they can play games with the hula hoops and jump ropes again. We definitely plan to put the donated equipment to good use!



Thanks again and I look forward to partnering again in the future!"

### **FINALLY GITTIN' R DONE**

As you may recall, TERRI HALL was the winning bidder on an auction item in our fundraiser LAST YEAR in which a team of generous and ambitious fellow Oceanside Rotarians pledged to perform some manual labor in exchange for the auction proceeds going to the club.

Well, somehow the stars finally aligned and the schedules coincided and this task was completed at last! Here you can see the handiwork of the "Git R Done" squad of BRIAN LONG, DALE MAAS, A.J. MAZZARELLA, and MELISSA RODRIGUEZ who successfully (and by all appearances, quite capably) power washed and stained three decks - along with the benches - in the HALL's backyard.

Thanks to DAVE and TERRI for their generous bidding, and thanks to BRIAN, DALE, A.J., and MELISSA for rolling up their sleeves and "Gittin' R Done"!



## ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Literally on the road this past week (June 2 – 7) were DAVE and TERRI HALL.

*“We were on a road trip to Truckee for visiting our son Jason and family. Here are Rotarians sporting Rotary hats plus the family and grandsons Sebastian, 20 and Julian, 17.”*



Are you tired of grandbaby photos from TOM BRAULT yet? ... Too bad! Here are two more - One of the proud new grandparents TOM and LINDA holding precious BROOKE, and another with the full family posing together just before the

Oceanside Brault's packed the car for their drive back home.



I think it is safe to say that our Co-President Elect RENEE RICHARDSON is not tired or burned out on Rotary. Au contraire! Attending the Rotary International Convention in Houston got her inspired and all fired up for her year ahead! Here is a snapshot of the District 5340 presidents elect gathered for a special luncheon together while at that convention.



## COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Friday evening, June 24 – The long-awaited demotion of the J Boys (A.J. AND L.J.) will be held under the stars at the lovely estate of JANET BLEDSOE LACY (2165 Grandview Street, Oceanside). Kicks off with cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30 pm. \$45 per person. RSVP with RENEE

Saturday, June 25 – Oceanside Rotary will participate in the Independence Day Parade in Oceanside. Plan on meeting at 9:30 am. (Precise location TBA). Bring a chair if you would like to sit on the float.)

Thursday, June 30th - Governors Dinner for District 5340 at the Del Mar Hilton.  
Sign up at District 5340 Website ([www.rotary5340.org](http://www.rotary5340.org))

July 3 – Fireworks viewing party at PP JIM SCHRODER'S  
home (4020 Wooster Drive, Oceanside)



July 8 – First meeting of the new Rotary Year!

July 22 – Regular meeting

July 29 – Regular meeting