

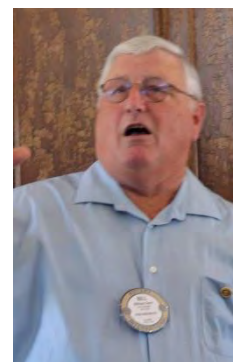


*June 14, 2019*



PP/PRES RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE opened the meeting at 12:30 on the dot with three soft gongs (unlike the more strident but official “Rotary Bell”) and then immediately led us in the pledge of allegiance.

She then called on PP BILL DERN to lead us in a rousing rendition of “You’re a Grand Old Flag”, in honor of today being Flag Day. BILL then followed that with his favorite, “God Bless America”.



LJ FIMBRES was asked to share with us a Rotary Inspirational Moment. He started by saying that in October of last year he became associated with our club, but his father’s accident in Arizona affected his ability to fully participate in club activities. He was surprised and very appreciative of all the support he received from the club. He said, “It set me free” – It seemed as though Oceanside Rotary club was his San Diego family to augment his family in Arizona. He feels that our club makes caring a way of life, and that we made him feel very much at home.

### CLUB UPDATES

Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Rotary evening social event: 5:30 pm dinner at Chin’s Chinese Restaurant in Vista, and 8:00 pm performance of “The Producers” at the Moonlight Amphitheatre

Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser, El Camino Country Club – we still need raffle prizes! A putter, a large bottle of 12-year old Scotch, and a painting were donated at the meeting, but they still need more raffle prizes.

Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – DARK

Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – Oceanside Independence Day Parade

Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 PM – Oceanside Rotary's 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at Jim Schroder's home, 4020 Wooster Drive, Oceanside

Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – DARK

Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – Regular meeting – SANDAG Presentation

Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – DARK

Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM – Club Assembly at The Broiler, Oceanside Harbor, 1325 Harbor Drive, Oceanside

Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – DARK

#### GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

PP/PE TERRI HALL began visitor introductions:



DAVE NYDEGGER introduced two Marines who helped welcome and entertain the 26 Crown Heights middle-school kids who visited Camp Pendleton – LT LYNN HARTLEY from Wyoming and SGT HALEY DANES from Florida.

PP MIKE CURTIN introduced visiting Rotarian JAMES AUDIFFRED who is a two-time Paul Harris Fellow from Biddeford Saco Rotary club in Maine. He was out visiting a new granddaughter in Oceanside.

GORDY WITZ introduced visiting Rotarian RUDY VAN HUNNICK.



PP JAY CRAWFORD introduced visiting Rotarian ED PARISH from the San Luis Rey club.

BILL then led us all in the Oceanside Rotary Welcome Song, which was a familiar tune for all the visitors.

### WHO AM I –ROGER VANDERWERKEN

ROGER started out by misquoting Scripture, saying, “Blessed are the brief, as they shall be invited to speak again.” ROGER grew up on a farm in upstate New York where his family raised over 10,000 chickens at a time and sold them door to door in Schenectady NY. Later the family switched to raising beef (*I would guess that they would be a bit more difficult to sell door to door*) and they are still in the beef business to this day. ROGER was a Rotary international exchange student to Holland. (He expressed his appreciation to RUDY for his welcoming countrymen.) He then attended the U.S. Naval Academy and spent time



as surface warfare officer, an engineering officer on a guided missile frigate, and a communications officer on a supply ship. He left the Navy and felt the calling to attend a theological seminary. After graduation he rejoined the Navy as a chaplain and spent three tours with the Marines, a tour aboard the USS Ronald Reagan, and he was base chaplain at China Lake. In total he spent 24 years in the Navy and retired in 2013. After leaving the service, he started the Breakwater Community Church in Oceanside. ROGER joined our club a year ago and ended by letting us know he’ll be having surgery next Wednesday and would appreciate our prayers. Brevity in a preacher - who would have thought it?!? He can come back and speak any day, as far as I’m concerned!

Once ROGER was done and seated back at his table, PRES RENEE piped up and asked, “Who’s your Rotary mentor?” Answer: “I don’t know – that’s why I still have a red badge!”

PP BILL DERN then came to the podium as the club's Rotary International Foundation Chair to present a third Paul Harris Fellow to our own PP/PP/P/Club Secretary RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE! BILL pointed out that due to all of the donations over the years to the RI Foundation, it has gone from a modest beginning with \$25 over 100 years ago to having spent over \$4B on projects throughout the years. Just last year the RI Foundation awarded 1,300 grants for a total of \$86M. Congratulations to RENEE on her third PHF! BILL pointed out that RENEE had help from BOB PICKREL as he donated points toward her latest PHF. We all thought that BOB acted surprised to hear that, but he claimed to have known about it all along.



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays:



PAM MYERS was \$70 happy that her birthday is this month, although she declined to state her age (although there may have been a little clue).

JANET LACY was \$71 happy that her birthday is this month, and she too declined to state her age (but hinted broadly what it is).

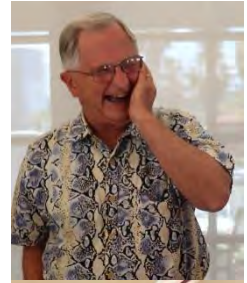
### Anniversaries:



DAVE & TERRI HALL will have been married 51 years this month, on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and they each contributed \$51 to the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation.



LARRY HATTER and his wife CATHIE have been married the same amount of time as the HALLs. (They were all married on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 51 years ago! What are the odds of that?) LARRY said he was going to be \$51 happy but decided to kick in another \$51 for his wife, “not to be outdone by DAVE & TERRI” for a total of \$102.



### Club Anniversaries

ANCHISA FARRANT was \$7 happy for her 7 years in the club.

PE Elect MELISSA RODRIGUEZ was \$10 happy for her 3 years in the club.



### HAPPY DOLLARS

Before asking for happy dollars, PRES RENEE checked to see who didn't have a Rotary pin on, and LYN CORDER fessed up to having forgotten hers, so she put \$1 on the table as a fine.



PRES RENEE then let ROGER know that she is, in fact, his Rotary Mentor, at which ROGER said he was \$5 embarrassed not to have remembered that.



PP VICKIE PROSSER was \$20 happy that a friend of hers is President of a Rotary club in Palm Springs, and she went to their demotion reception so she could see how other clubs do their demotions. Apparently, she stayed at a “really nice hotel” while visiting Palm Springs.



ANCHISA was \$20 happy that she's back from being away for 5 weeks to Thailand, and thanks to hubby RON MARBEN who took care of everything while she was gone. Her flowers are blooming beautifully! At which point RON said, "Thank God for rain!"



JAY CRAWFORD was \$5 happy that he went to his grandson's 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation – He said there were lots of people there - more than he would have thought interested in an 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation! (It's all the grandparents, JAY!)



LYN CORDER was \$5 happy that her youngest child MAUREEN spent 2 weeks in Germany and the Czech Republic. She said that everywhere they went they saw Rotarians with name badges. (The international convention was in Hamburg).



LESLY ADAMS told us that she's been trying to come to Rotary meetings over the last few weeks, but the Fridays she could be here have been the Fridays we were dark! She has been working on several international flights over the last couple of months, and on a flight to Munich she saw a Rotary sticker on some passengers' stuff. She told them that she had just joined Rotary and they mentioned that he's the president of the Clovis club. They were on their way to the international convention.



NANCY RUSSIAN was \$20 happy. Every other week she goes to Clovis and Fresno, but they took a side trip to Chicago to see her granddaughter graduate from high school as valedictorian! She received a Rotary scholarship in addition to others!



PP/PE TERRI HALL was \$10 happy that her granddaughter, AVA (who as you may recall played at our club Christmas party a couple of years ago with her string quintet) received a scholarship to attend Interlochen Conservatory for the performing arts in Michigan for her Senior year in high school! Quite a few famous musicians have attended Interlochen, including Josh Groban. The one thing that her Grampa told her was that it's COLD in Michigan.



PAM MYERS was \$5 happy that her granddaughter graduated from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, so she'll start middle school next year.



Visiting Rotarian ED PARISH was \$16 happy (he said PRES RENEE already has his money) and that it's great to see everybody again.



PP BILL DERN was \$5 happy that he'll be heading to a dude ranch in Tucson next week with his son and grandkids and that the temperature there was only 104 degrees this week! (*That is something to be HAPPY about??*)

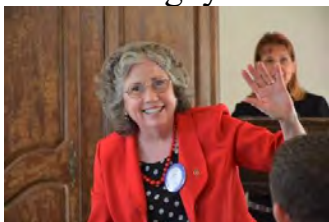


PE Elect DALE MAAS was \$5 happy that, while visiting a park with his son, he discovered that he was sitting on a bench donated by the local Rotary club. Rotary moments are everywhere!





RUDY VAN HUNNICK was \$20 happy to be an engineer trained in Munich (because of all the mention of the Rotary convention in Germany, no doubt), and another \$20 happy since he sat at table with 3 beautiful ladies and 3 almost handsome guys...



JANET BLEDSOE LACY was happy to have ANCHISA take over with photos since she had to leave to “kick butt at court”!



PAUL WENDEE was \$5 happy (after some prodding by PRES RENEE) about the event tomorrow night at the Bistro on Main Street from 5-7 pm. He was particularly effusive about the saxophone player who would be performing.

LESLY ADAMS was another \$5 happy that she'll be leaving on Monday for Israel with her church group (and won't be working on the flight).

#### PROGRAM – Rotary Awards

The program today was a short one, to honor those Oceanside Rotarians who have made outstanding contributions to our club.

New Member Award – TYLER EVANS



El Toro Award – PP/PE TERRI HALL



Marty Schroder Award – LOLA SHERMAN



President's Award – BILL DERN

### MORE ON THE GOLF TOURNAMENT

DAVE JONES from El Camino Rotary arrived at the last minute to talk up the Golf Tournament. They are still looking for golfers and they are short of raffle prizes. They have 12 Marines who will be playing, and they have sponsorships for most of them but could use sponsorships for 2 or 3 more (or even a half sponsorship). You have about a week to contribute either sponsorships for military players or raffle prizes.

### OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

PAM MYERS held the winning ticket again but didn't draw the Joker so she went home with the \$10 consolation prize.



## A MUSICAL INTERLUDE TO MARK THE CLUB LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

PP TOM BRAULT, though he was off to New York City for a whirlwind tour (seen here with wife LINDA at the first of their 5 Broadway shows in 5 days, plus singing on-stage at Carnegie Hall himself on Monday night!), as per a request from our outgoing President, and not to be deprived of his chance for a demotion song or two, tasked PP VICKIE PROSSER to sing two songs which he had written just for the occasion of the transition from PRES RENEE to PRES TERRI! Here are the words for those of you who missed it!



### **Blowing in the Wind (sung to outgoing PRES RENEE)**

*How many times can our President start with no one in line to succeed?  
How many times can we enter a year without knowing someone will lead?  
How many times must we beg for new blood and then find that there's no one to  
bleed?  
The answer, my friends, is "Sign them up again"*

*Past Presidents? ... Just sign them up again.*

*No! We cannot accept this as the "new normal"!*

*How can our club have a majority of members who are "Presidents Past"?  
How can Renee have been recycled through as president 3 times so fast?  
And now Terri Hall will repeat as our Prez. Let's hope that this time is the last  
We have to, my friends, find new leaders now and then  
We must find new leaders once again*



**Do That to Me One More Time (sung to incoming PRES TERRI)**

*Be the President one more time  
Once is never enough for a gal like you. Oh  
Be the President one more time  
We can never get enough of the things you do Oooh  
Lead us, like you once did  
Oh, Terri. Be our president one more time*

*Ting our club's bell one more time  
Don't go clanging it loud, causing us such pains  
Ting our club's bell one more time  
Do it gently to avoid broken tympanic membranes  
Spare us from hearing loss when you're the boss  
Oh, Terri. Ting our club's bell one more time*

Vintage BRAULT! Nice job, TOM and VICKIE!

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: We will not have a regular meeting on Fridays until July 12. See the “Coming Soon” calendar below to see what else is taking place in the world of Oceanside Rotary in the meantime.**



## **ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT – Senor Grubby’s Edition**

On Friday, June 7, our club relocated its time and place for our weekly gathering. Instead of the hallowed halls of the El Camino Country Club at noon, a subset of the club filled a few tables at the new location of Senor Grubby’s Mexican Restaurant in downtown Oceanside at 5 pm. Joining in the camaraderie were: RENEE & PAUL WENDEE along with their guest JOHN ROMERO (the General Manager of the Bistro on Main Street), LES & CRICKET NEWQUIST, JAY CRAWFORD & ANITA ROMAINÉ, DAVE & TERRI HALL, DALE & NIKKI MAAS (with young master BLAKE in tow), DAVE NYDEGGER & MARTA HALL, BILL DERN, A.J. MAZZARELLA, L.J. FIMBRES, MELISSA RODRIGUEZ, LOLA SHERMAN, MIKE CURTIN, and our frequent guest RUDY VAN HUNNICK. Based on the smiles seen on so many faces, the evening seemed to be a hit! And one member sent in this brief, but insightful review: *“Good street tacos. Burritos looked good.”* (What more do you need to know??)





**COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

June 21: **DARK for Rotary Social Event at the Moonlight Amphitheatre in the evening**

5:30 pm dinner at Chin's Szechwan in Vista, 8:00 pm performance of "The Producers"

Monday June 24: Annual Rotary Golf Tournament @ El Camino CC  
Sign up to play or sponsor or volunteer!

June 28: **DARK**

Saturday June 29: Oceanside's Independence Parade 8:30am

Wednesday July 3: Oceanside Rotary 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Fireworks viewing 6:30 pm. At Jim Schroder's home (4020 Wooster Drive, Oceanside \$42 per person)

July 5: **Meeting DARK for Fourth of July**

July 12: Regular Meeting, SANDAG Presentation  
Reporter: TBD

July 19: **Meeting DARK**

Wednesday, July 24: CLUB ASSEMBLY at The Broiler in Oceanside Harbor, 5:30 pm

July 26: **Meeting DARK**