

 <p>ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE</p>	<p>ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE</p> <p><b>SHORELINES</b></p>			 <p>PRESIDENT Chuck Ward</p>
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**Fearless Leader Almost Has Been PRES. CHUCK WARD** opened the meeting right on time and although he was “Gongless” (not to mention Gaveless) he started the meeting with a lovely series of chime sounds thanks to **DALE MAAS** who had borrowed the instrument from **Has Been But She Shall Return PAST PRES. RENEE WENDEE**.

**PRES. CHUCK** stated that it was his last full meeting, and that he was finishing his sentence service with a Smile...but more on that topic later.

**PRES. CHUCK** then invited **MIKE WESELOH** to lead us in the Pledge. **PRES. CHUCK** shared that, while he has been accused SO UNFAIRLY (FROM FAKE NEWS, NO DOUBT!!) of not



being fully prepared for every meeting, to prove that he is a fully prepared **Fearless Leader, PRES. CHUCK** then brought forth TWO – COUNT THEM TWO!! Song Meisters, for a competitive “Sing Off” led by **TOM BRAULT** and **BILL DERN!** (However, to be perfectly honest and transparent, and in keeping with the Four Way Test, this reporter must record the words of **Has Been RENEE** that in reality, **PRES. CHUCK** had the speaker cancel, and that **PRES. CHUCK** did not have a back up plan to replace the speaker, so he was going to have to improvise the meeting.)



Moving on, **BILL DERN** announced that his selection of song was based upon 3 significant events occurring this week. Those events were: Flag Day; President Trump's Birthday; and the Army's Birthday. **BILL** shared that on June 14, 1777 the Stars and Stripes was officially dedicated as our American flag; which was the same birthday as America's Army; and in 1917

President Woodrow Wilson confirmed that our flag was THE FLAG of the United States of America. With that, **BILL** led us in that great song, "You're A Grand Old Flag," followed by "The Army Goes Rolling Along."

Not to be outdone, **TOM**, as the other competitive Song Meister, announced that his song would be based upon **TOM'S** beloved Moonlight theater show of that same evening that included many of the famous singing group ABBA songs, which included the song "Dancing Queen." It was this song that **TOM** led us in, which, in this author's opinion, we



somewhat rather pathetically performed, notwithstanding **TOM'S** excellent leadership attempts. The "dueling Song Meisters" ended the event with a duet led

by both **TOM** and **BILL** with the song "Smile." In keeping with the NON-FAKE NEWS, it must be disclosed that **ROTARIANS TOM** and **BILL** are on the verge of being in-laws, inasmuch as their respective children are engaged to one another, and are on the cusp of being married in November! Hooray! This can encourage all of us to believe that this is in the true interest of increasing the gene

pool of both families.

**PRES. CHUCK** then offered to both Song Meisters (described by **CHUCK**) the incredibly valuable Coffee at Starbucks coupons as a reward for their participation. Wow!

**PRES. CHUCK** then gave a very moving "Inspirational Moment" of his own creation. **PRES. CHUCK** shared with us what his year as Rotary President has meant to him. He shared mentoring words from other Rotarians, such as "enjoy yourself!" while President, and how the time will fly by and suddenly your ~~sentence~~ service as President is over. **PRES. CHUCK** shared that he had some

trouble remembering those encouraging words in January and February of his year of office, which were harder months for him of service than others. In sharing that, he also stated that he firmly believes that our club is the best Rotary Club in Oceanside! **PRES. CHUCK** said that he was 35 years old when he joined Rotary. He indicated that during those early years, as well as during his honored service as President, that the support that he received from Rotary, and Rotarians, was, and is, so personally important. Describing himself as a small business owner, Rotarians were always there in the good and bad times as a business owner, and for **CHUCK** as a person. During **PRES. CHUCK**'s reign of 2017 – 2018, and during his whole participation in Rotary, **CHUCK** shared that the song "Smile" was of personal significance to him.



**PRES. CHUCK**'s Inspirational Moment was followed by **She Shall Return PAST PRES. RENEE** to give us Club Updates. The first update was to let us know that memorial services for **BOBBIE THILL** will be on Wednesday, June 27 at 4:00 at St. Mary's Star of the Sea (609 Pier View Way, Oceanside). A reception will follow at 5 pm at Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View

Way). Most of us knew **BOBBIE** through so many of her volunteer activities in the North County, as well as we were fortunate to see her as the loving and wonderful spouse of that great Rotarian **JACK THILL**. **DAVE NYDEGGER** shared with us that **BOBBIE THILL** had been his babysitter when he was young. **JIM SCHRODER** recalled how **JACK** would swim around the Oceanside pier on a regular basis to keep in shape. **PRES. CHUCK** recalled how at one of our Crab Fest events, **PRES. CHUCK** had invited a rather "racy" local comedian, Vicki Barbolak, to perform, after cautioning Vicki to "tone down" her act due to the conservative make up of the audience. Vicki assured **PRES. CHUCK** that she had "a clean act" that she was going to be performing. However, when Vicki put on her show, **PRES. CHUCK** was rather shocked at the content, which made him wonder what the "unclean act" looked like. The show caused **JACK THILL** to comment to **CHUCK**, "Who was the guy who invited this performer to come to the Crab Fest at the Mission??" **CHUCK** hesitated for a moment, and then confessed that he himself was the culprit who had invited her. **CHUCK** said that **JACK** smiled, and then replied, "I like it!" **TERRI HALL** commented that she was present when Vicki performed, but the sound system was so bad that Vicki was really hard to hear, which may have been why the audience had a rather

lackluster response. By the way, you can see Vicki Barbolak on “America’s Got Talent!” because she recently auditioned for the show.

Continuing with Club Updates, **She Shall Return PAST PRES. RENEE** shared:

- Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> — Demotion Dinner, 6:00 PM El Camino Country Club. This was the last Sign up Day for the Demotion Party which will be held on Friday, June 22"
- Monday June 25th — Annual Oceanside Rotary's Clubs Golf Tournament
- Saturday, June 30th — Independence Day Parade 10:00 AM. Come ride the float with us! Location to meet will be announced. District Gov. Mel and his wife Judi will be joining us!
- Tuesday, July 3rd — Annual Fireworks Dinner at Jim's house 6:30 PM. Save the Date! Cost is \$22.50 per person. Sign up early, seating (and eating) is limited to the first 70 people!
- Friday, July 6th - Regular Meeting DARK
- Friday, July 13th — First Meeting of the new Rotary year, AWAY meeting at the Yardhouse in Carlsbad at 5:30 PM
- Thursday, July 19th — BBQ with Carlsbad Rotary @, Aqua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center 6 PM cost is \$35
- Friday, July 20th — Regular Meeting DARK
- Friday, July 27th — Board Meeting 11:00 AM followed by Regular Meeting



We only had two visitors at the meeting - our old friends **ALEXA KINGAARD** (formerly STEFFAN) and **RUDY Van HUNNICK**. This warranted a duet of our “Welcome To Rotary” song by our song meisters **TOM BRAULT** and **BILL DERN**. Speaking of Welcome Backs, **PRES. CHUCK** welcomed **GORDY WITZ** who has been missing our meetings due to illness, and he is now back and looking great!



**HAPPY \$\$\$** started with **PRES. CHUCK** giving \$59 Happy Dollars for his 59<sup>th</sup> birthday, and then \$41 for being Happy that **RENEE** is taking over as President, for a whopping \$100!



**VICKIE PROSSER** was \$20 Happy that she had seen a car at City Hall that had a Rotary license plate, and that the car was part of the Race Across America from Tulsa, Oklahoma to spread the word about all of the good that Rotary does. (She passed around photographic evidence of the aforementioned license plate.)

**VICKIE** also conditioned her \$20 Happy Dollars on “**DAVID NYDEGGER** pulling his shirt out of his pants so we can see what it looks like!” (Huh? I swear that is what she said.) **DAVID** grumbled and mumbled about not being able to have anything that he tells **VICKIE** remaining confidential, and then sure enough, he pulls his red shirt tails out of his pants and the bottom of the shirt is covered with Hawaiian looking décor...**DAVID’S** secret was no more. His simple red shirt was actually an “Aloha” to Rotary.



**ANCHISA FARRANT** was \$10 Happy (which she got from husband **RON**). She told a story about being in Europe with **RON** and meeting a stranger while standing in line on their way to Wales and Scotland, who turned out to be a **ROTARIAN** who was very helpful to them. **LYN CORDER** was \$5 Happy that she and her hubby were “finally” moving to Oceanside from Carlsbad on Monday. **RUDY** was \$10 Happy and told a “carpet joke” in honor of **PRES. CHUCK. GORDY WITZ** was \$10 Happy that his son was developing a new phone application and is partnering with a firm from Helsinki that will hopefully make a boatload of money. It had better work, because **GORDY** gave us his \$10 on an IOU. **TOM BRAULT** was \$5 Happy for how well he thought we sang his selected ABBA song, “Dancing Queen.” **BOB PICKREL** was \$20 Happy to have his new titanium hip replacement surgery behind him and to be walking again. **JANET BLEDSOE LACY** was \$5 Happy to see **GORDY** back, and to pass her written drivers license test with 100%. However, **JANET** shared her HORRIBLE experience at the Department of Motor Vehicles to renew her driver’s license, wherein it was so crowded that it took **JANET** from 9:15 am to 4:50 pm to wait in line, take a written driver’s test, get finger printed and photographed. Apparently, Oceanside is one of the most crowded DMV offices EVER, and one would do better driving to another DMV site in other locations to do DMV business. **TERRI HALL** gave \$ 5 Happy Dollars to share that she too had gone to the Oceanside DMV and spent several hours waiting for service...but our outgoing and personable **TERRI** said that she made so many friends waiting in line that she did not find the experience as distasteful as mean old anti-social **JANET** had. But **TERRI** confessed that when she renewed her license, when asked whether her height and weight, she had to admit that she had changed over the years. The clerk there gave her some creative leeway, and **TERRI** responded, “let’s just leave the numbers the same...”



**DAVID NYDEGGER** shared that he made an appointment at the DMV and was in and out right on time, but he failed the eye test and had to get new glasses and come back. (Please note: **JANET** tried to get an appointment online in late April/early May and they were booked up to the middle of July, when her license expired on June 15, so she could not get a timely appointment.)



**BILL DERN** donated two tickets to the Moonlight for that evening, which were snatched up by our **FEARLESS LEADER PRES. CHUCK** to give to a member of his office staff. Then our **FEARLESS LEADER PRES. CHUCK** started on one of the most complex and convoluted Raffle Opportunity Drawings this author has ever seen. As a pregame drawing to get rid of some extra prize certificates from the President's collection this year, **DAVE HALL** won appetizers at Fratelli's as well as free cup of coffee at Starbucks. **DAVE'S** lucky bride **TERRI** then "won" a Rotary 4 Way Test card, and a copy of the lyrics to Yankee Doodle Dandy (?? Yep – that's what **FEARLESS CHUCK** gave her – "a copy of Yankee Doodle Dandy"). **FRANK COXON** won a gift certificate to In-And-Out Burger. All of their lucky tickets were tossed back into the barrel for the REAL drawing for the real shot at some real money.



**RUDY Van HUNNICK**, **MIKE WESELOH**, and **LOLA SHERMAN** were the ticket holders in this round, and they worked their way through an extended playoff to see who would get to draw first to look for the Joker. There was a bean

bag toss, and a high card draw to determine the pecking order. None of them found the Joker though, leaving the much sought after \$800 Raffle Opportunity Drawing funds still in the pot!

**BRIAN ORR** shared that he had two tickets to the June 19<sup>th</sup> Padre Game if any



one was interested. Also, he will be hosting a Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services Training program called “Introduction to EDS & Canteen Operations” on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 2:30 at 3935 Lake Blvd. in Oceanside, 92056. Snacks and light lunch will be provided, and there is no cost for this event. RSVP to

[brian.orr@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:brian.orr@usw.salvationarmy.org) or his cell phone (503) 875-9573. His flyer for the program said “The life you impact could be your neighbor!” **JIM**

**SCHRODER** chimed in that when you are donating to the Salvation Army, you can click on an icon or somehow designate that you are donating specifically to the Oceanside Branch so that the funds stay local, if that is your intent.

**FEARLESS CHUCK** then wanted the record to record (so noted!) that he was ending his last meeting as President at a record 1:23 pm, and not 1:30 or later. This brought on a spontaneous chorus of “Auld Lang Syne” from the crowd, as we saw our **FEARLESS NOW HAS BEEN CHUCK** fade away into the sunset.

### **ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT**

About 20 Rotarians and friends started that evening of June 15<sup>th</sup> off with a fine and filling dinner at Chin’s Szechwan restaurant in Vista, highlighted by a minor skirmish between **TOM BRAULT** and **JIM SCHRODER**, kicked off when **TOM** basically kicked **JIM** out of his seat at the head of the larger table in order to balance out the seating for the couples who were about to arrive. (Note: While **JIM** was originally miffed to have been booted so unceremoniously from his preferred perch, he thinks he got the better of the deal by ending up at the “cool table” in the end.)

After dinner, we caravanned over to the Moonlight parking lot which was almost filled already, even though it was a full hour before the start of the show. A few more of our group met us there, bringing our total number of attendees to 29 out of the approximately 1,400 there that evening. Yes, folks, this performance of “Mamma Mia!” was completely sold out of reserved seats, and our locations in Rows K and L were hot tickets! The show was also quite enjoyable, with rousing songs by ABBA, flashy costumes, and some unforgettable choreography – most



memorably the number where the guys did a full dance routine wearing swimming flippers as they flapped across the stage. Intermission was highlighted for our group by our traditional sharing of desserts. It was a jumble of people milling around the tight space, taking a bite of brownie here, a chunk of chocolate there, and a pecan tart or a cookie to fill the last available space in our bellies before the lights went down for the start of Act Two. Another fine night at the Moonlight!







**BILL** and **KATHY DERN** had their own fun and food-filled evening as they took their son **MARK** and his fiancée **ROBYN BRAULT** out on the town to Hello Betty Fish House in downtown Oceanside, where everyone enjoyed a delightful meal and the chance to get caught up on all the wedding planning activities that the young ones would be taking care of in their whirlwind weekend in town. Less than five months before the big day! And even less time before the new arrival comes to **MARK** and **ROBYN**'s Arizona home – a golden retriever puppy which will be named Lexie.



**COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

June 22: DEMOTION DINNER, 6 pm

Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

June 29: Regular Meeting is DARK

Sat June 30: Independence Day Parade, 10 am, Downtown Oceanside

Tues July 3: Annual Fireworks dinner at JIM SCHRODER's house, 6:30 pm

July 6: Regular Meeting is DARK

July 13: First meeting of the new Rotary year *AWAY MEETING*

Yard House in Carlsbad, 6 pm (Located in the Shoppes at Carlsbad, 2525 El Camino Real)

Reporter: VICKIE PROSSER

Thurs July 19: BBQ Dinner Joint meeting with Carlsbad Rotary

Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, 6 pm

July 20: Regular Meeting is DARK

July 27: First Regular Meeting at the country club of the new Rotary year

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Reporter: JIM SCHRODER