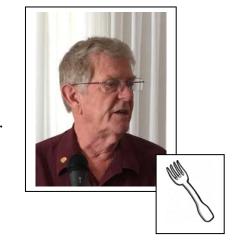


March 11, 2016

President JAY CRAWFORD called the meeting to order at exactly 12:30 p.m. with the microphone not working too well. In fact it was so soft you could barely hear him at first. And he had forgotten the agenda for the meeting today, so he was muttering and mumbling and just totally messed up. (That is ok... That is why we all like JAY...) Instead he went off

on a tangent about his shopping for Brisket of beef between Stater Brothers and Von's Markets. It's ok... JAY things will get better. Really!!

His gavel was recently absconded, so he used a fork (or maybe a knife) to strike the bell. A faint "ding" was heard above the crowd. He also hadn't called anyone to ask them to prepare a moment of Inspiration, the pledge of allegiance or a song for today. He was just plain messed up across the board. Anita what did you put in his coffee this morning? Maybe last night?



Soooooooooooooooooooo, anyway, President JAY pulled out of his hat, so to speak, A Moment of Inspiration.

MOMENT OF INSPIRATION as read by JAY CRAWFORD "Friendship... the craving that brought Rotary in existence, and the thing that will keep Rotary a living, vital force in the world for all time, the very foundation of our organization."

This quote is from an address to the 1920 Rotary Convention, Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA.

"So let's be friends, and please return the Gavel you stole from me!" begged JAY CRAWFORD.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE PP VICKIE was instructed by JAY to look at the top of the flag pole at the front of the room next to the podium to see the new Eagle emblem that was replaced after being missing for years. The Eagle was paid for by a "Restore the Eagle" drive initiated by PP VICKIE PROSSER, so it was only fitting that she should be the first to lead the pledge under its watchful eye.



President JAY CRAWFORD, as the default Songleader, then led us in a rousing rendition of "Smile." Oh, we did sound so good!

Still not working from an Agenda.... JAY called upon PP RENEE RICHARDSON to bring us the Rotary Club Updates.

# **CLUB UPDATES:** PP RENEE RICHARDSON

A. District Training Assembly for all Board Members, Committee Chairs and New Members, Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> San Diego USD 8 a.m. to Noon. See RENEE



- B. Tomorrow's Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Rotarians at Work Project at Heritage Park unfortunately had to be canceled because of the threat of wet weather. This will be rescheduled.
- C. RYLA Facilitators needed for the Camp in Idyllwild April 15-17. See RENEE
- D. New Member Mixer Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Stone Brewery at 310 N. Tremont Street in Oceanside. DALE MAAS is coordinating the function. Plan to bring a prospective new member to meet the gang and sip some brewskis.
- E. Rotary Group Padres Tickets are now on sale, see RENEE if you would like to attend and/or put a group together.
- F. If you ordered tickets to our group event on June 18th at the Moonlight Amphitheatre, you can pick them up from Treasurer LES NEWQUIST who has them at the check in table. (Of course, you first have to pay up \$39 each.)
- G. Rotary Global Rewards are here! The program brings discounts and special offers to you. You can see all The Rotary Global Rewards discounts by visiting < https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/member-center/rotary-global-rewards >
- H. Next Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>, joint meeting here with the Fallbrook Club for the annual Military Awards. (Rumor has it that Fallbrook will have at least 19 of their members

in attendance, so please plan on showing up to help represent us as the host club well. It would be a shame to be outnumbered at our own meeting!)

# **INTRODUCTION OF VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS**

PP RENEE RICHARDSON

Guests - Tom Coxon, son of Rotarian FRANK COXON. Mark Power our speaker introduced by PP DAVID HALL.





# WELCOME SONG was led by none other than

PRESIDENT JAY CRAWFORD. He was the man today: the Lead Singer, Inspirer, Chief Cook and Bottlewasher. (Geez, Jay. The President doesn't have to do absolutely everything, you know! Next time, don't be so upset about not having your Gavel that you forget to bring along the AGENDA that PP

RENEE works on for hours and hours on the days leading up to our Friday gathering. The meeting would go much more easily for you if you know what is coming up and can remember to delegate some of the tasks.)



### **BOARD UPDATES BY PP RENEE RICHARDSON**

First for the big news: She introduced our PRESIDENT ELECT ELECT .... will be the one, the only...... CHUCK WARD. We all congratulate CHUCK for taking on this role, knowing that he will do his best to lead this club as all 90 Plus PRESIDENTS IN THE PAST HAVE DONE. Pressure, though!!!!!!



PP JOHN MCMAHAN recently sold his home in Oceanside and relocated to Tennessee. Our club received notification, from the secretary in his new club, to remove JOHN from our club roster as he will now become a member in good standing way out yonder in Tennessee. We all wish JOHN and his wife Charleen the best of luck. We hope they enjoy the new home they are building on a golf course for many years to come and that it will stay in the same location and not end up in the next county. (They do have tornadoes in Tennessee.)

The Board elected to donate \$100 for the Martin Luther King Awards.

Susan Murphy, a potential new Rotarian, has been approved by the Board of Directors to become a member. If you have any concerns or objections, now is the time to mention them to a board member. Hopefully she will be inducted into the Oceanside Rotary Club the 1st of April 2016. (No fooling!)

PP DAVID HALL is working on a Grant with SDGE to help fund our Crown Heights mentor program. Keep your fingers crossed.

### **CLUB BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH**

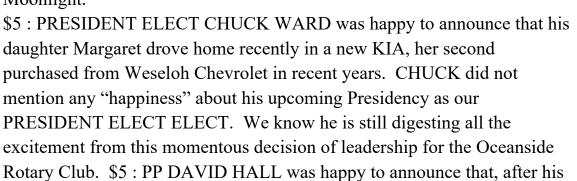
SUSAN BROWN and DUANE COLEMAN both are celebrating birthdays this month. Unfortunately SUSAN was the only Birthday person in attendance today and so the Entire Club sang HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JUST TO HER. She was \$2 Happy for that honor.



Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in March are CHARLES ADAMS (59 years with Lillian) and BILL DERN (43 years with Kathy). Neither was in attendance at the club today. They must be out serenading their wives with food, drink and music. Congratulations to all of them!

#### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

\$50 to the R.I. Foundation: PP TOM BRAULT was very happy today to announce that his daughter, Gerilyn, after many years of college in Drama, has landed a part at the Moonlight Amphitheatre in "Sister Act", so our group will get to see her play a nun. Also TOM has his fingers crossed after auditioning for a part as a Yo Ho Pirate in "Peter Pan." If he gets in, we will all have to go back again to cheer TOM in his part at the Moonlight.



brother's recent surgery, everything turned out well. His brother is boasting







about that with a hat that says, "I JUST HAD BRAIN SURGERY – WHAT'S <u>YOUR</u> EXCUSE?!?"

\$5:



PP VICKIE PROSSER was delighted to see the new Eagle resting on top of the flagpole that has looked mighty tired for a number of years. Thank you VICKIE for kicking off the donations to secure this new Eagle.

\$10: DAVID NYDEGGER announced the success of the recent Crown Heights visit to Camp Pendleton with the young citizens from Lincoln Middle School. SUSAN BROWN, DAVID NYDEGGER, Marta Hall and PP JIM SCHRODER escorted the seven young people. The day started aboard the base when the Major in charge of our tour announced that he



was taking all Cell Phones for the day. They would be returned "Eventually". It was total shock and silence for these students to be even temporarily divorced from their devices. The USMC absolutely gave an outstanding tour to these young students. They were thrilled to see and do all that they did: fire weapon computer simulators; take part in the latest weapon electronic technology at the base; eat in a mess hall; visit a museum of antique vehicles from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Desert Shield, Iraq and the present day. They also toured a landing craft building and spoke with additional Marines in these fields. The adults enjoyed the tour just as much or more than the young students. Awesome Trip! Thank you to the United States Marine Corps. The Officers and Enlisted troops came in on their day off, Saturday, to show off the best that the USMC has today.

## **PROGRAM SPEAKER**

PP DAVID HALL introduced Mark Power from BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of San Diego County as today's program. Incidentally DAVID HALL had met Mark by chance at Costco in the checkout line. We are grateful for the long line that day that brought them together. DAVE was wearing a shirt emblazoned with "Oceanside Rotary" that day, and seeing that logo was an icebreaker for a conversation that ended up leading this



great program to our club. So, as DAVE reminded us, "It pays to wear your Rotary regalia!"

Mark joined Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County in March of 2015. He has spent over 35 years successfully building and leading nationally recognized sales teams in the office solutions industry. Mark moved with his wife to San Diego from Seattle, Washington in 2006 and lives in Encinitas where he can be found surfing, running and fishing on the

weekends. He is an Elder in his church and has served on numerous non-profit boards, including the Reno Sunrise Rotary Club. Mark was a founding member of the Reno Sunrise Rotary Club, and served as Club Secretary in 1995 – He also served as Program Chair: his goal was to bring in some controversial speakers to keep things interesting! Mark also was appointed to the City of Reno Financial Advisory Board and the Governor's Small Business Council for the State of Nevada. He attended Ventura College and the University of Nevada, Reno.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is an organization that is 105 years old. It was started by a Court Clerk in New York who saw a need for this type of connection so kids could have more positive influences in their lives. Big Brothers and Big Sisters has been in San Diego for 54 years, and is helping children grow up strong through their mentoring programs.

This past year in San Diego, 1800 young children were served by Big Brothers and Big Sisters in San Diego County. Another 453 were on a waiting list with an average wait of 12 months.

There are 11 corporate partners opening up their headquarters to kids through their new workplace mentoring initiative, "Beyond School Walls."

This past year 91% of Little Brothers Little Sisters improved or maintained "scholastic competence" after just one year in the program.

Over 340 children of Navy and Marine Corps service members have been reached through "Operation Bigs" in 2015.

83% of Little Brothers Little Sisters have improved or maintained on "attitudes toward risky behavior" after one year.

Enrolled are 304 children with monolingual Spanish-speaking parents.

In San Diego County, the children served come from over 86 different zip codes.

Through the One to One Mentors program, Big Brothers Big Sisters spent over 68,000 hours mentoring.

If a price were put on the number of volunteer hours donated mentoring yearly it would be over \$1,827,160.

This has all been accomplished through seven innovative Life-Changing programs.

- \* Community Mentoring Big Brother Big Sisters traditional program which takes place in the neighborhoods and communities where the volunteer and the child live. They get together at least 2 to 4 times a month for 2 to 5 hours. Amachi is a subset of this program.
- \* Amachi is a program for children with an incarcerated parent. The goal is to break the intergenerational cycle of crime and incarceration. The benefits are many. Higher

aspirations, greater confidence and better relationships are a result of this interaction. The avoidance of risky behaviors helps with educational success.

- \* Big Futures is another program. This program provides support, resources and tools to the Big and Little match, beginning in the last two years of high school and continuing through the critical first two years of post-secondary process. The program is designed to help Littles navigate the education and career system and remain on track toward meeting their career goals.
- \* Sports Bigs a fourth program. Volunteers meet with a child twice a month to play sports or attend sporting events. Tickets are provided free or at low cost to sporting events, as well as ongoing agency sponsored sports, health and nutrition clinics.

This program is aimed at reducing the number of boys on their waiting list, while promoting a healthy lifestyle for children and creating a common ground for mentoring to take place.

- \* A fifth program is Beyond School Walls. This program BSW is a workplace mentoring program that exposes middle school youth to the world of work and helps them create a vision for a positive future. This program has two additional subsets.
- Science –Technology Engineering Math (STEM) is based in corporations, with employees providing one to one mentoring plus the exposure to an experimental STEM activity taking place at each location. Another sub-program of this BSW is Sister2Sister which pairs female employees with girls at high risk of recruitment by gangs for the purpose of helping girls see their unique, valuable potential.
- \* A Sixth program, High School Big, is made of High School students who volunteer as mentors one hour a week at a neighboring elementary school. The benefits are many including: High School Mentors help build college resumes, while learning the life changing power of giving back. The young recipients connect with role models close to their own age with whom they can strongly identify.
- \* The last program is Operation Bigs. This is first program of its kind in the nation. Operation Bigs provides an extra layer of support for military children at eight 'after school' sites and throughout the county through the Community mentoring program. The military lifestyle can often present challenges, such as frequent relocation, school transitions, separation from extended family, increased responsibility coupled with a sense of loss when a parent deploys and the physical and psychological stress faced when a parent returns from war.

In all the programs there are no overnighters, and no alcohol is allowed to be consumed in front of the matched persons. A lot of child safety is involved in background checking and verifications before any matches are made.

Volunteers pay \$25 fee for background checks. Only 1 out of every 5 applicants is approved. Some of the applicants who are not approved are military volunteers who, because of the possibility of frequent deployments, are not considered good matches for the program due to the short time they would be available to work with the children.

Big Brothers Big Sisters in San Diego has 45 employees – many of them case workers that follow up on the volunteer and child. Enrollment specialists conduct many background checks on potential volunteers and major screening takes place.

There are several ways to help this organization. You are never too old to be a mentor. Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the organization, is constantly raising funds to keep this program afloat.

Big Brothers Big Sisters programs are proven to help children succeed. The support of Big Brothers Big Sisters helps children reach their full potential and creates a brighter future for everyone.

PRESIDENT JAY presented to Mark Power a certificate stating a donation will be made in his name to Brother Benno's here in Oceanside and a Rotary theme pin.



# **OPPORTUNITY DRAWING**

LARRY HATTER held lucky ticket number with the last 4 numbers 8247 for the jackpot of \$349.00 if he drew one of 4 ACES. Unfortunately LARRY drew the 8 of Spades. The pot rolls over. LARRY donated the \$10 back to the club.





PRESIDENT JAY adjourned the meeting by clanging his SWISS ARMY KNIFE to close the meeting with a please to "SOMEONE STOLE MY GAVEL... PLEASE BRING IT BACK TO ME!!!" (Time will tell if the Gavel Grabber, whoever he or she is, will hear



### **COMING UP AT OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

this plea and choose to take pity on the man!)

March 18 - Annual Military Awards meeting with Fallbrook Rotary

Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

March 25 - DARK for Good Friday

April 1 – DAVID NYDEGGER, "Who am I's and other Fun Stuff!"

Reporter: TOM BRAULT

April 8 - TBA

Reporter: TERRI HALL

April 15 - COLLEEN FOSTER, City of Oceanside on "Green Oceanside"

Reporter: JANET LACY

April 22 - DARK for Rotarians at Work weekend

April 23 - Rotarians at Work project at Heritage Park

April 29 – DAVE STEWART, Genentech

Reporter: BILL DERN