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Our meeting was opened on time by our illustrious president, CHUCK WARD. Of course, he still did not have his gavel, so he used a table knife yet again. So sad that he can't keep his gavel! RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE (our current Secretary, Past President, and President Elect) came to the rescue with a gong. What would we do without RENEE and the new gong?!

Our Pledge of Allegiance was very well led by a guest, former member, and friend - RICHARD FOX.



JIM SCHRODER gave the Inspirational Thoughts by having us remember a friend, ESTELA GAMBELIN from Argentina. "The definition of friendship is a relationship that can survive the test of time and remain unconditional." This was what JIM thought of his dear friend, ESTELA.

She was a trailblazer, especially for women in Rotary. Her Rotary Club was the first to accept women in Argentina. Our Oceanside Rotary Club sponsored her Rotary Club. The last time she came to visit was in January when she attended the conference for the world-wide District Governors in San Diego. While in San Diego, she became ill with pneumonia. She returned home where further tests revealed a diagnosis of advanced lung cancer, and she passed away three weeks later, which was a very sad surprise. She will be missed. Friendships move the world.



Our Master of Songs for the Day, A.J. MAZZARELLA, led us in a rousing rendition of “The Twist.” Despite the fact that A.J. had come prepared with a video which he showed from American Bandstand of Chubby Checker himself singing and dancing, our club seemed to struggle with the tune, as well as the key. Other than that, we were pretty good. Fortunately, we redeemed ourselves by singing “Smile.”

### CLUB UPDATE TIME



RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE gave us our club updates. Her grand plan to have them printed out for us in handouts on the tables in order to save our President some time in his meetings has not worked out as she had hoped. Somehow CHUCK still finds a way to more than fill the time and typically still ends up running late!

This week, RENEE took pains to especially highlight the Military Awards which will take place next week, because this is an important meeting and we want to make sure to have a good turnout.

Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting at 11:00 AM

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Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> – Col. John Polidoro will be our speaker.

Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Midway Part 2 will be our program.

Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> – District Assembly. Meet at the 78 and 5 Park and Ride at 7:30 AM.

Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> – We will be DARK for Good Friday.

### EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT BELLS AND GAVELS...

RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE asked our President if he knew the historical significance of the Rotary Bell. CHUCK proceeded to ring it with an improvised

answer about how early Rotary meetings prominently featured spittoons which were made available for members who would partake of chewing tobacco. Before he dove even deeper down this rabbit hole of misinformation which he had concocted, RENEE set him (and us) straight and gave us some interesting information regarding the “History of the Rotary Bell.”

In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organized an attendance contest. The challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize. The Rotary Club of New York City was the winner and they were awarded a bell from a popular patrol boat. The bell was mounted in a wooden frame. The frame came from the wood of the HMS Victory, which was a vessel used in the Battle of Trafalgar. Ever since then, a bell has been commonly used in Rotary meetings to represent order, discipline, and to help guide us through the hour and a half meetings. When rung at the beginning of each meeting, it is a signal that all present should rise in order to salute the national and Rotary flags. Holding the gavel symbolizes the authority vested in the Rotarian with the highest Rotary position at the meeting to remind those present of his/her authority. When presidents end their time in office, the bell and gavel are turned over to their successor, symbolizing the transfer of authority.

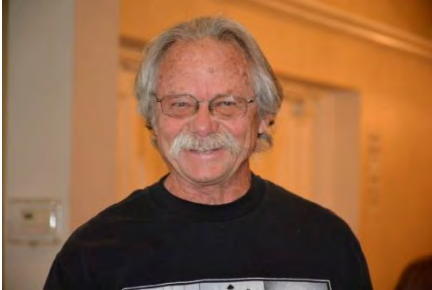
All this was just an extensive preamble (and perhaps an excuse) to finally give our President CHUCK back his official gavel so that he will be able to properly open and close our joint meeting next week and not have to embarrass himself by clanging the bell with mere cutlery. We all hope CHUCK can keep his gavel for at least this next meeting since we will have so many visiting Rotarians and guests. Good luck on that, Mr. President! (Witnesses present noted with a shake of our collective heads that, as soon as CHUCK received his gavel, he promptly laid it down on the table next to the podium and walked away, which is precisely the behavior that got him into this gavel grabbing mess previously. Won't he ever learn???)



## VISITORS AND GUESTS



A.J. MAZZARELLA introduced his mother, MARILYN, and father, JOHN.



LARRY HATTER introduced RICHARD FOX.



ERNIE introduced his cousin, RAY STABILE.



BOB PICKREL introduced our regular guest, Dr. TOM CURTIN



Also visiting us once again was our friend RUDY VAN HUNNICK.





PAM MYERS introduced our speaker, JOHN DALEY, who happens to be her neighbor.



LOLA SHERMAN introduced DAVID ALEMION, who is a corporate speaker.



STEPHANIE introduced KIMO MARQUARDT, our school/Rotary liaison DEIDRE COLBURN and two fourth graders, MARCOS ROCHA MENDOZA and ANNABELLE GARCIA, accompanied by her father FELIPE GARCIA. (KIMO's inlaws were RANDY and CAROL MITCHELL. We are sorry for his recent loss of CAROL. They were great people and will be missed.)

A.J. MAZZARELLA was reminded of our infamous "Welcome Song" and we all showed our guests that we really CAN sing.



## HAPPY DOLLARS



DR. BILL DERN was \$50 happy because 20 years ago he took over TOM BRAULT's dental practice. This eventually led to BILL'S son and TOM'S daughter plans to get married this coming November. This is certainly a happy time for their families.

LYN CORDER had \$5 to report that her daughter had a postpartum emergency and had to have surgery to correct the problem. LYN is off to visit to offer some relief for her daughter and to meet her new grandbaby.



A.J. MAZZARELLA was \$20 happy to have his parents out here for a visit.

In previous weeks, TERRI HALL has told us of the fantastic achievements of several of their grandchildren: AVA and her music and SEBASTIAN the snowboarder. THIS week, she was \$5 happy to brag about another one of their grandchildren, JULIAN, because of his prowess in football (and there may have been an added reference to this very young man's appeal with the very young ladies, as well).





MIKE CURTIN was \$5 happy “in memoriam” of ESTELA GAMBELIN, and recalling the time that he had shared with her at the RI convention in Thailand.



RUDY VAN HUNNICK was \$20 happy that his bone density test came back with good results.



TOM BRAULT was also \$20 happy for the transfer of his dental practice 20 years ago (although he can’t believe it has actually been that long – And WE believe that TOM might have been “guilted” to follow BILL in this donation).



ERNIE MASCITTI (???) was happy that RENEE had provided such nice Rotary placemats on the tables.



RON MARBEN was \$5 happy that his heart had a perfect check-up.



JIM SCHRODER was \$5 happy that SUSAN BROWN was feeling better and that her First Friday Art Walks are doing well.

### WE MEET OUR ‘FOUR WAY TEST’ ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

President CHUCK first made some very kind comments about STEPHANIE YOO and the good folks at the Mottino Family YMCA before presenting her with a \$500 donation from our Rotary Club to the Y’s capital campaign.



TERRI HALL spoke about the 4-Way Test Essay Contest which was coordinated along with the YMCA in their afterschool program. Fourth graders were asked to write down their thoughts on what the 4-Way Test meant to them.





The winners were MARCOS ROCHA MENDOZA and ANNABELLE GARCIA from Del Rio Elementary. The prizes were a certificate, \$50 in cash, and one free week at the YMCA summer camp worth over \$125. Good job and a high five to these terrific students!

### RUDY GETS SOME EXTRA CASH, ONLY TO GIVE IT RIGHT BACK



RUDY VAN HUNNICK and DAVE HALL had the lucky tickets to qualify for this week's playoff for our opportunity drawing, with the progressive



jackpot standing at a whopping \$875. RUDY's Ace was impossible to beat in the "High Card Draw" preliminary, but when the big bucks were on the line, he chose the six of spades (not the Joker) and was handed the \$10 consolation prize. But that cash didn't even make it anywhere near his wallet, as he immediately donated this minor windfall back to the club.

### ONTO OUR PROGRAM

Our guest speaker, JOHN DALEY, spoke about the history of the El Corazon area of Oceanside. JOHN's family has been in the area since the early 1900's. JOHN had been a sand miner for years and also owns the 101 Café and a real estate business.



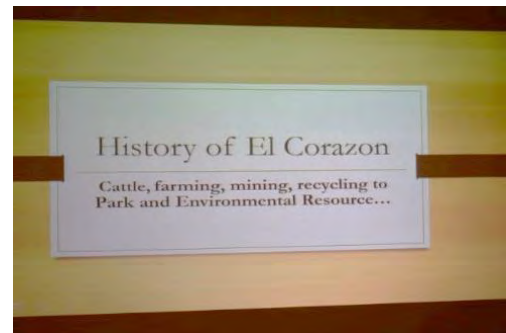
El Corazon was given its name by SANDY BLESSING, wife of long-time city planner MIKE BLESSING. The site had been used for silica sand mining starting in 1928 and in 1930 the mining company lobbied to have the area become part of the city so they could have the connections to the water that was required for their operations. The area had a



rail line at the time, which was important for their operations and helped to make the land more valuable.

This tract of land was owned for years by SOPHIE CUBBISON, a San Marcos native who had a successful bakery operation. She eventually branched out into a lucrative product line providing Melba Toast. And if the name “Cubbison” sounds familiar, it is probably because SOPHIE ended up using broken pieces of her Melba Toast along with some seasonings to create “Mrs. Cubbison’s Turkey Stuffing Mix.”

In 1964, U.S. Silica purchased the property and built their mining plant on the land. Back in the day, the largest lemon groves in the U.S. made up part of the property as well. In 1970, Oceanside Blvd. was extended to go through to the property from El Camino Real. Vintage aerial view photographs were displayed, showing the growing mining operations as well as the development of the mall in Carlsbad as it was being built. In 1977, part of one of the El Corazon area retention ponds collapsed, which made a hole about 30 acres wide and flooded major streets as the rushing waters barreled down Loma Alta Creek all the way to Buccaneer Beach.



The El Corazon property was given to the City in 1994 by Silica Sand Mining Company, and since then, the community has been working toward a comprehensive plan for the long range use of this billion dollar parcel of land, right in the heart of the city. Currently it is the site for the El Corazon Senior Center (opened in 2009) as well as the SoCal Sports Complex recreational facility which includes 20 multi-use athletic fields that hold regional and national soccer tournaments.



In addition to the developments onsite, 175 acres in the El Corazon area were set aside as dedicated open space. At this point in the presentation, JOHN could see CHUCK slowly making his way toward him, so he stopped his informative history of El Corazon. As per usual, our guest speaker was given a box designed and made by TERI, Inc. and filled with beautiful succulents by our own ANCHISA. A donation in JOHN’s honor was given to TERI, Inc. in recognition of his time spent with our club.

President CHUCK then put his newly returned gavel to work, and the bell (and the gong in the back of the room) were rung to end our meeting.

DON'T FORGET: Next week's meeting will be an important one with our special guests from the Fallbrook Rotary Club and the military honorees. We look forward to a large attendance!

### ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Here we see Dr. BILL DERN treating his whole staff to a day at Disney California Adventure (including dinner at its highly rated Cathay Circle Restaurant) as part of their celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BILL's arrival at the 605 Cassidy Street practice. We will say this about BILL - The man knows how to celebrate in style!



Next, a second chapter from the travels of NANCY and LUIS RUSSIAN:

*“We just landed/ported in HONG KONG. on the way home tomorrow after Peking Duck!*

*Day before yesterday we got to go to the Pingxi Sky Lantern Festival AND lit our own lantern and set it off flying with our wishes printed on the side of the lantern!*

*The Pingxi Sky Lantern Festival was voted by the Discovery Channel as the second biggest New Year's Eve celebration in the world, a festival whose sky lanterns carry the prayers and vows of the people and by which they seek the*

*purification of their souls, a festival that advertises the Taiwan spirit to the world. In addition to the folk performances, lantern riddle contests, and street folk carnivals that are organized every year, the sky lanterns carrying prayers aloft remain the focal point of the entire event. The lanterns are lit, hopes slowly rise, and the flames of prayer dance in the air as the lanterns magically transform into wings of hope and desire, turning the night sky of this mountain town into an expanse of unimaginable beauty. The visual enjoyment of his fantastic and magnificent sight transcends cultural barriers so when festival time arrives each year, Pingxi is always overwhelmed with visitors. The sight of sky lanterns with their lights rising slowly into the sky is for many Taiwanese a beautiful memory and the beginning of happiness and dreams.*

*150,000 people were there — I wish I could send the videos - amazing!!”*







COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

March 9: Board meeting at 11 am

March 9: MILITARY AWARDS WITH FALLBROOK ROTARY

Reporter: VICKIE PROSSER

March 16: COL. JOHN POLIDORO

Reporter: JIM SCHRODER

March 23: USS MIDWAY, Part 2

Reporter: TOM BRAULT

March 24: DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, San Diego

(8:30 am to Noon at the USD Joan Kroc Center for Peace and Justice)

March 30: DARK for Good Friday

April 6: MASAYO HALPIN, Sex Trafficking

Reporter: SUSAN BROWN

April 13: DEANNA LARSON, Oceanside Economic Development Director

Reporter: JAY CRAWFORD

April 20: DAVID BROAD, Board President MiraCosta College

Reporter: DAVID HALL

April 27: DARK for Rotarians at Work Day on 4/28

April 28: ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY

Details to follow

And for those of you into WAY advance planning, our annual demotion dinner date has been switched from June 29 to June 22. So plan accordingly to be there for the fun of bidding "Adieu" to PREZ WARD.

June 22: DEMOTION DINNER - New Night - Same Old President!