



ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE SHORELINES

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In honor of President SHOR, this scribe often refers to our club's newsletter as "SHOR's Line." But it seems that our esteemed leader does not have the clout traditionally invested with the position. The club Jester, TOM BRAULT, showing up to our meeting wearing some sort of judge/religious leader garb, stepped up to the podium at the very moment SHOR should have been taking charge, and proceeded to make our president grovel once



again before the entire gathering, pleading for the head of the heretofore lost gavel. Mr. BRAULT gave our president 40 seconds, and SHOR begged once again, pleading with great passion for that which was lost. At the end of said lamentation, there was an almost threatening overtone ... "if I don't get that gavel back ..."

Our friend the jester asked the club members assembled to render their judgement on SHOR's begging and in a loud voice they mercifully proclaimed, "Envelope #1. Give her Number 1!" SHOR read aloud the poem contained therein and



heeded the wise advice which gave a clue as to where the head of the gavel might be found. The clue was in the word "head." One of the Navy veterans in our club shouted the head is "out the door and to the left," but SHOR did not follow that salty advice. Instead, she discovered a head of lettuce sitting unexpectedly on a plate on the beverage table, and sure enough, the head of the

missing gavel was to be found inside the hollowed-out head of iceberg greens. Since this particular gavel, given to her in pieces, was in fact a false one, Secretary RENEE RICHARDSON brought forth President DENNY's actual gavel with her name on



it and handed it over. All this activity took place in a mere four minutes, and at precisely 12:34, our President rang the bell with the gavel which was once lost but now had been found. (Let's see if Madam President can hold on to it for the rest of her term.)



JIM SCHRODER ("What's his name", as SHOR first called him) led us in reciting the Four-Way Test, and TINA ORTIZ started the pledge of allegiance. (Our president does seem to have a difficult time remembering the names of our many club members.)



Club Secretary RENEE then stood to offer **Club Updates**. She began by saying that today was International Women's Day and that she had just finished a Zoom panel discussion with some great female leaders around the country.



Here are our updates:

- **Friday, March 8th Carlsbad Rotary Evening Social – The Landings – Carlsbad – 5:30 p.m.**
- **Saturday, March 9th District Assembly 8:30-Noon**
- **Friday, March 15th Board Meeting via Zoom at noon**
- **Friday, March 22nd Regular Meeting ECCC – Lt. Cody Turner – Salvation Army**
- **Friday/Saturday, March 22nd and 23rd – PAUL and RENEE to join Club Rotario in Tijuana to explore helping students improve their English-speaking skills**
- **Friday, March 29th Regular Meeting DARK for Good Friday**
- **Friday, April 5th Community Service Project – Ironman 11:30 to 5:00, Please see RENEE for sign-ups.**

Now beginning to take charge, President SHOR DENNY asked world traveler DARREL LARSON to come forward and explain his latest ventures. DARREL had recently returned from Uganda where he partnered with an organization that rescues young teenage women in Kampala, shelters them, and teaches life skills. 80% of those rescued were victims of incest. To date, more than 5000 women have been taken in. DARREL then went into a remote village to evaluate the potable water situation.



As it turns out, the village has been relying on a “Spring Box” which had been placed there in 2004 by the Rotary Club of Torrey Pines (NANCY RUSSIAN’S old club). DARREL had no idea that Rotary had been involved until he saw the plaque so indicating. Villagers need to walk one half mile to arrive at the water source. Somehow, over the years, the spring box had become contaminated, and the Sawyer Company (for whom DARREL serves as International Director of Humanitarian Programs) was able to provide 150 water filters. 300 more are needed. During his stay in Uganda, DARREL was able to connect with a local Rotary club which might take the lead to ensure that the needed filters arrive at the village sometime in the near future. Well done, brother DARREL!

THOMASINA JACKSON introduced **visiting Rotarians and guests:**



Dr. David Wyman - a visiting Rotarian from Boston



Richard Jennings – a guest of WENDY VAZQUEZANZUA. (This was a pleasant surprise for both Richard and ROGER VANDERWERKEN. The two had both served in the same Marine Corps unit in the late 90’s.)

Perennial visitor – the ever-effervescent RUDY VAN HUNNINCK
TOM BRAULT led the “Welcome Song”



President SHOR then announced **Birthdays and Anniversaries** for February and March

No one with a February birthday was in the house. JIM SCHRODER marked 46 years with the Oceanside Club (\$46 happy). JAY “my name is Jay” CRAWFORD celebrated 39 years with 3 different clubs (\$39 happy). SHOR asked the penetrating question, “Why are you still here?” to which JIM responded, “It’s a way of life.”



PABLO ACOSTA had a March birthday, but he was not in the house. ED PARISH and ROGER VANDERWERKEN celebrated club anniversaries. ED was absent from today’s gathering, but ROGER coughed up 50 bucks because his first connection was with Rotary in 1974 as an exchange student to the Netherlands. To ensure bragging rights, JIM SCHRODER informed the club that his



first connection with Rotary went back to the 60's when he served as busboy for our very own Oceanside Club.

Club Secretary RENEE RICHARDSON then stood and offered some insight into the February Hygiene drive and an update on the 100th anniversary. She felt compelled to announce these things verbally because “not everyone reads the Shorelines” (or SHOR's line, as it were). This shocking revelation stunned everyone in attendance!

The District, with our club being one of the participating groups, raised over \$10,000 worth of hygiene items. In line with President SHOR's vision of making her Rotary year one which focuses on health and hygiene, she proposed one more big effort before her tenure is up. SHOR would like us to provide backpacks (actually -- duffel bags) for foster kids. When children are brought into the foster system, the duffel bags would be used to carry their clothing items and other worldly possessions (instead of in demeaning trash bags). The bags would cost \$25 each. The club agreed that this would be a worthy effort.

Plans for the 100th anniversary on April 20 are going well. Backpacks and ice cream will be given away to the first 100 visitors. A food truck will be on site, as well as a mobile vaccine clinic. There will be a live band, dancers, etc. 9 a.m. set up. 2 pm breakdown. Invite people to come.

Prior to asking for Happy Dollars, President SHOR thanked ANCHISA FARRANT for stepping up to help with Sergeant at Arms duty. Our duly elected Sergeant of Arms has not been able to attend many meetings because of a change in work schedule.



Happy Dollars

TERRI HALL once again thanked guest Rotarian DAVID WYMAN for providing matching RI Foundation points to be able to make TERRI and DAVE'S son a Paul Harris Fellow. She was \$20 happy for DAVID's boost toward her son's upcoming honor. TERRI'S daughter had already received such an honor.



THOMASINA reported that she had contributed a \$200 check towards her Paul Harris award for which she was \$3 happy.





Guest RICHARD JENKINS was so happy to be a Rotary meeting he simply opened up his wallet and gave the Sergeant at Arms everything in it.

DARREL LARSON was \$30 happy for his safe return from Panama and El Salvador. This most recent trip involved working with USAID and

World Vision.



Guest Rotarian DAVID WYMAN was \$4 happy for being a 46-year member of RI and also for having sponsored 40 Paul Harris fellows during that time.



TOM BRAULT was \$5 happy to thank Rotarian friends who are planning to see the upcoming Romantic Comedy “Crazy for You” which runs from March 8-17 at Palomar College. TOM has a featured role in the production.

ANCHISA was \$5 happy for having had the opportunity to cook some Thai food for LOLA SHERMAN. LOLA is currently homebound, but is hoping to rejoin us by June 14.



RUDY VAN HUNNINCK was \$240 happy for some successful recent dental work. For the past four months he has been able to eat only soft foods. RUDY was thrilled that BILL DERN arranged for him to have soup today in order that he could join us for the meeting. RUDY was also grateful for JIM SCHRODER’S help in fixing his computer.



JANET BLEDSOE LACY then introduced our **Guest Speaker** – PORSCHE COPELAND from the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce. JANET is our club’s incoming co-president, and she along with fellow co-president PAUL WENDEE plan to make working with the Chamber’s Young Professionals’ program a priority for the coming year.

PORSCHE is the Events and Program Coordinator for the Chamber of Commerce, and this is her third year with the organization. The Oceanside Chamber of

Commerce has been in existence for 120 years. The Young Professionals' Program, mentioned above, welcomes people of all ages. PORSCHE helped start the Oceanside Leadership Academy last year. The academy meets for 8 weeks, twice annually, and offers educational field trips. Ages 18 and up are invited to participate. Marine Colonel Whitley from Camp Pendleton is one of the instructors as are City Council members and executives from Genentech and Tri City Hospital. The next Leadership Academy begins in April.

PORSCHE also made mention of the "Meet the City" event coming up on Thursday, March 21 at Senior Center. These events are very well attended (150-200 people), and attendees get to meet City Council members, the mayor, business owners, etc.



Operation Appreciation will be on Saturday, May 18, at the Pier amphitheater. This event honors Active Duty service members and their families with food, fun, and entertainment.

The Chamber is hosting a trip to Greece November 1-9. There will be an information night on March 19.

Opening the floor to questions, TINA ORTIZ inquired about Harbor Days. "Will they be coming back?" PORSCHE indicated that there might be an opportunity to revive the event, but the Chamber will not be taking the lead. The "Supergirl competition" held on the same weekend as Harbor Days took away from attendance. DAVE NYDEGGER mentioned that the cost of materials for the "Nail and Sail" had risen from \$30 to \$130 per team making it a prohibitively expensive event to put on.

RENEE mentioned to PORSCHE the possibility of the Chamber signing up for a corporate membership in Oceanside Rotary. We would love to have someone from the Chamber attend our club. PORSCHE mentioned a couple of other Chamber events: 1st Thursdays – emerging issues gathering, the Save our Sand initiative, and the Oceanside Museum of Art.

PORSCHE finished her talk by mentioning that she had parked her Porsche next to RUDY'S Hummer. Several club members piped up that that might not be too good of an idea.



DAVE HALL won the **Opportunity Drawing**, but the renowned mathematician was unable to beat the odds and pull the joker. He donated the \$10 consolation prize back to the club.



President SHOR closed the meeting at 1:25 p.m. There was a pregnant pause in the air. Did she still have her newly found gavel in her possession? Just when the club thought it might have gone missing yet again, SHOR pulled it from under the podium at the last moment (*"Psych!"*) and ended the meeting with a resounding, heartwarming “gong” on the Rotary Bell.

RENEE’S REPORT ON DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 3/9/24

Co-President-Elect Paul Wendee and Secretary Renee Richardson arrived at Liberty Station at 7:30 AM SHARP! First line of duty was to make sure the lap-top power point was compatible with the AV equipment! Success! Next up was distributing our Club Anniversary flyers to all the tables in the main room!

We were soon joined by Co-President-Elect Janet Bledsoe Lacy. After the main session, off we went to our respective classes. Shor and Thomasina were also in attendance!



Renee ran the Secretary seminar and found it very refreshing to be teaching new Secretaries the ins and outs of the Secretary position.

While Janet, Shor and Thomasina filled their roles of Service Above Self at noon, Renee wrestled with Paul to attend the District and Global Grant Sessions which went from 12:00 to 2:00. All clubs must have two members attend these Grants sessions in order to apply for funding! Long story short, Paul managed to stay awake!

ROTARIANS IN THE COMMUNITY

This photo is of DAN WILSON and TINA ORTIZ along with Brian Astredo from the MiraCosta College Foundation at a recent Scholarship Awards Celebration held up at MCC on February 23rd.

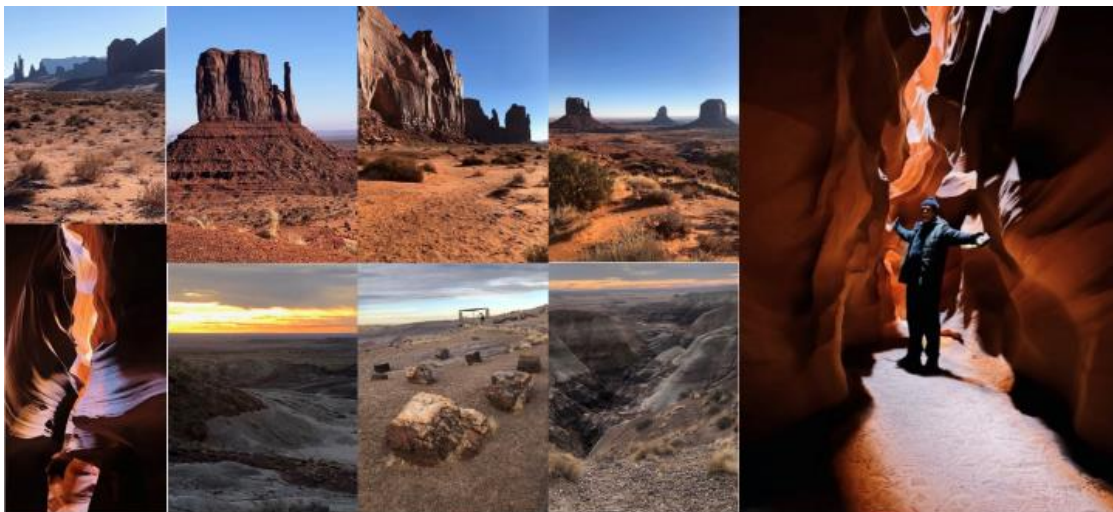


ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

MIKE WESELOH sent in Some photos from a recent trip, with some comments to accompany them. *“Antelope Canyon is incredible.”*

“Monument Valley – Beautiful. Many of the old westerns, John Wayne, etc. were filmed here!”

“Petrified Forest National Park Just think ... At one time there was a huge forest where the Arizona desert is today.”



Closer to home, ANCHISA FARRANT told us about visiting the home of ROGER VANDERWERKEN and his wife JACQUE:

"I went out to Roger's orchard a couple of weeks ago to pick up Pomelo, Passionfruit, and three different kinds of Guava. I made Thai vegetarian foods for his wife and she enjoyed it. Next year will be more kinds of fruits to pick. Thank you very much for your generosity, Roger."



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Friday, March 15th Board Meeting via Zoom at noon

Friday, March 22nd Regular Meeting El Camino Country Club

Friday, March 29th Regular Meeting DARK for Good Friday

Friday April 5 - Iron Man Volunteer Service Project at which we will be registering participants for the event on Saturday, April 6th. We need about 20 volunteers from Noon to 5:00 PM - **Contact RENEE to sign up.**

Saturday April 20th - 100th Anniversary Celebration. Heritage Park (220 Peyri Drive). 11 am to 2 pm.

April 26 – 29 – District 5340 Conference Cruise