

 <p>ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE</p>	<p>ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE</p> <p><b>SHORELINES</b></p>			 <p><b>PRESIDENT</b> Chuck Ward</p>
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**Oceanside Rotary** was joined by **Fallbrook Rotary** in honoring some of our wonderful military members from **Camp Pendleton** at this annual recognition luncheon, held this year at El Camino Country Club. **PRESIDENT CHUCK WARD** rang the bell at exactly 12:29 (according to my trusty phone), and yes, he was using his official gavel. Saints preserve us! Let's see how long THAT lasts!



**PREZ CHUCK** then brought **PE RENEE RICHARDSON** to the front of the room for a Rotary Inspirational Moment. **PE RENEE** shared:

*“Let us remember that there are men and women far from their families and the comforts of home today – missing hugs and kisses, birthday parties, baseball games, and Rotary meetings, praying for a safe return to the country and the people they love.*

*These are members of the United States military. Some are our brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, parents, neighbors, classmates, friends. Others we have never met, but they risk their lives daily for our freedom.*

*We are honoring you today, because your service makes a difference in our lives every day. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for you who serve our country, and for the sacrifices you and your families make so that we can all enjoy the blessing of freedom. Daily in your lives you show integrity, bravery, passion and self-sacrifice, whether in the field, at home, or abroad.*



*I ask those of you present today to hold these men and women in your hearts, remembering that you sleep peacefully at night because they have the moral commitment to stand ready to protect us.”*

Well said, **PE RENEE!** As she indicated, both her father and her mother served in the Marine Corps, and she was raised by a Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. She definitely knows whereof she speaks!



**PREZ CHUCK** then introduced FALLBROOK ROTARY **PRESIDENT JERRY BURKE** (USN Ret) who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **PREZ JERRY** then greeted our military guests and had them stand as a group (Marines & Navy). He then had the visiting members of Fallbrook Rotary stand. **PREZ JERRY** said that it was about a quarter of their club membership! While they were not introduced individually, they included: *Bob Franz, Jack Wood, Connie Fish, Tina Lan Ham-Str, Marilee & Dave Breeding, Penny Johnson, Bob Halibozoe, Walt Parry, Greg Munro, Herb Baker, Tom Koehler and Gary Briggs.*



**PP TOM BRAULT** was then called forward as **PREZ CHUCK** said, “While Oceanside Rotary is not musically inclined, we are definitely inclined to music.” To prove that point, **PP TOM** led us in a verse each of “Anchors Aweigh” and the “Marine Corps Hymn”. To make it a little more challenging and calling it PT (physical training) **TOM** indicated when everyone was supposed to stand or sit during the songs. Seemed rather sacrilegious to this Marine Corps brat, but everyone seemed to have a good time with it. **FRANK COXON** let everyone

know that “*If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven’s scenes; they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines.*” Point well taken **FRANK!**



**FRANK COXON** then introduced his guest for the day – his son, **Tom Coxon** formerly of the Fisherman’s Wharf Rotary Club in San Francisco. **PP JIM SCHRODER** introduced both **Rudy Van Hunnick** and **Pastor Brian Orr** (Salvation Army). **PP TOM** then led us all in our welcome song – which just happens to be sung to the tune of “Anchors Aweigh”, so our guest could at least hum along, if they chose to.

**PREZ CHUCK** noted that Rotary does many things – helping local charities, etc., in giving back to the community. Our military members give back to the community every single day. We are so thankful for them that give not only to the community, but to the country and to the world. They are absolutely selfless. Again – thank you! At this point **PREZ CHUCK** introduced **Chief Carbajal** of **ACU-5** to bestow the first of the awards.



*Senior Sailor of the Quarter (SEA): GSE1 (SCW) Irene Reeves*



*Sailor of the Quarter (SEA): HT2 (SW/AW) Sahara Alonzo*

**MMC Delmer** was then introduced to honor:



*Senior Sailor of the Quarter (Shore): MM1 (SW/AW) Christopher Schow*

*Sailor of the Quarter (Shore): IT2 (SW) Jefferson Schildgen* was also honored but was not in attendance.

**Sgt.Maj. Valene Camacho** was then brought forward to honor those from the Marine Air Station. **Sgt.Maj. Camacho** had only been with the group for a week, but she handled the honors of each of the recipients extremely well.



*NCO of the Year: Sgt. Scott P. Kramer*



*Marine of the Year: Cpl. Uriah A. Richards. Cpl. Richards* was a double recipient as he also received *Enlisted Superior Performer of the Year*.



*Woman of the Year: Sgt. Briana A. Ferguson*



**Sgt. Logan Miller** then came forth to honor **Cpl. Hector Paz** of *Security and Emergency Support Battalion*.

At the end of the plaque presentations, guests who came to support the honorees - **Ms. Michelle Pages**, **Mrs. Kylie Richards** and **SSgt Jessica Johnson** - were introduced and thanked for their support.



**KUDOS to all! And many thanks for a job well done!**

## **HAPPY DOLLARS:**

Because we were more than a little ahead of schedule, people started offering Happy Dollars! We Rotarians just LOVE to give Happy Dollars!!!



**TERRI HALL** was \$5 happy to share that seated at the table with **Cpl Hector Paz**, she found that he's also from Long Beach where she was raised. In fact, they went to the same elementary school (Clearly at slightly different times!). **TERRI** would walk by **Hector**'s mom's house on Easy Avenue to get to school, and **Hector** drives down Fashion Avenue where **TERRI** lived whenever he goes back to visit his mom's house. It is definitely a small world!



**JAY CRAWFORD** was \$10 proud of the military guests we honored today, and is definitely happy for the “boom booms” we hear occasionally from Camp Pendleton as they are the “*Sounds of Freedom*”.



**RON MARBEN** was \$5 happy to share that he had been sailing yesterday, clipping along at about 5 knots when they came across a Navy LCAC that was doing about 50 knots. The LCAC actually stopped in the water and let them pass by. **RON** was very surprised and impressed with that!



**NANCY RUSSIAN** was \$5 happy to be back from her wonderful trip. WELCOME BACK NANCY! Thanks for the many pictures you shared! She was an extra \$5 happy for the people there today that protect us.



**PAM MYERS** was \$5 happy having been a Marine wife for 30 years and also having a son currently in the Navy. How did THAT happen??? (“We still love him, though,” **PAM** added as a supportive Mom would.) Thank you **PAM** for sharing your men!



**Rudy Van Hunnick** was \$40 happy to be attending this particular meeting where members of the military were honored because in 1944, when **Rudy** was but a lad of 14, members of the United States military liberated his country from the Nazis. He is forever grateful.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Board recently met and approved **Brian Orr** (proposed by **PE RENEE RICHARDSON**) and **Kyle Pederson** (proposed by **MELISSA RODRIGUEZ**) as new members of the Oceanside Club. Now the last step before we can officially bid them “Welcome!” is the required period for members to bring any comments or concerns about these prospective members to the attention of the Board. Speak now, or forever hold your peace.

Also, a thank you note was received from **Mary Jo Young** (wife of deceased member **DICK YOUNG**). She wrote:

*“Dear Renee and Rotary members,*

*Friday was a very special day for me in your honoring Dick’s dedication to Rotary causes and the friendships he had for many years.*

*I was moved by the friendships you enjoy and know he enjoyed them very much.*

*I want to thank those donations that gave me the treasured Paul Harris Fellowship pin.*

*Very much appreciated.*

*Mary Jo Young”*

Just prior to the closing bell, a little voice from the back of the room (perhaps **Jack Wood** of Fallbrook Rotary???) queried – “I’m just wondering WHY the ‘streets of Heaven’ need to be guarded anyway?” Good one!

### **ADJOURNMENT**

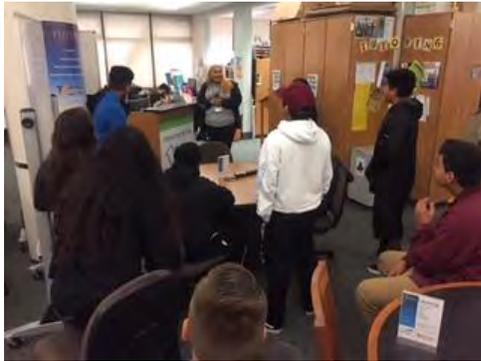
**PREZ CHUCK** was able to thank all for attending and clanged the meeting closed at 1:06 p.m., although a number of members hung around for some time after that to personally meet and congratulate our fine award winners.

### **BREAKING NEWS, AFTER THE BELL- or -“GOOD LORD! ... NOT AGAIN!!!”**

As you may recall, **PE RENEE** went through a big rigamarole at the March 2 meeting, returning the long lost official gavel to our Dear Leader so that he would not have to embarrass himself or our club in front of our Fallbrook friends by being gavel-less at this special joint meeting. And he was successfully able to wield his symbol of power throughout this entire session. But, as incredible as it may seem, just to prove that he apparently can NOT be taught, just a few minutes after he had clanged the meeting to a close, **PREZ CHUCK** was seen sheepishly confessing to a few folks that, once again, some nefarious Gavel Grabber had scooped up his prized (but apparently unguarded) mallet. But then he went from “sheepish” to “miffed” and “accusatory” as he interrogated several prime suspects about whether they had a hand in this nabbing. Heck, he practically put **PE RENEE** through a

TSA pat down search, convinced that she must be the one holding his prize. We thought that Groundhog Day was LAST month! Why do we keep having to relive this gavel business over and over and over? Sigh.....

### **CROWN HEIGHTS MENTOR EVENT**



The following day, Saturday March 10, we hosted another one of our community service events in which we bring students from the Crown Heights neighborhood to learn more about the community at large and about options that are open to them for growth and education in their own futures. This time, eight mostly seventh graders (along with our Oceanside Rotary hosts **JIM SCHRODER, MELISSA RODRIGUEZ** and **TOM BRAULT**) were treated to a tour of the MiraCosta College campus, led by two of the College's student ambassadors, **Samantha Mendoza** and **Alan Hernandez**, followed by great seats in the Theatre for the musical "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." It was the first time that most of these kids had ever visited the MiraCosta campus, and also the first theatrical experience for some of them. And, as an extra special experience, after the show, the Theatre's Technical Director **Justin Kidwell** took the whole group both onstage and backstage for a very interesting behind the scenes tour, including a visit to the set construction shop and prop storage area. The clouds and steady light rain made the trip out to the Harbor for dinner at Jolly Roger a little less picturesque than normal, but still the day was an entertaining and eye-opening experience for these students as once again we are making a difference in the Crown Heights community one child at a time through this ongoing program of enlightenment and enrichment.

## **COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

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 LORSON, Oceanside Assistant City Manager  
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!