



*May 10, 2019*

I guess I wore my earplugs to Oceanside Rotary for no reason this week, because for some unknown reason, our President RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE decided to start the meeting with a series of very reasonably sedate “tings” of our Rotary bell, instead of her usual high decibel “CLANGS” which would pound mercilessly on our eardrums. Oh, what a relief it is!!



The Pledge to the flag was handled by our president with similar restraint and decorum, and then she called VICKIE PROSSER up to lead us in song. Miss VICKIE put us in a positive mood with “If You’re Happy and You Know It”, cycling through all four of its verses (Clap your hands / Stomp your feet / Shout ‘Hooray’ / Do all three). To be safe, she double-checked with Prez RENEE, “Was that too long? ... Can I do another one?” RENEE smiled and nodded, and VICKIE launched



us into a perennial favorite - “Smile.”



JANET BLEDSOE LACY was tapped to provide with “a Rotary or an Inspirational Moment, or whatever she wants to do.” What she did was she gave us an enlightening history from Wikipedia of the origins of Mother’s Day. It was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial at her church in West Virginia for her mother, who had been a peace activist during the Civil War. Anna wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is “the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world”.

The U.S. Congress initially rejected the proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would also have to proclaim a "Mother-in-law's Day". However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all U.S. states observed the holiday. In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Although Anna Jarvis was successful in founding Mother's Day, she became resentful of the commercialization of the holiday. As a result, she organized boycotts of Mother's Day, and threatened to issue lawsuits against the companies involved. Jarvis argued that people should appreciate and honor their mothers through handwritten letters expressing their love and gratitude, instead of buying gifts and pre-made cards. Jarvis protested at a candy makers' convention in Philadelphia in 1923, and at a meeting of American War Mothers in 1925. And that is how the woman who created the loving holiday of Mother's Day was arrested for disturbing the peace.

### CLUB UPDATES

Prez RENEE passed along the news that ROGER VAN DER WERKEN is on the mend from a recent medical procedure, and encouraged thoughts and, yes, prayers for our friend, the preacher.

She highlighted the community service events coming up in the next week or so. First up is the "Got Your Back" project on Tuesday May 14 at 7 pm to fill backpacks for students. And then a special plea was made to get more folks signed up to volunteer at the Operation Appreciation event on Saturday May 18. Our coordinator for this event DAVE NYDEGGER noted that our club will be receiving \$1,000 from the organizers for our efforts, so a good turnout would be a great thing.

We have quite a few DARK Fridays with no meetings coming up, what with holidays and service events and theatre outings in the works. In addition, we will not meet on June 7th simply because the country club has no room for us that day, but Prez RENEE hinted that it would be nice if anybody wanted to make arrangements to set up some gathering (for say, a Happy Hour) at another location for that week.

We also were informed that our June 14 meeting will be held in the smaller Cabana Room down the hill from the main meeting space, and it will be our annual year end club awards ceremony. We will be skipping the formalities of a demotion this

time around since RENEE has had to endure two of those humiliating events already and frankly, we have simply run out of material to roast her with.



Our Golf Tournament fundraiser on June 24 still needs golfers, tee sponsors, volunteers, and especially raffle prizes. (A reminder that every member is expected to either provide a prize worth at least \$25 to \$50, or fork over a check to the club so a suitable prize can be purchased on your behalf.) ALEXA KINGAARD was asked to describe the prize that she has lined up – She asked some of her fellow authors in her publishing house and has received over a dozen signed copies of books, which she will bundle with a beach towel and a bottle of wine. Very creative and unique!

On Wednesday July 3 we will gather again at JIM SCHRODER's house on the hill to revel in the city's fireworks display. This evening will also serve as our 95th Oceanside Rotary Anniversary dinner, so we will be "plussing" this event with music and catering to make it a more memorable and festive evening at just \$42 per person.

### GUESTS

At this meeting, we were joined by our speaker (DMITRY ENTIN) and just one other guest (a frequently seen face and former member, RUDY VAN HUNNICK). It took a while for RUDY to realize that he was supposed to be posing for a picture and he lamented, "I wish I was handsome." Our quick witted photographer JANET BLEDSOE LACY assured him, "I'll make you handsome ... in Photoshop!!"



### 'WHO AM I?' – Version 2.0



Since she is about to ascend to the presidency again, and since so many of our newer members did not have the chance to hear her previous "Who Am I" given way back in 2001, TERRI HALL was given the podium to give us the history of her life to date. (Even us older members learned a lot of new things about her in this well-prepared presentation!)

TERRI grew up in Long Beach where she attended Catholic school for a full 12 years and enjoyed surfing with her brothers and their friends. (She sent in this photo of her back in the day with her long board. Amazing!) In college at Cal State Long Beach, she majored in Anthropology with a minor in business ed, intending to go on to teach high school. These initial plans shifted significantly, in large part because she met some guy named DAVE HALL in a golf class on campus. Long story short, they got married and moved to the absolute middle of nowhere in the Ridgecrest / China Lake area. She eventually finished her BA in Social Sciences with a minor in Psych and ultimately received a Masters in Rehab Admin from USF.



While doing her student teaching assignments (half in special ed settings) she discovered that “teachers never get lunch”, and that was simply not acceptable to her. She opted instead to work for a start-up non-profit (Desert Area Resources & Training), serving people with developmental disabilities. She worked there for years as a teacher, case worker, associate director, and then eventually served as their executive director for 15 years. She brought best practices to her isolated facility through her connections doing accreditation surveys for a national organization. The children’s center there was named after her as a tribute to her years of service.





Active in the community, she started a Special Olympics area meet in Ridgecrest, working with that group for 10 years. She asked to join the local Rotary club in 1991 because she saw that most of her board and other local community leaders were involved there. Gradually, over time, she learned what Rotary is all about. She loved that Rotary has such impact internationally as well as community involvement. A local couple who recognized her for her work in the community gifted her with her first Paul Harris Fellowship. Now, after all of her own ongoing regular contributions, TERRI is a “Paul Harris, Plus 7”!!

When her mom passed away, TERRI and DAVE realized that they could leave the heat of the desert and could relocate to anywhere they wanted, and so she moved back to the beach in 2001. (We wonder if she also jumped back onto her surfboard, and, if so, whether she has any current photos to share with us!)

TERRI served as executive director of North Coastal Service Center, which eventually merged with Interfaith Community Services. After a total of five years, she decided that she was “done with fundraising” and started her own business in 2005 (“The Practical Solution”) as a virtual assistant / professional organizer through which she helps small business owners part-time from the computer in her own home.

She continues to be active in the community. Not only is she an active and integral member of Oceanside Rotary, she also volunteers at two soup kitchens and Showers of Blessing, sings in the Seaside Singers choral group, enjoys musical theater, ballroom dancing, and movies. After 28 years in Rotary, she is still fired up about the organization – enough to agree to return to serve as president again in the coming Rotary year. Thank you, TERRI – For your service, for this illuminating talk, and for the present you bestowed upon us (a clever letter opener / Post It container emblazoned with the “The Practical Solution” logo).



## HAPPY DOLLARS



JAY CRAWFORD (\$10) said something that was “all Greek to me” as he bragged that he and ANITA would be leaving on Tuesday morning for a 10 day trip to Greece, exploring 5 towns by land and 7 more by sea on a cruise.



DAN WILSON (\$5) was proud to represent the club at the Laurel Elementary School Hall of Fame ceremony, where he saw firsthand the impact that teachers have on the kids there.



VICKIE PROSSER (\$5) had a wonderful time at a family wedding last week of LLOYD’s niece, HANNAH DURETTE. (And what a lovely family they are!)



LYN CORDER (\$5) was hoping that the cloudy skies that day would not turn into rain so that her husband AL would be able to go outside for the first time in a while to watch her tennis lesson.



RUDY VAN HUNNICK (\$20) was happy to be seated between “two pretty ladies” and also was moved by the “beautiful story from TERRI HALL.”



TOM BRAULT (\$5) was humbled to hear that so many Rotarians and friends of Rotary were planning to see him onstage in “Man of La Mancha” that night at the Sunshine Brooks Theatre. (Nice to have a rooting section!)



Speaker DMITRY ENTIN (\$10) noted that it was this week in May of 1945 when the German Instrument of Surrender was signed in Berlin marking the end of World War II in Europe and signaling the end of Nazi Germany.



JANET BLEDSOE LACY (\$48) proud of the \$48,000 in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarships. JANET opens her home each year to host a Garden Reception to raise funds for these scholarships. This year's event is on Friday May 24 from 5 to 8 pm. (\$40 per person. Call 760-435-3377 for more information.)

### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Figuring out how their number of years was a bit tricky for these two members, since they had been members of different clubs over the years. JAY CRAWFORD correctly calculated that he has been in Rotary for 37 years. But DAVE NYDEGGER got into a minor argument with our President and Secretary about his tenure in Oceanside Rotary. She said that he had left the club and rejoined 6 years ago, but DAVE swears that he had always kept his dues paid and membership current. There did not seem to be any resolution of this dispute at this time, and they just agreed to disagree on the subject.





## PROGRAM

Our speaker DMITRY ENTIN was introduced by President RENEE, who has known him for at least 6 years. As she described it, the two of them approach elder care from different perspectives. She touts the benefits of assisted living facilities, while he promotes home care options. They both, though, are clearly passionate about serving the needs of the individuals in their care.

DMITRY told us that today was his very first time speaking about this subject, and he was honored “to be in front of such positive people.” He works with Uni Care (which he likes to pronounce as “You N I Care”). He called it a small company with a focus on “Caring for Life”, which provides multiple levels of care, including: private caregiving, wound care, rehab services, palliative care, hospice services, psychosocial services, and telehealth, serving San Diego, Riverside, and Imperial Counties. The company has received an award of excellence from the state for keeping patients out of the hospital, and they can serve patients in 6 different languages.

DMITRY himself has a fascinating background. His family’s vacation home was extremely close to the Chernobyl nuclear reactor. They did not hear about the accident there, though, until three days later on a broadcast by Voice of America. Once they learned the horrific news of the catastrophe, he left and emigrated to Chicago, where he started out his life in America driving a taxi. Over time he learned to speak English and eventually he set up a medical supply company (ABT Medical Supply). He had always dreamt of living by the ocean and moved to San Diego where, as he put it, “God smiled on me!”

Here is an example of his positive viewpoint on life. His exposure to radiation at Chernobyl resulted in his coming down with Stage 3 cancer, but he considers himself to be very lucky. The tumor that developed was on his vocal cord which caused noticeable changes in his voice. Otherwise he is certain that he would not have known that there was a problem until much later. He was treated with cryotherapy and reports that he is cancer-free.

DMITRY wrapped up his talk by noting that he “came here with no money, no language. But now my son is going to be very successful.... Only one country can lift you up to the sky!” His final blessing to us all: “Stay healthy, guys!”

We applauded DMITRY for a successful first speaking engagement and rewarded him with the chance to sign a book to be donated to an Oceanside elementary school library in his honor.



#### OPPORTUNITY DRAWING



President RENEE moved into high gear to fast forward through the remainder of the meeting, because we had to vacate the meeting space quickly for the country club to be ready for an afternoon wedding. The lucky ticket for the chance to snag the \$552 jackpot was held by PAM MYERS. Her friends in the crowd encouraged her to pull the Joker, but PAM shook her head and said, “I didn’t get it when there were only 5 cards in the deck”, correctly inferring that her chances were much, MUCH slimmer at the jackpot this time around. Sure enough, she drew a “J” ... Unfortunately, it was a Jack, not the Joker, and she donated the \$10 consolation prize back to the club.

**DON'T FORGET .... We will not be meeting again until Friday May 31 due to our upcoming service events and the Memorial Day holiday. See you in a few weeks!**

### ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

JIM SCHRODER sent a report and some pictures from his latest journey – this time to Sicily. The first photo is from a dinner with a Rotary friend in blue (Roberta Macione from Palermo Este Rotary Club), her sister Alessandro, friend Bill Oakley from Virginia on the trip. The meeting was set up through a friend from our sister club in Parana, Argentina.



Then a series of shots from his sightseeing around the towns of Palermo, Castelbuono, and Cefalu:



Opera House



Inside National Cathedral





Puppet Show with 4th generation of puppeteers



Daily open market in Palermo



The central town Castelbuono





Inside church at Castelbuono



Village of Cefalu



The central plaza Cefalu



Cefalu beach



A crazy local sign. “Never trust men with sunglasses” (Note what JIM is wearing in the photo!!)



BILL DERN is also on the other side of the Atlantic, here seen visiting his son SHAUN in Cambridge, England - punting on the River Cam (“Saw one punter fall in the water... He was not a professional”) and enjoying a swig and a smoke at a local cigar and whiskey shoppe.



**COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

Tuesday May 14: *COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT 7 PM*

“Got Your Back” - Volunteers needed to fill backpacks with weekend food for students

4061 Oceanside Blvd, Suite E

May 17: **DARK No regular Friday meeting**

Saturday May 18: *COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT*

Operation Appreciation at St. Mary's Star of the Sea

7:30 am to 3 pm. Sign up for a volunteer shift

May 24: **DARK for Memorial Day**

May 31: DR. LEYLA ALI, A Pharmacist's Perspective on Why Drugs Don't Work

Reporter: L.J. FIMBRES

June 7: AWAY MEETING (T.B.D.)

Reporter: BILL DERN

June 14: AWARDS LUNCHEON

Reporter: DAVE HALL

June 21: **DARK for Rotary Social Event in the evening**

June 28: **DARK**

July 5: **DARK for Fourth of July**