

 <p>CREATE HOPE in the WORLD 2023-2024</p>	<p>ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE</p> <p><b>SHORELINES</b></p>	 <p>Rotary Club of Oceanside</p>
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*We apologize for the delay in publication of this edition. Unexpected technical and timing issues threw this Shorelines a curve.*



Co-President JANET BLEDSOE LACY called the meeting to order at 12:30 sharp, starting with the Pledge of Allegiance and reciting the 4-way test.

JANET began the meeting with a wonderful story of a crafty woman who was in a car accident with an unsuspecting simple man. In the end she used her feminine charms to turn the tables on the poor man.

*One bright shiny day a woman drove her car into a kind man. She met him on the side of the road and immediately said that this was a sign from God, and he agreed. She said that this accident was a miracle that brought the two of them together. She opened the trunk to get her purse and driver's license and saw a bottle of wine and said, this was another miracle that they should share a glass of wine and handed the bottle to the man, who eagerly took a long pull of wine not realizing that he would be the only one with alcohol on his breath when the police arrive.*

There were many lessons to be learned from this story.

TERRI HALL was recognized for the hard work she put into the Diaper/Gift Card campaign to support young Marine families. After meeting DAVID HENSELER from the South Bay Rotary Club, she learned about the drive they were doing and decided this would be a worthy endeavor for Oceanside Rotary as well, and remaining true to form, she made it happen in Oceanside. TERRI deserves all the praise for being an outstanding Rotarian



and upholding the principles of the organization and our club. Thank you TERRI! for..... well, just being you.

JANET reported that the annual fundraiser event for the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarships (held at her home each year) has been very successful. This year they had 97 deserving young people apply for 17 scholarships. The competition was keen and the selection process challenging, and the 17 winners have much to be proud of accomplishing. This year's event will be on Friday, May 24 and our club will have a number of members present to support the cause.

RENEE RICHARDSON gave the **CLUB UPDATES:**

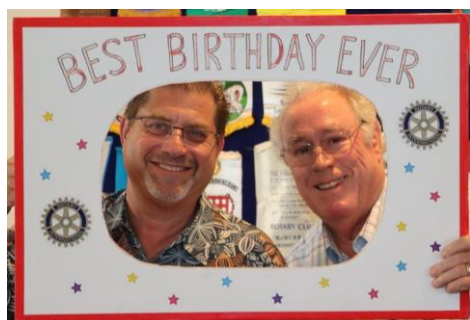
- Tomorrow (5/11) she will have a table at the Oceanside Civic Center for sobriety and mental health faire from 10:00-3:00 at the Nowell Family Foundation Sobriety Festival.
- 5/17: board meeting (Zoom Meeting 12:00)
- Sat 5/18: Goat for Joe Mental Health Resource Fair
  - Goat4Joe.com
- 5/24: No meeting due to Memorial Day
- Sat 5/25: Flag Placement – 3000 flags will be placed at the Miramar National Cemetery (5795 Nobel Dr. SD, CA) See RENEE to sign up.
- 5/31: Next regularly scheduled meeting
- Fri 6/28: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner
  - Sign up sheet was passed around. RSVP with RENEE
- 6/29: 9:00 am. Independence Day parade
  - Planning on big North County Rotary turnout as several clubs will join to ride together on a float.



THOMASINA JACKSON introduced all our **VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS**, and they were welcomed in our usual fashion with song.

- CATHY CORCORAN told us of a fellow Rotarian with a baby that has a rear auto-immune disorder, and her chapter was actively looking for donors. The ideal candidate will be of English and Latin descent.
- ED PARISH introduced his sweetheart ANNE SPERAW
- TERRI HALL introduced her children
  - JULIE PEREZ, from La Mesa
  - JERUSHA HALL and JASON HALL from Truckee





We celebrated the birthdays of LES NEWQUIST and BRAD FISHER with more raucous singing.

DAVID NYDEGGER. was honored for celebrating 37 years in Rotary



### **PAUL HARRIS FELLOW PRESENTATION**

The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The Fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution of \$1000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Those programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations, and shelter for millions of people. Rotarians and Rotary clubs worldwide fund, implement, and manage these activities. Rotarians also may designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of the Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace.

We move closer to a more peaceful world today because of people like DAVE and TERRI HALL who are both multiple Paul Harris Fellows. TERRI has achieved Paul Harris plus 9 and DAVE has achieved Paul Harris plus 4.

The Halls jointly had presented to their daughter JULIE PEREZ a Paul Harris Award during the height of COVID-19 for here remarkable Service Above Self as JULIE put herself on the front line caring for her patients during the pandemic.



Today, JASON HALL was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow in special appreciation for how his life exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of The Rotary Foundation. JASON was designated to receive this recognition by his parents DAVE and TERRI HALL.



### HAPPY DOLLARS

There were too many individuals to acknowledge with the exception of VICKIE PROSSER and JIM SCHRODER who presented a \$2000 plus check to the Oceanside Rotary Foundation. These funds came from the dissolution of the Sister Cities organization in Oceanside. VICKIE shared some personal history behind this - JIM had introduced VICKIE to the idea of Rotary as they were returning home from a visit to Japan when they were there with a Sister Cities visit in Osaka, Japan. The local Rotarians there had organized a dinner which had included the members' spouses because their club at that time did not allow women in the club. When VICKIE and JIM returned five years later, not only did that club have a woman president, VICKIE was coincidentally the president of Oceanside Rotary at that time. That was 22 years ago, and she's still with us to this day!



## PRESENTATION



RENEE provided our program today and spoke about the recent district conference cruise when the members and guest onboard gave support to a school in a small town in Mexico.

RENEE recounted the several days at sea and the smattering of district events shared with about 250 other dedicated Rotarians onboard. During the cruise they found time to educate other guests about Rotary by randomly placing little rubber duckies about the ship with QR codes which led people to a Rotary website. (In the event the crew should be forced to abandon ship, these could rubber duckies could double as a floatation device.)

When they finally made port, the exhausted Rotarians steeled their resolve and made their way to the wine country. After passing several Rotary markers left by previous Rotarians, they made their way to a small village which was their final destination to work with the Kumiai (one of the few remaining indigenous communities in Baja California) to clean up and repair 3 schools. These schools have fallen into serious disrepair and were in need of a lot of help.

The Rotary team passed out backpacks stuffed with all manner of school materials. In one case, this brought tears of joy to a child who had never had a backpack and the supplies were very much appreciated.

PAUL WENDEE was seen in several photos “supervising” and inspiring the best efforts of the Rotarians who were *actually working* on the project. RENEЕ told us that she came dangerously close to losing her prized, diamond crusted watch to a wonderful little boy who had never seen such elegance and asked if he could have it. She diplomatically steered the lad to where he could pick up a backpack of school supplies which the Rotarians had brought instead.

As a token of thanks and appreciation, the volunteers were presented with handmade bracelets, and the local Shaman blessed them with sage and gave a prayer in the local language to thank and bless the Rotarians for their work. After that, the beleaguered Rotarians lunched with copious amounts of Sangria to help quench their thirst. It is told that several of the Rotarians even brought Sangria on to the bus to help sustain them as they made their way back to the ship.

As a result of this trip, the District is considering adopting this town for future support. Additionally, the District will continue to gather donations of school supplies and backpacks for future visits.

The meeting was brought to a close with the **OPPORTUNITY DRAWING**. TERRI HALL had the winning ticket (743) but did not draw the Joker, and donated the \$10 consolation prize back to the club.



The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 with all being well.

## **GOAT FOR JOE TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER REPORT**

Submitted by RENEE RICHARDSON

The Goat for Joe Golf Tournament and Mental Health Resource Fair kicked off Saturday, May 18th. The golf tournament was sold out with 136 golfers!

Despite the May grey, 11 Community Partners set up tables with information about the services they offer in our communities. The event featured live music, a taco bar, petting zoo and bounce house for the kiddos! Additionally in the evening there was a BBQ, Raffle, Silent Auction and live music!

Rotarians, THOMASINA, RENEE, PAUL, ROGER and CARRIE were all on hand to offer our club's support for this event.

You may have missed it this year, but no worries -- The tournament will continue as DANA ALBERT, Past President of the San Marcos Club transfers to our Club in July. He plans on bringing this signature event to our club next May!

## **SHORELINES REALLY, REALLY NEEDS YOUR HELP**

With our longtime reporter JANET BLEDSOE LACY moving up to Co-Presidential status, and several other regular reporters either moving out of town or becoming less available to serve, we really, REALLY need to add at least two or three new members onto our rotating roster of reporters. This job is easier than you might think – especially because, if we are able to keep our roster at the level we are aiming for, you would only have to take an assignment once every 3 or 4

months. You do not have to be a great writer to capture what happens at our meeting. And you can rest assured that you have the editor along with our crack squad of Double Checkers who will go over your draft to check for spelling, grammar, and moments in the meeting which you might have missed. **Please, PLEASE contact TOM BRAULT (Managing Editor) if you would like to learn more about this important opportunity to serve the club.**

## ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

On May 15 and 16, several members of our club were featured in the Seaside Singers Spring Concert held at the Carlsbad Senior Center to practically capacity crowds. The group had a wide range of songs to entertain the audience, spanning many decades and genres. A true highlight of the concert was the solo by DAVE HALL, crooning the tune *Mister Cellophane* from the play and movie *Chicago*. His wife TERRI served as the announcer for the event, as was the Seaside Singers' custom. And BILL DERN ably added his voice to the bass section in fine form.



TOM and LINDA BRAULT made their annual timeshare trip to Lake Tahoe to enjoy a glorious week of sunshine, blue skies, and the crystal blue lake. But this time, there was the added blessing of being joined by the DERN family from Phoenix: daughter ROBYN, son-in-law MARK, and precious granddaughter BROOKE. Here they all are enjoying a paddlewheel tour of the south portion of the lake, including a remarkable jaunt around Emerald Bay. There has been plenty of time for nature hikes, meeting up with friends from dental school days, and just sitting around the cabin reading stories with the wee one.





More Historical Tourism from MIKE WESELOH:

*A Few photos from late April at Gettysburg National Battlefield, my fourth visit.*

*With American Battlefield Trust, an organization for the preservation of Battlefields in America.*

- 1. In front of Museum and Visitor Center.*
- 2. Union Ambulance. Imagine in a Confederate ambulance, not near as nice as this one. A 100-mile trip to Staunton, Virginia hospital after being wounded in the battle. The pain, over filthy rutted dirt roads, it took about a week.*
- 3. Union Colonel Uniform.*
- 4. General Robert E Lee headquarters on the Gettysburg battlefield. Gen Lee slept outside in his tent.*
- 5. The famed Devil's Den of the second day, horrible ground for the troops to advance.*
- 6. Near the Rose Farm.*



### COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Friday, May 31: Regular meeting, Noon, El Camino Country Club

Friday, June 14: Regular meeting, Noon, El Camino Country Club

Friday evening, June 28: Annual Year End Dinner – Celebrating 100 Years of Oceanside Rotary and Presentation of Club Awards – **PLEASE RSVP TO RENEE**