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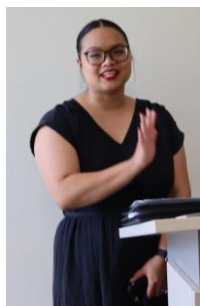
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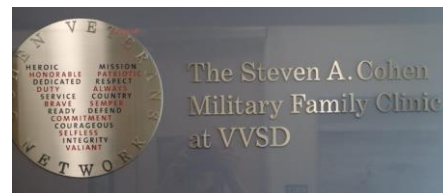

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May 12, 2023

Driving through downtown Escondido, looking for the Oceanside Rotary Club meeting, your reporter was sure that the email with the address of the meeting sent by **PRESIDENT RENEE RICHARDSON** was accurate and that your reporter had become lost on his own accord. After all, **PRESIDENT RENEE** has been past, current and future president multiple times over the past 40 years, and the address absolutely had to be correct, right? Thankfully, your reporter has a history of being late to our meetings and so his eventual arrival was not noticed. Now **ANCHISA**'s tardiness was another matter.



CHRISTINA WHITE, welcomed us on behalf of **The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at VVSD**, Oceanside, the host for our lunch meeting. The clinic is a mental health clinic serving post-9/11 veterans, active-duty service members, and their families which provides a wonderful service in the Oceanside community.



PRESIDENT RENEE chimed the meeting to order. **JIM SCHRODER** had an update on our **PAST PRESIDENT LJ FIMBRES**. He has not recently attended our meetings since he taken a new job as San Diego County manager for Shaw Flooring.



Some significant health news about our District Governor **CHUCK PRETTO** was shared briefly by **PRESIDENT RENEE**, but here in the newsletter we can share a more detailed report on this situation, written by **DG CHUCK** himself:



Dear Beloved Super Heroes:

As some of you may know, I was diagnosed with AM (Acute Myeloid) Leukemia earlier this week. I was working Friday May 5th, going about my normal life, when my right leg started to balloon up and I eventually lost feeling in the foot and calf. Transported to the hospital where my suspicion of a blot clot was confirmed. The pain was out of this world. Surgery removed the blot clot but then the search began as to the root cause of the blot clot which has turned out to be Leukemia. I'm hoping to write a blog post of the experience but as I begin Chemo my energy levels are beginning to be depleted, so we shall see. Everyone always talks about maintaining a positive attitude and outlook, WELL, I CAN TELL YOU THAT JUST IN THE FEW DAYS, IVE BEEN HERE... IT'S MADE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE.

I'll be in the hospital for about a month. Cards, letters, emails are greatly appreciated. The ward I'm on does not accept flowers, but I'm looking into getting information for folks to submit their names to the National Bone Marrow Registry. Most of us are too old but I'll find out. In my case, they only want to screen those under the age of 45. Both my son and daughter have agreed to be screened as a potential match.

As a result of this, a lot of day in and day out stuff will be changing. Please contact Patty Fortin, Bonnie Welch, for your Rotary questions. Incoming Don Fipps will be taking over most of the mundane but important daily tasks. Steve Weitzen is the designated Vice Governor for me this year but his family just passed and the services were yesterday. But LIFE loves on and I could not be more happy with the team our district has in place.

Keep your eyes on your Club fundraising efforts and Membership numbers as we approach the end of the year. Would love to see you all knock it out of the park as we wind down this fabulous year. So, no goodbyes just yet, just an update. I'm positive, ready to take on this dreaded disease and look forward to being with you all in the future.

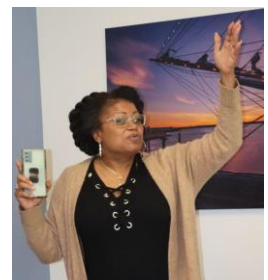
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU EACH DO...

*Chuck Pretto
619-708-1849 cell*

If you would like to send a letter, card, or note to DG CHUCK, his mailing address is: 3555 Rosecrans St. Suite 114-109. San Diego, CA 92110

Club updates:

Tomorrow, May 13 Board Retreat – 720 Silver Drive, Vista 9:30 to noon. Board members and new members are encouraged to come. You will be treated to a full breakfast. RSVP to RENEE



Tomorrow, May 13 Tri-City Pantry Food Distribution from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm New Community Church, Vista

Friday, May 19th Board Meeting via Zoom. Text or call RENEE for the link

Friday, June 9th Regular meeting here at noon

Friday, June 23rd Demotion Dinner here, see clipboard for Sign up. \$50 per person

Saturday, June 24th Walk or ride in the Oceanside Independence Parade, see clipboard for sign up

Monday, June 26th Annual Golf Tournament at El Camino Country Club – See clipboard. We need your help with Raffle and Auction items.

Monday, July 3rd Pot Luck and Fireworks Display- 6:30 PM at JIM SCHRODER's house (4020 Wooster Drive, Oceanside) See clipboard

More on the Golf Tournament Fundraiser:

PRESIDENT RENEE reinforced just how important it is for each of us to support this event, since it is our ONE fundraiser planned for the year. Therefore, the success of this tournament will have a great impact on the successes we might have in pulling off projects to support our community.

There are many ways to help with the tournament (Sign up as a golfer yourself / Encourage other golfers to register / Volunteer at the event / Sponsor a tee sign / Provide Auction and raffle prizes). Auction prizes and tee signs give the greatest return to our club, since 100% of the money raised in these ways comes straight to us, while some of the other event income will be split with our event co-sponsors. To help those who were not familiar with the concept of tee signs, this mode of advertising was described in further detail. Remember: If you have had a tee sign ad in prior tournaments, the cost is just \$100 (and TERRI HALL urged everyone to renew their support this year). If this will be your first time as a tee sign sponsor, the fee is \$125 and you need to provide the text and any graphics which you would like to have displayed on the sign.

President Stuff:

May Birthdays

LES NEWQUIST, May 7;
BRAD FISHER, May 12;
CARRIE CHACON, May 15;
DAVID SHORE, May 31.



With this sizable group of celebrators present, it took a bit of time and jostling to corral all of their faces into the opening of our “Best Birthday Ever” sign. Since there were patient visits and other important meetings going on nearby in the clinic, PRESIDENT RENEE asked that we keep the volume down on our singing of “Happy Birthday to You”

Happy Dollars:

JANET BLEDSOE LACY \$20 for a political candidate
CHRIS DUNCAN, running for a seat in the State Assembly as well as for the 32nd annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Garden Reception for student scholarships which will be held at her home on Friday, June 2, 2023.



RUDY VAN HUNNICK \$60 for the delicious food (Brisket, Tri-tip, salad, cornbread, and mashed potatoes and gravy with cookies for dessert) which was provided for our lunch. Word on the street is that RUDY made off with a container of mashed potatoes.

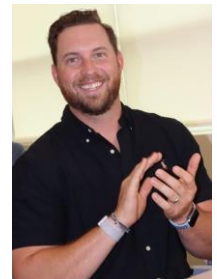


THOMASINA JACKSON \$10 for the wonderful lunch.



VICKIE PROSSER \$20 visiting grandkids and family back in Boise.

SEAN LOWE \$10 on behalf of the Rancho Buena Vista High School girl's lacrosse team, playing La Costa Canyon this weekend in the CIF playoffs.





ANCHISA FARRANT \$10 as this was the first time that she had been late for a meeting in 23 years. (Your reporter had just the opposite experience). ANCHISA apparently also relied upon the email providing the meeting address sent from the president. That was her first mistake and the president took notice... (Actually, your reporter likes this excuse and will certainly use it in the future).

And, to catch up on some Happy Dollars which we missed reporting on from our previous meeting on April, ANCHISA had given \$5 back then to celebrate getting to visit her 96-year-old mother in Thailand.

Time for lecture from the President:

Apparently, it is actually OUR fault that some of us followed the wrong address for the meeting as emailed earlier in the week by our President. With only 45% of us participating on the Club Runner app, it is no wonder that the president has to put up with the inconvenience of trying to get the word out in a timely manner with the corrected location information. Yes, ANCHISA, even though the president sent you on a wild goose chase by emailing you a location which turned out to be an empty field on Oceanside Boulevard, you were presumed to be a part of the 55% that needs babysitting, and it is time to APP UP!!!

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

LA-RENE MALCOLM

RUDY VAN HUNNICK

ANNE SPERAW



Program

Oceanside Police CHIEF KEDRICK SADLER

Chief Kedrick Sadler possesses over 22 years of diverse policing experience spent entirely in Oceanside. During his career, he has held the positions of patrol officer, canine handler, property crimes detective, homicide detective, patrol sergeant,



support operations division lieutenant, and captain overseeing the Police Department's Investigations Division. Chief Sadler rose through the ranks and has an impeccable law enforcement career marked by strong leadership skills and commitment to community engagement.

Chief Sadler earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and is currently working on a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership. Chief Sadler also maintains numerous Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certificates. He has a broad law enforcement management background.

Chief Sadler is known throughout our community as a professional, collaborative, solution-oriented leader who has directly supported numerous local organizations including Oceanside Youth Partnership, Save Our Streets, North County LGBTQ Resource Center, Oceanside Promise, Oceanside Chamber of Commerce, and Visit Oceanside. Chief Sadler has also served on the North San Diego County NAACP Executive Committee. Chief Sadler is happily married to his wife, Malinda Sadler, and enjoys time outside of work with his family with their five children - Justin, Jordan, Sierra, Jarred and Laila.

After this extensive and impressive bio background, Chief Sadler took the podium.

The Chief started out by providing us a little of his personal history. He grew up in Long Beach and served in the Marines, which brought him to Oceanside, when stationed at Camp Pendleton. Following his service in the military, the Chief wanted to be involved in an occupation where he could have a positive impact on his community. He joined the Oceanside Police Department 22 years ago. The Chief started off on patrol and then spent 8 years on the K-9 unit before working as a detective in property and homicide for 3 years. Then it was on into the administrative work, where he was ultimately selected by the City Council to serve as our new Chief of Police.

The Chief discussed his visions for the Oceanside Police Department. His vision includes what he called pillars of trust and legitimacy. It is important for department employees to earn the respect of the community. Policy oversight is also a goal. Recruitment and retention are current important problems for the department. The department also needs to stay on top of technology and social media, as these are often avenues for criminal activity.

Continued community policing is part of the Chief's plans for the future. He feels that officer training and education is very important, as he wants to bring into the

department the smartest and brightest. 45% of the department employees now have college degrees, which is in contrast to a time when only a GED was required.

Officer safety and wellness are part of the Chief's vision. He believes that mental wellness and quality of life are an essential asset to a quality department and retaining employees. Like much of the country, Oceanside does have staffing issues, and must be innovative in attracting and retaining new police officers.

The Chief did note that there has been an increase in violent crime in the past year in Oceanside, much of it is gang related. Working with Oceanside youth and providing alternative options must be a priority.

The Chief discussed his expectations. Accountability is a top priority and he agreed that he must lead by example. The Chief believes in constitutional policing, which means respecting the rights of people that the department interacts with. People come into contact with the Oceanside Police Department usually under difficult circumstances and the department must make these interactions as comfortable and as positive as possible. In line with this, respect and decency for all people the department interacts with is important. The majority of complaints received are because people felt that an officer was disrespectful or not caring of their situation.

Employee positivity is an expectation. Interaction with the police department can be impactful and a contact is a chance to change a life and make a difference in the lives of those people that the department will deal with.

Future plans including meeting staffing challenges. Chief Sadler identified open recruiting for community service officers, with 33 positions available. These positions are not sworn officers, but an employment means for entry into the department. Staffing plans also include lateral recruitment incentives, drawing officers from other cities to Oceanside. Retaining existing officers is important, and providing a good working and family environment is essential. An example of one avenue that is being explored by the Chief is the effort to identify a means of filling the gap in health insurance from what often is retirement age for an officer, the early to mid-50s, and continuing until Medicare begins at 65.

Important topics for the Chief include improvements in quality of life. At the top of that list is getting a better handle on the homeless problem. Oceanside is on pace to open a new shelter for the homeless. There is also a homeless outreach team where an officer is paired with a social worker. There is additional staffing in the

downtown area that puts officers out in the streets to provide better protection for both businesses and residents.

Traffic is the number one complaint received by the department. And again, staffing is a factor as traffic patrol staffing is 50% of what it should be for traffic enforcement. Oceanside will be looking at additional calming issues such as electrical speed signs. Crime is down, with crimes against people down 2.8% and crimes against property down 14.7%. Covid stopped a lot of jail bookings with repeat offenders released the same day and committing another crime within a couple of hours. The department is now working with the Sheriff's Department to change incarceration decisions now that there is no longer a Covid emergency.

The Chief took note of the new facility planning that is currently underway. The anticipated cost of the new police facility is \$126 million. It is located on 5.5 acres of land in the Ocean Ranch area. The facility is designed to allow for 50 years of growth. Grant funding is included in the different avenues of funding that are now being examined.

The PERT team is another avenue for ensuring better responses services. This team includes pairing an officer and a psychiatric nurse when there is a mental health related issue during a call for service.



As the Chief was being so gracious with his time, PRESIDENT RENEE had to step up and say time is up, which she acknowledged was a little intimidating as it is not every day that our speaker is armed.

Note: After the meeting wrapped up, Anchisa delivered our thank-you gift (created by Anchisa) to the Chief directly to his office!



Opportunity drawing:

JANET BLEDSOE LACY drew the 2 of spades. To quote Maxwell Smart, she “missed it by that much.”



And so, we were adjourned, with the subdued tinkle of a gentle chime instead of our usual clanging of the bell. Some grateful members were able to fill up some “to go” boxes with leftover grub from our bounteous buffet on their

way to their cars. (I mean, who wouldn't want to have some delicious BBQ in their refrigerators for another meal or midnight snack?)

HOW DID PRESIDENT RENEE SPEND HER WEEKEND?

President RENEE took Friday off to pull off our away meeting. With the help of BILL DERN, RENEE purchased drinks, silverware, and cookies. BILL met RENEE at the Clinic and proceeded to set up a table and haul the food from the restaurant to the clinic. Despite our large order apparently, they don't deliver. After attempting to run a professional meeting despite the unruly crowd she gave up and let it be! When the meeting was finally over, BILL, RENEE, and JIM SCHRODER ended up on the clean-up committee and finished up around 2:30. Leaving the Clinic and delivering a lost cell phone, President RENEE then proceed to finish the shopping and prepping for the Board Retreat on Saturday!

The incoming Board was greeted at RENEE's with a spread of breakfast enchiladas, corn soufflé, and Brown Derby sliders along with pastries! JANET BLEDSOE LACY was heard saying, "I don't want to insult you RENEE, but you couldn't have possibly made these beautiful pastries! OMG!"

The incoming board then proceeded for the next 3 hours to discuss all the exciting things that they wanted to present to the members for the coming year! I won't spill the beans here you will just have to come to meetings to learn more! A shout out to ANCHISA FARRANT who stayed behind to help President RENEE clean up after the Retreat.

They finished clean up at 2:00 just in time to head over and help PABLO ACOSTA with the TriCity Pantry food collection from the Vista postal carriers. SHOR DENNY, PAUL WENDEE, ROGER VANDERWERKEN, DARREL LARSON, RENEE, and BILL DERN with his brother, son, and grandson all worked from 3 to 6 pm sorting food. 38 postal trucks dropped off food which had to be checked and sorted. Anything expired had to be thrown away! RENEE took the prize, finding several items in one bag that expired in 2006!



All in the weekend of a Rotary President!!! Did I mention Service Above Self??



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Here Comes the Bride! Check out these lovely photos from the recent wedding on April 14th down in Cabo San Lucas of PAUL WENDEE's youngest daughter SARAH. RENEE had recovered enough from pneumonia the week before to be able to join in the festivities. The wedding party included sister SAMI, Stepdad JACK, the groom's mom NATASHA, the groom STAN, the bride SARAH, mom ROSIE, proud dad PAUL and Stepmom RENEE. A picture-perfect wedding! Notably absent from the closeup photo, though, is the groom RENEE believes that the groomsmen must have taken him for a tequila tasting!! (In a Rotary connection, RENEE's jewelry was designed for her by DEAN ANDERSEN's wife CAROL.)



VICKIE PROSSER celebrated Mother's Day a week early in Boise, Idaho with her son JEFF, his wife ERIKA, and her two grandchildren – AVA and HUDSON. What a beautiful family! No wonder VICKIE likes to go out there to visit so much!



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

TOM and LINDA BRAULT took off on Saturday May 13 for their annual timeshare pilgrimage to the beautiful north shore of Lake Tahoe. Even though they have seen this view many, many times over many, many years, the sight of that crystal blue lake ringed by snowcapped peaks all around is such an inspiring sight to see!



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Friday, May 19th - Board meeting via Zoom. Text or call RENEE for the link.

Friday, May 26th - Regular meeting cancelled for Memorial Day

Friday, June 9 - Regular meeting at noon. El Camino Country Club

Friday, June 23 – Demotion Dinner at El Camino Country Club. Cocktails at 6, Dinner at 7, Roast to follow. \$50 per person, includes dessert.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, June 24th – Rotary clubs to walk / ride in the Oceanside Independence Parade

Monday, June 26th - Annual golf tournament at El Camino Country Club. Need players, prizes, tee sign sponsors, volunteers.

Monday, July 3rd – Potluck dinner and fireworks viewing at JIM SCHRODER's house (4020 Wooster Drive, Oceanside), 6:30 pm