

May 13, 2022

After two years of COVID, your reporter was convinced by editor TOM BRAULT to reemerge into the world and report this week's SHORELINES. Your editor said that nothing could go wrong and not to worry. It was only after receiving the calendar schedule that your reporter realized this week's meeting was on Friday the 13th. (OMG!!! ... Back to hibernation.)

Since COVID, the world is a little different. The White House no longer has an orange glow to it, although it now doubles as a geriatric center. The richest man in the world is named after a deodorant fragrance. (Just a dab of Elon Musk behind the ears and the girls will go wild!). Also, people have used COVID as an opportunity to change professions. The former movie actor, Will Smith, is now into the martial arts. Apparently, the San Diego Padres are now a major league baseball team. The Gavel has settled down and no longer travels.

Apparently, the only stability left in the world is that RENEE RICHARDSON is still our past and future Rotary president (and Putin thought he had power)!

Well let's get the show on the road! (And we really WERE on the road, since this was an Away meeting, held at Enzo's BBQ Restaurant on Oceanside Boulevard.)



JIM SCHRODER led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, with ANCHISA FARRANT acting as our slightly shy flagpole, holding up the Stars and Stripes.

Next was our Rotary Moment with VICKIE PROSSER reciting the Edgar Albert Guest poem "It Couldn't be Done":



*Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
But, he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.*

*Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one has done it";
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quit-it,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.*

*There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle it in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing
That "couldn't be done, " and you'll do it.*

And with that, VICKIE was done.

CLUB UPDATES:

RENEE RICHARDSON reported on the work, actually the fun, of attending the District 4100 Conference in Ensenada. Apparently, their schedule called for meeting until 2 PM and then partying until 1 AM. Luckily, each member was provided with a hangover kit. RENEE's purpose of attending, obstinately, was not for the hangover kit but to investigate the possibility of our joining up with a sister club in that district.



The Ironman Triathlon event which we volunteered at provided \$350 in grants to the Oceanside Rotary, with our club being able to decide how this money would be utilized.

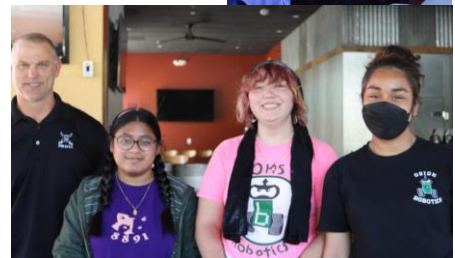
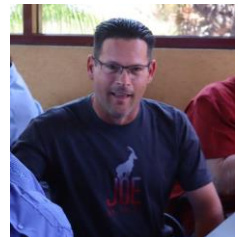
- May 27th – Away meeting Noon at DALE MAAS new Edward Jones office, located at: 3636 Ocean Ranch Blvd. in O'side. Tour and presentation, to be followed by lunch at Felix's BBQ (Easy walking distance from DALE's place)
- June 10th – Regular Meeting at El Camino Country Club – Noon - Speaker TBD
- June 24th – Demotion Dinner – JANET BLEDSOE LACY's Home – 2165 Grandview Street, Oceanside 92054 5:30 PM - \$45.00 each RSVP to RENEE
- June 25th – Oceanside Independence Parade – Meet up at our decorated Tow Truck at 9:30 am. Wear Red, White and Blue! (Location to gather will be announced.)
- July 3rd - Pot-Luck and BYOB Social to view the Fireworks – JIM SCHRODER's house – 4020 Wooster Drive, Oceanside 92056. Please indicate on clipboard how many in your party and what you are going to bring.
- July 8th First Meeting of the New Rotary Year! – Noon - TBD

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:

RUDY VAN HUNNICK

DANA ALBERT, President of the San Marcos Rotary Club

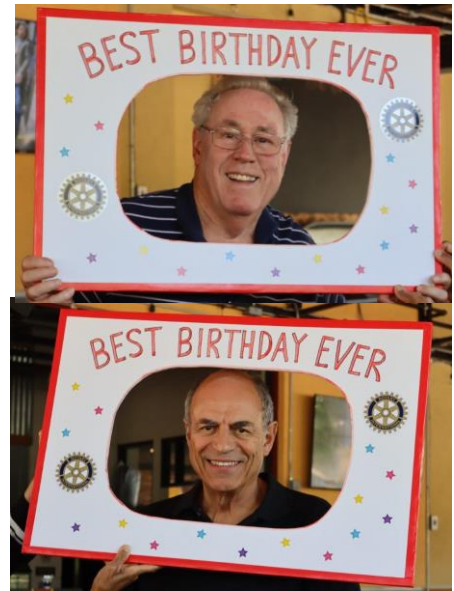
The Oceanside High Robotics Club's President, Vice President, and Secretary, along with their advisor DAVID FOGLIATTI



BIRTHDAYS:

LES NEWQUIST took note that his birthday seems to happen about this time every year and he is now 76

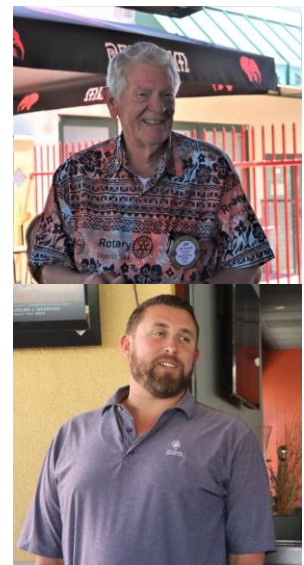
DAVID SHORE hitting the big 7-2



ANNIVERSARIES:

JAY CRAWFORD gave \$20 for both a club and wedding anniversary.

DALE MAAS has reached another club anniversary, but was off by one on his guess of how many years. (He has been with us for 7, not 6 years.) DALE attempted to use the patented Jack Feller formula of calculating (and thereby reducing) the amount of money he would contribute, But he was off again and ended up contributing the full amount that he originally committed to.



ROBOTICS CLUB:

The Oceanside High School Robotics Club and their faculty advisor DAVID FOGLIATTI were present. Our club contributed \$500 to assist the club in its endeavors. They are also asking for any retired engineers to assist them in their preparations for their competition. The club meets Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:30 PM to 5 PM.



A “WHO AM I” PRESENTATION AS OUR PROGRAM:

JANET BLEDSOE LACY introduced JACQUELINE BROWNLEE.

JACQUELINE identified 3 underlying principles of who she is.

Internally: ever-changing situations sustain her energy and movement and intelligence. It is her internal foundation physically and morally that affects her temperament, mood and thought process. These internal factors are ever-changing.

Externally: external events flow through her body out onto the external universe resulting in an ever-changing state of being. These flows are perfectly balanced in a millisecond when working in harmony. There is ongoing interaction augmenting these events. External factors include JACQUELINE’S mother and father contributing to who she is.

JACQUELINE met her biological father when she was in her 30s and he sought her out. After that one meeting, she never saw him again.

JACQUELINE described her mother as amazing. JACQUELINE’S mother was courageous and self-motivated. At age 17 and with a three-month old baby, JACQUELINE’S mother migrated to the West Coast seeking better opportunity. This type of migration by the black community was not that uncommon in the 1940s as circumstances required often looking elsewhere for opportunity.

JACQUELINE’S grandmother lived a hard life working as a servant and working long hours. JACQUELINE’S mother also missed a lot of school because of work. Likely as a result of the work mentality at the time, when JACQUELINE’S mother announced that she wanted to be a nurse, her grandmother promptly discouraged it. Perseverance paid off and JACQUELINE’S mother ultimately became a registered nurse as well as occupational health specialist. At her death, Jacqueline’s mother had more than \$1 million in assets as a result of her investments in real estate, stocks and bonds.

As a child, JACQUELINE observed her mother’s delight at



becoming an RN. She remembers her mother's excitement with the purchase of her first pair of nursing shoes. Nursing was her passion.

Foundation: JACQUELINE firmly believes that Passion in doing what one wants to do is vital. JACQUELINE'S father (not the biological one, but the one who raised her along with her mother) KEYSHAWN JOHNSON was a great man and a sergeant in World War II. He subsequently worked at the General Hospital as a custodian where he eventually met and married JACQUELINE'S mother. They were married for more than 50 years until his passing. JACQUELINE'S father enjoyed playing checkers, walking, and was especially adept at repairing cars, which obviously resulted in substantial family savings. JACQUELINE'S father had a third-grade education, but was self-taught and would also participate in reading the Bible. He provided JACQUELINE external input by way of his belief in the virtue of hard work and unconditional love. JACQUELINE noted that as Martin Luther King once said, "...be the very best in whatever it is you choose to be...".

Growing up in California, JACQUELINE also has memories of the only time that she felt unsafe, which was during the Watts riots. JACQUELINE also remembers the hibiscus plant that was planted outside her window.

JACQUELINE learned lifelong lessons that served her in her future profession while she was in school. JACQUELINE at one point was misbehaving in school and chatting while in class. She advised her parents that school was boring. Her mother met with the principal and the outcome of that meeting was that JACQUELINE was moved into a higher grade, where she excelled. This is the foundation of JACQUELINE'S ongoing belief that oftentimes misbehaving students are only doing so because they are not challenged enough in the environment in which they have been placed.

While JACQUELINE had college-bound courses when in high school, she did feel bad for those who were not enrolled in these classes. These classes gave JACQUELINE an advantage in preparing for life. She was enrolled in leadership classes, camps and conferences.

JACQUELINE graduated from high school in 1962 and received a modest dental association scholarship, and enrolled at Los Angeles State College, now known as Cal State University Los Angeles. Wanting to be a dentist,

she met with the student advisor at USC, but was told that dentistry was not possible for her. JACQUELINE used this lesson to understand not to make snap judgments or arrive at preconceived conclusions.

As noted, JACQUELINE discussed that we need to think why we think the way we do. She met her future husband in her 3rd year of college and he suggested obtaining a teaching credential. JACQUELINE subsequently obtained a degree in history and a teaching credential. She was hired by the LA Unified School District in 1967 and had the opportunity to teach alongside her 3rd grade teacher. Her husband, a teacher, passed away in 2005.

JACQUELINE subsequently obtained two additional college degrees, including a PhD in education. She served in the administrative field and was a principal of an elementary school. She remembers specifically one instance when her 5th grade students were struggling and disruptive. JACQUELINE felt this was because of a history of weak teachers in the 3rd and 4th grade, and so she moved the kindergarten teacher to teach 5th. This teacher provided the challenges that were needed and it was like night and day. The students subsequently were on task because they were academically challenged.

JACQUELINE was also a middle school vice principal and this was a good fit because she was more involved in curriculum. She was involved in a partnership with UC Davis, which was exciting for teachers to participate in. When teachers and students are excited and challenged, the students are successful. The goal was to focus the students for college prep and scholarships.

JACQUELINE observed that we need to look closer at how we think in formulating the internal and external aspects of our lives. As JACQUELINE said, “I am all that I can be and together we are universal.”

Even though at this point, we already were at the 1:30 ending time of our meeting, Co-President A.J MAZZARELLA opened up the floor for ...



HAPPY DOLLARS:

TOM BRAULT was ecstatic about the birth of his and LINDA's first grandchild BROOKE ERIN DERN, born in Phoenix on May 10. He provided \$100 (split between the Rotary International Foundation and the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation.) He then relayed the happy dollars from BROOKE's co-grandfather Dr. BILL DERN, who in his tongue-in-cheek announcement filled with Jack Feller style math noted that this was his 8th grandchild, so he would give $\frac{1}{8}$ of TOM's amount, or \$12.50. But there were some add-ons: This was his 5th granddaughter, so he tacked on $\frac{1}{5}$ of that \$12.50, or another \$2.50. And, with this birth, all 5 of his sons are now fathers, so why not add $\frac{1}{5}$ of that \$2.50, or another 50 cents. TOM noted that at this point, BILL's donation was up to a whopping \$15.50. But then, to show his class, BILL's message finished with "Last but not least, I get to share BROOKE with special grandparents – TOM and LINDA. I cannot put a price on that, so I am rounding up my total donation to \$50 to our Club Foundation." This string of sequentially smaller contributions led to lots of smiles and laughter, and both TOM and BILL (in absentia) were enthusiastically congratulated by their fellow members.



ROGER VANDERWERKEN gave \$20 to celebrate having the honor of pinning aviator's wings as an Army Blackhawk pilot onto his son JORDAN in a ceremony back in Alabama. *(See the photos of this auspicious occasion in the "Out and About" segment at the end of this newsletter.)* Also an additional \$5 to advertise

TriCity Pantry's Saturday food drive in which 50 city of Vista USPS trucks brought in over 3,000 pounds of food on May 14. Approximately 30 volunteers moved and sorted all of it.

ERNIE: \$100 to Polio Plus. He pointed out (perhaps as a reminder and a prod to the rest of us) that, thanks to multiple levels of matching including a match by the Gates Foundation, his \$100 donation will turn into \$400 for the cause.





DANA ALBERT: The San Marcos club's May 14th golf tournament club event, which had been sold out, had a foursome come available, if anyone was available and interested. (After the fact, we heard a report that their tournament was a big success Their best one ever!)

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:



DANA ALBERT, President of the San Marcos Rotary Club, held the lucky ticket. While allowing a guest to be a winner was a very generous gesture by our club, this generosity did not extend to the lucky Joker appearing, so he missed out on the big bucks and settled for the \$10 consolation prize. With no money to get himself back to San Marcos, Pres. DANA, to paraphrase John Fogerty, was "Oh, Lord. Stuck in Oceanside again."

With that, our meeting was adjourned and we headed off our separate ways, but with all of us having a bellyful of delicious BBQ and cornbread.

ROTARIANS AT WORK WRAPUP

On the international Rotarians at Work Day on April 30, an impressive squad of volunteers assembled at the Oceanside cemetery on Coast Highway to work on a rather unusual service project. Our task was to spruce up the place, including trimming the grass around the headstones and, in some cases, even lifting and resetting stones which had settled beneath the level of the turf. Look at the Before, During, and After photos of the marker for Mary Jane Alles which had sunk so low it had been completely covered by grass. Vive le difference! Yes, we were able to locate and bring back into the light a handful of headstones which had been obscured over the years. Plus we placed American flags on near the stones of those that we could identify as veterans, since Memorial Day is just around the corner.



Now for some “candid” shots of members at work at Rotarians at Work.
 NANCY RUSSIAN and LUIS RODRIGUEZ strike a pose.
 PAUL WENDEE knows his way around a spade.
 TERRI HALL rolled up her sleeves (metaphorically) and got into the life of a laborer.
 ANCHISA FARRANT engages in a different style of gardening than her normal tending of succulents.
 JAY CRAWFORD got caught laying down on the job.



Local historian KRISTI HAWTHORNE met us on the grounds after our hours of labor had cleaned up most of the southern sector of the cemetery. KRISTI told us of the history of this location and how the upkeep of this facility has been taken care of by various service groups over the years. She thanked us for doing this great service for the community, and particularly for those who could now rest in a more presentable peace in their newly trimmed and refreshed plots. Many thanks to BRIAN LONG who headed up this work project.

Around noon, after our workday was done, we moseyed over to ROGER VANDERWERKEN's place (Breakwater Community Church) where we dined alfresco on fine sandwiches, salads, cookies, and drinks while we compared notes on the day and just generally enjoyed each other's company. All in all, a fine day with hard work, some good fun, and great camaraderie!



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Several of our members headed off to celebrate with family members.

First up was ROGER VANDERWERKEN, who sent in this report and these photos from their journey back east in early May:

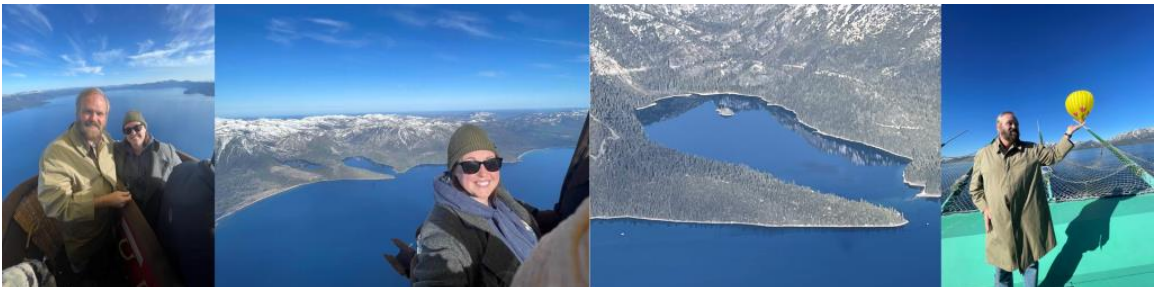
“JACQUE and I just got back from a trip to Fort Rucker, Alabama where I had the honor of pinning wings on our son Jordan – now one of the Army's newest Blackhawk pilots. (Don't tell DAN WILSON!)”



And then BILL DERN got to make his trip over to Phoenix do double duty last weekend as he and KATHY attended the first birthday party of their granddaughter MADDIE (their son JASON's pride and joy). And then, on the other side of town, they got to meet and hold their brand new granddaughter BROOKE (brand new baby of son MARK and wife ROBYN (formerly BRAULT) DERN. And when BILL and KATHY left for home on Monday morning at 3:45 am, they got to see MARK one last time during a middle of the night feeding. Congratulations, Papa Dern!



TOM BRAULT headed up to their timeshare at Lake Tahoe with wife LINDA and other daughter GERILYN. On one of their first days there, they had the incredible experience of a hot air balloon ride going up to over 12,000 feet elevation, taking off and landing from a boat in the middle of the lake. What glorious views!!



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

May 27 - Away meeting at PP DALE MAAS'S new Edward Jones office: (3636 Ocean Ranch Blvd, Oceanside). Lunch to follow at Felix's BBQ.

June 10 – Regular meeting, El Camino Country Club

Friday evening, June 24 – The long-awaited demotion of the J Boys (A.J. AND L.J.) will be held under the stars at the lovely estate of JANET BLEDSOE LACY (2165 Grandview Street, Oceanside). \$45 per person. RSVP with RENEE

Saturday, June 25 – Oceanside Rotary will participate in the Independence Day Parade in Oceanside

July 3 – Fireworks viewing party at PP JIM SCHRODER'S home (4020 Wooster Drive, Oceanside)

July 8 – First meeting of the new Rotary Year!