

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE

SHORELINES

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PRESIDENT Terri Hall

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(NOTE: If anyone has heartburn from any minor discrepancies in this reporting, please keep in mind that this edition of the newsletter was reconstructed after the fact from memory without the benefit of any actual notes. And, with that in mind, I think this is a remarkably fine job!!)



President TERRI HALL welcomed everyone to our online evening social gathering on Zoom and was surprised that so many members were already there as she joined right at 5:30 pm. DAN WILSON reminded her that she had wanted folks to log in early so as not to take up too much of the allotted time with the unavoidable initial "Hi! How are you doing?" greetings. So, for

our next meeting, the clock in will start at 12:15 (prior to the 12:30 meeting time) so folks can have some social time, like we would at the luncheon tables, and we can hopefully keep the actual meeting time agenda more on schedule.

Next meeting is FRIDAY, MAY 29 and our guest speaker will be past DG MARGE COLE who was DG in TERRI's first term (2009-10). She was requested by TERRI to talk to us about the Foundation. We will also initiate STEPHEN GENDEL at that meeting.

TERRI regretted that we had missed Happy Dollars at our last meeting. It is such a good way to earn dollars for the Club and give people a chance to share about how they've been doing. She also indicated that after she had suggested people might contribute what they would have spent on weekly meeting lunches since March to the match for the food grant, some members reminded her that they are on a fixed income and this money could be a sacrifice or struggle to pay. TERRI reassured us that this was a suggestion - There is no expectation of a donation and amounts given to this fund won't be announced unless you yourself mention it (like will happen later in our Happy Dollars time). PE MELISSA RODRIGUEZ asked about

the Club's policy if regular dues are a hardship on a member's budget and RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE let us know that we will work with anyone's budget concerns and come up with ways to allow membership. No one is turned away if they need financial assistance.









TERRI then welcomed guest JACQUELINE BROWNLEE who had visited us in the past and is interested in joining. Other guests welcomed were: ANNE SPERAW (guest of ED PARISH), ANITA ROMAINE (guest of JAY CRAWFORD), and LUIS (guest of NANCY RUSSIAN). TERRI encouraged ANNE to join our Club when ANNE admitted that she is no longer a Rotarian, but ANNE demurred since she is "in a lot of service organizations" already. TERRI (not wanting to simply take "No, thanks" as an answer) graciously pointed out that the door is always open.





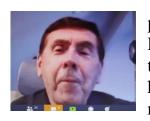


Some brief shares:

DAN WILSON has done remodeling, built a gym and did a lot of work. TERRI responded that with all of his productive efforts, DAN was making DAVE (and her) look like slackers by comparison. After ROGER VANDERWERKEN indicated that Breakwater Community Church has collected over \$600 for the match for the Lived Experiences donation, Treasurer LES NEWQUIST reported that we have pulled in over \$1700! Others decided to donate Happy Dollars to this event.



JANET BLEDSOE LACY was complimented on her hair cut and admitted she has always cut her own hair. Awesome! TERRI admitted to being of the "snatch a hair and snip it" style of haircut, telling us that she had done DAVE's cut with the dogs' clippers! We were pleased to hear (and cheered and applauded to



prove it) that VICKIE PROSSER shared how well her husband LLOYD is doing but that he would be starting radiation treatments soon. Prayers are welcome, to which TERRI added her brother TONY's name to the prayer list, as he also starts radiation this week. CHUCK ANDREAN was happy his

volunteer job reopened, and he wraps the seniors in plastic wrap and smothers them with sanitizer before loading them up to drive them to their appointments. JAY and ANITA are doing fine and staying safe, walking around the neighborhood. BEVERLY FISHER also showed off her puppy MOKIE.



Happy Dollars



ROGER VANDERWERKEN was \$2 proud that his wife JACQUE has made more than 900 masks and distributed them to health care workers and appreciated that JANET BLEDSOE LACY had donated material for the masks. He

said JANET's sunflower pattern masks were the first to be "sold out" since everybody loved them!

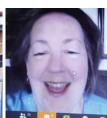
PRES TERRI HALL was \$20 happy that she was able to deliver some of JACQUE's masks to her daughter JULIE, who distributed them to her physical therapy patients.











LYN CORDER was \$18 happy that she was able to get masks from JACQUE for her husband AL's caregivers.

PP BILL DERN was \$10 happy to be able to vote for Oceanside Rotary as the best charitable organization on the San Diego Union Tribune's reader poll. (See how to do this yourself near the end of this newsletter.)

NANCY RUSSIAN was \$25 happy because of hubby LUIS RODRIGUEZ's great recovery from knee replacement surgery

PP JIM SCHRODER was \$100 happy toward the Lived Experience food match with ROGER's congregation.

ED PARISH was \$5 happy for a pleasant interview with PE MELISSA about his thoughts on her (and DALE's) incoming presidential year. Seems as if he was relieved that his "being interrogated by a lawyer" went so well! (If you haven't

received your call from MELISSA or DALE yet, we are assured that the outreach continues and one of our PE's will be in touch with you soon!)

PP VICKIE PROSSER was \$100 happy for LLOYD's recovery from surgery and for all the well-wishes from her Rotarian friends, plus she introduced her parrot SKIPPER to the group!

PAM MYERS was \$20 happy for the Cinco de Mayo dinner that BILL DERN delivered to her doorstep.(*She a photo of this delivery in action below....*)

LOLA SHERMAN texted that she was \$20 happy (since she wasn't able to be seen or heard on screen due to the age of her computer) for the lasagna that BILL DERN delivered to her. (*Ditto on the photo below*) – That BILL has been a busy boy!



RON MARBEN was \$100 happy toward the Lived Experience food match. PE MELISSA RODGRIGUEZ was \$10 happy for how interesting and informative her interviews with Oceanside Rotarians have been going.

A J MAZARRELLA was \$20 happy to be back at work, with all of his co-workers exercising social distancing. Mr. Snugglepants was equally happy but didn't make a contribution of his own (which was probably just as well).

JANET BLEDSOE LACY was \$150 happy because the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship fund is being filled even though they were not able to hold their traditional fundraising party this year, for the first time in the 29 years that they have been hosting it. VICKIE chimed in that she was a server at the very first of those parties hosted by JANET. JANET said it's not too late to contribute to the scholarship fund – Go to the Oceanside City website and look for the fund's page to donate.

LES NEWQUIST was \$10 happy that the San Marcos DMV is finally open again, and his wife CRICKET was able to get her new Real ID driver's license in under an hour (with an appointment)! The office reopened on a Friday, and her appointment was the next Monday! How's that for serendipity?

ANCHISA FARRANT was \$10 happy to introduce us to her cat, KOKO! KOKO has been with ANCHISA for seven years and didn't seem all that impressed with meeting us (typical cat) but the rest of us thought she was beautiful.

BOB PICKREL was \$20 happy that he and wife DARLENE are doing well.

After the party was over, TERRI said she realized she never called on hubby PP DAVE and asked if he was happy. He said he was \$10 happy since he'd already sent the money to LES. When prompted to expand his response with a real reason, he pointed out that CHUCK ANDREAN had mentioned finally needing to get gas



for his car since the city is now allowing him to take seniors to doctor's appointments again as part of their program, and DAVE actually had to get a new battery for his car since it had sat in the garage for way too long...

TERRI thanked everyone for coming to this online gathering and for their generous contributions. She remarked that we are so lucky to be in our nice homes (and so many of us still with regular income) when so many others are challenged. JIM SCHRODER shared that Mexico has been hit so hard and times are so tough for Rotarians and those they are helping down there.

DO YOUR BEST TO MAKE SOME OF OUR OWN THE "BEST IN SAN DIEGO"

To vote for Rotary Club of Oceanside as "Best Charitable Organization" in the SD Union Tribune survey go to:

https://uniontrib.secondstreetapp.com/2020-San-Diegos-Best-Union-Tribune-Reader-Poll

Then go to the major category of "San Diego Life & Fun" to find "Charity." Scroll to "Rotary Club of Oceanside" and click to vote.



If you'd also like to vote for PP RENEE's organization, go to the major category of "Healthy Living" to find "Best Assisted Living Community" and select "Chateau Lake San Marcos."

If you'd like to vote for JANET BLEDSOE LACY, go to the major category of "Legal" to find "Best Family Law Attorney."

You can cast your votes once a day between now and June 9.

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

With an Emphasis on "Random Rotary Acts of Kindness"



Here we see BILL DERN out and about in a proper mask compliments of ROGER VANDERWERKEN. (OK actually ROGER's wife JACQUE). Notice the appropriate anchors, from one sailor to another.

BILL has turned into our "Quintuple D" (Designated Door Dash Delivery Dude), as the primary deliverer of our "RRAK" (Random Rotary Acts of Kindness). It's just a way to do some nice things for some nice folks in our club and to stay in touch and show we care. Cinco de Mayo tacos were delivered for PAM MYERS and her family.





A dinner from Fratelli's Restaurant went to LOLA SHERMAN.

Then BILL turned into a third level middleman in the delivery chain. A collection of thoughtful gifts was ordered by ALEXA KINGAARD over in Hawaii, pulled together by RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE here in the continental U.S., and then

delivered by BILL to LYN CORDER and her husband AL SOMIT. Included in the

kind gift was "a beautiful teacup, teas, and cookies and the latest edition of ALEXA's book." RENEE added, "Did BILL mention that I also gave him a homemade muffin that he left on the roof of his car?" Inquiring minds wanted to know ... Did that muffin make it all the way to LYN (or to BILL's home)??? The response came from DDDDD BILL: "Muffin made it to LYN's place where it was discovered. Tasted delicious. Thanks, RENEE!"



No photo to prove it, but yet another RRAK was described by NANCY RUSSIAN: "I didn't realize it until I opened a bag left on my doorstep, a bottle of delicious red wine was delivered by none other than our DDDDD BILL."

A reminder that we would love to hear your suggestions about other "Random Rotary Acts of Kindness" that we could do. Let BILL and/or RENEE know your ideas.

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Friday, May 29 – Regular ZOOM meeting at 12:30 pm

Speaker: MARGE COLE – R.I. Foundation Giving

Friday, June 12 – Regular ZOOM meeting at 12:30 pm

No Third Thursday Evening Social in June

Friday, June 26 – Special DEMOTION Zoom meeting. (Time TBD)

