

	<b>ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE</b>			
	<b>SHORELINES</b>			
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Just when we thought we had this Zoom meeting process down pat, on Friday some folks had a bit of trouble logging on to join our online meeting. Our official host DAN WILSON kept an eye on the virtual “waiting room” ready to accept later logger-on-ers. ROGER VANDERWERKEN kept getting roadblocks to entry and ended up giving up. (Sorry about that, ROGER.) President TERRI HALL officially started the meeting at 12:32 pm.



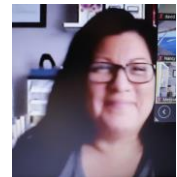
But wait ... That was not TERRI’s true gavel that she displayed on screen. If you can believe her, she swore that “My official gavel is in my briefcase.” Oh, really? And is your briefcase in another zip code or another state or something that you couldn’t go and put your hands on it? Sounds suspicious to me. To cover her tracks, she even read to us the inscription on this gavel, allegedly given to her from another organization in honor of her previous service – “Here comes the judge – and her name is *not* Judy.” All we can say, President TERRI, is that we hope you are reunited with your real Rotary gavel real soon ... Like before our next meeting in June.

In a perfect segue, we went from a substitute gavel to a substitute for the planned Rotary Moment. (It was supposed to be given by Co-Pres Elect DALE MAAS, but he had an excused absence, tending to the needs of his mom who was having surgery.) TERRI said that she was prepared to make some remarks on her own, off the cuff, but ALEXA KINGAARD stepped in to volunteer to share a recent Rotary experience with us. While she was helping her family get settled in Oahu, she wanted to go to the local Waimea Rotary Club. As she told it, this was “not a very well-heeled community”, and the meeting was held in a small restaurant space on the beach. Of the eight people in attendance, three of them were visiting Rotarians. The sparse space and the low turnout made her appreciate how wonderful our club and its meetings are in comparison. Their “buffet” consisted of just hamburgers, French fries, coffee, and lemonade, and when she offered \$5 in Happy Dollars, the hosts there were in awe – “You’re so generous!” All told, ALEXA summed up, she

feels very fortunate to be a member in Oceanside Rotary because (as it became clear to her that day) “Not everybody has what we have.”

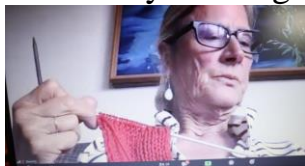
President TERRI agreed and acknowledged that there are “so many disenfranchised poor. They include the ones who are out delivering things to us”, and these folks should be respected and appreciated by us all.

At this point, our other Co-Pres Elect MELISSA RODRIGUEZ logged in, just in time for our Club Updates. (Apparently, she was prepared to give a Rotary Moment in DALE’s place but was just as glad that this agenda item had been already been taken care of.)



### CLUB UPDATES

You only had to look at the correct little box on the screen to see BEVERLY FISHER demonstrating live that our current service project is underway, as she was busily knitting a red scarf. MELISSA reminded us that the club has signed up



to join Operation Gratitude in their “Red Scarf Challenge”, crafting scarves and hats to be given to deployed military around the world. We know that not everyone has the skills needed to knit themselves, but we are encouraged to inquire

with our contacts to see if anyone could step up to this scarf making assignment. MELISSA requested, “Recruit your friends, moms, sisters, whoever!”, and then she read the list of all the folks in her social circle to whom she had provided the yarn and drafted into active “Knit and Purl Patrol” duty. When the scarves and/or hats are done (with the due date by June 12), they can be mailed to DALE or dropped off in convenient “no contact necessary boxes” at his home of office.

Upcoming meetings:  
June 12 at 12:30 pm on Zoom

No evening social in June

But a SPECIAL evening social will be held on Zoom on Friday, June 26 from 7 to 8:30 pm as we hold our annual demotion online and then we let TERRI HALL go out to pasture .... I mean, back to her regular, normal life.

## VISITORS AND GUESTS



Joining us for this meeting were PDG MARGE COLE, who had served as our District 5340 Governor in the year of the first TERRI HALL reign (2009-10). RUDY VAN HUNNICK shared in our fellowship for another meeting. Also seen onscreen was JACQUELINE BROWNLEE, who came back to watch our club in action again. (I guess we didn't scare her off the last time.)



Songmeister Extraordinaire TOM BRAULT was invited to sing our Welcome Song to our guests and, after our earlier experiences with trying to keep other members in time and in tune in this limiting online environment, in lieu of actually joining in the singing, members were instructed to “mouth along” and just lip synch to “Welcome to Oceanside.” 72% of the members did precisely as they were told, and the song went off without a hitch.

## NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

It is always an honor and a pleasure to bring a new member into the club, and this week we formally inducted STEPHEN GENDEL as a full-fledged Oceanside Rotarian, sponsored by his proud husband ADOLPHO AYALA. STEPHEN's new member packet and red badge (along with a nice bottle of vino) had been delivered to him earlier by our roving Random Rotary Acts of Kindness man-around-town BILL DERN. Our Secretary RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE presided over the



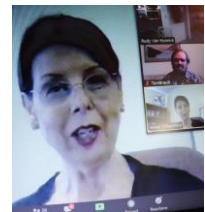
induction, welcoming STEPHEN as a “Trustee with us in the ideals of Rotary.” At the end of her brief remarks, RENEE said, “Normally we would have every Rotarian stand to applaud, but we don't want to look at your belly” on the screen, so we simply sat and applauded instead.



STEPHEN graciously thanked us for being allowed into this “great organization. I accept this as an honor!” As for how “fine” he felt about being let into the club, he gave quite a backstory to his contribution. As he told it, he recently celebrated a “big birthday” (75), so he would be donating TWO Happy Dollars for this great honor. A collective “HUH?!?!” could be heard from the assembly (or seen in the puzzled looks on their faces, if they were on Mute at the time). All was made clear as STEPHEN reported that he had somehow overpaid his club dues by \$73, so he would add the Two dollars today to bring his total fine up to match his age at \$75. (Yeah, that works!)

### OTHER CLUB STUFF

Speaking of dues, RENEE admitted, “This is not my favorite time of the year... And probably not yours, either”, but the annual invoices for club dues will be going out next week. The breakdown will be as follows: \$220 for dues and, also listed on the invoice, \$110 toward the “Every Rotarian, Every Year” fund. (Of course, instead of paying this lump sum upfront, you can always opt to give throughout the year, either through regular automatic withdrawals or through occasionally giving Happy Dollars. The choice of HOW to give is yours, but we would like to see everyone participating in this fundraising goal.) If – especially in these difficult times of Covid 19 – you are facing a financial hardship which would make dues paying a challenge, let RENEE know. We can make arrangements such as setting up a payment plan for you or prorating your fees to make Rotary work with your budget.



While on the subject of fundraising, President TERRI lamented, “It’s a pity that ROGER can’t be with us”, because next on her agenda was to report on how “outstandingly well” we have done with our fundraising toward the food drive through Lived Experiences and in coordination with ROGER VANDERWERKEN’s Breakwater Community Church which generously offered to supply some matching funds to our efforts. As of last week, our members had contributed around \$2,100 and the church kicked in an addition \$868. “Outstandingly well”, indeed!

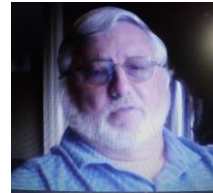
President TERRI suggested that we might allocate \$200 of that money to a similar food insecurity project through the Ensenada Rotary to help with their needs down there. “They are hurting, and they don’t get as many donations as here in the States.” Our Treasurer LES NEWQUIST nodded to affirm that such a transfer of funding would be





allowable under our rules. But then Secretary RENEE suggested that we could take that \$200 out of our budget for our International Service for the year, which has not yet been expended. A great idea for a great cause!

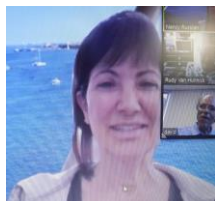
President TERRI then called our attention to a handout we should have received by email from the District re: Concerns for Re-Opening our Rotary meetings. Our board has been thoughtfully considering this input as well as having BILL DERN receive information from the country club and having RENEE give us her guidance from a medical / taking care of seniors standpoint. With all these factors in play, the current plan is to continue holding Zoom meetings in place of physically meeting through at least August. Of course, we will continue to monitor conditions and recommendations which may change as time goes on. Please do look through this handout, and talk to our incoming Co-Presidents DALE MAAS and/or MELISSA RODRIGUEZ if you have any ideas, suggestions, feedback, or questions.



### HAPPY DOLLARS

As the floor (or, I suppose, the screen) was opened up for Happy Dollars announcements, our Treasurer LES NEWQUIST let everyone know that the club has recently signed up to use the online bill paying system Venmo. Through this connection, you will be able to settle your fines and happy dollars by paying directly from your bank account to the club without having to write or mail a check, saving yourself the hassle and the postage! Hooray!!

Apparently, the system generally is used to shuttle funds between individuals and therefore our account was set up within Venmo as First Name “Oceanside” and Last Name “Rotary Club.” So, if you get an email from Venmo that says

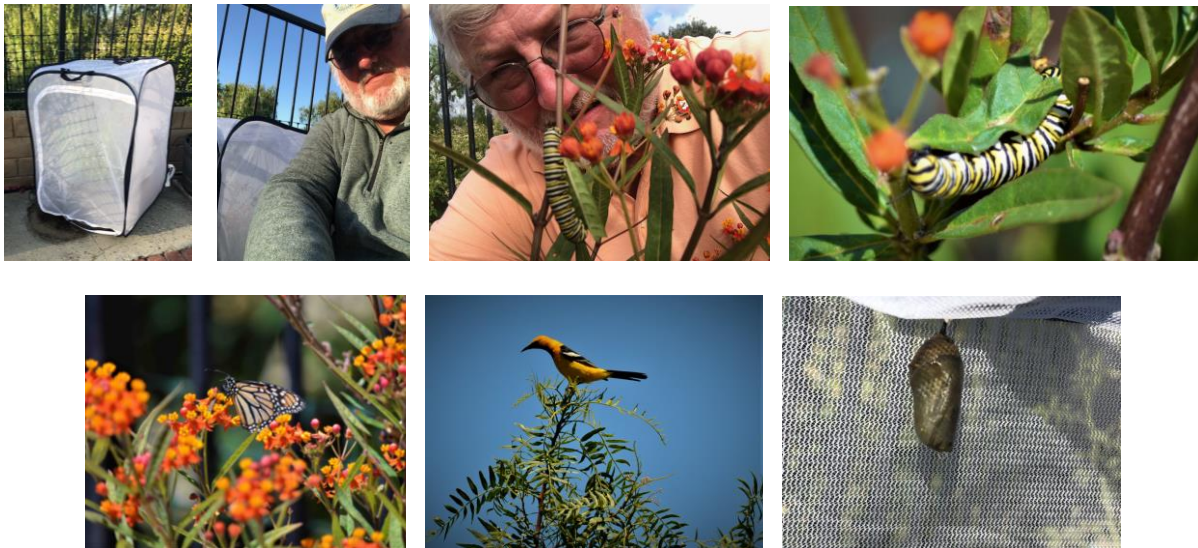


something like, “Oceanside would like to invite you to join this to make payments”, it is a legit request. More good news: this service doesn’t cost anything to either send or receive money, according to NANCY RUSSIAN, signing up is a snap to do, and LES assures us that we can use this process to pay our dues as well, if you would like to go that route. Thanks to everyone who looked into this option and made it available to us for payments going forward! Much appreciated!

Then we launched into the real Happy Dollars stuff:

BILL DERN was \$10 pleased to report that the “Random Rotary Acts of Kindness” that he has been so involved with is going quite well. And he is thankful that he has been on the receiving end of this brand of kindness himself! Recently

he was gifted with a butterfly habitat to help with his backyard nature sightings as he has been observing caterpillars and even naming them as “pets”! He started with names for the bugs like “Joaquin” and “Chiquita”, but later transitioned to memorializing fellow Rotarians in his menagerie, like the butterfly “Lola” and “Frank”, the Hooded Oriole. Unfortunately, he sighed, a few of the caterpillars have gotten caught up in the “Circle of Life”, becoming bird food, but now, thanks to his gift, they will be more protected. He proudly shared a photo of the first pupa in his new habitat. (“It will be interesting to see if it is a Dale or a Melissa.”) And he noted that “Dave and Renee are growing quite well ... I’m not sure about Janet, though.”



ERNIE MASCITTI has been UnHappy about missing our regular, in person meetings, although he is glad to have the Zoom option, which is better than no Rotary at all. He has decided that, since he is saving \$25 a week on luncheon fees, he will donate \$10 for every Zoom meeting held through the end of TERRI’s year and challenged others to make the same commitment and contribution. Several members were heard to chime in, affirmatively.



DAVE SHORE wondered if we had mentioned earlier this month about his birthday. This Sunday, he turned 70, and therefore he contributed \$70. (These pictures were taken at his birthday celebration with his sons BOBBY and BEN.) DAVE also inquired about how much it would take for him to finish up his Paul Harris Fellow contribution and was proud that (even at this ripe old age) he has still been able



to play basketball. (You're as young as you feel, DAVE!)

RUDY VAN HUNNICK gave \$20 to compliment our President for her "fine way of leading the club this year." Hearing this accolade, TERRI choked up a bit and said, "Zoom always makes me cry", glad to be able to maintain these connections to Rotary and other friends and family.

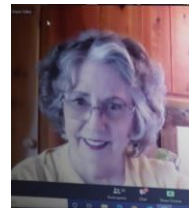
NANCY RUSSIAN is so proud of her aunt reaching her 92nd birthday that she donated \$25 in celebration of this fact.



LYN CORDER has already sent a check for this in to Treasurer LES, but she let us all know that she donated \$35, broken down as follows: \$4 for the four years that she and AL have been legally married, and \$31 for their total of 31 years together. Congratulations to the happy couple!

## PROGRAM

President TERRI checked to see if our Program Chair JANET BLEDSOE LACY wanted to handle the official introduction of our guest speaker, but JANET pointed out that she was already juggling a handful of tasks at the time, plus dealing with a barking dog in the background at her house, so she punted this pleasure to the President. TERRI is very proud of her friendship with MARGE COLE, who was a great leader and mentor as District Governor during her first presidency 10 years ago. MARGE will be focusing her talk on the Rotary International Foundation, and TERRI couldn't help but to take the time one more time to encourage all of us to consider setting up regular automatic withdrawals to the Foundation. It is so easy, and the contributions just keep building up without even noticing it. To TERRI, reaching the hallowed level of Paul Harris plus 8 was "So easy!" Then she handed the Zoom "speaker view" over to our Speaker MARGE, who figured out how to share her screen to show a fact-filled PowerPoint.



The Rotary International Foundation brings in funds, from small contributions to million-dollar donations, and puts all of this money to work in support of international goodwill and peace. Specifically, it helps to fund projects working in Rotary's Six Areas of Focus: Water & Sanitation / Disease Prevention / Maternal & Child Health / Literacy & Education / Peace & Understanding / Economic & Community Development.

A chunk of her presentation showcased Polio Plus, sharing the progress that has been made thanks to Rotary's efforts from 1979 to today. Now we are down to just two countries in the world that still have active cases. Over the time that Polio Plus has been in effect, \$1.8 billion has been raised and spent, and millions of volunteer hours have been put into the effort, immunizing 2.5 billion people world-wide. Put into another perspective, it is estimated that 16 million people are walking today who otherwise would have contracted polio. Clearly Polio Plus is one of the major success stories of our Rotary International Foundation!

And now the Foundation is working on a Covid 19 pandemic response. Locally Foundation dollars are being put to use through our District 5340 matching grants which has put in place a special fund available for clubs to engage in pandemic-related projects.

Not only is the Rotary International Foundation doing good works all over the world, but it is also acknowledged as one of the best performing charitable organizations in the world. Charity Navigator (which monitors and reviews the work of the largest non-profits) consistently give R.I. their highest 4-star rating. In fact, Rotary is in their top 1 percent of charities, receiving a perfect score of 100 for financial health and accountability / transparency in their ratings. Less than 3% of the money raised by R.I. goes to administrative expenses and only about 6.5% is used for fundraising expenses (for example, pins and certificates bestowed upon donors). This means that fully 90.6% of the charity's expenses are spent directly on the programs and services it delivers. A remarkable track record!

31% of Rotarians supported the Foundation's Annual Fund, which is the arm of the Foundation that funds Rotary's Global and District Grants. In the most recent year reported, 1,403 Global Grants were awarded for a total of \$126 million. At the District level, the Foundation offers clubs a \$3,500 match toward qualifying projects. MARGE informed us that the training on these grants has moved online, so we can learn what we need to know about the process without having to attend a single meeting. (Two of our members have already taken this grant training.)



Rotary Club Central gives reports on club and district giving. And members can manage their participation in the Rotary International Foundation online through Rotary Direct, which can be found at [myrotary.org](http://myrotary.org). There you can access “Donor Self Service” to add, adjust, or cancel recurring donations (like the monthly automatic donations that TERRI is proud to take part in).

The Paul Harris Fellowship (recognition for total contributions at the \$1,000 level) is considered the entry level to major gifts to the Rotary International Foundation. 31% of the Foundation’s giving comes from Paul Harris Fellows. (MARGE noted that contributions to the R.I. Endowment Fund do not count toward one’s Paul Harris Fellow account.) Over 23,000 members of Rotary have gone to the next level and have joined the Paul Harris Society, receiving a special chevron to be attached to the Paul Harris pin, for their commitment to donate \$1,000 per year.



In a brief Q&A, DAN WILSON asked how an individual could get involved with the active international Polio Plus projects. MARGE responded that information can be found on the Rotary website, with lists of who is doing what and where. (However, no immunization events are currently happening due to the Covid 19 pandemic.)

A round of applause and thanks and appreciation was extended to MARGE COLE for her very informative presentation.

### “WHO THE HECK IS THAT?” REVEALED



Our recurring contest to guess the identity of our members in photos from their much, MUCH earlier years was updated by TOM BRAULT. He held up the baby picture and then the 7-year-old picture of our “*Mystery Member #6*”. It was a tricky one, and over time, 9 different members had been guessed to be the subject of the photos. Interestingly, these guesses were pretty much split by gender, as we couldn’t even be sure if the baby pictured was a girl or a boy! But in the end, MIKE CURTIN, LYN CORDER and JIM SCHRODER all had submitted the correct answer – This mystery member was none other than RON MARBEN!

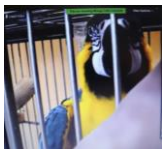


(Actually, ANCHISA FARRANT also had submitted RON's name as her "guess", but needless to say, she was disqualified from this round of the contest for clearly having privileged knowledge of the identity based on insider information.) Look for a new photo coming to your email inbox soon as we try to guess who will be *Mystery Member #7*.



### MEETING WRAPUP

President TERRI thanked BILL DERN for pulling off all of the Random Rotary Acts of Kindness, and thanked MELISSA RODRIGUEZ for all of the excellent ideas that she has been researching through the Community Service Committee, such as the Red Scarf Project. TERRI then admitted (with what seemed to be a tinge of regret in her voice) that her presidential year seems to be "sliding into oblivion", with our limited and irregular regular meetings and the fact that there have been no board or committee meetings since March. BILL DERN assured her that this fact "will be duly noted at her demotion." Apparently TERRI is already painfully aware of this, and suspected that she might need some wine to get her through the demotion debacle in store for her so she "won't be feeling any pain" that night. (DAVE guesses that two glasses should do it for her, but TERRI tried to have us believe that "I'm really fun when I'm half drunk!")



Parting comments before we all logged off of Zoom and went back to checking our emails came from VICKIE PROSSER, who said it is "Good to have ALEXA back on the mainland!" ... ALEXA agreed, saying her visit there was "Quite the adventure!" And the last word came in the form of a joke from ERNIE MASCITTI who mused, "With all this (*red scarf project*) knitting going on, my wife calls me a 'nit' ... Does that mean that I qualify?" He may not be a "nit", but ERNIE certainly is a "wit."

### RRAK – RANDOM ROTARY ACTS OF KINDNESS



Once again, BILL DERN (who normally has been delivering these little gifts to members around town) was on the receiving end of a Random Rotary Act of Kindness, as this box of fruits and veggies arrived by mail at his home.





What will Chef BILL whip up from this bounty of goodies? A similar package was received by DAVE and TERRI HALL. Rumor has it that a Potato and Leek Soup might have been on the menu at Chez Hall.

Upon her return from Hawaii, ALEXA KINGAARD was greeted with a gift package from Starbucks. Here is what she wrote in a 'thank you' to us all!:



*"You guys are awesome! Thank you so much for this lovely surprise! It's great to be home and I will work on the video problem for our next Zoom meeting. Renee requested I send you a picture.*

*And now... I'm going to take my first drive around Carlsbad with my new travel mug! And it came with a straw! I'm the only person I know that drinks hot coffee through a straw! Take care and stay safe!"*

Have these examples inspired you with any ideas of who YOU might want to surprise in our club with your own RRAK?

### STILL TIME TO HELP SOME OF OUR OWN GET THE TITLE OF 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.**

**COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

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

Speaker: VINCE HALL, Feeding San Diego

*No Third Thursday Evening Social in June*

Friday, June 26 – Special DEMOTION Zoom meeting. (7 to 8:30 pm)

Friday, July 3 – Regular meeting is DARK for 4th of July holiday

