

May 6, 2016

After what seemed like a long absence, Pres JAY CRAWFORD rang our club's Rotary bell with his own gavel and welcomed everyone to our meeting. Pres JAY was in New York City enjoying plays, food and sights of the city, and then he caught a cold.



Pres JAY then shared a Rotary moment.

"After a long, difficult trip home, being delayed 9 hours in New York, flying through Denver, feeling lousy because of a bad cold and as he was landing at San Diego Airport, the words of Dorothy from 'The Wizard of Oz' came to mind. I wasn't wearing ruby slippers but there is 'No place like home.' We are lucky to call San Diego and Oceanside home."

Past Pres GARY ERNST led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and Past Pres BILL DERN led us in song. Although Pres JAY told BILL we could do 6 songs, BILL decided on only 2. Noting the beautiful, sporadically wet weather outside, BILL led us in "Singing in the Rain" followed by "God Bless America". Great harmony, Rotarians.



## **CLUB UPDATES**

Pres Elect RENEE RICHARDSON provided our club updates:

• Noting that we have only 5 more meetings with Pres JAY, RENEE asked us to mark our calendars for the Demotion Dinner of the Century on Friday, June 24th at 6 pm here at the El Camino Country



Club. Cost is \$40 per person. See RENEE for reservations. (Yes JAY, you have to attend.)

- Next week, May 13th is an away meeting at the Jolly Roger in the Oceanside Harbor.
- We are dark on Friday, May 27th due to the Memorial weekend.
- We have an invitation from the Veterans Association of North County to attend their Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veteran's Association North County Hall on May 30th at 10:00 AM. If someone is interested in attending, please see RENEE.
- We have another road trip meeting planned for Friday, June 3rd. This club meeting will be held at the Broiler in Oceanside Harbor Village (1325 N Harbor Dr).

## **VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS**

Past Pres MIKE CURTIN introduced a visitor and potential new

Rotarian *{See below}*, <u>MELISSA RODRIGUEZ</u>. MELISSA is an estate planning attorney in Oceanside.

Past President TOM BRAULT introduced Lincoln Middle School Principal <u>STEVE BESSANT</u>. STEVE introduced Lincoln Middle School's Community Advisor <u>DEIRDRE COLBURN</u>, and school students <u>PAULINA MERIDA</u>, <u>DEBRA</u> REYES AND RAFAEL ROCHA. These students

have participated in our club's "Saving One Child at a Time" program in Crown Heights. We will hear more from them later.

LARRY HATTER had the pleasure of introducing a table full of visitors, Rotarians and former Rotarians, and he expounded upon each of their biographies for the benefit of the young folks in attendance. <u>Dr. JUDY LABOUNTY</u> graduated from high school at 16 and college at 20. JUDY went on to earn her

doctorate degree, taught school and served as a school administrator. In retirement,

JUDY is the longest serving board member on the Oceanside Museum of Art. LARRY asked the students which ones went on the Cal State San Marcos field trip and then introduced <u>Dr. HUGH LABOUNTY</u>. HUGH was President of Cal Poly Pomona for

15 years. Noting the new campus library and field house at Cal State San Marcos, HUGH raised the funds to build these beautiful additions to the school.





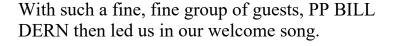




Next was a person who started and dropped out of college twice before he earned a Master's Degree in Economics at Stanford. He was one of the publishers for Howard Publications, which owned 25 newspapers across America. He is friends with the Vice President of the United States and a former Rotarian, <u>DICK HIGH</u>. Along with DICK was his wife JUDY. JUDY HIGHtaught school and raised 5 children (although some folks with keen eyes spotted DICK and JUDY smiling at each other at that comment and lifting up just 3 fingers – Had they somehow earned a pair of extra children due to LARRY's remarks?) JUDY supported DICK through all the social events that

just happen when you are a publisher.

LARRY then introduced his own lovely bride of 48 years, <u>CATHIE HATTER</u>. CATHIE was the first and only college graduate of her family. She taught school here and raised three children. One of them has a bachelor degree, one a master's degree and one a doctorate degree. LARRY introduced our speaker <u>PEDRO GUZMAN</u>. (More on him later.) And finally, LARRY introduced <u>BOB WARNAMUNDE</u>, whom he described as "a real hero in Oceanside." LARRY shared an email from former school superintendent and Rotarian KEN NOONAN who praised BOB for all he does to help our youth and our community.



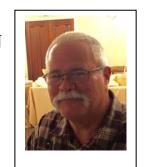
### **NEW MEMBER COMING SOON?**

Our guest mentioned above, MELISSA RODRIGUEZ, has now been approved by the board for membership. So now is the time, in the next 10 days, to let any board member know if you have any concerns about this proposed member, or forever hold your peace!

# PRESIDENT'S TIME

PP BILL DERN (filling in for Event Chair DALE MAAS) reminded us about the Rotary Club Golf Tournament on June 20th. There are many ways to support this major fundraiser besides playing in it, which is a lot of fun. You can be a tee sponsor without even touching a club. Most of that \$100 donation comes right back to our club. Also members can begin to collect donations for the raffles: things like restaurant gift certificates, bottles of wine, golf things, etc. These all help make the event more successful.





#### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

LES NEWQUIST will be celebrating a birthday on May 7th. Although not sharing his exact age, LES donated \$2 per year for \$140 to Rotary Foundation Every Rotarian Every Year. (Gee, LES ... Even us non-accountants can do the math on that one!)

NANCY RUSSIAN is celebrating an anniversary this month. NANCY had just stepped out to answer a phone call. Pres JAY said he would catch her later.

Pres JAY CRAWFORD is celebrating his 13th year anniversary with Anita so he was \$13 happy. He is also celebrating 34 years in Rotary through 3 different clubs (Corpus Christi, TX, Missoula MT and Oceanside) with another \$34.



#### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

JANET LACY is \$5 happy to announce the 25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Garden Reception on May 20th at her home. During the event, scholarships will be awarded to Oceanside High School students. JANET also reminded us to review the 9 scholarship applications for our Rotary



club's annual scholarship (We will award either one \$1000 or two \$500) and vote for your selection. These applications were also made available online by an email for your review or a hard copy is available from JANET. Thanks JANET for your continued commitment to our youth.



PP TERRI HALL was \$5 happy to thank everyone for helping with the programs this month.



PP TOM BRAULT was \$5 happy/sad to say Aloha until June as he will be vacationing, working and attending his daughter's graduation from Purdue. Sounds like a fun few weeks.



DICK HIGH asked LARRY HATTER to spot him \$5 to celebrate the fact that HUGH LABOUNTY is out and about and doing well.

#### **PROGRAM**

(Reporter's note: If you did not attend this wonderful program, you really missed something special. We had a chance to hear from some of the Crown Heights children we are helping with our outreach program.)



LARRY HATTER first introduced STEVE BESSANT, Principal at Lincoln Middle School who introduced 3 students who participated in our outreach program. STEVE thanked our club and LARRY for his vision of what we could do for the kids of Crown Heights. It gives his kids a chance to see really cool things they might never be exposed to otherwise – to open their eyes to some possibilities in life that they might not have considered for



themselves.

STEVE then introduced DEIRDRE COLBURN who serves as the school's community advisor. Her role is to be the liaison between the school and Spanish-speaking parents. STEVE told us, "When you walk through Crown Heights with DEIRDRE, it's like walking with a celebrity." She is known by everyone in the community and has earned their trust. Most of the parents in Crown Heights are first generation parents from Mexico and other Latin American countries and do not



understand the system and do not trust. DEIRDRE builds the relationships and trust for the children and parents. DEIRDRE shared that she has been with the district for 19 years and 11 at Lincoln Middle School. She is pleased to learn more about the contributions of our Rotary Club for Crown Heights. Over 200 students at Lincoln

Middle School live in Crown Heights. With the help of North County Lifeline and Oceanside Rotary, huge positive impacts have helped her children.

We then heard from the kids individually. Student RAFAEL ROCHA went with our members to Camp Pendleton, touring the base. He thanked us for the chance to see something really cool. Next up was DELMA REYES who also thanked us for taking her to the Marine Base and letting her go places a lot of people can't go. Lastly, PAULINA MERIDA went to both the baseball game/campus tour at Cal State San Marcos as well as the Camp Pendleton tour. She thanked us for chance to see the college and tour the base. Realizing that he was not quite finished, RAFAEL returned to the microphone to again thank us, as the president of a neighborhood club, for all we do for Crown Heights.

LARRY next introduced a young man who grew up in Crown Heights, who is now married with 2 children and currently lives in Crown Heights, PEDRO GUZMAN. LARRY got to know PEDRO through HUGH LABOUNTY, as PEDRO was his caregiver while HUGH recovered from his stroke on December



5th. Today is HUGH's first outside visit since he had the stroke. (Boy...was it good to see HUGH!)

PEDRO was born in Fallbrook and moved to Crown Heights as a baby. His father was an alcoholic and in the country illegally, so he was getting deported regularly which made life really hard. About the time PEDRO entered middle school, he began to notice there were gangs. During 6th and 7th grade, he was a good student with a 4.0 GPA. In 8th grade, though, things started to go downhill, including lower grades and being suspended from school. Around this time PEDRO's dad stopped drinking. When he attended his son's expulsion hearing, he started to cry because he was disappointed. He tried to point out to his son that he had



to get involved with the community and not the gangs. But the way that PEDRO saw it then, if you were not involved with the gang, you got picked on because you are by yourself. If you were involved, you have someone to back you up. PEDRO shared how Mr. BOB (WARNAMUNDE) had helped him out, welcomed him into his home and trusted him. Having someone that trusts you and that you can confide with helps a lot.

HUGH LABOUNTY shared how much PEDRO had done for him. Working with stroke victims takes a special person and PEDRO is really special. HUGH also challenged our club to continue to help the youths of Crown Heights so they can emulate what PEDRO has done and become successful adults.

PP TERRI HALL asked if PEDRO had any advice for the students present today on how to walk that line between being involved and staying out of the gangs. PEDRO shared that you know what is right for yourself. Just keep that in mind when you do things. Remember your parents came here to give you a better life, not for you to get involved in gangs.

Pres JAY gave PEDRO a Rotary Pin with this year's theme, "Be a Gift to the World". PEDRO, you are a gift to this world and to your neighborhood community as a role model. Pres JAY also thanked STEVE BESSANT with a certificate of appreciation and noted that a donation will be made to Brother Benno's in his honor.







# **BREAKING NEWS:** REPORT ON THE LATEST CROWN HEIGHTS MENTOR EVENT

This just in to the Shorelines News Desk, from President JAY:

"ANCHISA and I went to Mira Costa College yesterday with MELANIE CASTRO from Lincoln Middle School (only kid going...the rest dropped out at the last minute). We toured the campus with 2 student guides, LUPITA HENANDEZ and



LILY RECILLAS. They took us all around the campus, explaining the many services and amenities of the college. MELANIE enjoys math and science, and would like to be a software engineer. ANCHISA took several pictures inside the library, a few campus scenic views of the tower and a Jacaranda Tree, and a variety of pics of us on campus and having dinner at the Lighthouse Bar and Grille at Oceanside Harbor after the play "The Grapes of Wrath." The play told of the serious and arduous journey for the Joad family during the Dust Bowl period with many sad endings, but the production was a great piece of work. MELANIE enjoyed the play and tour, and really liked the Lighthouse Grille (she ordered Surf and Turf)! MELANIE was a very polite and mature youngster, and a joy to have with us."











#### OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

Just before the drawing, Pres JAY noted NANCY RUSSIAN had returned to the meeting so he quickly asked her how happy she was to be celebrating a wedding anniversary. NANCY was \$10 happy to celebrate #8. (Hmm..Isn't it impressive that our President remembered missing NANCY earlier in the meeting? Maybe he realizes he is behind on collection of fines and happy dollars for the club budget.)



Anyway, PP MIKE CURTIN held the winning ticket and drew an Ace of Spades, winning \$407. MIKE immediately announced that he would donate half of that windfall jackpot back to our club.

President JAY thanked everyone for coming and rang our bell with HIS gavel, bring this great meeting to a close.



#### ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

The continuation of the photo journal from JIM SCHRODER on his tour of the Far East, in his own words.

These are the famous prayer wheels all over Bhutan to pray.

Jim and some new friends in a 17th century village in Bhutan. Notice the old, old mud houses in the rear of the photo. I had just shown the kids

the photos I had taken of them and they wanted a photo with me in it.

Climbing up 10,340 feet to Tiger's Nest monastery. Please google Tiger's Nest to see more information. Built thousands of feet up the side of a sheer cliff in the 17th Century. Took 5 hours to make the round trip. This was my personal Mt. Everest in Bhutan.

Kathmandu, Nepal in the city. Incredible congestion, traffic, and pollution. Check out the telephone wires.

April 25th was the first anniversary of the damaging earthquake that rocked Kathmandu and Nepal. To date, only some rebuilding is happening. I was told by more than several people that the money sent from around the world has not "yet" gone to the people to help rebuild. Sound familiar??

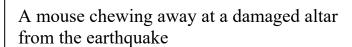






This is only a very small sampling of the devastation I have seen there. The metal Quonset hut is a temporary dwelling for someone who had lost their home.

Repairing earthquake damage to the main Stupa prayer center in Kathmandu. Tourism is off 95% after the quake.



Little girl at the Golden Temple

A local Rotary Club supports a Kathmandu library

















Maze of people everywhere

Riding in a rickshaw through the streets and traffic. Holy moly!!!

On Tuesday, May 3, I flew on Yeti Airlines over and around Mt. Everest and the surrounding Himalayan Mountains. This is the second time I have seen these beautiful mountains.

{Photo 14} Mt. Everest (29,028 feet ) is at the rear top of this photo {Photo 15} The surrounding Himalayan Mountains





#### COMING UP AT OCEANSIDE ROTARY

May 13 – AWAY MEETING at Jolly Roger Restaurant, Oceanside Harbor

JOHN AMBERSON, City of Oceanside, Coast Highway Project Reporter: DAVE SHORE

May 20 – DAVE STEWART, Genentech

Reporter: VICKIE PROSSER

May 27 – DARK for MEMORIAL DAY

June 3 – AWAY MEETING at the Broiler restaurant, Oceanside Harbor PAUL GREENWOOD, Deputy District Attorney – "Elder Abuse and Family Protection"

Reporter: JIM SCHRODER

June 10 – RANDALL BUFFMAN – "The Truth about Reverse Mortgages"

Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

June 17 – MIKE WESELOH – "Trials and Tribulations of a Football Referee"

Reporter: TOM BRAULT

June 24 – Regular Lunch meeting will be DARK

June 24 @ 6 pm – DEMOTION DINNER for President JAY CRAWFORD

Make your reservations with RENEE

Reporter: TOM BRAULT

July 1 – DARK for Fourth of July weekend