



May 31, 2024

Your reporter raced into the country club with two minutes to spare and the meeting was changed to order at precisely 12:30 pm by Co-President PAUL WENDEE. We are not sure if he was showing favoritism



because of the name, but Mr. WENDEE then promptly called on WENDY VASQUEZANZUA to lead us in the pledge to the flag. PAUL then seemed ready to move on to the meeting before he was reminded by the masses that we customarily follow the pledge with the recitation of the Four Way Test (.... and this week, we actually had that banner posted right up front, right next to the podium AND pamphlets spelling out the 4 ways had been laid upon our tables – How could PAUL have missed those hints?) Suitably reminded, he went right to our “go to” gal for the Four Way Test TERRI HALL, who handled the task with grace and decorum.



Then PAUL plowed forward on the agenda to **CLUB UPDATES**, which were provided by Secretary RENEE RICHARDSON. She started this segment by asking who in the club regularly reads “Newsbits” – the weekly District 5340 online newsletter. She was proud to point out that, with multiple club events deserving notice, Oceanside Rotary has been featured in every edition since March, making us quite visible in the local Rotary world. (If you are NOT receiving “Newsbits,” let RENEE know and she can hook you up to that flow of info.)



On to the normal announcements:

Friday, June 14: Our next regular meeting. The program will be learning about the annual Juneteenth commemoration.

Friday, June 28: Our Year End / 100 Year dinner celebration will kick off at 6 pm at El Camino Country Club. \$55 per person to be there for the fun and food. So far about 34 guests have signed up, but there is still room for you at a table. **Talk to RENEE to reserve your spot.**

Saturday, June 29: This year's Rotary entry in the Oceanside Independence parade (starting around 9 am and televised on KOCT) will feature Rotarians from several different area clubs (Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, San Marcos, and Escondido so far) sharing our float. New banners are being created, along with putting quotes and info about programs onto promotional signs to be carried by members – a way to build awareness of what Rotary does.

RENEE said Friday, July 14 (but we are pretty sure that she meant July 12): Our first meeting of the new Rotary year with PAUL and JANET at the helm will be a Club Assembly to talk about what is in store in the months ahead.

Friday, July 19: Board meeting on Zoom at noon

THOMASINA JACKSON was tasked with figuring out who in the crowd were **VISITORS AND GUESTS.**



BILL DERN proudly pointed out his “baby brother” JOHN DERN, visiting for a few weeks from Longmont, Colorado, may be becoming a Rotarian before the next time we see him.



RENEE introduced SHERRI SINGLETON from Live Well Senior Connections (who had a table at our celebration in Heritage Park) as well as RICHARD JENNINGS (a board member at Veterans Association of North County). RICHARD has visited with us for several meetings, and both he and SHERRI have said that they are potentially interested in becoming Rotarians, too. How about that?



TERRI HALL had the pleasure of being seated at a table with our perennial visitor RUDY VAN HUNNICK.

TOM BRAULT seemed to be seated at one of the front tables all by his lonesome (... That's what you get when you show up to the meeting at the last minute, dude), but no – Referring to the new movie in theaters now called “IF” (a story about Imaginary Friends), TOM introduced his three invisible friends joining him at his table: MANNY, MOE, and JACK.



Seeking someone to lead the Welcome Song, it was suggested that perhaps one of TOM's see through friends might do the honors, and JACK agreed, starting “Welcome to Oceanside” in a key that would suit a Munchkin, but that the members somehow were able to sing along with. You don't see (... Or NOT see) something like that every day at Rotary!



GOAT FOR JOE FUNDRAISER RECAP



DANA ALBERT let us know that the May 18th golf tournament / mental health resource fair was once again a big success. Several of our Rotarians (THOMASINA, ROGER, CARRIE, RENEE and PAUL) were in attendance to support the event which hosted 250 people for lunch, 128 golfers and featured a BBQ dinner. In all, the event netted a profit of about \$20,000 which primarily benefited True Care Behavioral Health. DANA thanked all who showed up and for those of us who missed it, a video is available to view. As DANA transitions over to be a member of our club, Oceanside Rotary will be more involved in years to come, and he expects this annual event to continue to grow, as it has for the past seven years.

HAPPY DOLLARS

CoPrez PAUL started Happy Dollars himself with \$20 to celebrate becoming a grandfather at 4 am. A cute new 6-pound addition to the family named THEODORE DUKE entered the world – and no doubt (given his blood line) will become a Rotarian sometime down the road. Congrats to the newly expanded WENDEE family!

His CoPrez JANET BLEDSOE LACY triple dipped her Happy Dollars to talk about a trio of things: 1) The 33rd year of the city's Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship event held, as always, at her home, bestowed \$100,000 on 17 worthy students; 2) Reported that THOMASINA JACKSON will be our Juneteenth guest speaker; and 3) Proud, as a retired lawyer, to have seen the U.S. judicial system –

the best in the world – do its job this week. Without providing any specifics, she hinted at the case which had pleased her when she announced her Happy Dollars would total \$34.

TERRI HALL confessed to DANA that she was quite disappointed when she showed up at the Goat Hill golf course to support the fundraiser and noted that there didn't seem to be any excitement or focus nor even a shred of organization visible to her. Then she realized she had shown up on the WRONG DAY! Her confession cost her \$20.



BILL DERN was \$5 happy to have his brother JOHN visiting and that “It’s fun to have family around the area.”



RUDY VAN HUNNICK bought himself a few minutes of floor time by donating \$100 in Happy Dollars to tell us a “Not too long special story.” Next Thursday, June 6, will mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day when 4000 ships landed at Normandy in WWII. RUDY told us he will never forget the sight of all that equipment! He has posted an album of photos of this momentous turning point of the war which he has collected online. And he told us that a group of actors from the movie “Band of Brothers” will be doing a commemorative parachute jump. (During a practice jump, one of them ended up in a tree!)



RENEE RICHARDSON prefaced her remarks by saying with a resigned sigh, “I will TRY to be happy.” Apparently in anticipation of the impending birth, the WENDEE group text started blowing up at 2:30 am on Wednesday and reached a crescendo of ringtones last night at 4 am to announce the blessed event. She was \$25 happy to think that tonight there should be no more sleep-interrupting texts. (A heckler suggested that there is an easy way to put an end to a barrage of texts by judiciously using a hammer. DAVE NYDEGGER then asked, “Is the hammer for the phone, or for PAUL??” Hahaha!)

THOMASINA JACKSON found \$12 to tell us that she enjoyed several recent Rotary-related events. The Goat for Joe was fun and she really loved the petting zoo animals, some of which were “little and



black and beautiful”! Plus, she also found the MLK, Jr. award event to be very touching.



TOM BRAULT impulsively pulled out his wallet to scrape up \$10 to say what a marvelous week he and LINDA had shared with granddaughter BROOKE and her mom and dad (ROBYN and MARK DERN) at their timeshare in Lake Tahoe. (*A few photos from this trip were in the last edition of Shorelines.*)

Wrapping up Happy Dollars was our guest RICHARD JENNINGS, who proved he has Rotarian potential by giving \$20 “Just happy to be with you all.” (I think he gets us!)



Co-President PAUL then noted “I will be your **PROGRAM** today ... Hello. I’m PAUL WENDEE.” He touched upon the plans that he and JANET have for the year ahead, promising that there will be “something for everybody at Oceanside Rotary.” In particular, they would like to beef up our international service component because there is “a world of opportunities in Rotary.” Specifically, they see us working more with clubs down in Mexico, but they are open to any

other ideas that members might bring forward.

Today’s topic, though, would be something completely different. (*Tangential hat tip to Monty Python’s Flying Circus.*)

PAUL is currently working on writing a textbook on “social entrepreneurship” – using capitalism and business to effect charitable purposes. As he prepared for his Co-Presidency, he searched online, but found that Rotary does not have much to say on this subject. There is one program which caught his attention: “Launch My City”, which has been an official Rotary program since 2013 with very strong presences in both Raleigh, NC and Detroit, MI. We watched a video about one budding businessman making connections through this organization to start up a barbeque sauce company, taking advantage of business education and mentorship through this Rotary project. PAUL envisions our club setting up a local version of “Launch My City”, with the aim of assisting 20 entrepreneurs per year who want to start a business here in Oceanside and could use some guidance. Our club would not be responsible to provide the startup funds, but instead would be instrumental

in opening doors and making connections for these new entrepreneurs, helping them to locate and apply for the funding they need from other sources. Making such visible community outreaches could make Oceanside Rotary more visible within the region, which could then provide publicity for our club and spur the recruitment of new members. (As an example, in Raleigh, about 20% of that club's new members come from this program – either new entrepreneurs served or existing local businesspeople helping out as mentors and resources.) Plus Oceanside Rotary could develop our own connections, teaming up with other community groups (such as SBDC, MiraCosta College, local veterans, and the Chamber of Commerce).

PAUL mentioned a target start date of January 2025 for this project. We would start slowly with just one group (or “cohort”) taking 10 classes per year working through the process (from Orientation to various Topics to Graduation). But once we get the ball rolling, more cohorts could be added and aided later on. PAUL is grateful to the team from Raleigh who have developed this system and can provide us with templates for success and materials to implement this “turnkey” program, using their step by step plan. Each community uses the basic outline and adapts it to the specific needs of the area and the clients being served. Currently there are 20 to 25 “Launch My City” sites up and running, mostly in the Southeast. If you are interested in helping our club to launch a “Launch Oceanside” operation, talk to PAUL about how you can get involved.

With our Co-President's program concluded, PAUL then consulted the agenda provided by our secretary (his wife) and saw that the next item was “**Opportunity Drawing.**” With a blank look in his eyes, he asked, “So what do I do?” (I mean, how many times has he seen this raffle happen at our meetings??) RENEE just shrugged, shook her head, and broke it down for him: “Well, Professor – You read the number.” That number happened to be held by TERRI HALL who drew the 5 of clubs, so the \$1000 jackpot was safe and she walked back to her seat with the \$10 consolation prize.

Being a little early to close the meeting, PAUL asked if anyone else had any **other business** to bring to the club's attention. Our Shorelines reporter and Managing Editor TOM BRAULT made a brief, but impassioned plea for one or two members to consider dedicating one meeting every three months or so to serve as a reporter for our newsletter. With several longtime reporters becoming unavailable to serve, we need to backfill their positions to keep the workload manageable for everyone on the Shorelines staff. TOM promised that “You don't have to be a great writer to do this,” because the draft text which you submit gets reviewed and revised by our

“double checker” squad before it goes to publication. Talk to TOM if you have any questions or interest in trying out this way to be of service to Oceanside Rotary.

And with that, PAUL double checked his agenda to be sure he didn't miss anything and that the meeting could be adjourned with a clang of our bell. CLANG!!!!

“SURFERS, UNITE!”

RENEE forwarded this message from BRETT MOREY, Past President of La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary and the founder and chair of the “Surfers Unite Rotarian Fellowship.”

The Switchfoot BroAM is a great way to recruit new members to your club as well as Rotary throughout San Diego County. We're rounding up volunteers for the 20th Annual Switchfoot BroAM on June 15th. This epic annual event at Moonlight Beach involves the following:

- *17,000 attendees
- *Full day of surf contests
- *Surf Jousting - Knocking riders off with sticks
- *Over 5 hours of live music including the Grammy Award winning band Switchfoot
- *Raising over \$200k for local San Diego charities including A Step Beyond, Challenged Athletes Foundation, Feeding San Diego, Monarch School, Save the Music Foundation and this year they have added Rady Children's Hospital.

We need volunteers to assist with:

- *Set Up
- *Assisting vendors with their gear
- *Tear Down
- *Selling Merchandise in the Switchfoot Tent
- *Assisting the Rob Machado Foundation with refilling water bottles
- *Assisting with the zero waste efforts
- *Hanging out at the Surfers Unite Rotarian Fellowship tent in the surf zone to plug folks into Rotary Clubs as potential members

Anyone interested should register on our Events page for the BroAM and other amazing upcoming events including Life Rolls On, future beach clean ups and the Nissan Supergirl Pro of Oceanside:

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

DALE MAAS at a recent Padre game with the friar mascot. Dale took a group of us to see a game, and a good time was had by all!



Fellowship Rotarians in Thailand welcomed ANCHISA FARRANT, who stayed two nights at this lovely place. Doesn't the meal look delightful? Here is a description, in her own words:

"At this trip I am quite busy with visiting my family, I just have a time for my special Rotarians friends after I got back from my hometown."



The area of this place is in Nakornpratom province. The house is built along Nakorn-Chaisri River. Very nice place that I actually visited during my trip there every years and those are my bedroom. He said, "My home, but that is your bedroom." 😊😊😊 They are past president of District 3350 in year 2008-2009 and if you look at the last picture couple of them with pink shirt, they used to join us for Angel Depot in January 2013 after finishing the DGE 2013-2014 International Assembly.

*PDG. Prawit Rojkajonnalai and his First Lady.
Many more pictures for Out and About later."*

Another interesting travel report, just in from MIKE WESELOH:

This is a 4 Brothers trip to Tennessee and Kentucky.

First stop, Mammoth Cave National Park - Absolutely incredible!

(Notice Ken's sweatshirt, St Mary's Rugby. Three of us played for the Gaels, many years ago. A couple of weeks ago, St Mary's won the NCAA National Championship, beating Navy in a very competitive game. That was the fourth National Championship for Gael Rugby since 2013.)



Next stop: The PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club near Louisville, KY. Meet Jerry, Ken and John on the course.

Then off to Churchill Downs as well as a visit to "Old Friends" Retirement Farm for exceptional race horses.

We visited Brando the bartender! Brando is a stakes rated thoroughbred race horse that some of the family had ownership in. Brando won four Stakes races for the family during his time! Brando is enjoying his days on the farm and doing great!

A trip to this area is not complete without a couple of stops on the Bourbon Trail! The Lexington area of Kentucky is known for bluegrass, thoroughbred farms and bourbon! It's the water that is filtered thru the limestone!

And of course there is always one whose bag is overweight at the airport. Embarrassing!

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Friday, June 14: Regular meeting, Noon, El Camino Country Club

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