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**PRESIDENT  
Chuck Ward**

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Ringling the club bell with a mallet stolen from Past Pres/President Elect/Secretary RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE's ceremonial Thai gong, President CHUCK WARD weakly started our weekly meeting. Once RENEE learned of the missing gong piece, the conflict escalated as she stole CHUCK's meeting notes (given to him by Sec RENEE just a few minutes before, since Pres CHUCK had left his notes at home). Pres CHUCK quickly capitulated and an exchange of stolen property was accomplished. (Little did we know our program today involved conflict resolution.)



Pres CHUCK asked our returning visitor TYLER EVANS to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and BRIAN ORR to lead



us in song. We started with "The Star-Spangled Banner" and finished with "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Pres CHUCK noted that we have Rotarians in the room with some "seasoning," having been in Rotary for years, and some new Rotarians. As we work in Rotary, our perceptions may change over time. CHUCK asked a new Rotarian, KYLE PEDERSON, to share his experience at the Rotarians At Work event. KYLE told us that he had been looking for an opportunity to get involved in local community service projects since moving to this area. Last Saturday was a perfect way to take part in such a project, with the added benefit that his wife,



who loved our club members and the project, was able to participate too. (KYLE we are excited by your commitment to community service and your involvement with our club.)



DAVID NYDEGGER gave a brief explanation of a series of photos from our Crown Heights students' trip to Camp Pendleton. The visit included a trip to Area 43 and the Combat Convoy Simulator, MREs (Meals Ready to Eat), the Mechanized Museum, and a chance to interact with WWII/Korean War veterans and current day drill instructors. It was a fantastic experience for the 30 or so students that attended. DAVE also introduced MAJOR JEREMY SCHNARR USMC, who helped make this all happen. We appreciate the support the Marines at Camp Pendleton give us as we try to broaden the perspective and open the eyes of our youth in Oceanside through our ongoing mentor program.

Pres CHUCK shared a video of the Rotarians at Work project from last week. (Great video BTW!) All together we painted over 8,000 linear feet of board with 10 gallons of paint. (We probably could have painted another 1000 feet of fence if Pres CHUCK wasn't so busy painting fellow Rotarians!) This was followed by a great barbeque of burgers, dogs, sausage, and veggie-burgers. A fun day for all.

#### CLUB UPDATES:



RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE (wearing her President Elect hat) provided the following updates:

We will be welcoming visiting Rotarians from Thailand tomorrow and Sunday (May 5 & 6). The plan was to take them to Heritage Park Day on Saturday, tour the Mission, show them our harbor and pier, and finish the day off at a Cinco de Mayo Party in the evening. On Sunday we would spend the day at Balboa Park and Seaport Village including touring the Star of India. That day would finish off at the Hotel Del Coronado. (Photos in the "Out and About" section later.)

The Community Service Committee is coming together and their first meeting for the coming year's planning will be Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at PE RENEE's home. Dinner is included. (BTW...Always a great meal at the RENEE Café).

Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 6 PM, Game Night at Fratelli's in Oceanside.

We are dark on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. (... To recover from the wining the night before.)

May 25<sup>th</sup> we are also Dark (for Memorial Day weekend).

Plans for Pres CHUCK's Demotion Party are underway. Last Thursday was the first planning session and the usual suspects gathered for a brainstorming session for a lovely dinner at RENEE's house. The photos sent in by ANCHISA give an idea of how fun the evening was for all who attended, with lively discussions and plentiful adult beverages (which admittedly may have played a small part in TOM and VICKIE hitting the salsa and guacamole pretty hard near the end of the night!) Even DAVE and TERRI HALL added some ideas into the mix via an email from long distance on their road trip. We have a lot of "roast" material to choose from ... mostly thanks to CHUCK! (He is kind of easy to poke fun at!) Sign ups are open now for the party being held at El Camino Country Club on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. Cost is \$45. Help us send CHUCK on his merry way and welcome back RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE as our "seasoned" new President.







## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS



PP JIM SCHRODER introduced our speaker SARAH HEIRENDT and RUDY VON HUNNICK.



A.J. MAZZARELLA introduced a “special” guest TYLER EVANS. Hopefully in the not to distant future he won’t be a guest, but a member. *(See below for more on his status.)*



DAVID NYDEGGER re-introduced MAJOR JEREMY SCHNARR from Jasper, Indiana.

BRIAN ORR led us in our “Welcome” song.

### TIME TO WEIGH IN ON OUR “SPECIAL GUEST”

TYLER EVANS has been proposed by RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE and has gained board approval to become a member of our club with the classification of “Business Broker.” Even though he is not even a member yet, he has checked two items off his Red Badge list: participating in a service project (RAW Day) and he has already joined the Community Service Committee! But he cannot officially be admitted into the club until the full membership gets a chance over the next 10 days to weigh in on his worthiness. If you have any questions or concerns about TYLER, please let an officer or board member know right away.

### FRATELLI’S FUN



Pres CHUCK expanded on what to expect at our evening meeting at Fratelli’s on Mission Ave and Douglas on May 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be a fun game night. It was reported that at our last visit to Fratelli’s, we spent as much on wine as we did on food. So, Pres CHUCK proposed that our “Happy” Dollars today be used as “Winey” dollars to help cover some of the adult beverages to be imbibed at our game night party on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Fellow members agreed and started wining (whining) about things.



### HAPPY/WINEY DOLLARS



DAVID NYDEGGER got things started with 20 winey dollars. He then proceeded not to be able to find any \$\$\$, so ANCHISA loaned him 20 winey dollars to give.

LYN CORDER didn’t really have anything to wine about, but still put in \$20 towards the wine. She then informed us she and her husband just placed an offer on a home in Oceanside.



PP JIM SCHRODER gave 20 winey dollars, glad to be back from his trip to eastern Europe, making it 161 countries that he has visited (out of the 195 that exist in the world). JIM noted he has a travel website [www.jimschroder.com](http://www.jimschroder.com) where folks can see more of his travels.

ANCHISA FARRANT gave \$20 winey/happy dollars (\$10 winey and \$10 happy) to celebrate that she and RON are going to Europe for an extended stay.



NANCY RUSSIAN was \$20 happy. \$15 dollars was in gratitude for the invaluable help ANCHISA offered on Saturday at RAW. After filling her paint container, NANCY leaned over and her iPhone plopped right into the paint. “AAARGH!” ANCHISA promptly provided a handkerchief to wipe the phone down and save the day, and so today NANCY gave a fresh hanky back in return.



Ever observant, NANCY noticed Pres CHUCK did not have his gavel. Since we were dark the previous Friday for Rotarians at Work, NANCY had gone to the Association of Realtors meeting at the San Diego Convention Center and found a gavel for him there. Pres CHUCK was excited that he was going to get a gavel back (which he might be able to hold onto for a few minutes before it would probably be stolen again). This excitement diminished a bit when he saw the dinky little rubber gavel complete with a

cutout Rotary insignia taped onto it. NANCY was also \$5 happy that her husband LUIS had participated in his first RAW day. ‘Fessing up that today was their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, NANCY gave another \$10. When asked if the dollars were winey dollars or happy dollars, she responded with a resounding “winey dollars!”



PAM MYERS was \$5 happy to share the Star Wars phase on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May: “May the Fourth be with you.”



In one of the shortest speeches we have ever heard from RUDY VAN HUNNICK, he gave 20 happy/winey dollars.



MELISSA RODRIGUEZ gave 5 winey dollars to plug the upcoming Rotary Golf Tournament on June 26<sup>th</sup>.



We heard a quick update on BOB PICKREL from LARRY HATTER. BOB is recovering from hip replacement surgery and hopes to be back at our meetings in a few weeks.



## ANNIVERSARIES

DAVE NYDEGGER is celebrating his 20<sup>th</sup> club anniversary this month. He was \$10 happy, however he still had trouble finding any money in his pockets. Thank goodness for IOUs. After a painstaking search, DAVID finally found two 5 dollar bills.



LYN CORDER is celebrating her 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary this month and gave \$2.



Pres CHUCK WARD announced he has been married for 38 years, and after some discussion on the amount, gave 38 winey dollars.

**SHOCKING NEWS, FOLKS! ... PRES CHUCK WARD WAS READY FOR OUR PROGRAM INTRODUCTION AT 1:02, THE CLOSEST HE HAS EVER BEEN TO BEING ON TIME.....**

## PROGRAM

PP/PE/Sec RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE introduced our speaker for the day. As always, Rotarians need to be present to enjoy the program in person. Below are some of the highlights of what we heard:



As San Diego Site Director for Hands of Peace, SARAH HEIRENDT is responsible for overseeing the annual three-week summer program that brings together 50 Israeli, Palestinian, and American youth right here in Carlsbad, and other year-round projects that take place in the San Diego area. This includes community education and outreach, participant and volunteer recruitment,



alumni engagement and event planning, as well as coordination and execution of the many details that go into the summer program. SARAH served as the San Diego Assistant Program Director in 2016 as well as one of the leadership training facilitators. She received her BA from Vanguard University in Cultural Anthropology and her MS from George Mason University in Conflict Resolution. While studying and traveling abroad, her interest in the Middle East peace process developed firsthand when she volunteered at a refugee camp near Nablus in the West Bank.

During the 3-week summer program, her organization brings together teenagers that don't know each other and don't like each other because of where they come from. By getting them to listen to each other and gain an understanding of the other's culture, they can begin the peace process. Hands of Peace started in Chicago in 2003 and 2013 in San Diego. Hands of Peace is an interfaith organization that empowers young people to become leaders of change. Through dialogue they bring together Israeli, Palestinian and American youth in peace, justice, and equality.



The first phase is the summer program involving about 50 teens from the Middle East and U.S. They stay with host families and are involved in full day activities for 3 weeks. The activities include about 3 hours of professionally facilitated dialogue in the morning, an hour for lunch

followed by an afternoon of personal development activities (arts, field trips to San Diego, ropes course, nature hike, yoga, etc.).

For those for whom this first year experience really resonated with them, they can come back for the XL Program where their leadership skills are cultivated along with community building skills with the purpose of showing them ways to build alliances in their own communities back home to promote change.

The last program is a year-round Alumni Program which provides support and mentoring of youth, supporting them as they continue their struggles back home. Today there are over 500 alumni that still get together with the most recent conference in October having over 100 youth participating for mutual support and continued learning as they work to provide change in the local communities.

SARAH continued to explain their program which includes personal experiences and sharing of stories (which at times can be very intense) and youth testimonials after completing their experience. She went on explaining the stages and steps in the summer program (ice breakers...telling what they learned in school or were told...personal stories...return to exploring the issues, this time with more respect for each other and an improved willingness to hear what the other teenager is saying...preparation to go home and what that means). With the help of professional facilitators, the youth try to work through the conflict resolution. Many of the students return home with at least more knowledge and hopefully a better understanding of cultures. The Americans go home with a better understanding of the conflicts that occur in another part of the world, improved communication skill, and much more.

What a terrific program and it's local - right here in North County. For those who could not attend this presentation, you missed a great one. As a thank you for speaking to us today, Pres CHUCK present a planter box from TERI Inc filled with beautiful succulents from our own ANCHISA FARRANT along with a donation in SARAH's honor to TERI Inc.

## RAFFLE



DAVID NYDEGGER held the winning raffle ticket and a chance to win \$800. For some unknown reason, Pres CHUCK spread the cards remaining in the deck on the floor and asked DAVID to find the Joker. With some discomfort from a bad back, DAVID reached down and picked.... not the joker... and so DAVID took the \$10 consolation prize. (Maybe CHUCK should have kept it as the fine for DAVID's phone going off during the speaker's presentation.) As ANCHISA was picking up one of the remaining cards for DAVID to hold in a photo op, incredibly the one she grabbed from the pile was the lucky joker. No way! Pres CHUCK made an official pronouncement then and there that ANCHISA would not be allowed to touch the cards in our raffle again as she is just too lucky for words, having found the joker and won the big jackpot already this year.



With the sound (or lack of sound) of his new rubber gavel on the club's bell followed by the gong from PP/PE/Sec RENEE, Pres CHUCK brought our meeting to a close.

## ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

A few photos from the gathering last weekend with visiting Rotarians from Thailand, including a few pictures taken at Sunday morning services and one where they met PAUL WENDEE's daughter SARAH at her work – the Bridges in Rancho Santa Fe.

“Will it build good will and better friendships?” .... YES!





COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

May 11: BRIAN DEVORE, Declutter Your Life

Reporter: A.J. MAZZARELLA

May 17: THURSDAY GAME NIGHT AT FRATELLI'S

May 18: Regular Meeting is DARK

May 25: Regular Meeting is DARK for Memorial Day

June 1: WHO AM I'S? (Learn more about some of our members)

Reporter: PAM MYERS

June 7: THURSDAY BEER NIGHT AT BAGBY'S

June 8: Regular Meeting is DARK

June 15: MASAYO HALPIN, Sex Trade Discussion – Part 2

Reporter: JANET BLEDSOE LACY

June 15: ROTARY NIGHT AT THE MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE

Preshow dinner as a group at Chin's Szechwan in Vista

“Mamma Mia!” on the Moonlight Stage

June 22: DEMOTION DINNER

Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

June 29: Regular Meeting is DARK