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## ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE SHORELINES

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Filling in for our actual President RENEE RICHARDSON as she travels, our Acting President for this week was our legendary longest lasting leader of all time – our seemingly perpetual President MIKE CURTIN, who brought his old gavel out of retirement to clang us to order.



MIKE called upon the “ranking veteran in the room” BOB PICKREL to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, in lieu of our normal sing-along session, for our Veterans’ Day tribute, MIKE cued up a YouTube video with military images as the background for a medley of all of the official songs of the branches of service. Our orders were to stand up during the singing of the song from one of the branches if we ourselves, or a close family member, served in that particular branch.



President Elect CHUCK WARD wondered aloud whether the medley included ALL of the songs, and he was pleasantly surprised that the tune for the often overlooked Coast Guard actually came first in the singing. CHUCK then proudly stood up, but admitted he would not be singing along because “the words are impossible to sing!” Next, JAY CRAWFORD was flying high during the Air Force hymn, and he sung the words out loudly and proudly. TOM BRAULT stood up during “Anchors Aweigh” to note his time in the US Navy and DAVE HALL stood to honor his father’s service, but they gave everybody a chance to sing along, as they led us with the more familiar lyrics of “Welcome to Oceanside...” For the Marine Corps Hymn, both veteran FRANK COXON and Marine wives VICKIE PROSSER and one of our guests JULIET BARTOLME rose up from the ranks. And rounding out the medley with “The Army goes rolling along”, BOB PICKREL, JOHN McMAHAN and JAY CRAWFORD (double dipping by standing this time in honor of his Army vet Dad) all stood at attention, which got our attention.

At the conclusion of the music, Acting President MIKE paid tribute on behalf of us all: “Veterans, we all honor your service!” To which we affirmed, “OOOORAH!”





We took a brief time out from the normal agenda so that the representative from Brother Benno's who had just arrived could collect the 18 frozen turkeys that lined the side of the meeting space. The gentleman was impressed and grateful for our generosity, noting, "We will have a great Thanksgiving Day brunch! And you are all welcome to come down and join us."



Back to our regular schedule, Acting Pres MIKE shared some trivia about Veterans' Day, which started out as Armistice Day in 1919 and became a national holiday in 1938.

The Moment of Inspiration, also provided by MIKE, followed along with the military minded theme of the day with "three little snippets" with reflections on courage and war and peace from Theodore Roosevelt, General Douglas MacArthur, and Ralph Waldo Emerson. TOM BRAULT was heard to grumble that the first so-called "snippet" seemed to drone on forever, but they were all inspiring words, indeed. (The text is copied at the end of this newsletter, if you are interested in reading it.)

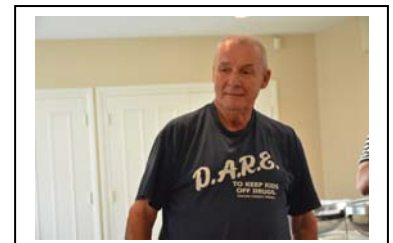
## CLUB UPDATES

Will wonders never cease? After a number of recent weeks when our President Elect had been Missing In Action, CHUCK WARD was actually ready to report for duty and read the announcements so we all could "learn some new things ... And I'm gonna learn about 'em right here with you." But before he dove into the details, he asked us if we knew the motto of the Coast Guard? It is "Carpe Diem", which CHUCK said translates as "Carpet Everything!" (Actually it is "Semper Paratus" which means "Always Ready", but it was a good joke nonetheless.)

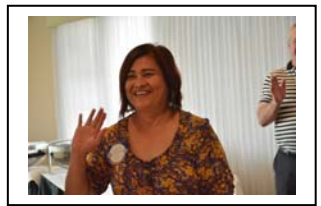


- a. We were reminded that some of us had signed up to volunteer at the Heritage Park Fall Festival and Chili Cook Off the next day. Thank you to those members for stepping up to the plate to serve! Hope you enjoyed a serving of chili, while you were at it!
- b. Our next Board Meeting will be on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00.
- c. Please send cheerful cards or emails to JANET BLEDSOE LACY as she recovers at home from a bout of acute diverticulitis.

President Elect CHUCK then scanned the room to see who needed to be greeted as Guests. At the first table, TOM BRAULT introduced both a return visitor from last week PETER VELTHUIS, a long-time Rotarian from both the Netherlands and Ohio, and also another visitor, originally



from the Philippines but who worked in the USA for years before retiring back to the Philippines, JULIET BARTOLME. BOB PICKREL was seated with our speaker of the day, JAY SCRIVENER from Canine Companions who had brought along HAMLET the Fifth. Also we greeted



a familiar face and a former member and President of our club, JOHN McMAHAN. VICKIE PROSSER once again introduced A.J. MAZZARELLA from BergElectric who had come back to scope the club out once more.



Our Welcome Song was led by MIKE CURTIN, who started the tune out way lower than we normally sing it. We actually did pretty well on it until we got to the "... while you're here and come to our club..." part which ended up being so low in frequency and in volume, the only ones who could hear those notes were dogs. (You should have seen HAMLET's ears perk up!)



For some inexplicable reason, Acting President MIKE thought that this was the perfect time to bring up a controversial conspiracy theory. Was it a coincidence, he asked, that just days after the Donald Trump victory over H.R. Clinton, suddenly our female Rotary president was also out of the picture? MIKE swears that is was not because he had told her, "You're fired!" but we still had to wonder if RENEE's absence had anything to do with the "new Trumpian landscape."

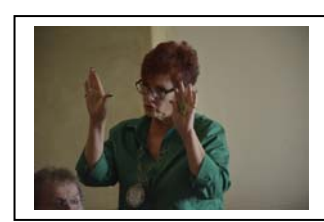
## FLAG EXCHANGES

Luckily, in RENEE's absence, someone else knew where to snag one of our club flags out of storage, because our Prodigal Past Pres JOHN McMAHAN wanted to swap for one from his new club in Fairfield Glade, Tennessee which, according to the slogan on his flag, is "The Golf Capital of Tennessee." (Sounds like a good reason to pay JOHN and CHARLEEN a visit out there sometime!) Acting Pres MIKE told us, "In spite of his traitorous ways (ditching Oceanside Rotary and moving away), we are happy to see him back!" And then he gave JOHN a turn at the microphone to share some insights about his new club. Fairfield Glade is between Knoxville and Nashville. That club currently has 65 members and they are trying to recruit some younger folks to join. (Sound familiar?) JOHN had come back to Oceanside to visit his brand new grandbaby RUTH and will be staying for about another week. He misses us all and is glad to be able to keep up with our club through the Shorelines newsletters.



## HAPPY DOLLARS

As soon as Acting Pres MIKE opened up the floor for Happy Dollars, FRANK COXON's hand shot up and he proudly stood to offer \$20 to announce that 57 years ago, on the occasion of the Marine Corps birthday, he had proposed to his wife MARY whose answer was: "Let me think about it for a while ... YES!" ... TOM BRAULT had written a check to our club foundation for the odd amount of \$34, but there was a method to that mathematical madness. He crowed that he would be returning to the stage for the first time in quite a while in a radio drama format version of "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street" at the Oceanside Theatre Company for one weekend only: December 16 to 18.... VICKIE



PROSSER was \$20 relieved that the election is over and is thrilled that her boss JACK FELLER and our friend GARY ERNST had won their respective races.... JOHN McMAHAN also tossed in \$20 to celebrate being here with us and for his new granddaughter.

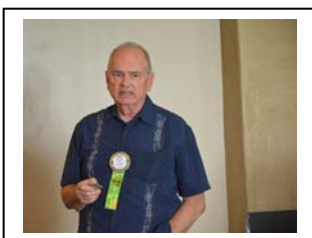


SUSAN BROWN had to check her wallet to see how much she could offer for Veteran's Day. It ended up being \$18, and she encouraged us all to wear red shirts (like she had) every Friday as a

visible and ongoing way of honoring all veterans for their service. She also reported that LES and CRICKET NEWQUIST had a ball in the desert.

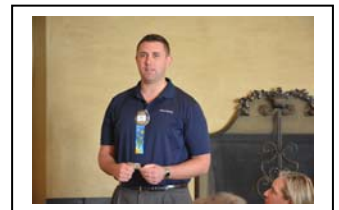


"They 'Party Partied' every night!!" .... CHUCK WARD for \$5 marveled that so many unexpected things are happening in 2016: "The Cubs won the World Series, and both Donald Trump and CHUCK WARD got elected President. All impossibilities!" ... DAVE HALL's \$20 covered three separate things: 1) For the chance for them to see their son and family in Truckee; 2) That the Brother Benno's guy showed up, meaning that DAVE wouldn't have to



deliver the pile of poultry himself!; and 3) Grateful that President RENEE wasn't at the meeting, because he had forgotten to wear his Rotary pin... DALE MAAS closed off Happy Dollars with \$5, hopeful that he would be ready for the 62 mile bike marathon fundraiser he would be tackling on Sunday, and grateful for VICKIE

PROSSER, TOM BRAULT and JIM SCHRODER for helping with donations toward his fundraising goals.



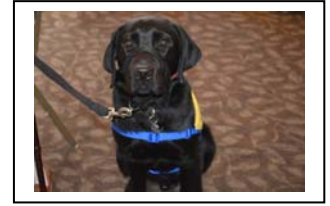
## OUR PROGRAM

Acting Pres MIKE introduced our speaker JAY SCRIVENER, a 31 year resident of Oceanside who had been a partner in several successful communications businesses. JAY is now retired and has dedicated himself





to volunteer efforts: as a founding member of Friends of Fire Mountain, the current Vice Chair of the Oceanside Planning Commission, and a 20 year puppy raiser and volunteer for Canine Companions for Independence. He had brought along “the real star of the show”, a charming and very calm 7 month old black Labrador named HAMLET the Fifth.



Canine Companions for Independence was founded in 1975 and provides dogs to people with disabilities of all kinds at no charge. It is the preeminent program of its kind in the U.S., of not the world. It does not receive any government funding and is run almost completely by volunteers, with over 500 in just the Southwest region, which spans all the way to Oklahoma.

The name of the organization is also basically its mission statement: Dogs are tools to allow individuals to receive companionship and achieve a greater degree of independence.

CCI trains four types of assistance dogs:

Service Teams - assist adults with physical disabilities by performing daily tasks (such as picking up keys and other items, opening and closing doors, etc.)

Hearing Teams - alert the deaf and hard of hearing to important sounds.

Skilled Companion Teams - enhance independence for children and adults with physical, cognitive and developmental disabilities.

Facility Teams - work with a professional in a visitation, education or healthcare setting. The dogs provide a calming influence in classrooms and courtrooms, for example.



The dogs all come from CCI’s own breeding program and are primarily Golden Retrievers and Labradors. (Other dogs are not dependable enough.) There are several stages of the training process. Volunteers like JAY will receive a dog to train at about 8 weeks old and will work with the dog up until about 18 months of age, primarily teaching basic obedience skills, socializing the animals and taking them all over town – Everywhere they could potentially be asked to go by a client to familiarize them with various settings and environments.

For the next 6 months, professional dog trainers take over and the dogs are taught about 40 commands. Then the dogs will be matched to the needs of their new prospective owners (who have been on a waiting list to receive a dog for up to 3 years). The new dog and owner team will undergo two weeks of rigorous training together. To show how difficult the training can be, JAY noted that only about 35% of the dogs will be able to make it all the way through to the end. Dogs that don’t make the grade will usually be given to donors. There is some “horse trading” of animals released from the CCI program with other organizations like Guide Dogs for the Blind and with police departments.



If all goes well at the various levels of training, they will then take part in a moving graduation ceremony, and the volunteers and trainers hand the new companion over to the new owners. Many tears of joy are shed at these events, and JAY got choked up just talking to us about turning the previous dog that he had worked with over to his new home, knowing that his furry friend was about to change someone's life for the better. The working life of CCI dogs is about 8 to 9 years of service and then they live out their golden years as pets. Several graduates are on their third or fourth animal.

There was a brief Q & A time, and JAY suggested that we check out the Canine Companions website at [www.cci.org](http://www.cci.org), where you can view a video of the latest graduation ceremony amongst many other items of interest.

In appreciation for the insights he gave us into this world class program right in our own backyard, we gave JAY our standard parting gift for this year's speakers – a cute little book of "Thank You" quotations.

Over the last 20 years, JAY has been involved with the early training of six different dogs, and he is proud to say that five of them graduated. One of them is now a breeder dog for the CCI program, serving as a stud and living in a vineyard in Sebastopol. (What a life!)



### OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

In what was generally conceded to be an amazing omen and a possible portent of an amazing windfall to come, on this meeting being held on 11/11, the amount in the progressive jackpot coincidentally came in at \$111. Sadly for ticket holder TOM BRAULT, that "Lucky Eleven" didn't translate to a lucky draw, as he pulled the 5 of spades instead of an ace and pocketed just the \$10 consolation prize. (Although wouldn't it have been more fitting for the club to have added an extra buck to this amount and bring the total up to yet another Eleven to wrap up our day? ... Count that as a numerological opportunity squandered. Ah well!



The three times eleven people in attendance at the meeting heard our Acting President's actual vintage gavel hit the bell and then we all headed off to get a head start on the weekend with (at that moment) just 43 days, 10 hours, 34 minutes and 22 seconds left before Christmas.

### THE TEXT OF THE "MOMENT(S) OF INSPIRATION"

*It is not the critic who counts;  
not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles,  
or where the doer of deeds could have done them better.  
The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena,  
whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood;  
who strives valiantly; who errs,*

*who comes short again and again,  
because there is no effort without error and shortcoming;  
but who does actually strive to do the deeds;  
who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions;  
who spends himself in a worthy cause;  
who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement,  
and who at the worst,  
if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls  
who neither know victory nor defeat.*

--Theodore Roosevelt  
“The Man in the Arena” speech, April 23, 1910

*The soldier, above all others, prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.”*

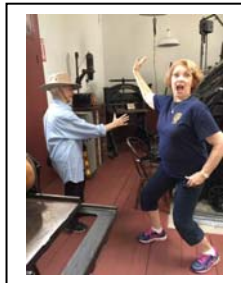
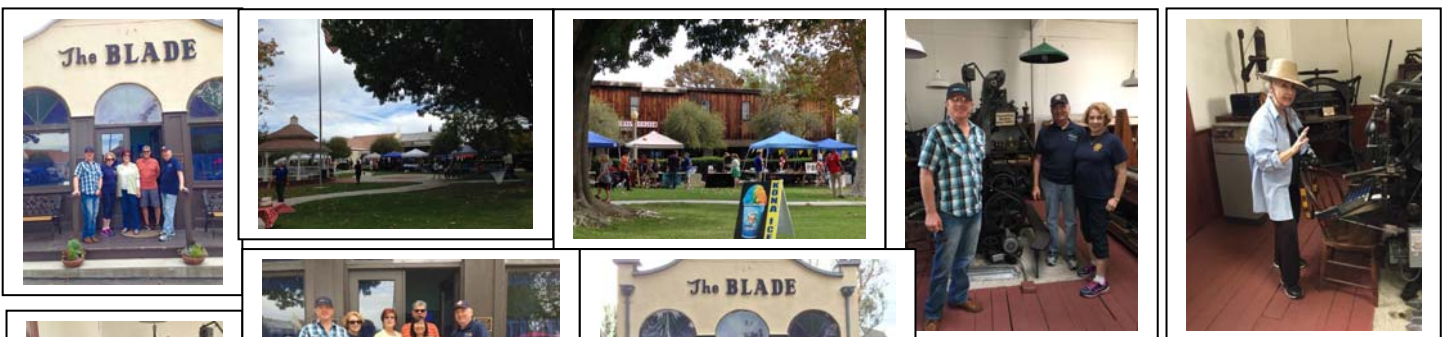
– Douglas MacArthur

*Whatever you do, you need courage. Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising that tempt you to believe your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage that a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them.”*

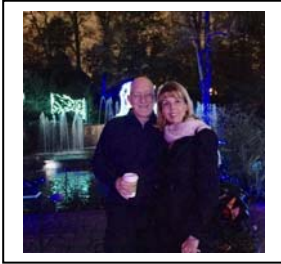
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

## HERITAGE PARK FALL FESTIVAL AND CHILI COOK OFF

Club members volunteer to man the Blade Building



## ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT



So where was our President RENEE this week? Well, we will tell you! On the other side of the country, enjoying a beautiful evening in Atlanta, Georgia at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, there with PAUL for the opening night of their “Garden Lights” displays. “And YES,” RENEE assures us, “there is a Rotary pin under that scarf. You’ll have to trust me on that one, I am your leader after all!”

But the main reason she ventured back east was to visit her father, “Gunny” Whitworth in South Carolina. As RENEE proudly told us, “I’ll always be daddy’s little girl!”



And where is our globetrotting JIM SCHRODER at this time? .... If you guessed on the other side of the world in “Sudan”, then you are a winner. JIM had a challenge locating an internet option over there to allow him to send along photos from this latest adventure, but finally he found adequate access and could send some snapshots of his sensational soiree in Sudan, along with some brief captions for reference.

- (01) Welcome to Khartoum! (The capital of Sudan.)
- (02) A group of men at an outdoor afternoon prayer service.
- (03) Chanting and dancing by thousands of Muslims on a Friday holy day.
- (04) The first night in Khartoum there was a college graduation party being held at the hotel.
- (05) A young boy selling guavas at an intersection in town.
- (06) One of the local modes of transportation, both in the city and in the countryside – a donkey.
- (07) Camel riders in the countryside.
- (08) Camel riders taking a break.
- (09) Incredible ruins from the Nubians.
- (10) Ruins of temples and tombs.
- (11) One of JIM’s favorite photos of the trip at the ruins, with sand in the foreground at sunset.
- (12) The sun setting behind a young boy riding a camel in Karina.







It is always such a treat to see the world through JIM's camera lens as he talks us along for his adventures. Thanks, JIM!!

### **COMING UP AT OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

November 18 – OSCAR GOMEZ (NC Lifeline) – PROJECT LIFE – HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
Reporter: VICKIE PROSSER

November 25 – **DARK for THANKSGIVING WEEKEND**  
Reporter: HEDDA GOBBLER

December 2 – JEFF SELL, Director – SEASIDE SINGERS OF CARLSBAD  
Reporter: TERRI HALL

December 9 – STAR THEATER COMPANY ACADEMY PERFORMS  
Reporter: TOM BRAULT

December 16 – **DARK for ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
6 to 9 pm at the Hall's home. BYOB and bring heavy hors d'oeuvre to share.  
Regular lunch meeting will be Dark for the evening social.

December 23 – **DARK for CHRISTMAS**

December 30 – **DARK for NEW YEAR'S**