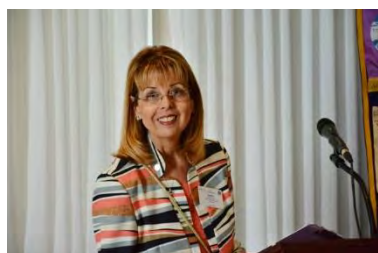


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MADAM PREZ. RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE brought the meeting to order right on time and called forth **ALEXA KINGAARD** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by **VICKIE PROSSER** as our Song Meister. **VICKIE** led us in God Bless America and was so enthusiastic and exuberant in doing so that she claimed that she was too exhausted after this musical triumph to pursue a second song.



MADAM PREZ. RENEE then gave us our inspirational moment by giving us various definitions of Thanksgiving as “Bringing out the best in family dysfunction since 1863.” She further said that, “Thanksgiving is a lot like Christmas except you don’t get any presents for holding in your family rage.” Her final quote was by Johnny Carson who stated, “Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they see once a year – and then discover that once a year is way too often.”

CLUB UPDATES include:

November 9th – J. Stryker Meyer will provide us with our Veteran’s Day Program.

November 16th – Jeremy Cohen will tell us about the S. D. Malkin Hotel Project.

BRING YOUR FROZEN TURKEY TO THIS MEETING FOR BROTHER BENNO’S!!! (If you can’t bring a turkey, a grocery gift card will work.)

November 23rd we are dark – Have a Happy Turkey Day!

November 30th we will hear from Rick Robinson our Oceanside Fire Chief.

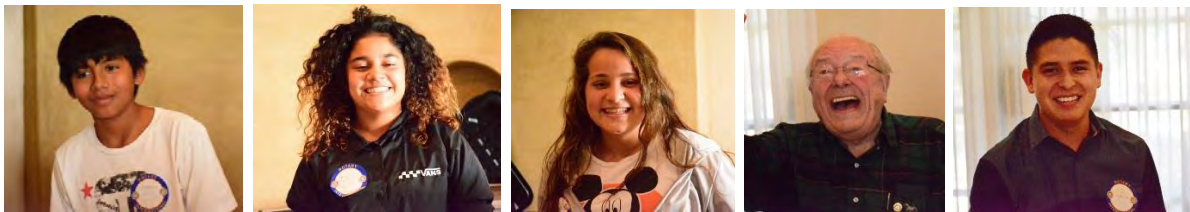
December 7th (Pearl Harbor Day) we will have our Election of Officers and Board of Directors, to be followed by the Seaside Singers. December 14th we are Dark.

December 16th at 4:00 pm is the Christmas Party at the Beautiful Rancho Carlsbad Community Center, at a cost of \$10 Pot Luck, and bring your own adult beverage. December 21st and 28th we are Dark.

VISITING ROTARIANS:



DAVID NYDEGGER introduced **LAURA HERST** from the Women’s Resource Center as well as our speaker, **KRISTI HAWTHORNE** from the Chamber of Commerce and the Oceanside Historical Society. **ERNIE MASCITTI** introduced **STEVE BESSANT**, Principal of Lincoln Middle School, along with **DEIRDRE COLBURN**, Community Liaison with OUSD, as well as Lincoln Middle School students **RAYMUNDO MASIDA**, **CHRISTOPHER SILVA**, **SORAYA BARAHONG** and **DANICA CLOUGH**. **JIM SCHRODER** introduced **RUDY VAN HUNNICK**, former member and frequent welcomed guest. **HAS BEEN FORMER PREZ. CHUCK WARD** introduced **L.J. FIMBRES**, with this introduction as a guest being his last, because **L.J.** was on the brink of becoming an official member of the club!



Our Song Meister **VICKIE**, having recovered from her God Bless America rendition, then led us in a Welcome Song for our guests.

MADAM PREZ. RENEE then called forth **L.J. FIMBRES**, so that she could conduct the Baptism of **L.J.** into Rotary, making him an official member of the club. **MADAM PREZ. RENEE** then spoke all of the magic Rotary Words, ending her induction with telling **L.J.** that he was embarking on a Rotary road that would show him Leadership, Friendship, and Service Above Self. She then challenged **L.J.** to share this gift of being a Rotarian by bringing in another member. She then reminded him that ours was a “Fine Club” and asked him “how Happy” he was to be a Rotarian. **L.J.** said that he was very happy to be a Rotarian.



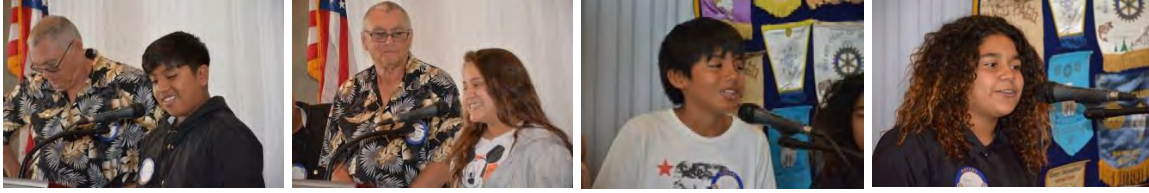
When asked again how Happy he was, **L.J.** looked confused. Then, his fellow Rotarians, in showing him the Leadership, Friendship, and Service Above Self that **L.J.** had been promised, took out their verbal sledge hammers and yelled at him to pull out his wallet and “Be Happy!!” This gentle reminder resulted in **L.J.** acknowledging that we were a “Fine Club” and that he was \$5 happy to be a Rotarian! **L.J.** was then given a sincere standing ovation.



LAURA HERST from the Women’s Resource Center came forward and shared with us the gratitude of the WRC for all of the toys and donations that our Rotary had given to the center for their Christmas celebration. She indicated that the WRC would be giving out gifts and gift cards for 120 families who have been victims of domestic violence. We were all invited to the holiday event which will be held on December 8 from 8 A.M. to Noon, at 1963 Apple Street. They will have a Santa Claus present, as well as gift wrapping stations, and will be presenting over 900 gifts.



ERNIE then was summoned to the podium to share with us his experience with the LEAD program. **ERNIE** thanked **DEIRDRE COLBURN**, the Community Liaison with OUSD, for all of the work she does with LEAD and the kids from Crown Heights. **ERNIE** then invited up the students from Lincoln Middle School so that they could share with us their experiences with the weekend they spent with LEAD and our Crown Heights mentor events. **RAY** was the first speaker. He thanked **ERNIE** for picking him and the other kids up and transporting them to the LEAD event. **RAY** said that at the event they were organized into “families” and they learned each other’s names and met new people



and learned new ideas. **DANICA** shared with us how she learned how seeing a new perspective on views can change the course of our lives and thanked us for the experience of the LEAD weekend. **CHRIS** and **SORAYA** went to a MiraCosta soccer game, followed by a tour of the school. **CHRIS** shared that it was great to attend the game, meet the players, and even kick some soccer balls around after the game. He also was thrilled to go on the tour of the school. **SORAYA** told us how wonderful it was, following the game and in meeting the players, that one of them had been from Crown Heights. She told us how he shared that when he was growing up that his father had been in a gang, but the boy had dreams and goals of living a different life. Soccer helped to keep him out of trouble and he stressed to the students how important it is for them to focus on their grades and school, and to stay out of gangs and trouble. **ERNIE** added to this that how this MiraCosta student soccer player said that the best thing about being in college is that he finally in his life had a room to himself. **THANK YOU, ERNIE, FOR ALL THAT YOU DO WITH THESE GREAT KIDS AND FOR ROTARY!! MADAM PREZ. RENEE** returned to the podium and acknowledged that she sees 4 future Rotarians in the students from Lincoln, and with any luck, maybe a **PRESIDENT OF ROTARY...like, maybe for next year??**



HAPPY DOLLARS!



CHUCK WARD was \$20 Happy that **A.J.** was in the club, but because (as the other members helpfully noted) **A.J.** wasn't there that day, the \$20 could transfer to **L.J.** instead. (Hmmm... Sounds suspiciously like **CHUCK** was covering up a mental lapse. Don't you think?)



PAM MYERS was \$5 Happy to have seen the marvelous musical **WICKED**. It was the second time that she had seen it, but this time (she whispered, in deference to the fact that Lincoln Middle School Principal **STEVE BESSANT** was still present) she pulled her granddaughter out of school to see it. Principal **STEVE** then quipped that he and **PAM** would "talk later." **PAM** then, to the horror of anyone who failed to wear their Rotary pin, confessed that she forgot to put her Rotary pin on that day, so she is fining herself \$1 for that failure, and would suggest that any of us present who forgot to put on our pins that day should also pay \$1 "because it will make you feel better about failing to have your pin on!" **PAM** even had a name for her transgression, calling it an "**RPF, aka Rotary Pin Forgotten.**" **MADAM PREZ. RENEE** jumped on that suggestion like a toad on a bug. "YES", **MADAM PREZ. RENEE** said, "That is an excellent suggestion! All Rotarians without their pin on put \$1 on the table!".



Principal **STEVE** gave \$10 Happy Dollars because he has been coming to Rotary for years and he is so grateful for the good work that we do with "his kids."

Principal **STEVE** confirmed that “it is all about the relationships that the kids develop with our members. My kids come back and they talk about you guys – in a good way!” he quickly added.



LYN CORDER was Happy that her husband was turning 99 years old that day and that he is doing great and they are traveling to go to a meeting at the University of Chicago where her husband had served for years on the Library Council.



VICKIE PROSSER was \$20 Happy that the Election was going to finally be OVER this coming Tuesday, and she reminded all to get out and VOTE!!!



BOB PICKREL was \$20 Happy just because he could be \$20 Happy.



JANET BLEDSOE LACY was going to be \$10 Happy, but thanks to **PAM**, **JANET** confessed that she too, was an **RPF (Rotary Pin Forgetter)** and so she had to reduce her Happiness to \$9, with an additional \$1 going to pay the penance for her failure to wear her Rotary pin. **JANET** was Happy because she had been

honored to be asked to appear in a panel sponsored by the Oceanside Library to speak on the topic of civil rights and to critique a wonderful book called MARCH written in concert with U.S. Representative John Lewis. This panel discussion will take place on Saturday, November 10 at 3:00 p.m. at the library.



NANCY RUSSIAN was \$10 Happy to have the Lincoln Middle School kids at the meeting, and then she too confessed to being an **RPF** and took out a \$1 bill to pay for her crime.



TOM BRAULT was \$5 Happy to confirm that the **BILL DERN** and **TOM BRAULT** clans were being officially joined together at the wedding of **BILL'S** son and **TOM'S** daughter which is just days away. We all wish the wonderful couple well and hope that each child carries with them a strong gene pool from their respective mothers.



ANCHISA FARRANT was \$2 Happy that she received a phone call when she was taking a friend to the airport to be informed that she had won the Pumpkin decorating contest with her succulent plants. Go **ANCHISA!**



RUDY VAN HUNNICK was \$20 Happy to see that **KRISTI HAWTHORNE** was going to be our speaker because he knew that she would do a wonderful job.

This proved to be an excellent segue, because up next was

OUR PROGRAM



DAVID NYDEGGER introduced **KRISTI** to us and shared that many years ago she interviewed for a job at the Chamber of Commerce and that **DAVID** was so impressed with her that he hired her the very next day. **DAVID** indicated that **KRISTI**, who is an expert on every historical area of Oceanside, would be focusing this presentation on the history of the Oceanside Pier. **KRISTI** shared with us that she had lived in Oceanside for 35 years and has been involved with the Oceanside Historical Club for approximately 30 years. She then embarked upon a **MARVELOUS** slide show of **WONDERFUL** photos of the Oceanside Pier and events at the beach that just cannot be justly served in merely printing the information without the benefit of viewing these incredible photographs. So if you missed the meeting, you missed some great stuff! She started with the oldest known photograph of the first pier built in Oceanside, which was built in 1887/88, with the only known existing photo taken in 1890.

The founder of Oceanside was Andrew Jackson Myers in 1883, who also built the first known bath house in Oceanside, where beach goers could change into their beach wear and store their clothes. She showed us the South Pacific Hotel that had been built in 1887 on South Pacific and Third streets, with Third Street now being Pier View Way. The second pier was built in 1894, at the end of what was then Third Street. We saw the El San Luis Rey Hotel that was built in 1900, with a fireplace mantel made of timber that had come from the Mission San Luis Rey. We



saw pictures of “The Plunge” where ocean saltwater pools were heated and for 5 cents you could swim indoors and avoid the colder water of the ocean waters next door.

We saw pictures from 1908 when the City had first added lights to the pier. We also saw photos of the landmark 100-year flood that hit the entire North County and beyond in 1916 with massive amounts of debris being washed up on the beaches, including buildings and livestock overtaken by the fierce storm. We were then able to see photos from September 3, 1917 of the first Bean Day celebration in Oceanside. (Yes – Bean Day!) She explained that our biggest competitor for tourists was our rival Escondido which had a successful Grape Day Festival, so the wise Oceansiders decided to compete with a lima bean appreciation day...which, after 3 years, having never quite got off the ground, was never seen again. Photos were presented of the 1920s Labor Day Pier Swim in Oceanside, which did last as a long-practiced tradition.

The first bandshell in Oceanside was fascinating, shown without the bleacher seating in 1920. Our fourth pier was built in 1927 with a grand opening on the 4th of July. This included the building of the concrete stairs and structure that is still present at the site. At the opening, the population of Oceanside was approximately 3,500 people, and 5,000 people attended the opening on the 4th of July! Fireworks – a new fancy pier – the beach – what could be better? We saw pictures of Cottage City (not to be confused with Roberts Cottages – which we also saw photos of) and a 1930 photo of tents and campers packed on our beaches, right up to the water. We saw other photos of a several buildings in the area, including the old Huckabay’s building, aka Odd Fellows, which **JIM SCHRODER** said recently closed escrow for \$5,300,000.

The photos and the stories just flowed out of **KRISTI** at a rapid pace as she brought us up to present day. It was really fun as some of us “old timers” and long-term residents of Oceanside, such as **DAVID** and **JIM** and others (including myself) vividly remembered the Oceanside from the 1960’s and forward. **KRISTI**’s presentation was delivered in great detail and in an artful, articulate, and almost poetic fashion that was engaging and enchanting in her time machine deliverance to the past regarding our Oceanside Pier. At the end of the presentation **RUDY** asked **KRISTI** why did she not include Camp Pendleton and the Harbor in her presentation, **KRISTI** responded “Because we would have

needed 3 hours to talk about all three topics!” With that, it is hoped that we will have many more presentations by this wonderful speaker.



MADAM PREZ. RENEE then had **KRISTI** pick out a book to sign to be given to a local school library in her honor.

JIM SCHRODER had the winning ticket for the opportunity drawing but alas and alack, **FAILED** to pull out the winning Joker! With only 18 cards left now, the statistics are with us, and we can all believe that we are sure that we will be the big jackpot winner in the next drawing!!



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Seems as if Wedding Season has come to Oceanside Rotary! Not just with the **BRAULT / DERN** union on the horizon. Here we see our new member **BILL BIRNIE** walking his daughter **CELIA** down the aisle on Sunday October 21 in Carlsbad overlooking the ocean. What a beautiful bride on a spectacular So Cal day! A dinner reception for family friends followed at their home in Vista.



TOM BRAULT and family (including his mother, two of his brothers, and one sister-in-law) gathered together on October 30 for dinner at Hennessey's in Carlsbad. Then the whole gang slapped on some costume pieces and headed over to New Village Arts Theatre to see daughter **GERILYN** perform in the theatre's sold out Halloween cabaret fundraiser. What fun!



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Nov 9: J. STRYKER MEYER, Veteran's Day Program

Reporter: DAVE HALL

Nov 16: JEREMY COHEN, S.D. Malkin Hotel Project

*** *BRING FROZEN TURKEYS FOR BROTHER BENNO'S* ***

Reporter: A.J. MAZZARELLA

Nov 23: DARK for Thanksgiving weekend

Nov 30: RICK ROBINSON, Oceanside Fire Chief

Reporter: PAM MYERS

Dec 7: SEASIDE SINGERS, Christmas songs

Reporter: VICKIE PROSSER

Dec 14: DARK for Christmas Party on December 16

Dec 16: ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

At Rancho Carlsbad Community Center, 4 pm to ???

Potluck and Bring Your Own Adult Beverage. \$10 fee.

Dec 21: DARK for Christmas

Dec 28: DARK for New Year's