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**ROTARY CLUB OF
OCEANSIDE**

SHORELINES



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With a packed clubhouse, at precisely 12:30 pm club Co-President **JANET BLEDSOE LACY** formally rang open the last official club meeting of the year.

PLEDGE: **ERNIE MASCITTI** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

FOUR WAY TEST: **JANET** then asked **THOMASINA JACSKON** to lead the club in reciting the Rotary Four Way Test, which she did flawlessly. It was so nice you were able to join us, **THOMASINA!**

CLUB UPDATES: In a merciless attempt to keep the assigned Shorelines reporter even more off balance and confused than he usually is, before asking **RENEE** to come up and give club updates. **JANET** went way “off script” and called **MICHAEL JENKINS** up to tell us about an away meeting that will be held on February 14th at The Hacienda Mission San Luis Rey senior living and memory care facility (4000 Mission Avenue, Oceanside). Being so busy trying to figure out where the meeting was going, I missed most of the details of **MICHAEL**’s description, but the good news is this meeting is still a ways out so we’ll have plenty more opportunities to hear about it!



JANET also took the opportunity to remind everyone about the tip jars on each table. It appears that we have not been paying a gratuity as part of our contract with the El Camino Country Club, and the tip jars are a way to recognize our great wait staff for the outstanding service they provide during every meeting.

RENEE finally made it up to the front to give the club updates, including a progress report on **NANCY RUSSSIAN**, who continues to recover from the tragic automobile accident that claimed the life of her husband **LUIS**. **NANCY** is still undergoing physical and occupational therapy 3 to 4 times a day, and will not be going home for at least a few weeks due to complications with her hip and pelvic fractures. **RENEE** asked that visits continue to be coordinated by texting (858-583-0070) in advance in order to ensure that **NANCY** has time to rest and recover between PT/OT sessions. The memorial for **LUIS** is currently scheduled for Friday, January 3rd at 1 pm, and that will be confirmed via a reminder email when we get closer to that date.

RENEE mentioned that she was sending flowers on behalf of the club to **NANCY**, as well as to **TERRI** and **DAVE HALL** as **DAVE** continues to struggle with some back issues. **VICKIE PROSSER** also just had successful surgery on her back and has eye surgery scheduled soon. Please keep our fellow Rotarians in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with these challenges. **RENEE** also wanted to thank her “Uber drivers” **DARREL LARSON**, **LES NEWQUIST**, **BILL DERN**, and her son **CAMERON RICHARDSON** for providing rides while she heals up from a broken foot.

Other club updates included:

Friday, December 13th – Holiday Social at the Maas Home (*5130 Bella Collina, Oceanside*) at 5:30 pm. Appetizers, Dessert, and Caroling around the neighborhood. (Bring a jacket for warmth and a fun, festive hat to celebrate the season) BYOB. Cost is \$10 each to offset food costs.

Saturday December 14th – Boat Rides with Santa. 11:00 am – 3:00 pm at Oceanside Harbor. (*Oceanside Adventures - 256 S. Harbor Drive. The dock is right below the Lighthouse Restaurant.*) All proceeds go directly to our Rotary Club. We still need a few additional volunteers!

Friday, January 10th – Club Assembly. 12:30 pm at the El Camino Country Club. No scheduled guest speaker, but instead our co-Presidents **JANET BLEDSOE LACY** and **PAUL WENDEE** will give us their “State of the Club” address as the mid-point of their term.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS: **ROGER VANDERWERKEN** led off by welcoming his fellow pastor from Breakwater Church, **JOHNNY MARTINEZ**, and his wife **BONNIE**. Special congratulations to **BONNIE** on her recent retirement! **BILL DERN** welcomed back his brother and visiting Rotarian, **JOHN DERN**. **ED PARISH** reintroduced his frequent meeting date, **ANNE SPERAW**, and also introduced tablemate and visiting Rotarian **ANA FERNANDEZ** from Club Tijuana. **TOM BRAULT** was just about to lead the club in a rousing rendition of the Welcome Song but was interrupted by **DAN WILSON** who introduced his guest who had just walked in, **CHANTEL ROTHENBERGER** from Mission Elementary School. Once all our visitors were finally introduced, **TOM**, being the consummate showman, didn't miss a beat or a note and we welcomed everyone in grand style.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: **RENEE** introduced the proposed slate of Officers and Directors for Rotary Year 2025-2026, which is as follows:

Co-President: Paul Wendee
Co-President: Roger VanDerWerken
Secretary: Renee Richardson
Treasurer: Les Newquist
Sgt. At Arms: Anchisa Farrant
Past President: Janet Bledsoe Lacy



Board of Directors (with expiration of term):

Dale Maas 7/1/26
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Lola Sherman 7/1/27
Michael Jenkins 7/1/27
Open 7/1/27
Mike Curtin 7/1/28
Dan Wilson 7/1/28
Jay Crawford 7/1/28

RENEE reminded everyone that there was still an opening on the Board of Directors, and **TOM BRAULT** bravely (or foolishly) put forth **ERNIE MASCITTI'S** name as a candidate for the Secretary position. This unexpected (and tongue in cheek) floor nomination quickly fell apart in the uncomfortable silence that followed.

JIM SCHRODER saved the day by quickly making a motion to accept the slate as is, which was seconded by **THOMASINA JACKSON** and approved by a hearty voice vote by all members present. (Whew! Dodged a bullet on that one, **ERNIE!!**)



RENEE then called **JOHN** and **BILL DERN** forward for a Paul Harris Fellowship presentation. The Paul Harris Fellowship was established in 1957 and is named after the founder of Rotary International. This award expresses appreciation for those Rotarians who contribute \$1,000 or more to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Rotarians can also designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace. For all these wonderful reasons, **JOHN DERN** was inducted as a Paul Harris Fellow by his brother, **BILL**, a Paul Harris (+3) Fellow, and this honor was a complete surprise to the recipient. Congratulations **JOHN!** We are all so happy to share this great occasion with you!

JANET then asked visiting Rotarian **ANA MARIA FERNADEZ** from Club Tijuana to step forward, who was presented a check for \$500 to support their Three Kings Celebration event that will take place in Tijuana on January 18th. **ANA** told us the whole aim of the event was to make poor children happy, but shared that they take care of entire families as well. She invited our club down for the celebration and said there's still time to get your Global Entry or SENTRI pass to make getting back across the border much easier. She also said they could coordinate pick up or drop at the border to save people from having to drive across. **ANA** also brought some club jackets for **RENEE** and **PAUL** for all their recent efforts to build a close relationship between our clubs and all their support. **ANA** also mentioned that she had just returned from Rome, where one of the great things she was able to do was visit the Coliseum. There she learned that very few public events are allowed in this iconic venue, but that one of the last was a fundraiser for Rotary International and its efforts to end polio around the world. What a proud Rotary moment! Thanks for sharing, **ANA!**

HAPPY DOLLARS: **JANET** led off by recognizing our perpetually happy visitor, **RUDY VAN HUNNICK** who, she said, recently decided not to fight losing his license, which made her very happy. **RUDY** responded that happiness is not about having a driver's license but after 76 years of driving and an estimated 1.8 million

miles behind the wheel it was incredibly hard to give up without a fight. He changed his mind about contesting this situation, however, when he talked to a lawyer who said he would have to be paid \$7500 to start working on the case with no guarantee of success! **RUDY** then gave \$200 in appreciation for **JANET** picking him up so that he could attend the meeting. You're so gracious, **RUDY**, and we appreciate you! If you'd like to help get **RUDY** to our meetings, please let **JANET** know.



ED PARISH was \$5 happy that **RENEE** can now walk and was also reminded by **ANNE** that he was also very happy that he just got new hearing aids.

DAVE NYDEGGER was \$5 happy that our guest speaker (**JODI DIAMOND** from the Boys and Girls Club) was here as he had worked with her many times as part of his work with the Oceanside Charitable Foundation.

LES NEWQUIST was \$20 happy that his grandson is really looking forward to a boat ride with Santa again this year.

TOM BRAULT was \$25 happy to announce that for 3 ½ hours every single night from December 6th – 21st he will be a prominent feature of the “Jingle Terrace Live” holiday event at the Moonlight Amphitheatre. He cannot outright say what part he will be playing there, but he hinted that it explains why he is growing out his beard and that, if you see him at this free and fun and colorful event, you might have the chance to sit on his lap.

JOHN DERN was \$20 happy to tell us that he joined Rotary back in Colorado because of the enjoyable experiences he had visiting our club here in Oceanside. He was also happy that two of his three daughters had arrived home for Thanksgiving, with the third set to arrive shortly.

ANCHISA FARRANT was unhappy that she lost her prepaid lunch punch ticket, but that frown turned upside down when **RENEE** said that we could get her a new one. Not taking a breath, **ANCHISA** was very happy to say she talked with **NANCY RUSSIAN**, who told her she misses **ANCHISA's** Thai food, so for **NANCY's** birthday **ANCHISA** is going to do a whole Thai spread. Finally, **ANCHISA** told a sordid tale of accusing a fellow member of not paying for a decorative pumpkin, only for it to turn into a case of mistaken identity. After all that, this reporter never did hear a dollar figure mentioned for all that happiness. (Come on, **ANCHISA**, you don't get all that airtime for free – pay up!)



ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GUESTS AND CLUB MEMBERS:

RUDY VAN HUNNICK announced that he was selling his Hummer H2 which is a special model in an exclusive beautiful Pacific Blue color. With just a few dings and scratches, **RUDY** promises the making of many special memories if you buy the car. Hopefully they won't be like **JANET's** memory of **RUDY** backing over her mailbox after leaving an event at her house! 😊



Special guest **CHANTEL ROTHENBERGER** stopped by to simply say thank you for all the help and contributions which our club has given to Mission Elementary School over the years, and to let us know how grateful everyone there is for our continued support. Thanks, **CHANTEL**. It's always nice to hear feedback from our "customers"!

PROGRAM: that, **JANET** finally able to

our guest speaker, **JODI DIAMOND**, with an apology probably cut into her time a bit. currently serves as the Foundation President of the Girls Clubs of Northwest San Diego. Accompanying **JODI** was **MARINEKE VANDERVORT**, the CEO who oversees all club operations. **JODI** and **MARINEKE** combined to give a very compelling presentation on the impact the



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Boys and Girls Club have on the youth in the areas they serve. Some of the highlights were:

The Boys Club of Oceanside was established in 1952, and girls were not allowed in until the mid-1990s! Looking back now, that seems almost incomprehensible. In July of 2023, the Oceanside Boys and Girls Club merged with the San Dieguito system to form the combined Boys and Girls Club of Northwest San Diego.



The Boys and Girls Clubs' stated goal is to provide an opportunity for every youth to find their passion, and their vision is to become the pre-eminent youth development organization.

Between Oceanside and San Dieguito, the now merged organizations have a combined 130 years of service to their communities, with a total of over 16,500 youth served. They have served over 200,000 meals and snacks. 90% of club alumni have earned their high school diploma, but not being satisfied with this level of achievement, the club has made it their goal to attain a perfect 100% graduation rate. The current demographic breakdown of club attendees is 51% boys and 49% girls.

One of their strongest values is that no child is ever turned away. When COVID hit the country in 2020, they were the first youth development organization to open summer camp in June of 2020, which is remarkable considering we were still under many of the lockdown restrictions at that time and there was no COVID vaccine available. They were not only able to pull it off successfully, but they did so with no COVID cases occurring. Amazing!

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest San Diego currently runs eight clubhouses and nine specialty programs that include:

- After School Programs
- Aquatics
- Athletics Middle School Sports
- Break Week Camps
- Centers for a Healthy Lifestyle
- Real Options for Adults with Disabilities (ROADS)
- Summer Adventure Camps

- The Lunch Box
- Youth Arts Academy

With **JANET** giving a warning that time was running short, **JODI** and **MARINEKE** hit a few key highlights of the programs that they run. They particularly wanted to highlight the positive impact that ROADS has had on the community. From a simple beginning partnering with a MiraCosta College professor utilizing an empty classroom for a few hours a week, they now operate classes five days a week from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. **JODI** also highlighted the Lunch Box food truck, which is run by kids for kids, and includes high school age chefs with paid internships that recently took second place in the Professional category during a recent competition. **JODI** mentioned that the food truck was available for events – Might be a good idea for our next fundraiser!



As **JANET** was thanking our guests for their presentation, we learned a few of our club member connections to the Boys and Girls Club, including that **JIM SCHRODER** was a member of the Boys Club in 1955, and **BOB PICKREL** was the President of the Boys Club of Oceanside when they merged with the Girls Club of Oceanside. So very interesting!

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING: Continuing his very good day, **JOHN DERN** was the lucky winner of the opportunity drawing but that's where his run of good luck ended as he drew the measly eight of spades, so the grand jackpot remains available for future drawings!

ADJOURNMENT: **JANET** adjourned the meeting one minute late at 1:31 pm, but after such a great meeting it didn't appear that anyone really minded. Hope to see you at a meeting soon! And **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!**





ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

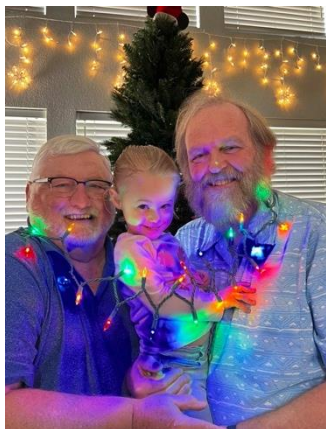


ANCHISA FARRANT sent in these photos from the recent Thanksgiving dinner at the Rancho Carlsbad clubhouse. 120 registered guests got an early start on the holiday, and **ANCHISA** herself arranged the centerpieces and folded paper napkins, while both she and **RON** provided lots of smiles!



BILL DERN and **TOM BRAULT** (along with **LINDA**

and **GERILYN B.**) piled into **TOM's** SUV and traveled together from Oceanside to Chandler, Arizona to spend four glorious days with their shared granddaughter **BROOKE** at the home of **MARK** and **ROBYN DERN**. Who would have thought that a 2 and a half year old could be so entertaining? Her every move, every playtime, every song, every smile brought everyone joy. And for Thanksgiving dinner, the grandfather's took over the kitchen and provided a full holiday spread of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans almondine, with pecan and apple pie for dessert. A delicious meal and a delightful visit!



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

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Holiday Events at Oceanside Adventures

BOAT RIDES WITH SANTA

Saturday Dec. 14th | 11am-3pm | 20 minute Harbor Cruises



\$5 per person | \$3 Infants 2 & under
ADVANCED RESERVATION REQUIRED
Tickets available online

Proceeds benefiting
Fundraiser

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