

	<p align="center">ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE</p> <p align="center">SHORELINES</p>			
<p align="center">2022-2023</p>	<p align="center">Tom Brault Editor-in-Chief</p>	<p align="center">Janet Bledsoe Lacy Photographer</p>	<p align="center">Dave Shore Reporter</p>	<p align="center">CO-PRESIDENTS AJ Mazzarella & Renee Richardson</p>

November 4, 2022

Arriving for the club meeting and parking in the lower-level parking lot, your reporter noted a shadowy figure lurking outside of his car window. Departing apprehensively from his car, your reporter was greeted by **PRESIDENT FOR LIFE (EVERY OTHER YEAR) RENEE RICHARDSON** who wanted to make sure that it was properly reported that: 1) mistakes were NOT made; 2) her meetings run on time; and 3) **A.J. MAZZARELLA** is included in Rotary pictures. **PRESIDENT FOR LIFE (EVERY OTHER YEAR) RENEE RICHARDSON** wanted to make sure that A.J. was acknowledged in Shorelines as “co...co...co...whatever....”



At the start of the meeting, **TOM BRAULT** led us in the **Pledge of Allegiance**. Wearing one of his most patriotic ties, he then proceeded to honor the veterans in attendance, inviting members who had served in each branch of the military service to stand and be recognized. TOM reminded us that, traditionally, we would sing the anthem for each branch, but that he was stumped when he came to the Space Force. He **COULD** say for certain that the following were NOT the correct tune or lyrics (but he sang it anyway, including orchestral accompaniment blasting from his cell phone):



“Space Force ... Stellar defense source....
Long ‘May the Space Force be with you.’ “
(Sung to the tune of the Main Theme to Star Wars)



So instead, he led the Rotary recruits in a trio of patriotic songs: “This is My Country” / the 3rd and 4th verses of “America the Beautiful” / and ended with a rousing rendition of “God Bless America.”

Right on time, it was time for Club Updates:

Tomorrow, November 5th Noon to 4:00 PM Chili-Cook Off – Heritage Park.

Come cheer on your Rotary Team! (*See photos from this event and a brief report at the end of this newsletter*)

Friday, November 11th – Carlsbad Rotary is co-sponsoring with the Carlsbad Army Navy Academy a special program Honoring Veterans and their families on the Football field at the Academy at 11:00 AM. Our meeting is DARK that day, so head on over for this celebration.

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Presidents' Stuff

PABLO ACOSTA gobbled up some time talking about the upcoming Turkey Dinner distribution by TriCity Pantry. Each year, they have increased the number of families receiving all the fixings for a holiday meal, and this year they will be serving 300 families! Wow!! This means that they will be needing a lot of help in the packaging and distribution of the vittles. A signup list was passed around and, later on the weekend, RENEE followed up with an email asking folks to commit to helping out on the following dates: November 18, 19, 21, and 22. If you can assist on any or all of those dates, find her email and then click on a link (or two) to sign up online.



She then proudly noted that the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation recently gave TriCity Pantry \$4,000 – a major chunk of the funds needed to feed these 300 families. The ORCFoundation also presented a separate \$2,000 grant to the local Navy-Marine Corps PROUD Foundation. These funds will be used to purchase gift cards for military members in need to cover everyday essentials such as groceries, gas and diapers. Just a few more examples of our club doing good deeds for our local community.



RENEE reminded us that November is “Foundation Month” for Rotary International, so it would be a great time to go online and make a donation to support the many fine projects the Foundation funds throughout the year.

Blue Badge Presentation

Some new members hang on to their Red Badges forever and others blaze through the Blue Badge tasks in a flash. DARREL LARSON is one of the latter types, having joined on July 29th and already completing his full checklist by October 29th. “He must have a terrific Rotary mentor!”, RENEE humble-bragged. Congratulations, DARREL. Well done!



Birthdays and Anniversaries:

It is birthday time for MIKE CURTIN, which cost him \$20 out of his campaign funds.

DAVE HALL was \$100 happy for his birthday, with the amount allegedly having nothing to do with his age.

LARRY HATTER donated \$500 for his birthday month.

LOLA SHERMAN joined our club in 2009 and had \$15 for her 13 years in Oceanside Rotary.



Visitors at our Meeting:

MARIE HERZ and JAY MALIK were given a fine “Welcome to Oceanside” in song.



Happy Dollars:



TOM BRAULT split his \$100 total contribution four ways – mostly in penance for missing so many meetings lately, but all for good reasons. \$25 to the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation for his September trip with wife LINDA to Phoenix to see daughter ROBYN and husband MARK DERN and to dote on their adorable 5-month-old BROOKE. \$25 to the Rotary International Foundation for an east coast trip with daughter GERILYN which

included two Broadway shows and a Disney cruise from NYC to Bermuda and back. \$25 to the Club for the extended trip with the whole family (including both daughters, son-in-law MARK, and little BROOKE to the Big Island of Hawaii where TOM got to hold a seahorse for a couple of minutes and to hold his granddaughter day after day after day. And the final \$25 – also to the club’s foundation - to announce a couple of Brault performances coming up during the holidays: 1) TOM will be returning to the stage for the first time since the pandemic hit in a musical version of *Little Women* which will perform in Escondido December 15-17. (More info and tickets at: Lighthouseplayers.org/tickets) But TOM was even more proud to announce that daughter GERILYN is right now on the Disney Wonder cruise ship as a petty officer on their crew and her main job there will be “hanging out” with Mrs. Santa Claus during the Merrytime Cruises from San Diego to Baja California for the entire Christmas season. (TOM and LINDA just booked a 4-night cruise so they can see GERILYN in action.) And he beamed with joy to show a photo of his daughter’s official Disney cast member name badge. A dream come true for the Brault family!



VICKIE PROSSER was \$20 happy to thank her “dear Rotary friends for their thoughts and prayers in getting me back to Rotary.” We are all so glad to see her at the meetings again!



PABLO ACOSTA was \$5 happy for those who signed up to pitch in with the Pantry’s Thanksgiving meals (...as well as for those who didn’t sign onto the sheet yet, but would be adding into the volunteer list after checking their calendars ... Could one of those folks be YOU?)



BOB PICKREL was \$20 happy to have VICKIE back.

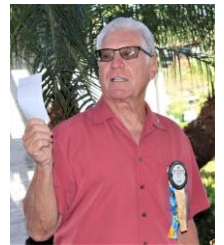


TERRI HALL used her \$20 Happy Dollars time to let us know that grandson JULIAN was named the #1 quarterback in the state of Nevada for 3A level schools. She also gave an impressive visual demonstration of how JULIAN would stomp his back leg as he stood behind the center at the snap. At first, TERRI thought that might have been some weird nervous habit or tic, and she thought she should point this out to him, lest he get embarrassed by his peers on the gridiron. She since has learned that it actually is a way for the quarterback to signal his teammates. "I've watched more football in last 2 years than ever in my life and evidently don't watch enough to have noticed this signal before." Then she added another \$5 to suggest to Co-President A.J. that he should feel lucky that RENEE only directs his agenda and nothing else, knowing how much she messed up the travel plans for herself and PAUL on their recent trip (as detailed in last week's tale of "*Renee and Paul's Big Adventure*").

ERNIE MASCITTI gave us \$40 as well as a story of how a Rotarian was so very helpful to him in his time of need when his car had trouble during a trip up to Lake Tahoe.



JIM SCHRODER apologized to PABLO for not being available to help around Thanksgiving, but that is because our world traveler will be on a month long (and years delayed) trip to Cape Town and parts beyond at that time. For this, JIM was \$20 happy.



DARREL LARSON contributed \$100, not only happy to get his Blue Badge, but also happy that he will be visiting the Nairobi Kenya Rotary Club next Monday, November 14.

And our guest MARIE HERZ was so glad to be at our meeting that she donated \$30, thus proving what a fine new member, she might make, at some point down the road.



RUDY VAN HUNNICK noted that at our last meeting, there was not time for Happy Dollars, so this time he felt moved to *double* his normal contribution and give \$70. What a guy!



BILL DERN was \$20 happy that his fellow owners of some new kittens (the BRAULT family) had handed down a case of canned cat food which GERILYN's cats refused to eat, but which BILL's new feline friends love.

ANCHISA FARRANT gave us \$1 and quite a few giggles as she advertised one of her beautiful holiday decorated pumpkins – this one with a turkey on top – by warbling an incredibly accurate and convincing “Gobble gobble gobble!!!” TINA ORTIZ's hand shot up to say, “I'll take it!”



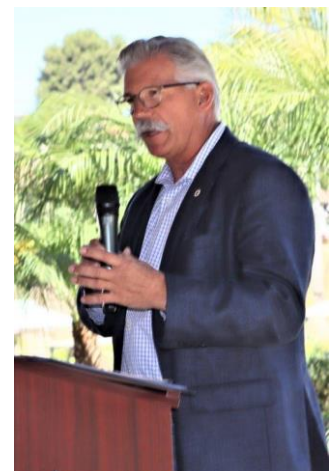
At this point your reporter was sternly advised by PRESIDENT FOR LIFE (EVERY OTHER YEAR) RENEE RICHARDSON that happy dollars and the program were on time, and that A.J. was still co-something or other...

This Week's Program

JANET BLEDSOE LACY introduced our speaker for today COL. JOHN C. MALIK III. COL. MALIK was recently appointed to an open seat on the Oceanside Planning Commission. COL. MALIK is a 20-year resident of Oceanside who formerly served as chief of staff at Camp Pendleton, where he had developed and managed the base master plan for infrastructure, environmental impacts, and water management. Since leaving the Marine Corps, COL. MALIK has run a successful business in Oceanside.



COL. MALIK discussed his responsibilities at Camp Pendleton, overseeing 7,500 housing units, and a \$120 million budget. Camp Pendleton supports a population of 42,000 active-duty Marines and sailors, 38,000 family members, 77,000 retired military in the surrounding area, and. To serve this diverse community, his responsibilities ranged from overseeing childcare facilities, fire stations, and a everything from their hospital to athletic facilities. Environmentally, 200 endangered species can be found on the base.



Challenges included working on the base master plan and addressing significant encroachment issues. Camp Pendleton is a 17-mile buffer between San Diego and Orange County with base housing providing homes to both civilians and military.

COL. MALIK served as assistant chief of operations during what was called the long war. He was involved with communication system emergency response and planning deployments to Afghanistan. COL. MALIK did note how difficult it was for the US while in Afghanistan because of the significant differences between the countries, including a 6% literacy rate.

These experiences carried over into the private sector upon his retirement from the service. COL. MALIK discussed the concept of critical thinking and gaps in education that persist today. He discussed the need to evaluate information to solve problems in an objective and systemic way while clearly communicating ideas. In the Marine Corps, COL. MALIK studied historical science to outmaneuver opponents and studied mission logistics to anticipate needs. He believes that current gaps in education persist in part because of social media interfering with student education.

Prior to founding True West Business Supply, COL. MALIK formed a consulting agency. However, True West is his current primary endeavor. The company was started in 2020, just before Covid, which proved to be an unexpected challenge. (Could you imagine picking a trickier time to start up a business supporting other businesses??)

COL. MALIK received one of ANCHISA's beautiful succulent arrangements as a thank you for his time.



Running a tight ship and taking note of the time, PRESIDENT FOR LIFE (EVERY OTHER YEAR) RENEE RICHARDSON brought our speaker to the podium for a picture. Your reporter has been instructed to report that: Yes – A.J. was in the picture; Yes - everything was perfectly timed; Yes – A.J. was in the picture; and No – these details were not submitted to Shorelines by your reporter under duress...

Opportunity Drawing:

Once again, \$1,000 was on the line and ERNIE MASCITTI held the correctly numbered ticket. He confidently walked up to the front, pledged that if he won, he would donate \$500 of the winnings right back to the club, and then, out of the dwindling remaining deck, he drew the **J**

.... Many of us were hoping that we could have finished that last word with the letters “OKER”, but alas, what ERNIE drew was the **J**ack instead, so he donated the full \$10 consolation prize back to the club and that \$1,000 jackpot will still be available as a potential Christmas present for some lucky ticket holder at our NEXT meeting in December.

RENEE announced that the meeting would be adjourned and invited (.... demanded?) that A.J. should come up to ring the bell, which he did with a sheepish look on his face. (But at least he can't say that he wasn't in pictures at this meeting!!)



Heritage Park Chili Cookoff

As promised, here are some photos from the event held at Heritage Park on Nov 5, along with this writeup, submitted by Chief Cook and Co-President RENEE RICHARDSON:

“A small group of Oceanside Rotarians gathered for the first time at Heritage Park's annual Chili Cook-off.

Bill Dern, Brad Fisher, and Paul Wendee helped President Renee Richardson set up our table proudly showing off our Rotary banner. We were later joined by Anchisa Farrant, Vickie Prosser, and potential new member Marie Herz.

We enjoyed meeting a few new friends, listening to live bands, tasting Chili, and of course talking about Rotary and all the good we do in the community! All in all, it was a beautiful day! Sadly, though, our Chili only got an honorable mention!”



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Still time to give to the Women's Resource Center Toy Drive – Please drop Unwrapped Toys at Dale Maas's office (3636 Ocean Ranch Blvd, Oceanside) no later than December 8th.