



*October 11, 2019*

Mozart, Mozart??? Yeah, your reporter knows that dude. He was in the Cheech and Chong movies, wasn't he? ... Why are they doing a festival for him anyway? And why is Mozart worthy of a Rotary program?

*{Note: Your reporter has been advised that Mozart was a country western musician, not a comedic actor. Apparently, he could perform two types of music (country and western.)}*

Now that that is cleared up, it is also worth remembering that this is Columbus Day weekend. Recalling the famous poem:



*"In fourteen hundred ninety-two  
Columbus sailed the ocean blue.*

*He had three ships and left from Spain;  
He sailed through sunshine, wind and rain...*

*Ninety sailors were on board;  
As well as some members of our Rotary board.*

*Sadly, not only did Columbus not find gold,  
his gavel was missing and apparently sold"*

Being that your reporter is fast becoming ancient, these are the lyrics as best recollected.

As our meeting commenced, PRESIDENT TERRI HALL welcomed back to the club "soccer players" DAVE HALL, JAY CRAWFORD, and L.J. FIMBRES (who

had chaperoned the middle schoolers for the MiraCosta game the previous week) and JIM SCHRODER, our intrepid traveler to Africa.

ALEXA KINGAARD led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SONG: The president called on BILL DERN to lead us in song. Looking askance at the other branches, BILL chose his second favorite Navy song *Anchors Aweigh*. (Word on the street is his first favorite Navy song is *Popeye The Sailor Man*.)



UNITED STATES NAVY SONG, “ANCHORS AWEIGH” LYRICS:

*Anchors Aweigh my boys  
Anchors Aweigh  
Farewell to college joys  
We sail at break of day day day day  
Through our last night ashore  
Drink to the foam  
Until we meet once more  
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home!*

DAVID NYGEDDER, an old Navy man himself, toasted us at just after 12:30 PM that this is the only military song that includes a reference to drinking. (This focus on drinking might also help to explain some of our board meetings.)

We were reminded that PAST PRESIDENT RANDY MITCHELL, a Marine, would tell us that Marines were around longer. This is actually technically correct since the Navy was disbanded between the end of the Revolution and 1812.

ROTARY MOMENT: LOLA SHERMAN:



*"I don't really have an 'aha' Rotary moment. My introduction to Rotary was right here when, as a young reporter, I twice had to sit on that bench in front of the fireplace (I point to it) because as a woman I was not allowed into the meeting. I was brought into Rotary by the man mentioned earlier, RANDY MITCHELL. It was strange because he was well-known as the club's worst misogynist. But he brought me and brought me until I finally agreed to join. I'm so glad I did. I've enjoyed it very much. Thank you."*

CLUB UPDATES:

DALE MAAS had announcement duty since his Co-Prez Elect was off traveling:

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Apparently not paying attention, AJ MAZZARELLA was volunteered to attend the upcoming Rotary Foundation Seminar. (There was a deafening silence and zero hands raised for other potential attendees at this event. If you are interested in representing our club there, please email President TERRI.)

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:

Adolpho Ayala



Sarah Pultz

Glenda Robinson



Garrett Harris



Rudy Van Hunnick

### PRESIDENT STUFF:

TERRI said that we had heard just before the meeting that PAM MYERS is having some health issues, so please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

World Polio Day is October 24<sup>th</sup>. Rather than organizing an event, PRESIDENT TERRI requested that each member make a \$10 contribution to Polio Plus. Bring it to our meeting on October 25 as we will pass the Polio Plus jar. We will also have a brief video that day about Rotary's longstanding efforts to eradicate polio worldwide.

PRESIDENT TERRI invited to the podium our guests from the Mission Elementary School, Sarah Pultz and Glenda Robinson, to receive a check for \$1500 on behalf of our club for the purchase of library books. A thank you goes to DAVE HALL for the well-written matching grant that funds our literacy projects to a grand total of \$7,000. (Half from our club and the other half from the district matching grant.) Our guests let us know that the donation does allow them to continue to purchase books. We learned that reading standards for schoolchildren have changed and now they are required to read 50% non-fiction and analyze these books. This new reading requirement makes it a necessity to purchase updated books that are relevant. Books purchases over the last year include a book on whether the Bermuda Triangle is real, whether haunted houses are real, and how Benjamin Franklin solved the mystery that had baffled all of France.



### NOTICE OF PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER:

The board has approved Adolpho Ayala as a new member of the Oceanside Rotary Club. Any questions or concerns about this proposal should be directed to the board.



## HAPPY DOLLARS:



JIM SCHRODER was \$20 happy on his return from Rwanda. JIM reported that this was the most difficult trip he had ever taken, having to walk in mud from rain in the mountains from 4500 feet to 9600 feet. JIM lost 9 pounds on the trip.



Rudy Van Hunnick was \$20 happy to be able to sit next to a world traveler (JIM). Rudy was also happy that his stepdaughter from Europe was visiting. She works for the biggest medical corporation in the world, Thermo Fisher Scientific, with more than 60,000 employees. Rudy had the opportunity to visit the local facility in Carlsbad.



ALEXA KINGAARD was \$5 happy letting us know that she is involved in the marketing of her book. ALEXA mentioned various databases involved in

marketing and talked about sending out personal emails. Part of the fun is being able to speak with people as far away as France and Canada.



LYN CORDER was \$5 happy, letting us know that it looks like her husband Al will make it to his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The plan is to bring him to Rotary for a birthday party at our October 25 meeting. We will have a special birthday cake for him, and those attending that day should consider bringing a birthday card for this centennial celebration.



DAVID NYGEDDER was \$5 happy and sad. He was happy that the Navy has the only song with drinking lyrics, and sad that he had to leave early as he was heading to China.



JAY CRAWFORD was \$20 happy as ANITA was nominated for senior citizen volunteer the year. She has ongoing involvement with the Oceanside Cultural Arts Foundation's film festival. Also, Jay was happy that it was his 20<sup>th</sup> year in Rotary.



Your reporter was surprised to have his name called by PRESIDENT TERRI and somehow pretending that he was not present did not dissuade the president. Your reporter correctly responded to the president's brutal interrogation and correctly noted that this was his 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary in Rotary, having been recruited by CLAUD PHILLIPS. Somehow the president considered this CORRECT answer fake news, and your reporter forked out a \$22 fine. (Talk about the need for impeachment!)



TERRI asked DAVE HALL and L.J. FIMBRES to come forward to be recognized with a special Service Star pin for their volunteer efforts for the soccer game. DAVE reminded her that JAY had also volunteered that day, but she countered that JAY had already received this award. TERRI admitted that she didn't buy enough for anyone to get two pins!



## PROGRAM:



PRESIDENT TERRI introduced our speaker for the day, noting a personal connection to the topic. (Her granddaughter had participated in the Mainly Mozart Youth Orchestra.)

Garrett Harris, Social Media and Outreach director of Mainly Mozart, is an active member of the San Diego classical music scene and a dedicated advocate of the art form. In addition to his outreach duties at Mainly Mozart, Garrett has written over a thousand articles as the classical music columnist for The San Diego Reader. He is also a member of the San Diego Opera Chorus where he has performed in over 60 operas.

For over 30 years, Mainly Mozart has been the festival where genius lives. With a core commitment to the exceptional, Mainly Mozart produces a boutique experience which tells the story of genius in all of its varied faces. Concerts are performed by world-class artists at intimate venues which capture the spirit of Mozart and the great masters of Western Music.

The Mainly Mozart Youth Orchestra is a year-round program which inspires and instructs the next generation of musicians, serves students with cognitive differences and gives these kids a chance to interact with the Festival's top artists.

Mainly Mozart celebrates the genius within us all allowing the universal language of music to guide us toward social harmony.

Our speaker was kind enough provide free tickets at each table (\$30 value) for the upcoming Mainly Mozart in Carlsbad spotlight chamber music concert sponsored by the Patricia and Christopher Well Family Foundation. The concert is scheduled for November 3, 2019 at 2:30 PM. The performance will be held at the St. Elizabeth Seton Church (6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad 92009). The performance will be by PROJECT Trio (Greg Patillo, flute; Eric Stephenson, cello; Peter Seymour, double bass), a well-known trio from Brooklyn and there will be a coffee reception afterwards.

Our speaker discussed three Cs of string orchestras; concertmaster, conductor and composer.

The concertmaster is the first violin and is paid the most. This person is equivalent to a quarterback in football. The concertmaster is the leader and knows what every other musician is supposed to be doing at all times.

The conductor is the coach. Like a coach holding football tryouts, the conductor schedules auditions, along with practices and rehearsals. The conductor also leads the performances.

And of course, every concert needs a composer. Musicians are not generally known for jam sessions, although Mozart was an improviser. Beethoven also had otherworldly improvisational skills. Along with Bach, these composers were part of the rise of freedom in musical composition.

The importance of music was discussed by our speaker in relation to the relevance of music with the age of freedom. As our speaker noted, truth plus beauty equals freedom. Ralph Waldo Emerson's description of freedom was cited. Another quote was from Daniel J. Boorstin: "Freedom means the opportunity to be something that one never thought one could be." There is freedom to interact with others on one's own emotional terms. Freedom sees potential where others see chaos. Freedom means being able to be grounded and understanding the moment.

Music requires an open heart. The concept of social cultural individual freedom was just starting when Beethoven and Mozart were composing, and they were writing with the fervor of these new and unique concepts. As Garrett described it, music is the foundation of the Bill of Rights.

Mozart had to ask permission to quit a job and was told no. He was not able to leave and move on until permission was granted. Such was the limitation on freedom at this time. Bach knocked on the door and Beethoven kicked the door in.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:

BILL DERN for the second straight week held the lucky ticket in the opportunity for \$500 but decided not to choose the joker and settled for the \$10 consolation prize.



JIM SCHRODER made the most of his opportunity ticket and walked off a bag of Global Grant coffee.



## ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Remember in last week's "Out and About" in which we said that our world traveler JIM SCHRODER had a rare sighting of a silver back gorilla in the wild? .... Well, I will let him tell the tale of how he got even luckier with his camera:



*"There are only now 19 White Rhinos in the wild at the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary in Uganda. The count is up from 4 originally. I was told by the administrator of the Sanctuary that it was a 1 in 100,000 chance to actually see this photo shot happening."*



*"The Murchison Falls photo is where Lake Victoria flows over the falls to become the mouth of the Nile River below, which we had seen the day prior, then flowing through Uganda to Sudan to Egypt and into the Mediterranean."*





*Photo shots of the Gorilla family in the wild in Rwanda at Volcano National Park at the altitude of 9,600 feet. You can see how dense the canopy is where they live.*





*A few more shots of the Gorillas in the wild... What an adventure to be so close in the wild!*







*Also shots at the local school.  
Classrooms in Ruhengeri, Rwanda, the gateway city to Volcanoes National Park.  
There was not one lightbulb in all the school.*



*Last photo. I am so lucky to make friends all over the world. The Ugandan and Rwandan people are very hard-working people.*

*As I have always said..."Friendship moves the world".  
Jim*



TOM BRAULT shared a couple pictures from the trip to Arizona that kept him away from this meeting. First, he and wife Linda spent a few days soaking in the splendor of Sedona, Arizona's majestic and inspiring red rock formations. In the first picture, the condos you see are actually the resort where they stayed. After a few days in Sedona, they drove down to Phoenix to share the weekend with daughter Robyn and her husband Mark Dern. While there, they met up with some lifelong friends who also live in the Phoenix area for a fun dinner of reminiscing.



And to close this edition, a few words and photos from our PE MELISSA RODRIGUEZ enjoying the heck out of her time in Bali:

*“I ❤️ Bali! Having a blast with my sister Christy Rodriguez at one of my favorite places on the planet. We have visited temples, palaces, a monkey forest & an elephant sanctuary & much more. The last photo is of me on a giant swing off a canyon overlooking rice fields. It was terrifying and awesome!”*

*We have made many Balinese friends. I could stay forever. See you all soon.”*















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