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Your reporter knew this meeting was important. Your reporter’s energy level had been low and that was his excuse for his recent absenteeism from Rotary. But today your reporter is about to change his life with new energy and direction. The plan was to attend the presentation on Feng Shui, but several obstacles seriously challenged your reporter’s ability to attend. Your reporter knew that he should not have blocked access to the door of his condo, and that was just his first mistake. Climbing over the boxes strewn across the shag rug of your reporter’s 1970s bachelor condo, invisible forces of the universe were at work, and these forces were not pleased with the architectural and aesthetic design of your reporter’s abode. Your reporter will never again doubt the Five Arts of Chinese Metaphysics. But, nevertheless, your reporter persisted and finally did make it to the meeting.

PRESIDENT RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE opened the meeting with three painful gongs. (Your reporter sat too close to the speaker lectern and really needs to think about hearing aids, or earplugs.)

LARRY HATTER led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BILL DERN was today’s song Meister. As an Old Navy man (and we are not talking about clothing brands here), BILL let us know that Saturday would be the 243rd birthday for the Navy, so it was “Anchors Aweigh.” This was followed by “God Bless America.”



ROTARY MOMENT: JAY CRAWFORD



Before joining the Oceanside Rotary club in 1999, JAY had traveled with his son and his real estate team on a Christmas trip to a small orphanage in Baja Mexico. They brought gifts for the children and spent the day visiting and playing with them.

JAY was moved by the experience and suggested to our club that the orphanage could be a beneficial international service project. Our club members jumped in and wanted to be a part of it.

A dentist in the club set up a small clinic in Baja using his equipment and staff and attended to the children's dental needs during our visits. Other members of our club helped improve the dormitories and bathrooms. Club members would drive down for the day, working, shopping for needed groceries for the children, and spending time with them and staff. The group also delivered a number of computers (set up in Spanish) to assist with the children's learning.

Our club continued this service project for several years at the El Sauzal orphanage, and eventually passed the baton to the Fullerton Rotary club, a club whose members had the technical skills required to upgrade the sewage and water systems at the orphanage. This allowed our club to explore other international service projects.

As JAY looked back on this time, it was his belief that this was the pivotal time in Rotary for him, as JAY realized the true meaning of "Service Above Self".

PRESIDENTS STUFF:

L. J. FIMBRES, from Abbey Carpet has been proposed as a new member by PRESIDENT RENEE.

RENEE showed a video of our recent Flea Market fundraiser from the previous Saturday. She was touched by the sight of a homeless man sitting near the band who pulled out his drumsticks to drum along with the music. As they were finishing up, the band invited the homeless man up to actually play on the drum set, which he did quite well. A side benefit of the event is that interest was expressed by a possible four new members, including JULIET BERNARD, who attended our club meeting.



Additional help is needed for the Crown Heights mentorship program. The club is looking for members to attend the soccer game at MiraCosta versus San Diego City College on October 26. We need at least one more person to chaperone or the event may need to be scrubbed.



Speaking of our Crown Heights project, LARRY HATTER is a Community Impact Award finalist in recognition for his efforts to shepherd this effort. The final award announcement will be made at North County Lifeline. LARRY, in a customary display of humility, said that it was not he, but Oceanside Rotary that made this mentorship program happen and that special credit was due to MIKE CURTIN and LARRY O’HARRA.

Our President expressed her appreciation for all of the unwrapped toys and gifts that had been brought in to be given out at the Women’s Resource Center’s holiday party. (So many gifts, in fact, that the backseat of her red “sleigh” was packed more full than Santa’s sack!) We will be continuing to collect these gifts at all of our October meetings, and if you bring in a gift, you get an extra ticket for the opportunity drawing.



VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:



BRENDA ORR, wife and ministry partner of BRIAN ORR



BAIRD BOUCHER, very soon to be new member



PAMELA and MICHAEL RYAN, our guest speakers



JULIET BERNARD (the potential new member that we met at the Flea Market) is new to Oceanside, attended UCSD and worked in the Bay Area until her husband, a Marine, transferred here. She was just hired by Marcus & Millichap.

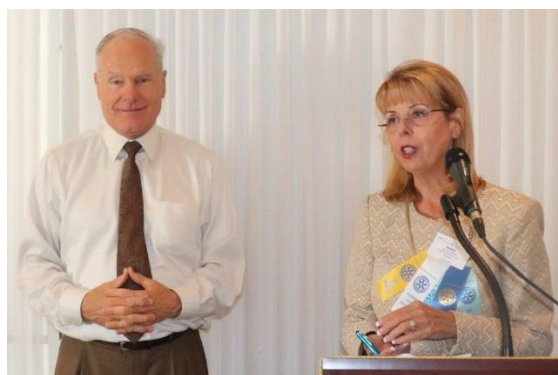
NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



As had been hinted at for several weeks, we finally got to place a member badge onto BAIRD BOUCHER, a former member and past president of the La Quinta Rotary club. And if we needed any proof that BAIRD will be a worthy addition to our roster, he dispelled any doubts by the fact that he had showed up to volunteer at the Flea Market fundraiser before he was actually a member of the club. Here's to many years of active service and camaraderie ahead, BAIRD!

CLUB UPDATES:

May 18, 2019, will be our Rotarians at Work service project day. Our club will be operating a barbecue booth in coordination with Operation Appreciation, so warm up your burger flipping muscles.



MICHAEL WESELOH was brought to the podium for special recognition by our president. MIKE has followed admirably in his very generous father BEN's footsteps by continuously contributing to the Rotary International Foundation and now leads the club by earning his eighth Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Three little letters spell out one big word: WOW!!!

BIRTHDAYS:



MELISSA RODRIGUEZ was \$29 happy for her birthdate coming up on October 25. However our president was having none of this rounding down and reminded her that the standard practice was to give \$1 per year. (I guess RENEE was implying that her friend simply had to be older than 29.) MELISSA ended by sheepishly ponying up \$49.

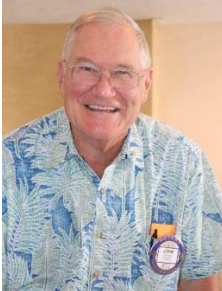
HAPPY DOLLARS:



JIM SCHRODER was \$20 happy to be home. He had recently traveled to several countries including Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Armenia and during this trip, he ended up very, very close to both the Russian and Iranian borders. He reported that people were very nice, although income levels were quite low, by our standards. JIM has now visited 164 countries and he has set up a travel website in order to share his adventures. The link can be found at: www.jimschroder.com.



ANCHISA FARRANT was \$2 happy to have successfully sold a whopping 85 of her succulent plants that she donated to the Flea Market sale. (At \$2 each, that was a big chunk of our overall proceeds from the event. Thanks so much for this generous effort, ANCHISA!)



JOHN TODD was \$10 happy to be back at Rotary and back in town after a trip to Lake Tahoe.



ERNIE MASCITTI \$50 happy for getting to watch the good work done by other people at the Flea Market fundraiser. He then piggybacked on JOHN TODD's trip to Lake Tahoe by telling his own tale of adventure in the Sierras. While driving on the highway there, he first dodged a dead deer in the road and then had a stare down with a brown bear standing right on the road. In this brief, but unforgettable encounter, the bear stood its ground and won this game of "chicken", with ERNIE swerving his car to avoid a collision. Needless to say, ERNIE was happy to still be alive after that!



BRIAN ORR announced the Salvation Army red kettle kick-off dinner and auction will be held on Friday, November 16, 2018 at 6 PM. The fundraiser will be at 3935 Lake Blvd., Oceanside, CA 92056. BRIAN was looking for business donations to be offered as auction prizes and JANET BLEDSOE LACY offered a free divorce. (That is the type of positive outlook on life that your reporter appreciates although, it should go without saying, there really is no such thing as a "free divorce.") If you have something to contribute to this Salvation Army event, please call BRIAN at (760) 631-8212 or email brenda.orr@usw.salvationarmy.org The donations are tax-deductible.

As it turns out, we will have the chance to deliver those donated prizes in person, because this coming week's meeting (Friday, October 19) will be an Away Meeting at the very same Salvation Army location on Lake Boulevard in Oceanside.

PROGRAM:



We heard from PAMELA EDWARDS RYAN and MICHAEL WHITE RYAN, founders of Language of Space, an innovative firm which accelerates business performance by applying advanced Feng Shui principles in a wide range of environments. Their professional expertise of 18 years includes business, residential, management profiles, business advisory and event planning. PAMELA and MICHAEL are recognized by their peers as being amongst the top 100 global Feng Shui consultants. They have advanced businesses into INC Top 200 fastest growing American companies, and have co-planned buildings valued at up to \$250 Million.

Classical Feng Shui is a science which has been developed and used in Asia for thousands of years; it is a system to analyze the energetic influences of our environment. Its roots are deeply infused in Quantum Science based on physics, geometry, time, space, direction, location and the resulting quantity/quality of these Energies interacting together at the same point in time. Feng Shui is the system of living in balance and harmony with the energetic flow of one's personal environment as it relates to the many changing environments that surround us. When a person or business is aligned with the powerful forces of nature, they find good things happen and opportunities for success are enhanced.

Feng Shui concepts have been applied in the design of many well-known buildings and casinos throughout the world. For example, it is included in the design of the Bellagio Casino in Las Vegas.

There are eight House Feng Shui School theories; and all houses are divided into eight sectors from the centre and two groups, the East and the West Group based on the eight trigrams from the Later Heaven Trigram or bagua. The eight schools all have different interpretations, and our speaker at age 48 began a 10-year apprenticeship to learn about this process. MICHAEL told us, "Feng Shui has nothing to do with furniture, but rather it is to promote health and wealth."

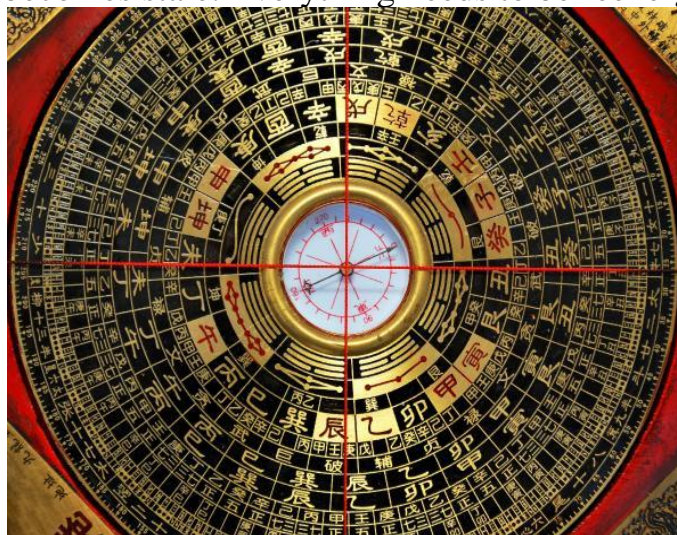
Feng Shui is based on the octagon and kaleidoscope. In regard to sacred geometry when viewing the octagon, there are two shapes coming together as one; which is the circle and square. The circle represents heaven and the square represents earth, thus unifying these two energies through an infinite connection. In BTB Feng Shui (Bon Buddhism), the octagon is seen as a symbol of protection to ward off negative spiritual activity.

Feng Shui is all about chi energy and how it flows. The idea is to mimic the natural laws of nature that govern chi energy. To accomplish this, Feng Shui guides practitioners based on specific principles of compass points and land formation. In addition, each compass direction is assigned a specific element that, when activated, will attract the chi energy to these areas to your home. Chi energy contains both the negative (yin) and the positive (yang). This balance between these two opposite energies is the ideal of Feng Shui applications. The correct flow of chi energy creates what is known as the "creative (productive) cycle".



Feng Shui is both an art and a science, and there are plenty of things that we don't fully understand about how our universe works. Building family wellness and money success in business is part of Feng Shui. Wellness improves the health of people in a house. Feng Shui is starting to be noticed and implemented more in Western culture.

One starts with location when utilizing Feng Shui. It is based on the understanding of energy. Energy flows and that flow can be enhanced or it can be interrupted by aspects of design and layout. He gave as an example a cul-de-sac, which is a dead end. The cul-de-sac end of a street may be considered a comfort zone, but if energy is held too long, it becomes stale. Everything needs to be reenergized all the time.



The Feng Shui compass, invented by the Chinese, also called Lo-Pan, is used to define the Bagua of a home or office in order to access the following: deeper Feng Shui information such as the favorable and unfavorable Feng Shui areas; specific

Feng Shui areas of a site connected to specific areas of people's lives; the main Feng Shui element needed in a specific Feng Shui area. The Feng Shui compass consists of bands of concentric rings arranged around the magnetic needle. A professional Feng Shui compass can have over forty rings of information.



Our club was shown pictures of three houses in order to compare their designs as they related to access to energy. MICHAEL explained that energy can be blocked by a physical barrier in place, such as a tree blocking the house, or the lectern between us and the speaker. Elevation is important, as energy is seen to flow in a downward direction and therefore can be drained off by a hill sloping away from the building.

Banks and government use Feng Shui. When working with architects, our speaker can provide input into the initial layout and design to optimize energies, or, if he is consulted after the construction is complete, he can find ways to realign different parts of the house in order to have better energy flow.

Examples of bad energy flow are found in the kitchen when a sink and stove are situated directly opposite each other; as fire and water are in conflict and can create a disturbance between the husband and wife. When opposites conflict, the result is one trying to control the other. Crystals can be placed on a stove in order to help resolve this conflict. Bedroom energy bounces between the floor and ceiling and can interfere with sleep. Consideration must be given to accessory colors and how plants are positioned.



This presentation gave us much insight into the theory and practice of Feng Shui. In appreciation for their sharing of these ideas with us, President RENEE invited MICHAEL and PAMELA to select a book to be donated in their name to a local elementary school's library.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:



With the \$800 jackpot up for grabs and somewhere around just 23 cards remaining in the deck, audible groans were heard from the crowd when the lucky ticket was held by RON MARBEN. "Not THAT family again!", the masses were heard to grumble. (It seems that we will never forget how his wife ANCHISA nabbed the big \$1,000 jackpot so early in CHUCK WARD's presidential year.) Luckily, a full scale riot was averted when RON failed to draw the Joker (although he tried to psych us all out with his facial expression after he peeked at the card before showing it to us.)

To assure us once again that she has all of her ducks in order, RENEE closed our meeting with both a bang on the gong and a clang of her gavel on the Rotary bell.

***REMEMBER – THIS FRIDAY'S MEETING
WILL NOT BE AT THE COUNTRY CLUB.***

***FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19 WILL BE AN AWAY MEETING
AT THE SALVATION ARMY IN OCEANSIDE***

***Address: 3935 Lake Boulevard.
(Same time. Same price. Different place.)***

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Oct 19: AWAY MEETING AT SALVATION ARMY – Host BRIAN ORR

Address: 3935 Lake Blvd, Oceanside, just east of College Blvd

Reporter: JAY CRAWFORD

Oct 26: RON MacDONALD, Arlington National Cemetery

Reporter: BILL DERN

Nov 2: KRISTI HAWTHORNE, Oceanside History and Pier History

Reporter: JANET BLEDSOE LACY

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

Reporter: DAVE HALL

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

Reporter: A.J. MAZZARELLA

Nov 23: DARK for Thanksgiving weekend

Nov 30: RICK ROBINSON, Oceanside Fire Chief

Reporter: PAM MYERS