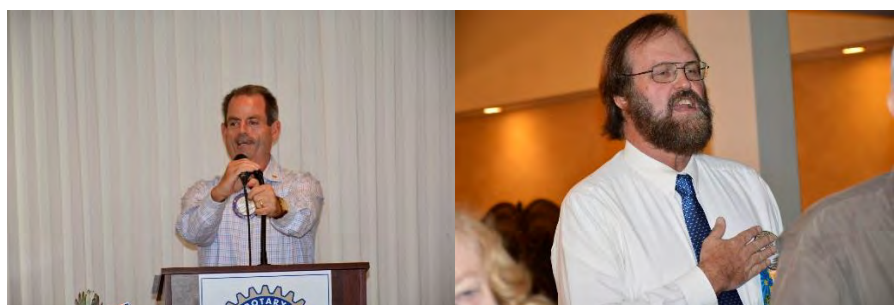


*October 20, 2017*



**PRESIDENT CHUCK WARD** gavelled the meeting to order at a very respectable 12:29 p.m. requesting **PP TOM BRAULT** to lead us in the pledge. Once he had recalled how it starts (*“Ready, begin...”*), **TOM** very capably handled the task.



Following the query as to if anyone knew what special day it is today (and **LARRY HATTER**’s correct but not right answer of “the day before the Hall of Fame induction ceremony at Oceanside High School tomorrow”) **PP VICKIE PROSSER** announced today is **HOMECOMING DAY** at Oceanside High School, and requested that **PP RENEE**

**WENDEE** and **LARRY HATTER** (both **PIRATES NOW AND FOREVER!**) join her at the front of the room to lead the club singing the Oceanside High School Alma Mater. While we did a very capable job, it would’ve been led even louder had fellow alumni **JANET LACY** (who was having surgery – our prayers are with you **JANET!**) and **PP JIM SCHRODER** (who is in Chile) had been there to help! Following that, **PP VICKIE** led us in “God Bless America” which needed **NO** introduction – and more of the members actually knew the tune!



## INSPIRATIONAL MOMENTS



**PREZ CHUCK** then invited two of our guests, **DAISY CRUZ MORENO** and **BRIAN RAMIREZ**, to come forward. **DAISY** and **BRIAN** are both students at Lincoln Middle School and attended the **ROTARY LEAD** program last week. They were attending our meeting with **DEIRDRE COLBURN** from Lincoln Middle School. **PREZ CHUCK** asked them what the Rotary motto “Service Above Self” means to them. **BRIAN** indicated it was about kindness and overcoming fear, and **DAISY** shared that to her it meant helping others before yourself and doing things for the community. **PREZ CHUCK** then thanked them for their thoughts and gave each of them a ticket for the raffle drawing that may have improved their chances to win the raffle!

## WHO AM I?



**RED BADGER RON MARBEN** was asked to come forward and fulfill his last requirement before receiving his blue badge for Oceanside Rotary and tell us a bit more about himself.

**RON** was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1945. In 1963 he graduated from Edison High School and promptly joined the Navy. He served on three ships during his four year stint – all destroyers. Part of his service was in Vietnam.

In 1967 he started work for Northwest Airlines - first as a mechanic, then a maintenance manager, and finally as an inspection manager. He retired in 2000 after 33 years of service there at the age 55. At this point in his life, he moved to Casa Grande, AZ. Northwest Airlines then hired him as a Quality Assurance Rep to oversee maintenance operations at outside maintenance vendors' locations to check to see that they complied with the proper maintenance procedures. He worked there for about a year.

At that point, he started Silver Hawk Homes in Casa Grande. He built 50 homes and 1 Dollar Store! He permanently retired in 2007.

**RON** has been very involved with volunteer work since retirement. In 2007 he volunteered with quality management at Casa Grande Regional Medical Center. In 2009 he had his favorite job ever working for the Pinal County Sheriff Posse. That ended when he moved to California in 2010. Since moving to California, he has volunteered at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center.

**RON** was very thankful to **PP RENEE WENDEE** and his beautiful wife **ANCHISA** for their influence in him becoming a member of Oceanside Rotary. He was active in our club activities and projects even prior to becoming a member!

### **BLUE BADGE CEREMONY**



At this point, **PP RENEE** came forward to officially pin **RON** with his blue badge and remind him “You get OUT of Rotary ONLY what you put INTO it.” With his fellow Rotarians rising to the occasion for an ovation, **PP RENEE** presented **RON** and charged the membership of this club to not fail in our duty to give him our friendship and help make his membership useful and happy.

**CONGRATULATIONS RON!!**



## **GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS:**

**PREZ CHUCK** now came to his favorite part of the meeting – introducing our visiting Rotarians and guests.



**ERNIE MASCITTI** had a table full of guests, introducing **SCOTT MacDONALD**, our speaker; **DEIRDRE COLBURN** from Lincoln Middle School; and students **DAISY CRUZ MORENO** and **BRIAN RAMIREZ**. **PREZ CHUCK** then introduced his lovely bride **BARBARA WARD**.



**STEPHANIE YOO** then introduced her guest **JANELLE DeSANTI** from the YMCA. **JANELLE** is an expert in aquatics! **PP TOM BRAULT** graciously introduced our long time special guest **RUDY VAN HUNNICK**.



**JOHN HARTMAN** introduced **PREZ CHUCK's** guest **CURT CUSCINO** and also **JORDY SPARKS** who was a special guest of **LARRY HATTER**. In fact, **LARRY** has proposed **JORDY** for membership (which we announced in last week's Shorelines, where unfortunately we had spelled his name incorrectly in that edition. So we will officially do this again: If you have any questions or concerns about **JORDY** becoming a member of the club, you have 10 days to contact a Board member to give your input.)

Of course all of our guests enjoyed being greeted in song, led by me! ☺



## LEAD CLASS



**ERNIE MASCITTI** was asked to come forward and introduce once again the two students visiting us from Lincoln Middle School. He said there were around 200 students that attended LEAD from District 5340 this year. LEAD stands for Leadership, Ethics, Aspirations and Determination. Our students this year were from Crown Heights. Both **DAISY** and **BRIAN** were very grateful to the club for making it possible, and they expressed their thanks at being able to attend this year both verbally and in thank you notes which were passed around the room (and which are copied at the end of this newsletter).

## PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

If there were announcements, I missed them! I think **PREZ CHUCK** skipped that part! (Did he pass over it on his agenda, or were there actually no announcements to be made? ... We may never know the answer to that.)

## HAPPY \$\$\$ & FINES

**PREZ CHUCK** reminded everyone that this is Polio Awareness Month and that our club is matching everyone's happy dollars (up to \$500 which, through the magic of matching, would mean a total of \$1,000 going to Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign)! Our contributions last week added up to almost \$500 happy (with the matching funds added in) and our President expressed his hope that we would be at least that happy this week as well!



**LARRY HATTER** was \$50 happy about the recognition ceremony being held at Oceanside High School tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. in their new auditorium. A couple of the OHS graduates that are being honored are **BEN PRICE** (who spent 30 years in sales and marketing executive roles at Turner Broadcasting and Discovery Communications, involved with pop culture phenomena like Trading Spaces, Puppy Bowl and the annual rite of summer, Shark Week) and **HOLLY HARTLEY**, All American Golfer from Tulsa University, named "Ms. Golf 1976."

**LARRY** invited everyone in attendance to come and see what fine graduates Oceanside High puts out!



**PREZ CHUCK** was \$100 happy because yesterday was his lovely wife **BARBARA**'s birthday and he wanted us to sing her Happy Birthday. (And we did so wonderfully, if I may say so myself!) **BARBARA** was then \$20 happy and honored that we had recognized her birthday in that way.



**PP TOM BRAULT** was \$10 happy that he was back from a wonderful (and well deserved) week in Lake Tahoe. He was also sad he had missed the evening at Stone Brewery, but had a terrific excuse in that he was performing that night with the San Diego Musical Theatre in "Billy Elliot"! (AND HE DID AN AMAZING JOB – playing four different parts!!! – My favorite was Margaret Thatcher!) He also shared that the reason he was wearing a tie to our meeting (not his usual mode of attire) was that he was going to attend the wedding of one of **PP BILL DERN**'s sons – the twin of the one that would be marrying his (**TOM**'s) daughter next year! He was going to get to see what a "Dern Twin Wedding" looks like! *(You can see for yourself with photos of the celebration posted in the "Out and About" section.)*



**PP JAY CRAWFORD** was \$8 happy/sad that his wife **ANITA**'s computer crashed yesterday, but she immediately went to Best Buy and found a new one – so she's up and running again.



**RON MARBEN** was \$20 happy he had completed his last step up from being a rookie Rotarian! Welcome again **RON**!



**FRANK COXON** was \$10 happy that he and his wife were able to attend a ballet class in Atlanta, Georgia that his daughter **JOCELYN** taught. Attending the class were a number of students – all of whom had been her students for many, many years. He and **MARY** are very proud of their daughter and her accomplishments.



**LYN CORDER** was \$5 happy to share that when she went to Agnes Scott College and graduated in 1967, there was just one African American and one Jewish student in her class. Last Saturday she went to a book club there that was discussing the book Hidden Figures and half of the people in attendance were minorities. We are progressing.





**RUDY VAN HUNNICK** was \$40 happy: #1 to be sitting between a famous performing artist (**PP TOM BRAULT**) and a famous photographer (**ANCHISA MARBEN**), but also #2 to announce that the City of Oceanside voted to give the Oceanside Museum of Art a three year matching grant of \$50,000 per year. Yay!!!!

At this point, it was announced that the matching contribution goal was met and our club will be sending a check for \$1,000 to the Polio Plus campaign!!

### **OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:**



Going a bit out of order (which seems to be a habit with **PREZ CHUCK!**), the opportunity drawing was now held. Two numbers were to be drawn. The first winning ticket was held by Lincoln Middle School student **DAISY**, and the second one was held by none other than **PP VICKIE PROSSER**. **PP VICKIE** graciously (and with some prodding) gave her winning ticket to the other student, **BRIAN**. So the contest was then on to see who could throw the bean bag into the holes and garner the highest points. **BRIAN** won, but could only come up with the 5 of spades – not the joker, which earned him the consolation prize of \$10. YAY!!!!

### **PROGRAM**

**PREZ CHUCK** then introduced our speaker, author **SCOTT MacDONALD**. **SCOTT** grew up near Chicago and currently resides in Del Mar (where he belongs to the Del Mar Rotary Club). In between, he lived in many places, including Sydney, London, New York, Houston, Philadelphia, Annapolis, Evanston and San Diego! The man gets around!





Prior to graduating from college, **SCOTT** held a variety of jobs, including washing dishes, sweeping streets, telling fortunes and factory work. He learned management from the bottom of the ladder looking up, and eventually took his journey all the way up the ladder to the CEO corner office. He graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC.

**SCOTT** has two wonderful sons of whom he is very proud and one perfect (of course!) granddaughter.

He has 40 years of experience working and managing commercial real estate companies, including serving as CEO, President or Managing Director of five companies. He has worked on major projects around the globe and has managed several corporate turnarounds.

Since stepping down as CEO of Investa Property Group in Sydney, **SCOTT** has devoted his time to promoting a student scholarship program, writing, and urban vineyards. He is the proud “parent” of a rescue dog named Sadie (who admittedly rules the roost at his house), and according to **PREZ CHUCK**, **SCOTT** loves the fish tacos at Roberto’s!

I came to the conclusion as I was attempting to write down the details of this amazing man’s life, there was no way I was up to the task. The intriguing and touching stories he had to tell about the various students that had been affected by the scholarships set up by him and his scholarship foundation were simply amazing. I will attempt to give a few of the highlights (to me!), but this is one speaker that I’m really sorry any of you missed.

His scholarship program was first started at Davidson College because that is where his sons went to school. He wanted to start something that would help the

students get an education without putting them under a horrible weight of debt when they finally graduated. His thought was to give scholarships to students and require them to give back to the world in some way either during their schooling, or after that – a community based scholarship. It was an opportunity for the students to “pay it forward”.

He received a call from one of the students that had tracked him down that wanted to take him to lunch and talk about her experiences. She had a very tough upbringing. Her father died before she was even born, and her mother, from Switzerland, returned there to give birth to her child. Her mother then developed health problems and needed to move to a warmer climate. She decided on North Carolina and moved there. Because of her mother’s health issue the child was eventually placed with an uncle who lived in Australia. The story went on from there, but the gist of it was that she received one of the MacDonald Scholarships and had wanted to give back. She had a friend from Africa who told her there are no schools in Ethiopia in the villages. It would cost just \$5,000 to build a school. The student took it upon herself to gather pictures of children and their stories/poems and write a book. She had the book published and sold copies for \$50 each. She loaded the books in her trunk and sold 100 of them – giving her the \$5,000 to build a school! Problem was, once the school was built, she was told that the school would need more funds so it could keep running – so she printed more books and sold them to keep the school going. Her mother (who has returned to Switzerland and is in a wheelchair) created a website and handles selling the book now, generating funds to keep the school going. All this started with a student still in college!

Another scholarship recipient heard that students in India can’t study in the evening because there is no electricity outside of the cities. So he convinced a solar energy company to donate some solar panels and he and some other students rode on three wheeled bikes throughout the villages of India distributing free solar panels to the villagers. Pretty amazing stuff happening through this scholarship program!

These scholarship opportunities are spreading, and are now being given through Indiana University, University of North Carolina, the University of Michigan (just formed 4 months ago and already \$1.2 million dollars have been committed to the program). University of San Diego has been in contact with **SCOTT** also. He committed himself to cover one scholarship for every three scholarships USD arranged and before he knew it, USD had arranged for 12 scholarships! The program has been running for 15 years at Davidson and the alumni indicate these

scholarships have “changed their lives”. **SCOTT**’s goal is to see this type of scholarship offered at every university so graduates wouldn’t have the crushing amount of debt when they graduate, and they also would learn to help others. There are now 60 funded scholarships and he’s hoping for 100 within two years.

**SCOTT** wrote his first book SAVING INVESTA and is working on his second THINK LIKE A DOG. (Definitely one I want to get!) He had a few copies of the first book with him, and donated the entire \$20 price back to our club to do with as we would.



I cannot say enough about how much I enjoyed this talk – and I sincerely wish everyone could have heard this inspiring, big hearted man speak! For more information on his you can go to [www.Macdonaldscholars.com](http://www.Macdonaldscholars.com). **SCOTT** was thanked by **PREZ CHUCK** with a donation to TERI, Inc. and a beautiful potted succulent.

### **CLOSING:**

**PREZ CHUCK** then gaveled the meeting closed at 1:28 p.m. YES! The man was on time!!! And with his very own gavel!!! YAY!!!

### **LEAD STUDENTS THANK YOU NOTES**

As promised, here is what the middle schoolers said in their notes of appreciation to us for the chance to attend the LEAD conference.

#1

*“Dear Rotarians,*

*Thank you for paying and letting me go to the leadership program. I had a great experience and met many new people. The motivational speakers were really inspirational. Sade Burell was a person who showed me I could do anything. Thank you so much for this great experience. – Daisy Cruz”*



#2

*"Thank you Rotary*

*Dear Rotary Club. Thank you for paying for camp. I really liked it. I met new people. What shocked me was the speakers. I liked it because the staff was nice and we learned a lot of things like being a leader. It made me want to stay for more days.*

*Sincerely, Brian Ramirez"*

## **ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT**

Here are a few photos from the "Dern Twin Wedding" mentioned by **TOM BRAULT** in Happy Dollars. **BILL DERN**'s youngest son **JASON** joined with his sweetheart **MINDEE** in a beautiful ceremony in Fallbrook, with a fun and festive reception filled with food, dancing and family bonding. Best of luck to the newlyweds, and congrats to **BILL** and **KATHY** for their part in throwing a practically perfect party! (Also pictured are the proud parents with the bride and groom at breakfast the day after the wedding.)



## **COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

October 27 – KIM GIBBENS, San Diego Center for the Blind  
Reporter: BILL DERN

November 3 – LINDA, Oceanside Fire Department  
Reporter: A.J. MAZZARELLA

November 10 – Oceanside Humane Society  
Reporter: PAM MYERS

November 17 – STAN KATZ, Author (“The Emperor and the Spy”)  
Reporter: JANET BLEDSOE LACY  
*BRING FROZEN TURKEYS TO DONATE TO BROTHER BENNO’S*

November 24 – DARK for Thanksgiving

December 1 – Away Meeting at STAR THEATRE for Youth Performance  
Pizza, Salad and Cookie lunch for \$20 – *Guests Welcome!*  
Reporter: JIM SCHRODER

December 8 – SEASIDE SINGERS, Holiday concert  
Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

December 15 – Away Meeting at Mottino Family YMCA  
Four Way Test essay contest and tour of facility  
Reporter: DAVE SHORE

December 15 from 6 to 8:30 pm – Oceanside Rotary Club Christmas Party  
DAVE and TERRI HALL’s home (4285 Sunnyhill Drive, Carlsbad)  
BYOB and Bring main dish or heavy hors d’oeuvres to share  
Dessert and non alcoholic beverages provided  
*Children welcome!*

December 22 & 29 – DARK for Christmas and New Year