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<p align="center">2025-2026</p>	<p align="center">Tom Brault Editor-in-Chief</p>	<p align="center">Janet Lacy Photographer</p>	<p align="center">Jim Schroder Reporter</p>	<p align="center">CO-PRESIDENTS Roger Vanderwerken Paul Wendee</p>

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A voice in the front of the room at the podium yells out in a loud voice, “RENEE, what time does the OCEANSIDE ROTARY Meeting start?” A voice from the other side of the room answers, “12:30.” I look at my watch and it says 12:33. Hmmmm!!!

That voice in the front of the room is Co President ROGER VANDERWERKEN behind the podium.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LARRY HATTER
4 WAY TEST JANET BLEDSOE LACY

SONGMEISTER DAVE HALL told us that one of his grandsons is spending a semester abroad in Barcelona, Spain and recently took a side trip to Germany. Of course, this time of year is the infamous OCTOBERFEST all over Germany. Having imbibed a number of times in OCTOBERFEST parties around the world, I myself was ready to hoist a beer and start singing.



DAVE led us in a great rendition of Beer Barrel Polka. We all had the words on the table for us. We sounded good, but with a couple of beers, we could have knocked it out of the park, swaying from side to side with frothy mugs in hand. “Ein Prosit!”

ROGER then proceeded to tell us the story of an FBI Agent and a Montana farmer.

An FBI agent tells a Montana rancher, “I need to inspect your ranch for illegal group drugs”. The old rancher says, “Okay, but don’t go in that field over there.”

The agent verbally explodes saying, “Mister, I have the authority of the Federal Government with me.” Reaching into his rear pants pocket and removing his badge, the officer proudly displays it to the farmer. “See this badge? This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish, on any land. No questions asked or answer given. Have I made myself clear? Do you understand?”

The old rancher nods politely and goes about his chores. Later, the old rancher hears loud screams and spies the agent running for his life and close behind is the rancher's bull. With every step, the bull is gaining ground on the agent. The agent is clearly terrified.

The old rancher immediately throws down his tools, runs to the fence and yells at the top of his lungs..... “Your badge! Show him your badge!”

CLUB UPDATES

A full list of meeting and event dates were copied for us on cards at each table, but here are a few highlights:

Friday October 17th 6:30 – 8:30 pm GROW A BRIGHTER FUTURE Dinner and fundraiser, Join the Oceanside Rotary Club for an evening with the live auction to raise funds for the Youth in our community.

Friday October 24 Regular meeting - Jerry Troya - Urban Street Angels

Friday October 31 Joey Landwehr – Education and Out Reach Associates

Friday November 14 John Ault – Veterans Day speaker

December 12 OCEANSIDE ROTARY CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING

Also Saturday November 15 A volunteer event in conjunction with the San Marcos Rotary Club and Feeding San Diego, assembling 10,000 meals.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Jim Desmond County Supervisor 5thDistrict and our Guest Speaker today

Adrienne Selekman Liaison for Jim Desmond

Dick High

Daphne Fletcher Encinitas Rotary

Kyle Thomas Encinitas Rotary

Gulherine Watter Encinitas Rotary

Paul Dwork Encinitas Rotary

Jack Feller Former Oceanside Rotarian
Rudy Van Hunnick Former Oceanside Rotarian



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

\$100 Happy DAVID NYDEGGER 81 years young.
Just returned with his brother from the recent HONOR
FLIGHT to Washington DC honoring former War
Veterans.

\$72 Happy PAUL WENDEE 72 years young

DAVE HALL led the club in THE HAPPY
BIRTHDAY SONG for our Birthday ROTARIANS



CLUB ANIVERSARY

\$40 Happy RENEE RICHARDSON already donated online to Polio Plus
for her 36 years as an OCEANSIDE ROTARY MEMBER



GROW A BRIGHTER FUTURE FUNDRAISER

DARREL LARSON presented to us additional information about the Fundraiser,
GROW A BRIGHTER FUTURE, next Friday October 17 at the Rancho Carlsbad
in Carlsbad from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The event will be catered by Café Rosarita
restaurant. Generous members have already covered the
costs of the meal, desserts, and drinks, so all of the funds
collected that evening from tickets and auctions will go
straight to fund youth projects.

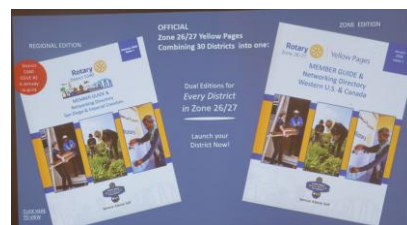


ROTARY YELLOW PAGES

Daphne Fletcher from the Encinitas Rotary Club gave us a presentation of the new, upcoming edition of “the Rotary Yellow Pages.” It is a Dual Edition Regional and Zone-Wide Member Guide and Networking Directory summary.



The publication is now expanded to reach potentially 60,000 Rotarians in Zone 26/27 spanning the Western US and Canada. It has an expanded Free Club Directory with 1600 Rotary Club listings. *The plan is for this directory to have a two-page article with pictures showcasing Oceanside Rotary's 100th year and our club is soliciting our membership to donate to cover the cost of include this article.* At the meeting, RENEE donated \$200, VICKIE donated \$100 and ERNIE donated \$50.



We are in need of everyone to step up and pledge some funds to help make this happen.

Coming soon is a D5340 Hardcover (January 2026), a Free “Digital e book” (February 2026), a full soft cover color version (June 2026) and more. For more information contact Daphne Fletcher 805-350-9430

DaphneRotary@gmail.com

HAPPY DOLLARS

Paul Dwork - our guest speaker in September - is putting on a Magic show of shows February 28 at the Carlsbad Cultural Arts Center. Any club that sells tickets for this event will receive a portion of the ticket sales back to their club. Use the QR code at the bottom of this shoreline to order tickets.



\$10 Happy VICKIE PROSSER was thankful to Adrienne Selekman, Liaison to Jim Desmond, for her valuable help to NANCY RUSSIAN after her accident. NANCY had been unable to get her phone and purse, etc. from the car following her wreck a year ago and with Jim Desmond's office's help, she was able to retrieve these much needed things.



\$100 Happy Rudy Van Hunnick. He is Happy to see everyone and with the help of doctors keeping him alive.



\$5 Happy Daphne Fletcher Happy to be here today

\$20 Happy BOB PICKREL He is happy to see Jack Feller and happy to have VICKIE PROSSER back and healthy after her accident.



\$20 Happy ROGER VANDERWERKEN recently took his wife, children and their spouses along with grandchildren on an incredible cruise to such sites as Istanbul, Greece, up into the Adriatic, and to Venice. What wonderful life time memories were made during this trip! Congratulations!



\$20 Happy LAURA BASSETT One of her daughters graduated from college this past May and took off to teach in the Dominican Republic. She is home, for a short time, along with the #2 daughter who is celebrating her 5th Anniversary. She is happy to have them both home, even for a short time.



\$20 Happy Jack Feller wanted to thank VICKIE PROSSER for the invitation to listen to Jim Desmond, today's speaker. Jack is heading out tomorrow morning to deliver a new dealer car to San Luis Obispo. He is proud to say he has 3 Grandsons playing Varsity at El Camino. Jack said he has 21 Grandchildren and 4 Great Grandchildren.



PROGRAM

DAVID NYDEGGER introduced today's speaker. But, in a preamble to his introduction, DAVE first mentioned that he has two grandsons who have developed rashes due to swimming in the contaminated water along the coast, and DAVE hoped that our speaker might be touching on that issue during his presentation.



Jim Desmond is an American politician and retired aviator serving as a member of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors from the fifth district since 2019.

Jim Desmond served in the United States Navy. He is a graduate of San Diego State University. He learned how to fly in San Diego. He eventually worked as a pilot from 1986 to 2020, flying Boeing 757/767 aircraft with Delta Airlines. He was elected to the San Marcos City Council in 2004 to 2006. He was elected to the position of Mayor of San Marcos from 2006 to 2018.

Jim Desmond is a resident of Oceanside and lives in Ocean Hills with his wife.

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors is the legislative and executive branch of the county government of San Diego County. The Board is comprised of 5 persons, each elected for 4 year terms.

The San Diego Board of Supervisors acts as the county's legislative and executive body, responsible for setting policy, managing a multi-billion-dollar budget, and overseeing a wide range of county services. Key duties include managing county land use, environmental issues, and administering state and federally funded programs for public health and welfare.

The board sets county policy and acts as the executive branch, with the authority to appoint and remove departmental heads.

It has control over the county's budget, which includes deciding how to spend funds on services like public safety, health, and general government. They oversee over 20,000 county employees in a wide range of departments.

In the North County, they have just recently opened 3 county crisis centers for mental health and a place for stabilization - one in Oceanside at TriCity Hospital, one in Vista, and one at Palomar Hospital. They are opening 16 hospital beds for Psychiatric care with costs of \$27 million for the TriCity Hospital beds care unit.

He spoke of the continuing challenges of the Tijuana River Valley sewage problem. This problem only gets worse each year despite decades of complaints to the Mexican government. Imperial Beach's fouled shoreline has been closed for 3 years. This pollution problem now stretches up to and beyond the Hotel Del Coronado. This also takes in the area where Navy Seals train in the contaminated waters.

They have the current US President's attention along with other persons such as Lee Zeldin, head of the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington DC. Mexico is building a new facility but it is understated in capacity. They are still trying to get this problem solved once and for all. It is a tragedy.

Fire Safety is paramount for the Supervisors. In working with the various local fire agencies, they try to be proactive for all fires in the back country of North County and East County. When the weather becomes extra dry and the vegetation more flammable, they try to preposition fire companies within these areas in order to react faster to stop the spread of fires as they break out. They are also aggressively clearing evacuation routes to ensure safety.

The County is purchasing another firefighting helicopter. The helicopter itself costs \$18 million dollars and another 7 to 8 million dollars is required to equip the helicopter for firefighting duty.

Another item that is relatively new is “Helo Hydrants” - large pools placed on the top of mountain areas and in dry brush areas which can be filled with water fast, so that the Helo can suck up vast amounts of water in a short time to put out the fires.

Sheep and goats are brought into dry areas which are tough to get around with vehicles. The animals graze and clear brush from key areas and thereby reduce the potential for fires.

The Board of Supervisors distribute funding and grants to various community organizations. For example, Oceanside receives 3 million in Grants from the County Supervisors. These have been used for the Boys and Girls Club to buy a bus for transportation. The Oceanside Museum of Art in renovating the old fire station in Oceanside as an addition to the Museum of Art. Other items are children’s efforts and for Veterans help, trying to get them off the streets.

In the Q&A time, JANET BLEDSOE LACY asked about the border - Why it cannot be closed to get the attention of Mexico to once for all eliminate the contamination of the land and water. There are long discussions that just go on and on and nothing gets done. Shutting down the border entrance for a week, she suggested, could focus the Mexican government on the problem.

Yours truly, JIM, this week’s Shorelines editor, asked about the highway problems. Whoever heard of a freeway (Highway 78) that comes to a stop light at the end of the road? Stupid. They (Cal Trans and SANDAG) have been looking at doing something with the I-5 and 78 interchange for decades.

I asked why we in Oceanside are the stepchild that has only 4 lanes of traffic up and down I-5 in each direction? Everything north of us and south of us is 5 lanes with HOV lanes too. The traffic is continually stopped through Oceanside. Jim Desmond said the plans are in place to extend the HOV lanes in both directions from the Buena Vista Lagoon to the Harbor turn offs. I hope we see it in our lifetimes.

Jack Feller mentioned that Jim Yasakochi has worked with San Diego County Supervisors’ grants for years, serving kids with basketball camps and helping them

transition into adulthood through programs at the Melba Bishop Recreation building in the San Luis Rey Valley.

ANCHISA FARRANT presented our guest Jim Desmond with one of her succulent planters to thank him for speaking today.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING



DAVID NYDEGGER had the winning ticket for the opportunity to draw the joker and win \$1,000. Unfortunately, he drew the King of Hearts, I was told, and happily accepted the \$10 consolation prize.

Co-President ROGER VANDERWERKEN adjourned the meeting at 1:34 pm. A great meeting everyone!

YOUR SHORELINES NEWSLETTER IS IN *DESPERATE* NEED OF HELPERS!!

Our roster of reporters is currently down to a critically low number. So low, that we could barely cover the assignments required in this very slow quarter with lots of holidays and dark meetings. Continuing to produce the newsletter in the more normal months coming up after the start of the new year could prove to be an unsustainable burden on our current staff.

We have asked several times in the past, but we really now do need to BEG of you. As the old saying is paraphrased – “Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their Rotary!” If we do not add a few new additions to our lineup, the burden on the remaining reporters could lead to burnout and, in the worst-case scenario, the newsletter would simply cease to be produced. So please search your heart and ask yourself – “Could I plan on being an Oceanside Rotary hero by agreeing to take notes and write up a record of what happens at just one meeting every three months?” That is the manageable workload per person that we are aiming for. Plus, you would go into this job with the confidence of knowing that a managing editor and a crack Double Checker squad is in place to review and help to polish your prose after you submit your first draft, making your final product shine – You don’t have to be a Hemingway. This task would take just a few hours of your time once every few months, but it provides a GREAT service to all of your fellow members. Contact TOM BRAULT if this is something that you might

be willing to give a try starting in the first quarter of 2026 (January to March), or even if you just have questions about what would be expected. We could really use your help!!

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Friday, October 17 - “Grow a Brighter Future” fundraiser – 6:30 to 8:30 pm –

Rancho Carlsbad (5200 El Camino Real, Carlsbad – The guard at the entry gate will give you directions to the clubhouse) – Admission just \$25

Bring a friend to learn more about Rotary!

Friday, October 24th - Regular meeting – JERRY TROYER, Union Street Angels

Friday, October 31st - Regular meeting – JOYE LANDWEHR, Broadway San Diego

Friday, November 14th - Regular meeting – JOHN AULT, Veterans Day speaker

Saturday, November 15th - Feeding California Outreach Program – Packaging Food – Boys and Girls Club, San Marcos

Friday, December 12th - Oceanside Rotary Holiday Party – Evening social

Saturday, December 13th - Boat Rides with Santa Fundraiser - Volunteer opportunity at Oceanside Harbor. Help make some Christmas magic happen!

QR CODE TO ORDER TICKETS TO THE MAGIC SHOW!

