

## **ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE**

## SHODELINES

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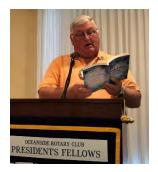
PRESIDENT Terri Hall

October 4, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President TERRI HALL jumped up from her table, worried that she had missed the correct time for the opening clang, but then she looked at her watch and realized she was exactly on time at 12:30.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: TERRI asked PAM MYERS to lead the pledge.

ROTARY MOMENT: TERRI wasn't sure whom MELISSA RODRIGUEZ (vacationing in Bali) had chosen, but PP BILL DERN stepped up and said he was the one. BILL read a quote from renowned Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh:



"People usually consider walking on water or in thin air a miracle. But I think the real miracle is not to walk either on water or in thin air, but to walk on earth., Every day we are engaged in a miracle which we don't even recognize: a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves, the black, curious eves of a child – our own two eyes. All is miracle."

SONGS: President TERRI gave PP TOM BRAULT a bad time about a couple of meetings (regular and a social event at Bagby's) when he was expected and had key assignments but had failed to show up there.

But TOM was here today and led us in three songs:

One was an Elvis Presley favorite, and TOM gave us a bit of history: "In his first known musical performance, Elvis Presley

appeared in a talent show on this day in 1945. (In this photo from that event, he is the second from the right.) He was 10 years old. Standing on a chair at a microphone, he sang 'Old Shep' at the Mississippi-Alabama Fair and Dairy Show, held in Tupelo, Miss. The show was broadcast over WELO Radio, although no recording of it now exists. Interviewed years later, Elvis recalled that he came in fifth, and his most vivid memory of the day was receiving 'a whipping from my mama' for misbehaving."

The song we sang was:

"You ain't nothing but a hound dog. Cryin' all the time You ain't nothing but a hound dog. Cryin' all the time Well, you ain't never caught a rabbit and you ain't no friend of mine.

When they said you was high-classed Well, that was just a lie Yeah they said you was high-classed Well, that was just a lie Well, you ain't never caught a rabbit and you ain't no friend of mine."



TOM also led us in "Smile," and what he said was BILL DERN's favorite, "God Bless America"

PRESIDENT STUFF: TERRI talked about the youth protection certificate requirement of the Rotary district, noting it must be completed every two years for most projects but every year for overnight trips. She issued a challenge for members to qualify in 2019 and said it is very important for all of the club to be certified, that it only costs \$13, and is an easy process. We need certified people to accompany our Crown Heights kids on excursions, TERRI said, and, she noted, even "aged" members can participate since adjustments and accommodations can be made – They don't have to walk at campus tours, for instance. She also asked for women members to participate because she said some moms of middle-school girls really don't want to see their daughters go off in a car with just men. The website to fulfill the requirement is https://rotary5340.org/sitepage/youth-protection/youth-certification

TERRI said that three members (L.J. FIMBRES and PPs DAVE HALL and JAY CRAWFORD) were at that time conducting Crown Heights kids to a program at MiraCosta College. (Their absence from our meeting contributed to our smaller-than-usual turnout.) Here are some photos from that event, which started with a

walking tour led by two MiraCosta student guides, who told about life at the college while the group strolled around the buildings and viewed some of the artworks around the expansive campus. Then they all enjoyed a soccer game, including meeting Coach Frank Zimmerman and the players. The day wrapped up with dinner at the Jolly Roger Restaurant at Oceanside Harbor.













DAVE NYDEGGER added that the next trip taking students to Camp Pendleton will be Nov. 20

<u>CLUB UPDATES</u>: With neither of our Presidents Elect in attendance, the task of updates fell to our PE-E") (President Elect Elect, aka President Elect Nominee – but "PEN" is not as fun to write as "PEE") A.J. MAZZARELLA who said there will be a board meeting next Friday at 11:30 a.m. prior to the regular meeting, the Third Thursday Social will be at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at Mission Avenue Bar and Grill, so we therefore will be dark the next day, Oct. 18, and there is a Rotary Foundation seminar (8 a.m. to noon) Nov. 9 in San Diego at UCSD.



<u>VISITORS</u>: MIKE WESELOH introduced Adolpho Ayala, originally from Costa Rica, who has come to our meetings before and is thinking of becoming a member, and PP MIKE CURTIN hailed Amanda Snider, soon to be inducted a few minutes later. PAM MYERS introduced Annelise Ihle, a Carlsbad High teacher of art and Spanish who has opened a new arts and crafts shop in downtown Oceanside.







PP VICKIE PROSSER was \$10 happy to say that JIM SCHRODER wanted her to pass on to Rudy Van Hunnick that he was waiting for a plane in Amsterdam on his way home from his absolutely amazing trip to Africa! (And as an aside - JIM is now home!!!)



BIRTHDAYS, ETC.:



TERRI recognized October birthdays, although only DAVID NYDEGGER was present, and he agreed to pay \$75 (a clue as to which birthday he was celebrating). TERRI also mentioned that CHUCK ANDREAN (who was not present) was celebrating his 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



PAM MYERS correctly remembered how many years she's been in Rotary (eight) and contributed \$8, and she had \$12 more "Happy Dollars" retelling how her granddaughter sang karaoke in Las Vegas.



President TERRI made TOM BRAULT hand over \$5 for the "prescription" cost of the "memory pills" she gave him because of his missing two meetings.



A.J. MAZZARELLA sheepishly offered \$2 in Apology / Happy Dollars to report that he had found his strip of opportunity drawing tickets which he had earlier accused President TERRI of stealing from him.

<u>NEW MEMBER INDUCTION:</u> PP RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE inducted our new member, AMANDA SNIDER. RENEE said "Usually, I have a prepared introduction which I read, and because our club members are so accustomed to hearing it read, they rarely get anything out of it.

"So today I am going to tell you about a Rotarian that joined 30 years ago and how it changed her life.

"A young lady your age - you are 19 - correct? - persuaded a former boss of hers to propose her to the club. He was very hesitant because at the time women were just being admitted to Rotary. His advice was to lie low and not rock the boat.

"One of the first Rotarians welcomed this new Rotarian with 'You know just because the Supreme Court said we have to admit women, we still have a choice who gets in!' That was my Welcome to Oceanside Rotary.

"Since that time, Rotary has opened up an amazing world to me. I have traveled to Taipei China, Osaka Japan twice, Thailand to teach English, and Canada. I participated in building a senior center in Tijuana through the efforts of this club. Locally, I served on 30 years of service projects in our community.

"AMANDA, I am telling you this story because I am challenging you to get involved. You are only going to get out of Rotary what you put into it. The Rotary connections you are about to make are amazing and can change your life. You at this moment have a chance to make a difference in lives locally and around the world each and every day.

"Rotarians and guests, please welcome AMANDA SNIDER, the newest member of our Rotary Family."

AMANDA got a standing welcoming ovation from the Rotarians present.



RENEE also presented Paul Harris plus-one and Paul Harris plus-two pins to JANET BLEDSOE LACY and PP MICHAEL CURTIN respectively. She noted Rotary has 1.2 million members, 1 million of whom are Paul Harris members. (A pretty impressive percentage, wouldn't you say?) RENEE explained to anyone who didn't know that a Paul Harris Fellow is one who has contributed \$1,000 or more to Rotary International, and the money is used for many projects, including matching grants received for our Crown Heights project for the past five years.

"This simply would not have happened," RENEE said, "without the donations made to Rotary International like JANET and MICHAEL have made this year."



<u>SPEAKER:</u> Chris Nance, chief communications officer for the California Earthquake Authority, said this state is home to two-thirds of the nation's earthquakes.

In the next 30 years, he said, there is a 99 percent chance of another earthquake the likes of the 7.1-magnitude quake, the worst of many that hit Ridgecrest in July, and he showed eye-opening photos of how the road there had split as a result of the tectonic plates moving apart.

Those plates are moving in opposite directions "at about the speed that fingernails grow", he said, with one plate moving north toward Alaska and the other south toward Mexico.



Nance showed maps of faults in Southern California, including the Rose Canyon fault, which runs through San Diego. He also showed satellite imagery of the shifting desert floor near Ridgecrest during the quakes there.

Nance said many people do exactly what they shouldn't in an earthquake, they run outside and get hit by pieces of a falling structure. Instead, he said, it's best to "drop to the floor, do not run out the door."



Nance said older homes built before 1980 above foundations are more liable for damage than ones built flat on slabs. He suggested bolting the house to the foundation.

He warned that federal money helps reconstruct public infrastructure, not individual houses, allotting only \$1,500 each to homes affected by the Northridge quake (1994), and he said the California Earthquake

Authority is a not-for-profit insurer of residential properties.

Nance said homeowners can get cost estimates for insurance at various levels on the authority Website. He said it costs \$350,000 to \$400,000 to rebuild the average house.

"If you only do one thing, look at a homeowner's policy," Nance said.



Nance selected a book he signed to donate to a local elementary school and chose chocolate over Cheetos offered by president TERRI.

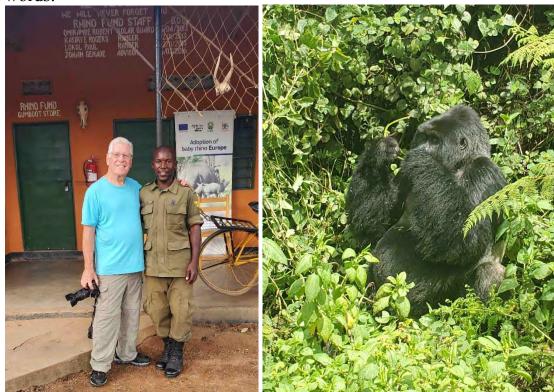
OPPORTUNITY DRAWING: The pound of Global Grant coffee beans donated by the Bistro on Main Street was won by MIKE WESELOH. For the big bucks drawing, BILL DERN held the winning ticket, but did not pick a Joker from the pack of cards, so he went home with the \$10 consolation prize instead of the \$500 in the pot.





## ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

PP JIM SCHRODER wrapped up his selection of photos from his trip to Africa with documentation of an impressive wildlife sighting. Here is the story, in JIM's own words:



"We trekked in with porters and trekkers to 9,600 feet, up steep terrains of mud and heavy underbrush in Rwanda at the Volcano National Park. This was the most physical challenging thing I can remember doing anywhere in the world. While there, I saw a silver back gorilla in the bushes. Apparently, this is a rare sight. In fact, when I showed the overall person in the park the video, she asked me to send it to her phone to show her staff. Many had never seen it. Luck of the Schroder!

Another highlight was visiting the White Rhino Sanctuary in Uganda."

## **COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

October 11: GARRETT HARRIS, San Diego Mainly Mozart Festival

Reporter: Dave Shore

October 17: Evening Social on Third Thursday at Mission Avenue Bar & Grill 711 Mission Avenue, Oceanside

October 18: Meeting DARK for Evening Social on Third Thursday

October 25: ANDRA WATKINS, Not Without My Father

Reporter: Tom Brault

November 1: OPD Sgt. JIM RIDENOUR & Officer FERRY, Homeless Outreach

Reporter: Susan Brown

November 8: JACK FELLER, City of Oceanside

Reporter: Jay Crawford

Saturday, November 9: ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR 8 am to noon at UCSD Institute of the Americas (10111 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla)

November 15: JOHN DOBKEN, San Onofre Nuclear Generation Station

Reporter: Bill Dern

November 22: Meeting DARK for Evening Social on Third Thursday

November 29: **DARK for Thanksgiving Weekend**