

	ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE			
	SHORELINES			
2026-2027	Tom Brault Editor-in-Chief	Janet Bledsoe Lacy Photographer	Jim Schroder Reporter	PRESIDENT Renee Richardson

OCTOBER 9, 2026

PRESIDENT RENEE RICHARDSON prior to the start of the meeting nervously walked around the room, greeting members, meeting visiting guests, and checking one last time before the gong goes off.



At precisely 12:30 p.m., in the Broken Yolk Restaurant meeting room, RENEE called the meeting to order saying, “I love the energy in this room.”



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE PRESIDENT RENEE asked Gabrielle Nelson, a Rotaract UCSD student visiting our club to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4 WAY TEST was led by our newest member of the OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB NOI SAILER



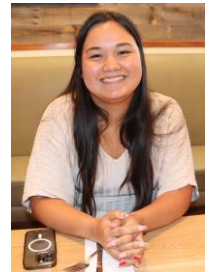
SONG LEADER PAST PRESIDENT TERRI HALL told us that in honor of our Padres and our ROTARIAN LOLA SHERMAN who is a devout supporter of the team (by way, when the Padres win a game, LOLA walks several blocks from her home with her walker to the closest Jack in the Box for a Free Meal) led us in the song “Take Me Out to the Ball Game”. LOLA had a big smile on her face.



For the second song, PAST PRESIDENT TERRI led us in a resounding rendition of “Smile.”

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: PAST PRESIDENT ROGER VANDERWERKEN

Gabrielle Nelson, a USCD Student and a member of the ROTARACT CLUB. She told us about the fundraiser coming up for them - A walk across the “Seven Bridges” in Balboa Park to raise funds on the 24th of this month. Just a \$25 donation qualifies you to be a walker, or (since we already have a service project scheduled that day which conflicts with this event) you can sponsor a walker instead.



Visitor Michael Stewart and his wife Mackenzie had met RENEE at a local event. Michael recently opened a law practice in Oceanside specializing in estate planning and Mackenzie works in the office. She filled out an informational form after visiting us. Hopefully she might join us as a member of OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB.

WELCOME SONG LED BY PAST PRESIDENT TERRI HALL

NOTE: TERRI proved that she is truly an Alto (maybe even a Tenor) as she started this song, and all of the others, in MUCH lower keys than usual.

CLUB UPDATES

October 23 Bridgette Ouimette – Girls on the Run

October 24th 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Feeding America Service Project, Boys and Girls Club of San Marcos, 1 Positive Place

November 13 Veterans Day program – Marcus Chischilly, USMC Ret.

December 11 Holiday Social

December 12 Santa Boat Rides

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January 8 Julia Fistar - Studio ACE Executive Director

January 22 Saddles in Service

February 12 Brenda Adelman – Transformational Storyteller

February 26 Jabari Sims – “Grit Beats Status”

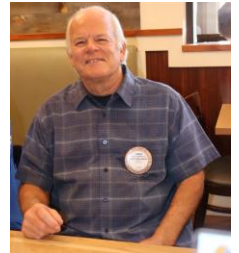
CELEBRATIONS FROM AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

HAPPY DOLLARS FOR THESE MILESTONES



\$52 PAST PRESIDENT JANET BLEDSOE LACY -
52ND Wedding Anniversary

\$43 PAST PRESIDENT ROGER
VANDERWEERRRKEN - 43 years wedding anniversary



\$22 ERNIE MASCITTI 22 Years a member of OCEANSIDE ROTARY

\$37 PRESIDENT RENEE RICHARDSON 37 years a ROTARY MEMBER

HAPPY DOLLARS FOR BIRTHDAYS

\$48 PAST PRESIDENT PAUL WENDEE 8 years a member of
OCEANSIDE ROTARY, plus \$40 for his Birthday. (PAUL declined to reveal the
number of years, but we would guess it is just a little higher than 40.)

\$115 PAST PRESIDENT TERRI HALL Happy for her 80th Birthday, plus 35
years as a Member of ROTARY (in 2 clubs)

\$40 DARREL LARSON for his Birthday

\$100 DAVID NYDEGGER 81st Birthday (He had announced his age as
“Today’s Date Squared.”)



OTHER HAPPY DOLLARS



\$25 PAST PRESIDENT TOM BRAULT He soon will be hanging out with Santa again. This is why he is letting his infamous beard grow even longer.



\$20 PAST PRESIDENT JAY CRAWFORD just finished repainting the exterior of his home at Oceana an Aqua Blue color. This coming Monday he and Anita are leaving for the San Juan Islands, Puget Sound, on an American Cruise Line for 9 days.



\$20 LAURA BASSETT She is Happy to receive the endorsement by the Orange County Register newspaper for her campaign as State Senator.

\$50 PAST PRESIDENT JIM SCHRODER I was unfortunately sick the last Friday meeting in September (first meeting to miss in a long time) when the ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR was a guest at the OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB. He created a Special Recognition Award for each club to select a person for the award. This person serves their club as an “Unsung Hero” through their assistance and support for Rotary. PRESIDENT RENEE announced that this award would be given to me JIM SCHRODER. She then read about my history with Rotary and my life starting as a busboy for this club when they met at our family business Marty’s Valley Inn for a number of years. My time as President in 1986-87 and the many other ROTARY projects I have been involved in, both locally and internationally, include being a team leader chosen out of all the clubs in our district to lead a group of 5 non-Rotarians for a Rotary Group Study Exchange for 6 weeks in Argentina and Uruguay in 1992. A life changing event for me for sure, and a highlight of my 48 years a member of the Oceanside Rotary Club.



YOUR CLUB FOUNDATION IS SEEKING YOUR IDEAS

PAST PRESIDENT TOM BRAULT brought us up to date with the OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION. This year the Foundation will be distributing \$15,000 to various community projects and causes. Some of the funds will follow

up on ongoing commitments (to the Oceanside Museum of Art, MLK Jr. Scholarships, and RYLA) but there still will be a significant chunk of charitable funds available. Therefore the Foundation Board is asking for suggestions from you, the club members. Contact Foundation President BILL DERN, Treasurer LES NEWQUIST, Secretary RENEE RICHARDSON, or any board member if you have an idea for the Foundation to consider as another possible recipient of funding to make a difference in our community this year.

DANA ALBERT reported to the OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB that the **INTERACT CLUB** OF OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL presently has 45 members. The club needs to order additional T-Shirts for new members. He invites other members to get involved in helping to guide the Interact. He also mentioned that they are hoping to work on some joint projects with the INTERACT CLUB OF EL CAMINO HIGH.



TODAY'S PROGRAM IS PRESENTED BY DARREL LARSON:
"The Longest Row"



The company that DARREL works for is Sawyer Products which is a key player in the water filtration industry. Clean water is a number one issue in so many parts of the world, and Sawyer is involved in projects all across the globe. DARREL'S work has taken him to a number of continents.

Sawyer's innovative and efficient filters make bacteria contaminated tap water potable, and are ideal for use in rural locations, emergency kits, boil alerts, and areas where they do not know what it is like to live with access to clean water. Every day, most of us turn on a tap and clean water flows. Yet 1 in 10 people worldwide still lack safe drinking water.

An important part of DARREL's work takes place through the contacts he has developed with key people around the world. One such person is our speaker today - Katie Spotz. Clean water truly is a motivating goal for her.

Katie is an endurance athlete, author, and clean-water advocate. An American adventurer who became the youngest person at age 22 to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean at age 22 from Dakar, Senegal to French Guiana in 2010. She is the only American to row solo from Africa to South America, rowing 3,038 miles

without a support vessel following her. She has completed multiple ultra runs, marathons, and cycling events, including an incredible streak of running 11 ultramarathons in just 11 days.

Every one of her adventurous efforts includes a fundraising component, and every challenge she takes on has the mission of providing funds for Clean Water. To date, her efforts have already helped fund 409 clean-water projects in 20 countries by raising over \$400,000 which has helped more than 50,000 people gain access to safe drinking water.

For Katie's next challenge, she aims to reach 100,000 more people with a goal to raise \$1 Million dollars through her upcoming "Pacific Row" - her boldest challenge yet - a solo, unsupported crossing of the Pacific Ocean from Lima, Peru to Cairns, Australia.

Starting in December 2026 or January 2027, Katie Spotz will attempt a 10,000-mile journey, aiming to become the 1st woman to row solo from South America to Australia and the 1st American woman to row solo across the whole Pacific Ocean.

For eight months, Katie will live alone in a 24-foot boat, battling storms, isolation, sleep deprivation, and waves reaching over 40 feet with no support crew and no margin for error. She is packing her boat with desalination equipment along with a million calories of freeze-dried food for this trip.

But this row is not just about survival. It's about impact. The same ocean that threatens to break her is the one she will row across to help others access something most of us take for granted - clean water.

DARREL works a lot in the islands of Fiji in a partnership with the Fijian Ministry of Health. Darryl took Katie Spotz to Fiji to meet with officials there to see what can be done with the money she will raise to provide clean water resources for the many outlying areas within Fiji. The goal is to eliminate diarrhea and skin rashes, and Sawyer's products have an excellent track record in achieving those goals, which DARREL illustrated with charts from various studies and follow-ups.

At the end of his presentation, ANCHISA FARRANT presented DARREL with a beautiful Halloween themed pumpkin decoration for his home.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

PAST PRESIDENT TOM BRAULT held the winning ticket from the drawing. Unfortunately, when he selected a card from the deck it was not the Joker. He received a \$10 consolation.

Yours truly today stepped in at the last minute to check everyone in as LES NEWQUIST had a medical issue which kept him from attending our meeting. Please keep LES in your thoughts that he will feel better soon. I also was assigned to write the Shorelines today. A two-fer! Lucky me. Haha!



SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

The Club is grateful to DARREL LARSON for making the arrangements (and partially funding) the brand-new microphone and speaker which was a dramatic improvement in the sound quality and volume in this new meeting space. Much appreciated, DARREL!

SNEAK PEEK AT 2027 MOONLIGHT CHOICE

For those of you who may be interested in joining in the fun at next year's annual group gathering to enjoy a musical at the Moonlight Amphitheatre, here is a peek at next year's lineup of shows to choose from, so please be thinking about what your preference might be when we decide in the early Spring:

Pretty Woman (May)

Rodgers & Hammerstein's Carousel (June)

Disney's Frozen (July)

Les Miserables (August)

Ain't Too Proud: The Life and Times of the Temptations (September)

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Friday, October 16 - 1 pm - Board Meeting on Zoom

Saturday, October 17 – 2 to 6 pm – District 5340 Oktoberfest (Rancho San Jeronimo – 2012-A Sunset Ave, San Diego) – \$20 per person – “Family Fun for a Great Cause” - Fundraiser benefiting Youth of San Diego County

Friday, October 23 – Regular meeting – Noon – Broken Yolk Café - Program:
Bridgette Ouimette – Girls on the Run

Saturday, October 24 – “Feeding America” service project with San Marcos Rotary
– 8:30 to 11 am at San Marcos Boys & Girls Club (1 Positive Place, San Marcos) -
Assembling meals for distribution to needy – Support World Hunger Month

Friday, October 30 – Fifth Friday of the month – DARK – No meeting

Friday, November 13 - Regular meeting – Noon – Broken Yolk Café – Program:
Marcus Chischilly, USMC Ret. - Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial

Saturday, November 14 - District 5340 Impact Celebration - Rancho Bernardo
High School (13010 Paseo Lucido, San Diego)

Friday, December 11 - Evening Holiday Party – Details TBA

Saturday, December 12 – Santa Boat Rides Fundraiser – Help out at the Harbor

Friday, January 9 - Regular meeting – Noon – Broken Yolk Café – Program: Julia
Fister – Studio ACE Executive Director

Friday, January 22 - Regular meeting – Noon – Broken Yolk Café – Program:
Saddles in Service