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Our esteemed **Half President L.J. FIMBRES** opened the meeting with a butter knife banging on the bell inasmuch as the **GREAT GAVEL GRABBER** is still at large, holding as a hostage the President's Gavel which has now taken on a whole new persona as a dashing adventurous cavalier known as **INDIANA GAVEL!**



Half Pres. L.J. then called upon **ROGER VANDERWERKEN** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



JAY CRAWFORD then shared his **Rotary Moment**, recalling that he had first joined Rotary in 1982 when he joined a club in Corpus Christi, Texas. Later, he joined a Rotary Club in 1984 in Missoula, Montana, just about the same time that women were invited to join Rotary. **JAY** joined the **OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB** in 1999, and had the opportunity to get involved with an international service project. **JAY** stated: "A small orphanage outside of Ensenada in Baja Mexico needed help, and a number of Rotarians in our club said, 'Let's do it!!'" Once a month, a dentist from our club took care of the children's dental needs for free, while others helped improve dormitories, added bathrooms, upgraded electrical service, water and sewer facilities. We also provided them with needed food and supplies, and at Christmas we took gifts to the children for several years. Eventually, the Fullerton Club stepped in and took over this project to continue to help the kids. In recent years, our club has worked with local middle school kids from Oceanside's Crown Heights neighborhood, encouraging them to not join gangs. We explain to them the importance of keeping their grades up and taking

advantage of the programs available to them so they can attend college. “Through this”, **JAY** said, “I saw the real meaning of ‘Service Above Self’ and the ‘Four Way Test.’ Rotary has become, for me, not only a service club and an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with others, but a way of life.”

CLUB UPDATES:

On Saturday, September 11, the Friends of the Oceanside Library had a moving day. The event started at 8:00 a.m. at 602 Civic Center Drive and two UHaul truckloads of books and shelves and assorted other furniture made the 3 mile move to their new location in the valley. Representing Oceanside Rotary in this



opportunity for hands-on service were **DALE MAAS** and **ROGER VANDERWERKEN** who both proved to be absolute masters at maximizing the available space in the trucks, using their “Tetris” skills to interlock and secure the furniture safely in place. Also participating as “grunt laborers” were **TOM BRAULT**, **ERNIE MASCITTI**, and **JAY CRAWFORD** who joined with volunteers from other

Rotary clubs, other organizations, and the local Marines to help pull off this project.

The Rotary Evening Social for this month was set for 5:30 pm on Wednesday, September 15 at Bagby Beer Co. at 601 South Coast Highway, in Oceanside.

The next Rotary Board meeting is September 17 at noon, via ZOOM.

Our next in person club meeting scheduled for Friday, September 24th at noon will be held at Breakwater Church in Oceanside, located at 506 S, Nevada Street. We will be meeting on the outside patio under the pines!



The Taco Bar lunch will be catered by Oceanside Kitchen Collaborative and the cost will be \$30.00. On top of a beautiful location and great food, our guest speaker will be our own **TINA ORTIZ**. She will be speaking on behalf of the American Cancer Society for the Voice of Hope! Mark your calendars now for a very special afternoon!

On Saturday October 30 there will be a 6-hour IRONMAN fundraiser. **BRIAN LONG** is the point person to contact if you would like to donate, volunteer, or participate in this event.

CLUB VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Our **Half Pres. L.J.** then called upon each table to introduce visitors and guests. **SUSAN BROWN** introduced **GORDON BROWN**, pointing out that he would be a guest for only a few more minutes because he was on the agenda to be inducted as a member of the club at this meeting.



TINA ORTIZ introduced **BOB REINSETH** who is possibly interested in joining our club.

Our other Half Pres. **A.J. MAZZARELLA** then introduced **MEL VERNON** who was visiting us from the **SAN LUIS REY ROTARY CLUB**.



Also, **MICHAEL ODEGAARD** who is the current President of the **SAN LUIS REY ROTARY CLUB** and who was going to be our speaker for the day was introduced.

Our perennial visitor **RUDY VAN HUNNICK** was recognized by our **Half Pres. A.J.** as well.



Our official Songmeister Extraordinaire **TOM BRAULT** then led us in our “Welcome to Oceanside” Rotary song.

A COMMUNITY EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT:

VICKIE PROSSER announced that the Oceanside Fire and Police Departments would be hosting a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday September 11. It would include a ceremonial walk from the City Hall flagpole to the Strand at Surfrider and then to the Junior Seau Pier Amphitheater where there would be a flag salute, the singing of the National Anthem, the playing of “Taps,” the nation’s song of remembrance, remarks by officials, and more. Police Chief Armijo served as emcee.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION:

RENEE RICHARDSON then came forward to induct **GORDON BROWN** as the newest member of our club, with **SUSAN BROWN** serving as **GORDON's** sponsor. **RENEE** was most eloquent in her presentation in welcoming **GORDON** to our Rotary Family, and then indicated that she had in her possession his “hastily assembled new member packet that wasn’t quite complete and his empty red badge without his name on it.” **RENEE** assured **GORDON** that all of these things would be in order by the next meeting. This was our first in person induction since the early part of 2020!



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:



Half Pres. L.J. then went on to announce September Birthdays and recognized **DALE MAAS** who acknowledged that he should be \$37 Happy, but that he would round it up to \$40.

This started a trend with **BRIAN LONG** being recognized as a Birthday Boy saying that he should be \$58 Happy, but would round it up to \$60.



BILL DERN then led us in a Happy Birthday Song.



Next, as our **Half Pres. L.J.** was about to move on to Wedding Anniversaries, **RUDY VAN HUNNICK** raised his hand to let us know that he had turned 91 years old this September. (He was not included on the Half President’s list because, although **RUDY** is always with us at our meetings, he is not currently a member of the Oceanside Rotary Club.) The always generous **RUDY** followed the lead of **DALE** and **BRIAN** and rounded up to give \$100 to the club in celebration of his also being a September Birthday Boy.

In celebrating Wedding Anniversaries, **LES NEWQUIST** indicated that while he should be \$17 Happy, he also would round it up to \$20.



Half Pres. L.J. then announced the following Rotary Anniversaries: **LES NEWQUIST**, 17 years; **BILL BIRNIE** 3 years; **ALEXA KINGAARD** 3 years (this time around); **JACQUELINE BROWNLEE** 1 year (with our club); **PAUL WENDEE** 3 years; **ERNIE MASCITTI** 21 years.

Not all of these Rotarians were present, but **ERNIE** bravely broke the rounding up trend, and instead “rounded down” giving \$20 for his 21 years in Rotary.



HAPPY DOLLARS:



Next, we opened up to a very large number of **Happy Dollar** announcements. **SUSAN BROWN** was \$14 Happy in remembering those people who have been so supportive of her First Friday Art events, dedicating \$2 for **A.J.**, \$2 for **L.J.**, and \$10 for **JIM SCHRODER**.

TINA ORTIZ was \$5 Happy to announce that Oceanside Relay for Life will be celebrating its 21st year of raising funds for the American Cancer Society on Saturday, October 23rd at Mira Costa College. It will be a day-only event this year instead of a full 24-hour event. The event begins with the Opening Ceremony at 10:00am celebrating survivors and caregivers and ends with the beautiful Luminaria Ceremony remembering loved ones at 7:00pm. Throughout the day, participants walk laps to signify that cancer never sleeps and at the Relay it also signifies that no one walks alone. There will be a silent auction, entertainment, food sales, and a kid's camp hosted by the OHS National Honor Society. This Oceanside Relay event has raised over \$1.7million over the past 20 years for the fight against cancer. There will be volunteer opportunities available (they are currently being finalized). All are invited to volunteer or attend, especially survivors and caregivers. Save the date!



ERNIE MASCITTI was \$10 Happy to celebrate the creativity of the **INDIANA GAVEL** sequel which he was enjoying.



TOM BRAULT then stood up and, since he has been in communication with the **GREAT GAVEL GRABBER**, assured us all that there are definitely more **INDIANA GAVEL** stories on the way. Then **TOM** offered up \$20 Happy Dollars as he said how wonderful our Rotary is and how he loves the “hands on service activities such as the painting project at Ivey Ranch.” Then **TOM** took out the paint brush which he had used at the Ivey Ranch corral which looked like someone had run it over with a lawn mower. **TOM** then explained that the sorry state of that paint brush reflected one of two things: Either he had worked really hard on the painting project, or he didn’t know what the heck he was doing.



Then our other **Half Pres. A. J. MAZZARELLA** stood up giving Happy Dollars and reminded us that the **GREAT GAVEL GRABBER** had struck on **Half Pres. L.J.’s** watch and not his!



ED PARISH gave \$5 in Happy Dollars for **Half Pres. A. J.’s** honesty.

Our speaker, **MICHAEL ODEGAARD**, gave \$2 in Happy Dollars in being thankful to the club for inviting him to speak, and in coming to the meeting and seeing **ED PARISH** at the meeting, who had been the sponsor for **MICHAEL** when **ED** had been a member of the **SAN LUIS REY ROTARY CLUB**.



DAVID NYDEGGER gave Happy Dollars in a surprised celebration of the fact that no one in Rotary had been able to identify the photo of him when he was 18 months old in our “Who the Heck is That” photo contest. **DAVID** could not confirm nor deny that the dog in the photo was actually named “Sparky”, but pointed out that the picture was taken at his parent’s home in Oceanside with his mother visible in the background. **DAVID** was also Happy that with himself and **ROGER VANDERWERKEN** and now adding **GORDON BROWN** joining our club, that makes 3 members of our club who all have graduated from a little-

known, small-town entity in Maryland known as the **UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY. GO NAVY!**



RENEE RICHARDSON gave \$20 in celebration of the fact that she had worked 29 out of the last 30 days as the Director of Assisted Living at Catered Living Chateau Lake San Marcos and was exhausted. But help apparently is on the way and things are looking better in the future for a lighter load for **RENEE**.

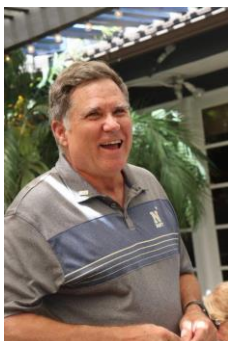
RUDY VAN HUNNICK was \$25 Happy that he has received a “third virus shot”. Additionally, he shared that he had sent \$2,000 to **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL** and as a reward, they sent him some Rotary special ribbons and pins. **RUDY** added some of his many other Rotary pins to the ribbons which are shown in the impressive photo attached and generously offered that if anyone needed replacement or duplicate pins, they could claim one of them from his surplus stash for themselves.



BOB PICKREL was \$40 Happy to report that his grandson had been in a serious accident which required hospitalization, but that it appeared that he would be released from the hospital on Saturday, September 11. He also reported that his grandson’s sister had set up a **GO FUND ME** page for him, and immediately raised \$10,000 to assist with the cost of his care. As of that day, the fund

had grown to \$19,290!

ROGER VANDERWERKEN was \$10 Happy that this was his and his wife’s 38 wedding anniversary in August, and was proud to name drop that their best man **SEAN STACKLEY** had been appointed as the Acting Secretary of the United States Navy in 2017.



GORDON BROWN was \$20 Happy to declare his belief that on Saturday, September 11, **NAVY** was going to defeat **AIR FORCE** in football. (Unbelievably ... at least for **GORDON** ... the final score actually ended up being Air Force 23 – Navy 3.

Cue the “sad trombone” sound effect.) He also expressed that **SUSAN BROWN** makes him Happy and that **SUSAN’S** grandson had received an “all-expenses paid for football scholarship” to attend high school in Florida. Impressive! (*Managing Editor’s Snarky Note: “That was more impressive than Navy’s score on Saturday!”*)

OUR SPEAKER: MICHAEL ODEGAARD



JANET BLEDSOE LACY then came forward to introduce our speaker. Born and reared in Newport Beach, California, **MICHAEL ODEGAARD** graduated from the University of California at Irvine and pursued a 15-year career in community master planning and design that also includes the design of neighborhoods in China, Mexico, Canada, and Italy.

After completing an MBA, at the onset of the Great Recession in 2007, **MICHAEL** moved to Honolulu to study the Hawaiian language, and he began to teach Hawaiian language here in Oceanside while assisting his mother with apartment building maintenance projects during breaks beginning in 2008. In Honolulu, **MICHAEL** wrote the first urban design curriculum used in the Hawaiian language immersion schools, and translated early Christian prayers and worship services into this indigenous language. He also launched "Hawaii Bilingual" via social media advocating for the right of the Hawaii resident to receive public services in the official language of their choice regardless of their English language proficiency. He went on to teach the Hawaiian language for the Hawaii State Department of Education before attending seminary in the Boston Tri-City area where he also was the first to teach Hawaiian language at Harvard University through their Native American Program. Since 2015 **MICHAEL** has lived full-time in Oceanside taking care of his mother **MONA MAERTENS** and her apartment building, and he has also continued to teach Hawaiian language privately throughout San Diego County. **MICHAEL** is currently President of the **ROTARY CLUB SAN LUIS REY** which is District 5340's first Peacebuilder Club accredited by the Rotary Action Group for Peace.



MICHAEL descends from 95 generations of indigenous Hawaiians and also the Europeans who brought the idea of Real Estate to Hawaii, including the founder of the city of Honolulu. Today **MICHAEL** hopes to convey to his fellow Oceanside Rotarians the value of our indigenous neighbors and especially their languages.

Hawaiian was the primary language of all islanders until the late 19th century. In 1893, the last reigning Hawaiian monarch, Queen Lili`uokalani, was overthrown by American forces. Soon thereafter, Hawaiian was banned as the language of instruction in all schools. That prohibition was finally officially lifted in 1986. Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 authorized tribal governments to take over education of their own members.

MICHAEL shared much of the history of legislative acts that have sought to preserve and protect indigenous languages in the United States and the world. These include the Native American Languages Act of 1990 which repudiated linguistic genocide by the United States, and "declares to preserve, protect, and promote the rights and freedom of Native Americans to use, practice, and develop Native American Languages, and fully recognize the right of Indian Tribes and other Native American governing bodies, States, territories, and possessions of the United States to take action on, and give official status to their Native American languages for the purpose of conducting their own business." Some of the specific acts taken to protect and preserve language include:

UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education (1960) is a multilateral treaty currently with 106 member states. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966) Article 27 states that individuals of linguistic minorities cannot be denied the right to use their own language. The Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) Articles 29 and 30 declare respect for the child's own cultural identity, language, and values, even when those are different from the country of residence, and the right for the child to use his or her own language, in spite of the child's minority or immigrant status. The UN Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (1992) Provides that States should provide individuals belonging to minority groups with sufficient opportunities for education in their mother tongue, or instruction with their mother tongue as the medium of instruction. However, this Declaration is non-binding. The European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (1992) Part II details eight main principles and objectives upon which States must base their policies and legislation. They are seen as a framework for the preservation of the languages concerned:

1. Recognition of regional or minority languages as an expression of cultural wealth.
2. Respect for the geographical area of each regional or minority language.
3. The need for resolute action to promote such languages.

4. The facilitation and/or encouragement of the use of such languages, in speech and writing, in public and private life.
5. The provision of appropriate forms and means for the teaching and study of such languages at all appropriate stages.
6. The promotion of relevant transnational exchanges.
7. The prohibition of all forms of unjustified distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference relating to the use of a regional or minority language and intended to discourage or endanger its maintenance or development.
8. The promotion by states of mutual understanding between all the country's linguistic groups.

MICHAEL displayed a wealth of information on this topic, and answered many questions from those present. He encouraged us all to attend the Rotary Club meeting for the **SAN LUIS REY ROTARY** which is held at the Broken Yolk Cafe in Oceanside on Tuesday mornings at 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.



Half-Pres L.J. then presented **MICHAEL** with a lovely succulent arrangement created by our very own **ANCHISA**.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:



RENEE RICHARDSON was holding the winning ticket from **ERNIE MASCITTI** who had left early, and even though **ANCHISA** tried to transfer some offer some of her legendary luck by blowing on **RENEE's** hand and rubbing her fingers, these efforts were for naught. The Joker remained in the deck and **RENEE and/or ERNIE** had to settle for a \$10 consolation prize.

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY:

Friday, September 17 – Board meeting on Zoom at Noon

Friday, September 24 – AWAY MEETING at Noon

Location: Breakwater Community Church, Oceanside - 506 S, Nevada Street

Taco Bar lunch catered by Oceanside Kitchen Collaborative - Cost \$30.00

Program: **TINA ORTIZ** speaking on behalf of the American Cancer Society for the Voice of Hope! Mark your calendars now for a very special afternoon!

Friday, October 8 – Regular meeting at Noon

Friday, October 15 – Board meeting on Zoom at Noon

Thursday, October 21 – District Membership Social – 6 to 8 pm – Location = somewhere in North County, still TBD. Info and register will be available at District website calendar (*NOTE: Because of this special District event, we will NOT be holding our own club's regular social evening in October. You are encouraged to attend this District social to meet and mingle with other area club's Rotarians.*)

Friday, October 22 – Regular meeting at Noon

Saturday, October 23 – “Relay for Life” American Cancer Society event at Mira Costa College. Starts at 10:00am

Saturday, October 30 – Ironman 70.3 Oceanside. Check with **BRIAN LONG** about the details for this event