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The meeting started promptly at 12:30 with our **MADAM PREZ. RENEE RICHARDON-WENDEE** herself leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by our own special Song Meister **VICKIE PROSSER** leading us through “School Days” and “Smile.” **TOM BRAULT** then read his Rotary Inspirational Moment obtained from the



website We Are The Mighty.com, whose Mission is Capturing, empowering, and celebrating the voice of today's military community. **TOM** reminded us that we just acknowledged the 17th anniversary of “9/11” and then read to us the following:

“While the planes were hitting the World Trade Center, 27-year-old Jason Thomas was dropping off his daughter with his mother in Long Island. When Thomas heard what had just transpired in the City, the former sergeant, who had been out of the Marine Corps for a year at that point, made the decision to change into the Marine uniform he had sitting in his trunk and sped toward Manhattan.



‘Someone needed help. It didn't matter who,’ Thomas told the Associated Press later. ‘I didn't even have a plan. But I have all this training as a Marine, and all I could think was, ‘My city is in need.’ And so he joined the first responders in searching through the rubble for survivors.’”

TOM then added his own thoughts on this story:

He was not given any orders, and he did not have to become involved, but on that day, Sgt. Thomas truly embodied Rotary's goal of "Service Above Self", as he put his own life



on the line and chose to intentionally drive into the chaos and toward the most unimaginable terror of his lifetime in order to help his fellow man.

We hope and pray that we never will never have to face another 9/11 level of calamity in our lifetimes. But opportunities to serve our city, our community, our world are out there for us, day after day. May all of us have the commitment and the character to step up like Sgt. Thomas and may we as Rotarians make the conscious choice to serve, wherever and whenever we see someone in need of our help.

MADAM PREZ. RENEE then gave us our Club Updates, reminding us that the Harbor Days Nail and Sail event is set for Sunday, September 16th with boat construction starting at 9:30 AM. (Races are scheduled to start close to 2 pm.) She urged us all to attend and support our Nail and Sail Rotary Team, which includes **MELISSA RODRIGUEZ, KYLE PEDERSON** and **DEAN ANDERSEN**, with **JAY CRAWFORD** serving as their inspiring ship designer and lead cheerleader! Saturday, September 29th is the District Foundation Seminar from 8:30 to Noon in San Diego.

Saturday, September 22nd and 29th are the dates to drop off Flea Market items to help raise money for Crown Heights. **MELISSA RODRIQUEZ** elaborated that the location of the drop off items is the Oddfellows building in Oceanside located at 505 Mission Ave. **MELISSA** warned us that there is no parking at the building so if you are dropping items off, you will have to park either in the street or next door to the building. The times for the drop off dates have yet to be determined. The Flea Market itself will be held on October 6th in the parking lot at Seagaze and N. Coast Highway (adjacent to Kingsmen Dry Cleaners, Quick Korner Market, and **JOHN HARTMAN**'s Century 21 office).



DAVE NYDEGGER also announced that our former member, **TOM REESER**, who is the Chief Executive Officer of KOCT, is retiring, and on Thursday, October 11, there will be a Retirement Party and Roast for **TOM** at our very own wonderful and beautiful, not to mention extremely smart, **JANET BLEDSOE LACY**'s home in Oceanside. The event is a fundraiser for KOCT, and the cost is \$45 per person, or \$80 for two. There will be food and beverages and much merriment to be made, with the event starting at 4:00 and ending at 7:00 pm. The dress "Oceanside Beach and Surfer" theme. They are also selling tables for 8 for \$1,000, which gives you "unlimited beverages" and recognition at the bottom of the invitation and at the event. The

contact person for this is Debbie Allen at phone no. 760 754-5321, or Debra.Allen@Dignitymemorial.com. And best yet – our own **DAVID NYDEGGER** is going to be the Master of Ceremonies!



VISITING GUESTS AND ROTARIANS: **CHUCK WARD** introduced “AJ’s younger brother, **LJ.**” **L.J.** is from Oceanside and works with **CHUCK**. **JAY CRAWFORD** introduced **BAIRD BOUCHER** a Rotary Past President from the La Quinta, California club, who is in the jewelry business. **BOB PICKREL** introduced our speaker, **JOEY LANDWEHR**, who later was fully introduced by our **MADAM PREZ. RENEE**, more specifically described hereafter. **JOEY** was accompanied by **SUZAN SENCAN**. Our Song Meister **VICKIE PROSSER** then led us in our Welcome Song for all of our visitors.

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH: MADAM PREZ.

invited **JIM SCHRODER** up to the podium to receive the Rotarian of the Month Award for the month of August. **MADAM PREZ.** thanked **JIM** for all that he has done throughout his long participation in Rotary, but focused specifically on the fact that he has hosted his wonderful 3rd of July party for our club at this beautiful home for several years now. At this soiree, not only was he the “host with the most,”



JIM also helped **MADAM PREZ.** unload all of the “stuff” needed for the shindig from her car, and then load it up again when the night was over. She referenced the fact that **JIM** is a world traveler who serves as an ambassador for our Additionally, he coordinated all of the programs for the club for the month of August, including the August 24th evening meeting at the restaurant “That Boy Good/Northern Pine Brewing.” club as he traverses foreign lands and embraces meeting new people in his adventures. **We are proud of you JIM, AND CONGRATULATIONS!**

HAPPY DOLLARS! **JIM SCHRODER** gave \$20 Happy Dollars “just to be here, above ground,” and then shared that in the immediate future he will be leaving to travel to Azerbaijan, the country of Georgia, and Armenia! This trip will make a total of 164 countries visited by **JIM** in his young lifetime!





TOM BRAULT was \$37 Happy (to go to the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation) because of the continuing celebrations in preparation of the November wedding of his daughter **ROBYN**. Saturday September 8 was her bridal shower, which **TOM** was proud to have catered, serving 24 guests 3 appetizers, soup, 2 salads, 2 entrees, and 5 desserts. (In a nod to what he called “Harold Carpenter Math”, $24+3+1+2+2+5 = \$37$.) Because it was a **BRAULT** party, all of the food items were Disney recipes, recreating classic offerings at Disney parks and resorts around the world. To prove that this incredible endeavor really happened, **TOM** whipped out an example of one of the appetizers - a thin piece of garlic bread he had crafted in the image of Disney’s Guardians of the Galaxy character **GROOT!** **TOM** also noted that he will be missing the next couple of meetings, as he and his wife **LINDA** will be taking off for a 10-day vacation in Hawaii.





GORDY WITZ was Happy \$5 times three, for each of his grandkids who had participated in numerous shows and had wonderful experiences in doing so. **BOB PICKREL** was \$20 Happy having missed the last meeting because he and his lovely bride **DARLENE** were on a vacation in Mammoth. **BRIAN ORR** was \$5 Happy that he had traveled to Portland and was a hero to his daughter, because on Saturday he bought brand new tires for her car – the same car which she then promptly wrecked on Tuesday! But Dad remained the hero by pulling the car out of the ditch it was in, and then got it back up and running again. And best yet, the new tires were just fine!



LYN CORDER was \$5 Happy that her whole family got together for a religious dedication for one of her grandchildren, of whom **LYN** is so proud. **DAVID NYDEGGER** announced that he is going to be the “Commodore of sorts” for the Nail and Sail event, as he has done for the past 18 or 19 years. He reminded our club’s team that they could certainly improve their chances of winning by “greasing the palm” of “the guy in charge.” Just to prove his point, **DAVE** gave \$2 in Happy Dollars and outright said that he could be bought for as little as that!



JAY CRAWFORD was \$5 happy that, while his Nail and Sail team built the first prototype of their boat for the Harbor Days event, his job was to just sit and watch. And he is really glad that they did a “practice build”, because they learned the hard

way that plywood tends to crack when bent, if not soaked sufficiently beforehand. They will take this knowledge and experience into their actual building effort on Sunday!

BREAKING NEWS: AN EYEWITNESS REPORT ON THE NAIL AND SAIL

Our Shorelines Reporter **VICKIE PROSSER** went on “special assignment” this past Sunday to witness the Nail and Sail racing at Harbor Days, and has filed this Exclusive Report:

“Our team did a stellar job! AND THEY DID NOT SINK!!! Great design JAY!!! If only the Coast Guard would’ve done what they have done every year in the past and SUNK, we would’ve placed first in that heat!!! The team did great, and they had quite a cadre of cheerleaders! It should be duly noted that (honorary junior team member) DAX ANDERSEN also did a wonderful job of helping to paint the boat.”









THE PROGRAM: MADAM PREZ. RENEE introduced our speaker, **JOEY LANDWEHR of JCOMPANY YOUTH THEATER.** **JOEY** is the proud Artistic Director for JCompany Youth Theatre, and has won over 40 awards for his work with young artists in San Diego, including a special creativity award for shaving his head to play the lead in *THE KING AND I*, Yul Brynner style, and raising over \$10,000 for Rady Children's Hospital's Cancer Unit - earning him the title **Joey "Do Anything For The Arts" Landwehr.** **JOEY** moved to San Diego after being a professional actor and director in New York City working on and off Broadway, national tours, regional theatre and directing and soloing at Carnegie Hall. **JOEY** has worked in all medias of entertainment and is a proud member of the Actors' Equity Association (AEA), the Screen Actors Guild (SAG), the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA), the Director's Guild of America (DGA), the Actors Alliance of San Diego (AASD), and Americans for the Arts (AFTA).

Since moving to San Diego, **JOEY** has worked for the San Diego Performing Arts League as Membership and Community Development Director; in 2007 he received the "40 Under 40" Award from San Diego Metropolitan Magazine for outstanding leadership in the arts. **JOEY** was also honored as the 2011 Newsmaker in the Arts. In 2016, **JOEY** was further recognized when the City of San Diego proclaimed October 18th Joey Landwehr Day.



JOEY first introduced his program to us with a film that included testimonials from some of the participants in the musicals and plays put on by his young actors, as to how important this program has been to them in their lives. This is the 13th season for the youth theater organization, and they are celebrating it with a Random Acts of Culture theme, which includes a variation of our motto of "Service Above Self." **JOEY** encouraged us all to attend theater events, and most importantly, to bring younger kids

to the theater, because they are the ones who will “keep theater alive.” He shared how many students learn skills that will help them all of their lives through their theater experience. Their mission statement is “The artist is not a special kind of person, rather each person is a special kind of artist.”

He shared how inclusive their plays are with all children, including those with special needs. This was memorialized by **SUZAN SENCAN**, who spoke of how this program changed the life of her son, who is on the autistic spectrum. He has thrived during his summers spent in JCompany’s summer youth theater program. This program has been the only constant program in his young life, because of the challenges that he has faced at elementary school which has caused a rotation of his educational experience from classroom to classroom.

TheJCompany Youth Theater is located at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center in San Diego, which hosts a theater with 500 seats. **JOEY** said that we can all help by one of four avenues: **PROMOTE** the program; **VOLUNTEER** to paint sets; sew costumes, or just visit; **CONNECT** them with other organizations; and **SUPPORT** them financially or by acts that help them. **JOEY** ended the program with a slide depicting his company logo, which reads: “Earth without art is just ‘eh’.”

Questions from **JIM SCHRODER**, **VICKIE PROSSER**, **TOM BRAULT**, and **BOB PICKREL** resulted in our finding out that the age range of the actors is typically 7 to 19; the actors are not paid, but the professionals involved are, which includes the orchestra, production managers, as well as there are costs in securing costumes, the fees surrounding the acquisition of the play itself; etc. There are as many as 82 kids in a show, and they usually rehearse for 6 weeks, and then perform over a 2 to 3 weekend period of time. When asked about his colorful jacket full of patches, **JOEY** let us know that each patch represents the logo for every show he has produced with the company, and he proudly wears this jacket everywhere to promote his cause! **MADAM PREZ. RENEE** then had both **JOEY** and **SUZAN SENCAN** select a book from her collection that would be donated to a local Oceanside school to put in their library.





OPPORTUNITY DRAWING: Holding the lucky ticket, but drawing a Queen of Hearts instead of the Joker, the \$10 consolation prize in our weekly drawing went to **MELISSA RODRIGUEZ**. This means that next week the deck will be down to just 24 cards, and the odds just keep getting better for someone to win the big jackpot of \$800.

With that final item of business taken care of, our meeting then adjourned early! (No one was heard to complain about the extra 12 minute head start on the weekend!)

“THINGS TO DO IN MONTANA” – Ideas and Photos courtesy of JAY CRAWFORD



1. Almost Buy A Rusty Chevy Pickup at the Manhattan, MT Potato Festival.



2. Avoid Getting Hanged in Virginia City, MT.



3. Eat a Hearty Breakfast and Watch a Parade in Manhattan, MT.



4. Float the Madison River.



5. Hang Around with T-Rex at the Museum of The Rockies, Bozeman, MT.



6. Hike The Trail to Quusel Falls, Big Sky, MT.



7. Bake a Cherry Pie From Scratch.



8. Pet A Goat in Manhattan, MT.



9. Play an Abandoned Piano in Downtown Missoula, MT.



10. Threaten To Stab an Errant Ruby Slipper Found Under the Bed.



11. Visit the Garden of 1000 Buddhas in Arlee, MT after Eating Fresh-Baked Doughnuts.

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

BILL DERN ventured up north to Washington State near the Canadian border to visit with son CHRIS and family. Many memories were made: celebrating grandson IAN's 16th birthday; picking some beautiful and humongous Honeycrisp apples; and successfully finding their way out of a seasonal corn maze. Hooray!



No photos yet, but we heard from NANCY RUSSIAN who is embarking on an extensive road trip:

“On the road for a second try (we had to turn back and come home on Sept 8 when our co-RVer’s engine over heated and had to be towed back to Mercedes in Riverside) Niagara Falls or bust!

Hope to see you all in October. “

(Might we suggest that you shouldn't tempt fate, NANCY ... This trip already started out with a “bust” of an engine... Don't be asking for more!)

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Sept 21: MICHAEL GIORGINE, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.), “Inside Camp David”
Reporter: PAM MYERS

Sept 28: PETER WEISS, Mayor of Oceanside
Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

Sept 29 – District 5340 District Foundation Seminar from 8:30 to Noon at the Grossmont College Theater (8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon).

Oct 5: DAVID ALEMIAN, Recruitment and Retention
Reporter: TBD

Oct 6 – Flea Market – Fundraiser garage sale. This event will be in the parking lot at Seagaze and N. Coast Highway.

Oct 12: MICHAEL WHITE RYAN, Language of Space
Reporter: TBD

Oct 19: AWAY MEETING AT SALVATION ARMY – Host BRIAN ORR
Reporter: TBD

Oct 26: RON MacDONALD, Arlington National Cemetery
Reporter: TBD