

	<p align="center">ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE</p> <p align="center">SHORELINES</p>		
<p align="center">2022-2023</p>	<p align="center">Tom Brault Editor-in-Chief</p>	<p align="center">Janet Bledsoe Lacy Photographer</p>	<p align="center">Jim Schroder Reporter</p>
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October 14, 2022

A gloomy day greeted us as we walked outside onto the patio of El Camino Country Club. A slight mist hung in the air. As more and more members arrived, the level of conversation and laughter increased as each person was busy catching up on what had been happening in the lives of our members in the last couple of weeks before the meeting started.

PRESIDENT AJ MAZZARELLA was not a Co President at this particular meeting but a solo PRESIDENT and he truly was THE MAN IN CHARGE TODAY. AJ hit the bell with a resounding bang with a knife from the table calling the meeting to order. “RENEE is out of town and I am in control,” he proclaimed with confident authority.



PLEDGE AJ led the Pledge of Allegiance

“Since Mom is not here today... get a drink and let’s get going!”

WHY ROTARY AJ began WHY ROTARY? (We told you he was “in charge” today ... Leading the meeting, pledge, and “Why Rotary”, too. Goodness! Was he planning to be the guest speaker as well???)

Rotary has been in his life for many years. He was in Real Estate for a number of years in the Midwest. His Boss was in Rotary, always involved in the community, in local parades and involved in numerous ways through work and community involvement. For years AJ had two business cards that he had kept. Both of these men were Rotarians. One from a man in Japan and the other a friend who was also in Rotary in the area where he had come from.

When he came to California he lived in Mission Valley in San Diego. When he wanted to purchase a home, he came to Oceanside and settled in very close to the

Oceanside Beach. He met a young lady and he mentioned to her that he had been around Rotary for a number of years. This young lady mentioned that her mom was a Rotary member in Oceanside. That member is VICKIE PROSSER, and the rest is History. “So here I am. I never thought I would be doing all this Presidential stuff. But I am glad I am here and enjoying it too.”

CLUB UPDATES PRESIDENT ELECT – SHOR DENNY



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VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

ROGER VANDERWERKEN introduced all three guests today at his table

- Florene Villane – our speaker today
- Ted Leib - Oceanside Theatre Company
- Bill Edom - husband of our speaker

AJ introduced Rudy Van Hunnick

PP DAVE HALL lead us in singing the “Welcome to Oceanside” song



PRESIDENT'S INFORMATION

AJ promoted the **5340 District Conference – October 29th** Del Mar Hilton 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. - cost is \$150.00 including continental breakfast and lunch, workshops, and presentations. That same evening the district is hosting the Foundation Gala at 6:00 p.m. – Costumes are encouraged! After the presentations and awards, a live band will play so you can dance away the night! The cost is \$130

Also please see ANCHISA FARRANT to purchase her **Holiday Pumpkins** with succulents with the proceeds going straight to our Rotary Club. \$20 for the smaller one; \$30 for the medium size; and \$40 for the large pumpkin decorated for fall.

HAPPY \$\$\$\$

\$25 Happy JIM SCHRODER just returned from 3 weeks on his second trip, which had been rescheduled five times from 2020, to Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan. Fascinating part of the world. He only saw one American the entire 3 weeks. At one point he was staying in a city called Samarkand, where there was a Shanghai Summit Conference with Putin, Xi and 13 other Presidents from surrounding Asian countries just 2 blocks from his hotel. The city was locked down. They had to arrive by train and not by bus as all roads in and out of the city were closed off. People would ask, “American?” They wanted to have their photo taken with you constantly.



\$20 Happy/Sad ROGER VANDERWERKEN announced the death this last week of his Father. Prior to this, earlier in the year his Step Mother passed away and then in the spring his mother passed away. We are thinking of you, ROGER.



\$10 Happy TINA ORTIZ wanted to thank everyone for helping with the Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society held recently. Her goal was to raise \$6,000. She exceeded her goal. The Relay for Life will be moved its previous date in April this next year.



\$200 Happy Rudy Van Hunnick Rudy had a serious accident in his driveway - falling and hitting his head. Doctors have assured him that everything now is ok and his brain is functioning well again. He had a good report. AJ upon hearing the \$200 amount told Rudy that he could speak longer if he wanted.... ha



\$20 Happy Our Guest Speaker Florene Villane wanted to honor her husband for the grant that he wrote for \$30,000.



\$100 Happy DAVID NYDEGGER after 45 years is happy that his 2 daughters and grandchildren are all living within a short distance of his home. His daughter Kinley has her own business

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\$5 Happy ANCHISA FARRANT told us that she stopped at a Chevron Gas Station and purchased a scratcher lotto card. She won a small amount. (A dollar I think it was.) She then cashed it in and bought another ticket which she also won and ended up with \$20 for her one-dollar original investment. Our Lucky Lady.

She also nominated her cat Coco was entered to possibly have her photo on an animal calendar feature for 2023 for the "Fur Ball". There were 1,037 entrees. Lo and behold, Coco was selected and will appear on the calendar in the month of November. The woman cannot lose!



PROGRAM

ROGER VAN VANDERWERKEN introduced our speaker, Florene Villane. She is a Film Professor at Mira Costa College. She specializes in Film Analysis, Film History and roles of Women in Cinema.

She says, “I did not find film, film found me.” She was mentored by the late Dr. Robert Porfirio from Yale University and a world-renowned expert in film analysis, specializing in Film Noir. In 2013 she directed an award-winning documentary about a mobster, Michael Franzese, who successfully left the Mafia and went on a mission to help kids at risk. The film “Impact” won Best Documentary at the New York LA Film Festival in 2013.



“Before children speak, they sing.
Before they write, they paint.
As soon as they stand, they dance.
Art is the basis of human expression.”

The object of art is not to reproduce reality, but to create a reality of the same intensity. Art is unquestionably one of the purest and highest elements in human happiness. It trains the mind through the eye, and, the eye through the mind. As the sun colors the flowers, so does art color life.

Art is transformative, restorative, healing, humbles, illuminates, and enlightens, ignites the senses to see the unseen.

She cited Rembrandt’s “The Prodigal Son.” In it, we can better understand forgiveness and compassion.

She said, “I believe how we can give thanks to the divine, however you define that for yourself, is take the time, to own, to “find the art within ourselves” and to celebrate, honor, support art and artists in your community.”

Art plays a vital role in your individual districts;
Fosters community identity; supports artistic expression; and helps with economic development.

Oceanside has been selected by our state government in Sacramento as one of the 14 Designated cities in “cultural diversity”.

The Oceanside Arts plan is based on the community’s vision, and the community is heavily articulated in the process. The goals and strategies are to support Oceanside Economic Development through arts and culture, and enhance the Oceanside cityscape through creative placemaking.

Several projects in the pipeline are enhancements to the Junior Seau Community Center and the Bandshell, on the beach in Oceanside, which are both in the process. Also being studied are options for the Tremont Transportation Center with parking, housing, and cultural park areas.

One venue which salutes cultural diversity and artistic expression in music and stage plays is our very own Oceanside Theatre Company at the Sunshine Brooks Theater on Coast Highway downtown Oceanside.



Ted Leib came forward to tell us about the history of the Theater. He is also the Artistic Director at the Oceanside Theatre Company. It opened as a movie theater in 1936 as The Margo, was renamed the Towne Theater in the 1950s, and the building was donated to the city in 1993 by its owner, Hattie “Sunshine” Brooks.

The city decided to transform the old movie theater into a performing arts center, leasing it to various organizations to operate. One of the first resident companies was the New Vision Theatre Company.

New Vision ran Sunshine Brooks from January 2005 until 2011. The Oceanside Theatre Company was selected by the City that year to take over the management of the Brooks Theater.

The Oceanside Theatre Company boasts an impressive array of members with strong arts backgrounds.

In a season now they typically try to have 3 plays and one musical with 20 or more actors and production staff.

Also, they have 2 youth programs: One offering a 9-week program teaching theater arts and a Youth Academy which is a 4-week study. These programs focus on

acting and singing and stage presence. Also, Theater set design and costume design.

It has definitely become a “go to place” for an evening’s entertainment.

PP TERRI HALL looked up their web site www.oceansidetheatre.org for all to have. At that site, you can easily sign up to receive emails about upcoming events – especially important since we no longer have a dedicated North County newspaper.



TINA ORTIZ commented that her niece was one of the students in the Youth Academy through the Oceanside Boys’ and Girls’ Club. She blossomed in this program.

ANCHISA FARRANT presented to the speakers one of her succulent garden planters. A photo was taken with the two speakers, ANCHISA and AJ.



AJ commented that, “Finally I am able to get in a photo with the speaker”!

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

Our speaker today Florene Villane and her Husband Bill Edom held the winning ticket. Unfortunately, they drew the 3 or Hearts. They donated the consolation money of \$10 back to our club.



AJ closed the meeting with “Enjoy the rest of your day and coming weekend.” Meeting adjourned.

A BLAST FROM OUR OCEANSIDE ROTARY PAST

VICKIE PROSSER sent in this photo of the members of Oceanside Rotary circa June of 2004. How many of them do you recognize? ... How many can you name? ... And, on a sadder note: How many of them have passed away in the intervening 18 years?



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

NANCY RUSSIAN got to go “Out and About” right around town. Here is why, in her own words: *My son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter were here for one week for the first time in 11 years - we always go to Indiana! I spent the week at Museum of Making Music, San Diego Zoo, Legoland and more. My son has refused to fly for 25 years so it was a big event.*



If you are dying to see some photos and hear some stories from JIM SCHRODER’s recent adventures which he mentioned briefly in this week’s Happy Dollars, you are in luck! Plans are in the works to assemble a couple dozen of the captivating images and tales and deliver them to you in a special edition of Shorelines – “Out and About in the Stan’s” – coming to an inbox near you in the not-too-distant future. Stay tuned!

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