

*September 21, 2018* 



We started our meeting on time, of course, but the sound of the gavel did not get us to stand up very quickly. (Just an observation!! I wonder if we are getting older, or are simply not in touch with our president's gavel.) Our PRESIDENT RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE did eventually manage to get us moving along. She started us off with our soon-to-be member PAUL WENDEE leading



the Pledge of Allegiance. DAVE HALL helped us to sing a rousing round of "California Here I Come." We may not be in the correct key, but we, at least, sing pretty loudly. I think we should get points for that!

Our Rotary Moment was given by our PRESIDENT RENEE. She and PAUL went on a retreat—an Earth Skills class. PAUL does these kinds of things before, but this seemed to be a bit "outside of the box" for RENEE, but they both enjoyed the experience quite a bit. RENEE showed us a pouch, which she made out of deer hide, and described how the plants from the earth placed inside of the pouch is a way to honor the grounds you are standing on.



At one point in the retreat, RENEE and PAUL were blindfolded and told to look for their special rock. RENEE had trouble, but PAUL found his through Dumb Luck. The inspiration message that RENEE got from this retreat was that everyone should at some point go out of their comfort zone to envision, trust, and embrace new adventures. Your experience made me smile! Thanks for sharing!

NAIL N SAIL was quite a fun day, according to the video that we saw. GREAT JOB! The NAIL 'N SAIL ROTARY TEAM was MELISSA RODRIGUEZ, KYLE PEDERSON, DEAN ANDERSEN, and JAY CRAWFORD served as their mentor and supervisor. The team did an outstanding job and they didn't sink. In my book, if your "boat" doesn't fall apart, and you do not have to swim ashore, then you had a very successful race. Way to go everyone! We'll do even better next year. The CHIPS AHOY cookies were a very thoughtful prize from the person at the "helm" of our club.



Don't forget to make arrangements for a wonderful time on a 2 hour WINE 'N CHEESE SUNSET CRUISE excursion with RON MARBEN on his yacht. Just \$100 per couple with all proceeds benefiting our Community Service Committee's projects. What a great gift for that special someone. Contact RON at 520-450-2240 or <a href="mailto:rmarben@yahoo.com">rmarben@yahoo.com</a>.

MELISSA RODRIGUEZ reminded all of us about the FLEA MARKET event, which is fast approaching (October 6 in the parking lot at Seagaze and N. Coast Highway). Your items may be dropped off September 22 and 29 at the Oddfellows building (505 Mission Ave) from 8-10 in the morning. Any large items can be picked up by TYLER EVANS on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Please let RENEE know ASAP if you need him to come pick up anything. Thank you for your help. And,

whether or not you can make any donations to this sale, you can at least come out on October 6 to see what treasures you might want to purchase for a good cause!

#### OUR GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

L.J. from Abbey Carpet

PAUL WENDEE will be our guest for the last time because he will be a member later



RUDY VAN HUNNICK is always jolly ED PARISH, a friend of many of the members We had a singing Welcome Song for all of our guests.

## **NEW MEMBER INDUCTION**

PAUL WENDEE was nominated by PRESIDENT RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE, and he was proudly inducted into ROTARY. Our president seems to know PAUL well, because she pinned him with an especially large Rotary pin, so he (hopefully) won't lose it. Since PAUL is a scholar, RENEE bestowed upon him the minutes of the 1890 Rotary Club, and a President-Elect binder, just in case he might want to be president of our club some day. (Hint, hint!!)



#### <u>HAPPY \$\$\$\$</u>



ALEXA KINGAARD was \$5 happy to inform us of being asked to speak at the VETERANS ART SHOWCASE regarding her book, <u>Keep Forever</u>. Congratulations ALEXA on the very nice honor. Good luck with finishing your next book.



DAVE HALL was \$5 happy that a grant check came in.



ED PARISH was \$5 happy just to be here with such a great group.



RUDY VAN HUNNICK was \$20 happy for being impressed with our speaker today and also was \$20 happy that we have been "raised up" since we now have a professor (PAUL W.) in our club

JIM SCHRODER mentioned that he would be leaving on the 22<sup>nd</sup> on a trip to Azerbaijan, the Country of Georgia, and Armenia. After this trip, he will have visited 164 countries.

## INTRODUCTION OF OUR SPEAKER



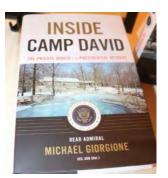
MICHAEL GIORGIONE, Rear Admiral, CEC, USN (Ret)., Founder and President of Leading Leaders, LLC.

In 2017, he published his first book: <u>Inside Camp David: The Private</u> <u>World of the Presidential Retreat</u>. He has the unique perspective of having lived at the Camp with his family. He has been interviewed by Wall Street Journal, The Today Show, CSPAN, and many other print, radio, and television outlets.

MIKE is a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He has a Masters in Civil Engineering from Penn State and is Chairman of the Board for the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association.

Camp David is located in Thurmont, M.D. and was established in 1942 because President Roosevelt wanted a place to get away at times. A few cabins were discovered and established as a retreat through the New Deal. Shangri-La had several cabins and homes. Cabin #3 was the home for the President.

The compound was later known as Camp David, named after the grandson of President Eisenhower. The cabins were named



after trees. Aspen was the President's cabin, and MIKE and his family lived in

Cedar. They were one of the few families on the compound, and he told us it could be a lonely place for them.

MIKE showed us many photos taken at the Camp, some of which were very iconic: Kennedy and Eisenhower discussing the Bay of Pigs, and Carter discussing Peace Talks with Sadat.

The G8 Summit was held at Camp David in 2012. The Reagan's used the retreat more than any other president. He liked horseback riding and puttering in the woodworking shop. Obama visited there 39 times, and Trump has been there 7 times, so far.

MIKE said that getting to know and work with such a unique group of people was an extraordinary experience. "We were <u>in</u> their world, but not <u>of</u> their world," he explained.



JIM SCHRODER, RUDY VAN HUNNICK, and MIKE CURTIN asked about his family. They were educated in the public schools in a nearby town. One of his daughters felt as if they were living in a zoo and being watched.

Several of us bought his book, which he signed. We wanted to hear more stories. They were very interesting. Thank you for an insider's view of that aspect of our history.

PRESIDENT RENEE let our speaker MIKE choose a book to be donated to one of our local schools, which he signed.



ANCHISA held the raffle number but did not win the BIG money.



We adjourned at approximately 1:30.

# **ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT**

TOM BRAULT was M.I.A. from this meeting because he and his wife LINDA are in the middle of a 10 day visit to the Hawaiian Islands of Kauai and Maui. So far, in just their first three days there, they have enjoyed a slack key guitar concert, visited a Hindu monastery, climbed a lighthouse, explored the Waimea Canyon area, toured the Kauai Coffee plantation (You can see in the photo that TOM still does not care for coffee... at all!!), snorkeled on a coral reef, checked out waterfalls, tribal villages, archaeological sites and other scenic and historic landmarks, walked around the Hanapepe Art Festival, seen more roosters and chickens roaming around than one could ever expect, and savored many different and delicious foods. Many more adventures to come!











BILL DERN and wife KATHY have been sharing some quality time with their Phoenix family (Son JASON and wife MINDEE plus twin son MARK and fiancée ROBYN BRAULT). First up, they went to Topgolf to work on their long irons. In this photo, they all practiced their "hole in one faces", just in case anyone ever got one. (You gotta love that KATHY on the right seems to take it in stride like, "Yeah... I make holes in one all the time. No big deal!") Later they compared notes on their swings over drinks at sunset. Phoenix can be pretty, and spending time with family is definitely pretty special! And dinner at the Fogo de Chao Brazilian Steakhouse made for a night to remember. The DERN's sure do know how to have a good time!



## ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT .... AND **BUSTED!!** This just in from President RENEE:

"PP JAY CRAWFORD was caught Red Handed and Rotary Pin-less at BobFest at the Sunshine Brooks Theatre on Saturday night. JAY's excuse? -'I saw you this morning and I had my pin on, I didn't know you were coming tonight!'"



As a public service, here is a parting message from our ever-vigilant president: "Beware! Be prepared!"

## **COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

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

Saturday Sept 29 – Drop off of items for Flea Market Sale – Oddfellows building at 505 Mission Ave from 8 to 10 am. – OR - For large items, contact TYLER EVANS for pickup on that date.

Saturday 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: TOM BRAULT

Saturday 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: DAVE SHORE

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

Oct 26: RON MacDONALD, Arlington National Cemetery Reporter: BILL DERN