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ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE SHORELINES

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Co-Prez A.J. MAZZARELLA banged the meeting to order at exactly 12:30 p.m.

At first, Co-Prez RENEE RICHARDSON worried that there was no flag near the lectern, but we successfully said the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE facing a nearby flag on the golf course.



New member SEAN LOWE jumped right into his WHO AM I? presentation:

After saying how much he appreciated the Rotary invitation and how “very grateful” he was to be here, SEAN said “the thing I like most is to talk about myself.”



He's from the East Coast. His Mom and Dad were New Yorkers, and both sides of the family originally were from Germany.

When he was 8 years old, the family moved to Maryland, where he was active in sports and an Eagle Scout just like his older brother, his dad, and three uncles before him. And that's where he learned about caring for others and about giving back to the community. His Eagle Scout project was storage shelves for a nonprofit's summer school.

SEAN went to Centenary University in New Jersey and played lacrosse and soccer. He was head assistant coach and received his MBA degree. He coached both college and professional lacrosse.

His brother and sister-in-law convinced him to move to the San Diego area.

SEAN came with “whatever would fit in the car” and his “passion for finance and

helping others.” After five years with JPMorgan Chase, he is partnering in his own firm with his father (RICK).

He's been in San Diego six and a half years now. He got married in August to a registered nurse at Palomar Medical Center, and they are hoping to start a family. Now, they have a dog.

SEAN has been coaching both boys' and girls' lacrosse teams at Rancho Buena Vista High School, but now he's concentrating on the girls' team only.

“So much is given to us, it's only right to give back to others,” SEAN said.



CLUB UPDATES were delivered by President-Elect SHOR DENNY:

--Mon. Sept. 26 – Oceanside Rotary Foundation meeting. via ZOOM, 5 p.m. Let RENEE know if you want the link.

--Wed, Sept. 28, - New-member orientation and chili tasting at 5:30 p.m. at RENEE's house, 720 Silver Drive, Vista. Those coming are lucky (...or unlucky) enough to taste the chili that RENEE and SHOR will be entering at our joint fundraiser with the Odd Fellows and Moose, plus there will be salad and pizza as well. Everyone welcome, but RSVP to RENEE.

--Fri., Sept. 30 – Noon regular meeting.

--Sat. Oct. 1 _ Relay for Life Event. Dutifully reading her agenda from RENEE, SHOR called on TINA ORTIZ for this information. TINA said it was one of the last such events for the American Cancer Society in the county. It has gone from a two-day event camping overnight at MiraCosta College to six hours near the campus clock tower. Volunteers are needed to help with registration from 7:30 to 10:30 a. m and from 1 to 3 p.m , It's a great way, TINA said, to celebrate cancer survivors and caregivers (and to honor those like her late husband, who did not survive). She noted the success in research and treatment of colon cancer (which her husband had) in the intervening 20 years but warned that it is hereditary and that her husband's mother and grandmother also had died from it. With this family history in mind, her 30-year-old daughter BRIANNA gets a regular colonoscopy.



--Sat., Oct. 8 – Chili cookoff and bingo social, with the local Odd Fellows and Moose lodges, at the Odd Fellows, 503 Mission Ave., Oceanside. The \$25 fee includes the first

bingo card. RENEE said there will be pizza for those who have trouble digesting chili. The three organizations will split the proceeds. RENEE said, “And it's a good time to collaborate with others.” A clipboard was passed, and afterwards, noting that signups were light, RENEE stressed that there will be alcohol.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS - BRAD FISHER was introduced for the last time as a guest. He would be inducted as a member a few minutes later. ROGER VANDERWERKEN introduced his two guests – PETER KENNEDY, executive pastor at his Breakwater Community Church, and CARL MOELLER, the guest speaker for today. Since he was already standing at the moment, RENEE asked DAVE HALL to lead the welcome song.



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION – RENEE invited BRAD FISHER to the lectern. She said that we believe that joining Rotary is life-changing. The community will know and judge Rotary through its service, RENEE said, mentioning that the spokes of the Rotary wheel point inward for fellowship and outward for service. BRAD was “very happy” to be a Rotarian and handed over \$20 for that happiness - \$10 for joining the club and another \$10 for “having such a fine Rotary mentor.” (That Rotary mentor is RENEE RICHARDSON ... Is this yet another case of a member buttering up RENEE to keep on her good side??)



MEMBERSHIP – RENEE announced that SHOR is taking over the efforts to gain new members, and SHOR outlined the tasks for red badgers to turn those into blue: be a greeter twice, swap seats three times, bring a guest, attend a board meeting and a district event, visit another club, and make a “Who Am I?” presentation. RENEE said we have inducted five new members since July 1, and that was through the efforts of only three members.

Encouraging all of us to be on the lookout for potential members, RENEE reminded, “It's the job of everyone.”

OTHER PRESIDENT'S STUFF - RENEE reported that 20 volunteers showed up at Oceanside's Harbor Days last weekend and earned \$75 in tips (at the beer pavilion). The Chamber of Commerce is to send a check for our participation. *(See photos of this event at the end of this newsletter.)*

RENEE also encouraged volunteers for the Relay of Life, saying it's another way to get Rotary's name out there.

She then called up LARRY HATTER saying that he had become a President's Fellow in 2010 for his \$1,000 contribution, and here in 2022, she is just now getting him his badge to hang on the lectern banner.



HAPPY DOLLARS - LES NEWQUIST gave \$20, apologizing for his gaffe at the last meeting not giving the right date for his wedding anniversary. He said he bought his wife (CRICKET) a card at the end of the pier on their anniversary that said "I love you like a seagull loves French fries." Hearing this less-than-overwhelmingly-romantic anniversary report, RENEE recommended a good semi-retired family-law attorney, JANET BLEDSOE LACY.



– DALE MAAS was \$20 happy that his dad, RICH, had arrived. Also, DALE said a couple of weeks ago he had meant to give \$1 per year, and he is 38, so he would round up the amount to \$40.



– JAY CRAWFORD was \$10 happy to be going to Colorado and taking six old-time trains on a three-week trip to the likes of Royal Gorge, Durango, Alamosa, and Pikes Peak.

– ERNIE MASCITTI had \$50 for the club foundation. After cataract surgery the day before, ERNIE happily proclaimed "I can see. I can read the signs."



- LOLA SHERMAN had \$20 happy dollars to announce the birth of a new family member, JESSE ANTHONY VIRAMONTES, born six weeks early and only four pounds 8 ounces but doing well.

- THOMASINA JACKSON gave \$5 because she appreciates Shorelines' "excellent perceptive" and telling "everything that happens at meetings."



- ED PARISH gave \$100 to the club foundation.

- PABLO ACOSTA contributed \$5 to announce the upcoming Faith and Blue project of his Tricity Pantry and the Oceanside Police Department to provide groceries and entertainment for 200 families. The organizations will present the program from 9 a.m. to 1 p, m Oct. 8 at (Coast City Church) Douglas Drive and El Camino Real.



- TINA ORTIZ gave \$5 because "I really just love this club."

RENEE announced that RUDY VAN HUNNICK (a nonagenarian frequent visitor and generous contributor to Happy Dollars) had suffered a fall and has been hospitalized with a brain bleed.



ANCHISA FARRANT reminded everyone about her club fundraiser selling decorated pumpkins, showed off one of them at the meeting, and immediately sold it to PP TERRI HALL.



GUEST SPEAKER: ROGER VANDERWERKEN introduced CARL MOELLER. ROGER said that when his Breakwater church was meeting outside during the pandemic, CARL, who lives in the neighborhood, had come by to visit. ROGER said CARL had a Rotary background, having had two of his children become Rotary exchange students.



CARL said one daughter went to Spain and the other to Ecuador. He said he also has hosted a Rotary exchange student, and he has been a member of the San Luis Rey and Mission Viejo Rotary clubs previously.

He's been a pastor at the mega-size Saddleback Church in Orange County.



CARL is executive director of the Joshua Fund, a Christian organization working in Israel.

He talked about some of the trials and tribulations in the Middle East and endorsed the Abraham Accords, signed in 2020 by the governments of Israel, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco, and Sudan. As part of the agreements, both the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain recognized Israel's sovereignty, enabling the establishment of full diplomatic relations.

As a result of the peaceful normalization of relations among those countries, CARL said, families now fly back and forth to enjoy vacations.

RENEE presented CARL with our usual guest-speaker gift; a potted succulent plant arranged by ANCHISA FARRANT.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING – THOMASINA JACKSON had the winning number, but didn't draw the joker and gave back the \$10 consolation prize.



The meeting was adjourned promptly at 1:30 p.m.

HARBOR DAYS BEER GARDEN GATHERING

Oceanside Rotary certainly was well represented as we volunteered to man the Breakwater Brewing Co. booth at Harbor Days on September 17 and 18. I mean, the Brewery had just two taps and over the two days, we had 20 volunteers onsite to take turns taking tickets and filling the 12-ounce cups. So, this means that, along with providing a service to the major community event and raising funds for our club, we had extra time to just socialize and enjoy each other's company, too!



DALE MAAS demonstrated the importance of slathering on sufficient sunscreen. Before the beer business picked up on Sunday, BRAD FISHER showed off his prowess on the cornhole court. Closer to lunchtime, BRIANNA ORTIZ and BOB REINSETH checked out the Mountain Mike's Pizza booth nearby. (Side Note: Mountain Mike's will be providing pizzas as an alternative food option at our upcoming Chili Cookoff fundraiser.) Speaking of fundraisers, one of our Co-Presidents declined the chance to

pocket a fast \$5 into our club's coffers – TOM BRAULT had offered a fiver for the chance to see RENEE RICHARDSON take a ride down the giant Swashbuckler inflatable slide. Even after he offered to bump the donation to \$10, RENEE's emphatic response was, "NO WAY!"

All in all, it was a fun way for us to get out into the community, have some time together near the sand, the sun, and the sea, and to show how proud we are to be "Rotarians at Work."

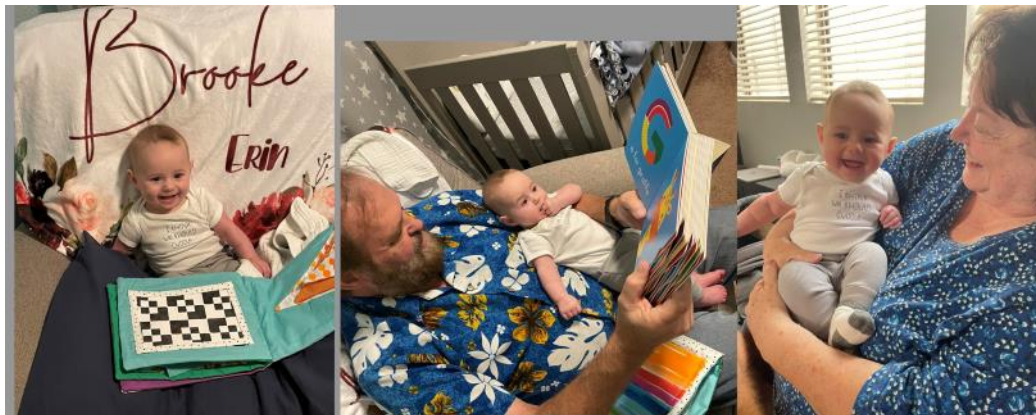


Here is an alphabetical list of those who pitched in over the two days: DEAN and CAROL ANDERSEN, TOM BRAULT, GORDON BROWN, SUSAN BROWN, SHOR DENNY and her partner DENEEN GIBSON, ANCHISA FARRANT, BRAD FISHER, THOMASINA JACKSON, DARREL LARSON, SEAN LOWE, DALE MAAS, AJ MAZZARELLA, TINA and BRIANNA ORTIZ, BOB, REINSETH, RENEE RICHARDSON, ROGER VANDERWERKEN

A special shout-out to BRAD and RENEE who devoted their time on both Saturday and Sunday!

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

TOM BRAULT was absent from our Friday meeting, but he had the best of excuses. He and wife LINDA were in Chandler, Arizona (a suburb of Phoenix) in the captivating company of their 4-and-a-half-month-old granddaughter BROOKE DERN (daughter of ROBYN and MARK). No sightseeing or any other adventures were scheduled at all during their four-day visit. Except for driving to a few favorite restaurants for delicious meals, the entire time was spent holding or rocking or just continuously watching this new and miraculous addition to both the BRAULT and DERN families as she rolled over, and bounced, and smiled and giggled her way into their hearts. What a cutie patootie!



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

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September 30 – Regular meeting at El Camino Country Club

Saturday, October 1 – American Cancer Society Relay for Life event. Contact TINA ORTIZ to learn more about getting involved.



Saturday, October 8th – Rotary, Odd Fellows, Moose Lodge Chili Cookoff,
and Bingo Fundraiser, starting at 5:30 pm – Details to Follow



October 14 – Regular meeting at El Camino Country Club. Speaker:
FLORENE VILLANE, Professor of Cinema at MiraCosta College

October 28 – Joint meeting with El Camino Rotary – at El Camino Country Club

November 4 - Regular meeting at El Camino Country Club