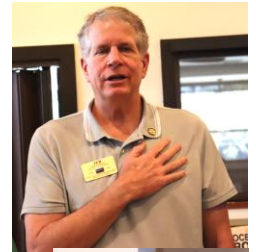


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September 25, 2026



The meeting was called to Order promptly at 12:30 on Friday September 25, 2026, by our **MADAM PRESIDENT RENÉE RICHARDSON** who called upon our **DISTRICT GOVERNOR JEB BAKKE**, to lead us in the American Pledge of Allegiance.



Following the American Pledge, Madam Pres. then called upon the International Chair for the Tijuana, Mexico, Club **ANA MARIA FERNANDEZ**, to lead all who wanted to participate in reciting the Mexican Pledge of Allegiance. Thereafter, **BILL DERN** asked us all to recite the Rotary Four Way Test.



Then, **ROGER VANDERWERKEN** introduced the many **guests** that were present at this special joint Rotary meeting of the Oceanside and Tijuana Clubs: From the Oceanside Club, **ROGER** called upon **BILL DERN** who introduced his brother **JOHN** from Colorado. **ROGER** then introduced the following guests: International Chair for the Tijuana Club **ANA MARIA FERNANDEZ**, Past President of the Tijuana Club **IVETTE CASILLAS**, District 4100 International Chair **DAVID CASH**, and President of the Tijuana Club **GILDARDO OSUNA** (Editor's Note: **GILDARDO** was wonderful in assisting **ANCHISA** and myself by taking photos when we were otherwise occupied and could not!). Thereafter, **ROGER** introduced visitor (and soon to be new member) **NOI SAILER**, visitor **BILL JOHNSON** from the Carlsbad Rotary Club, **MIKE JENNINGS**, and **LANCE EVANS** from TRUE CARE. Also present was **DOUGLAS LINDAMOOD**, the co-owner of SonRise Ranch, which has an administrative office in Oceanside. Our **BILL DERN** then came forward to lead us in the Welcome Song.



PRESIDENT RENÉE resumed the meeting and encouraged all Rotarians to volunteer at the 45th Anniversary Ivey Ranch Park Western Hoedown on Saturday, October 10, 2026. You can sign up for partial shifts if you cannot stay for the whole event!

Event & Service Details

- **Date:** Saturday, October 10, 2026
- **Rotary Volunteer Time:** Starts at 3:00 PM
- **(Friday afternoon setup shifts available, too: Check with ROGER)**
- **Event Time:** 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- **Location:** [Ivey Ranch Park Association](#), 110 Rancho del Oro Dr., Oceanside, CA 92057
- **Activities Supported:** Steakhouse BBQ, hay rides, line dancing, USMC Mounted Color Guard, kids' corral, and silent auction.

DANA ALBERT then called up **LANCE EVANS** from TRUE CARE to accept a \$10,000 check (WOW!) from Rotary that was a result of **DANA'S** efforts to once again chair our annual golf tournament that this year was a fundraiser to support True Care Oceanside. True Care offers an array of health care services including Primary Care, Mental Health Assistance, QuickCare and Pharmacy services to those in need.



LANCE EVANS elaborated on the wonderful services that True Care provides by sharing how over 70,000 people have been helped and how they have partnered with colleges and universities to reach out to those in need. **DANA** indicated that he will continue his personal pledge to assist with fundraising for wonderful service organizations by bringing the golf tournament back for one more year – The tenth tourney since its inception. Thank you, **DANA**, for all that you do for so many!

We then watched our **PRESIDENT RENEÉ**, assisted by **GOVERNOR JEB BAKKE** and Sponsor **ANCHISA FARRANT**, swear in our newest member to Rotary, **NOI SAILER**, who was \$50 Happy to celebrate the moment!



PRESIDENT RENEÉ then called up our fellow Rotarian **TOM BRAULT** who was recognized as a “**Paul Harris Fellow + 2**” recipient. She shared that **TOM** had joined our club 36 years ago and served as club President in 2000. Throughout those many years, **TOM** has continued to demonstrate his commitment to Rotary and to Service Above Self. He has been a Sustaining Member of the Rotary Foundation, and we thank him for his many years of service and commitment to Rotary. Upon receipt of his recognition, **TOM** quipped “I hereby resign!” Congratulations **TOM** and Thank You!



Our next announcement was a significant occurrence whereby all 4 of the members of the Tijuana Rotary Club present were called up to join **PRESIDENT RENEÉ** and **GOVERNOR JEB BAKKE** to share in the signing of a **Sister Club Agreement** with the Oceanside Rotary. The agreement states that the signing of the document represents more than a partnership between two Rotary Clubs, and represents a shared commitment to the belief that *service has no borders*. The agreement also states that although our clubs serve communities in two different countries, we share the same Rotary values and the same desire to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. We are committing to building a friendship between our members, to learn from one another, identify opportunities for joint service projects, and work together to strengthen our communities on both side of the border. With this act, we are recommitting to a friendship and a partnership that we hope will continue for many years to come: *Two Clubs, Two Countries, One Commitment to Service*.



Happy Dollars! ERNIE MASCITTI was \$200 (Yes! \$200!!!) Happy, donating \$100 to Polio Plus and \$100 to the club. He explained that he was making up for lost time having missed many Rotary meetings due to taking a Cruise, and then having his wonderful wife volunteer him to help taking care of 4 teenage boys for 3 weeks while their mother was visiting with her aging and ill mother.



BILL DERN was \$20 Happy to have his brother **JOHN** visiting with him.



PAUL WENDEE was \$5 Happy to have had the opportunity to work with Saddles for Service which assists Veterans with post-traumatic stress syndrome by teaching them how to ride horses.

ANA MARIA FERNANDEZ was \$20 Happy to have been a participant in the signing of the Sister Club Agreement between the Tijuana and Oceanside Rotary Clubs.



DAVE CASH was \$20 Happy to have had his Tijuana Rotary Club work with **DARREL LARSON** and others in our club in installing clean water in poverty areas in Mexico.



PRESIDENT GILDARDO OSUNA of the Tijuana Club was \$60 Happy that he had sold his property in Mexico to purchase another one that could be used in conjunction with the institute of learning that he is affiliated with.



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VANDERWERKEN was \$10 Happy to be 100th year anniversary of his Grandfather's family farm in upstate New York. The farm the family, and is now being worked by his grandkids.

ANCHISA FARRANT was \$20 Happy that her good friend **NOI SAILER** was now a member of the Oceanside Rotary Club.



GOVERNOR JEB BAKKE shared with us that he had created a **Special Recognition Award** for each Rotary to consider for a person who serves their club as an “unsung hero” through their assistance and support of Rotary. He then turned the meeting back over to **MADAM PRESIDENT RENÉE** who informed the club that she would be giving this award to our very own **JIM SCHRODER**. She told us about how **JIM'S** history with Rotary began when he was a teenager, who's family-owned Marty's Valley Inn in Oceanside. Marty's Valley Inn had served as the “home” of the Oceanside Rotary for many years, long before **JIM** had become a Rotarian. At that time, **JIM** was the young busboy taking care of the Rotarians during their luncheon meetings. As time passed, **JIM** not only joined Rotary, but served as President in 1996. During his tenure he has received the El Toro Award several times, which is given to a Rotarian who is never afraid to speak up, offer an opinion, and be a vocal (and often humorous) participant in club discussions. He has hosted countless Rotary gatherings and house parties, participated in service projects, supported club activities, and continues to step up whenever something needs to be done. **JIM** still serves today, taking photos, contributing to Shorelines, opening his home, and he represents the fellowship and continuity that makes the Oceanside Rotary so special. Thank you so much for your decades of Service Above Self!

PRESIDENT RENEÉ introduced our **Speaker**, the **ROTARY DISTRICT 5340 GOVERNOR JEB BAKKE**. We learned that

GOVERNOR BAKKE originally joined the Poway Rotary Club (now Poway Scripps) in 1991, where he served in various offices and avenues of service. He moved to the Rancho Bernardo Sunrise club in 1994 where he was also active in a variety of capacities. He took a leave of absence to raise his young family, while keeping in touch with the many relationships he formed through Rotary. He returned to Rotary in 2017 to the Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Club where he served as President in 2020-21. He has served the district as International Service Chair from 2021-23 and is currently an assistant governor for Area 15 that serves both the Paradise Valley and Sweetwater Rotary clubs as well as four active Rotaract clubs - D5340 of SDSU, UCSD, Pacific Beach and City Heights. He grew up in Denver, Colorado as the eldest of five boys. He was active in sports, service clubs and singing at Cherry Creek High School and the University of Colorado, graduating in 1983 with a BS in Finance and Real Estate. He has been married to his wife Evan for 33+ years and has three grown children. Jake is 32, Alison is 30 and Zachary is 27. He enjoys golf, exercising and sports.

GOVERNOR JEB BAKKE has been an award winning, successful commercial real estate broker in San Diego with CBRE, Inc. since 1984. His team has been involved in many recognizable, high-profile, ground-up office developments and represented many large, well-known tenants in Southern CA, other states and countries.



GOVERNOR JEB then addressed the Club and spoke of why he had initially joined Rotary, which has also been posted with other insights online. He stated that after 33 years at the global real estate company CBRE, he can appreciate the importance of community and professional networking. “That’s what prompted me to originally join Rotary in 1991; I just wanted to network and didn’t know much about the good things that Rotary does around the world. The club I joined was close to my home, and my friends and mentors all urged me to be in that room. It was a small club and I quickly found myself being volunteered for board positions. We were in a bad economy, and I did not have the money to pay the dues but they allowed me to serve as Secretary and Treasurer in lieu of fees. But hey...it gave me a chance to get involved, so it was all good, right?

Then after three years I decided to switch to a more robust club and joined Rancho Bernardo Sunrise. It made sense for me, since I had professional friends in the room and it was a better fit for my business goals. Once again I got involved with

the board, meeting lots of great people and genuinely enjoying what I was doing. This stint in Rotary lasted four years...until I realized my kids were growing up without me being around much. Between work, Rotary, and several other organizations I had joined, I was finding I was missing WAY too much...and dropped out. 20 years later I'm back in Rotary for good! The kids are grown, family life and work are both stable, and I have time to do what I want to do. I'm taking it slow as I get re-integrated into the Rotary family and am proceeding carefully to find my proper niche. I know that niche is there, too. There are lots of good people in my club; some do fundraising, others focus on social media, others make sure the trains run on time. The names have changed since 1998, but the enthusiasm and spirit is the same. And if there's one thing that I love about this organization, it's that I get to work with community leaders and influencers who are like-minded in a non-threatening way. Everyone associated with Rotary is focused on trying to do their part and make the world a little bit healthier. I've met people I never would have known any other way, and in many cases I've really gotten to know them well. It gives me a warm feeling that I'm helping to make the community, country, and world a better place. One minute at a time, one dollar at a time."

He shared stories about helping others with a Rotary Holiday event of providing gifts for needy children to pick from, to give to others as a present, and how one little girl wanted several small boxes of cereal for her brother "so he could have something to eat". **GOVERNOR JEB** reminded us about the 1,000 Smiles program, which provides free dental care and surgery for children in need throughout Mexico. He spoke of the 28 Rotary Clubs that have built houses for the poor in Mexico, as well as countless other humanitarian causes that Rotary has supported. He said that "it is funny; in 1988 I attended my very first Rotary meeting with a client and was told I was too young to join. That club never saw me again. The club in Poway...the one that gave me my start in Rotary... saw the wisdom of youth and diversity. It also prompted me to help establish a program for those to join Rotary who cannot initially pay the fees due. Today I belong to a group of dozens of professionals, some as young as their mid-twenties, others as old as their mid-nineties. I hear speakers who stimulate me intellectually. I find a room where nobody takes themselves too seriously. And I feel rejuvenated every time I walk out of the room. Joining Rotary was, without question, the smartest move I ever made. You can also make the smartest move you'll ever make by visiting our club for breakfast one Tuesday morning."

Following his excellent presentation, **ANCHISA FARRANT** gave **GOVERNOR JEB** one of her very best potted plant arrangements we have ever seen!



We then advanced to the **Opportunity Drawing** with the winning ticket being held by **MIKE WESELOH** who did not draw the winning card, and had to settle for a puny \$10 win, instead of the pot of almost \$1,000!

THIS JUST IN FROM JIM SCHRODER: **Rotarians hosting Rotarians.**

The previous weekend JIM SCHRODER hosted Past President of the Rotary Club Parana Plaza, RAMON CALI and his wife CARMEN visiting from Parana, Argentina for 5 nights with JIM. Also in the photo at his home are RENEE RICHARDSON and PAUL WENDEE, as well as friends of JIM - BOB and SANDY LOCKWOOD.



The Rotary Club Parana Plaza was sponsored by the Oceanside Rotary Club along with the club's friend ESTELA GAMBLIN coordinating with Rotary in Argentina. This was the first and only Club in Argentina sponsored by a club outside of Argentina. The Club in August celebrated 22 years.

In 1992 JIM was selected from the 64 clubs in the district at that time to be the leader of a Rotary Group Study Exchange to Argentina and Uruguay for 6 weeks. Five non-Rotarians were also selected to travel with JIM to Argentina. JIM and RAMON have been friends for 34 years. JIM has also traveled back to Argentina eight times - six to Parana. He keeps in contact with a number of friends there still.

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

October 9 – Regular meeting – Noon – Broken Yolk Café - Program DARREL LARSON – First female to row 10,000 miles across Pacific to raise funds for clean water. *Volunteer setup at Ivey Ranch after the meeting?*

Saturday, October 10 – Ivey Ranch Hoedown Fundraiser event – 3 to 8:30 pm (110 Rancho del Oro Drive, Oceanside) - Volunteers needed. Short shifts available. We also need to help with setup there along with ROGER VANDERWERKEN after our meeting on Friday

October 16 - 1 pm - Board Meeting on Zoom

Saturday, October 17 – 2 to 6 pm – District 5340 Oktoberfest (Rancho San Jeronimo – 2012-A Sunset Ave, San Diego) – \$20 per person – “Family Fun for a Great Cause” - Fundraiser benefiting Youth of San Diego County

October 23 – Regular meeting – Noon – Broken Yolk Café - Program: Bridgette Ouimette – Girls on the Run

Saturday, October 24 – “Feeding America” service project with San Marcos Rotary – 8:30 to 11 am at San Marcos Boys & Girls Club (1 Positive Place, San Marcos) - Assembling meals for distribution to needy – Support World Hunger Month

October 30 – Fifth Friday of the month – DARK – No meeting

November 13 - Regular meeting – Noon – Broken Yolk Café – Program: Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial

Saturday, November 14 - District 5340 Impact Celebration - Rancho Bernardo High School (13010 Paseo Lucido, San Diego)

Friday, December 11 - Evening Holiday Party – Details TBA