



**ROTARY CLUB OF
OCEANSIDE**

SHORELINES

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According to my master chronometer (aka Fitbit Watch!), **PRESIDENT TERRI HALL** opened the meeting at precisely 12:29 p.m. Probably a good idea with this rowdy crowd! Long absent **PP JAY CRAWFORD** then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Finding **PP TOM BRAULT** absent (attending a family reunion?) after he had told our esteemed president he would lead us in song, **PREZ TERRI** had to call on her ever faithful partner



in crime, husband **PP DAVE HALL**, to lead us (because heaven only knows – we **NEED** leadership!). **PP DAVE** gamely stepped up and led us first in “God Bless America” and then in “Smile” because he couldn’t think of anything else at the moment.

LYN CORDER then shared her inspirational moment as to how and why she became a member of a service organization:

“When we were in high school, my Dad told my brother and me: ‘When you get to be adults and sort of get settled in your jobs, you **NEED** to join a service club – I don’t care which one’. (He was a Lion.) Later, I think I figured out why...

My Mom had a tough childhood. Her parents were sharecroppers. They never owned a house. They lived in shacks on other peoples’ land. They



moved where the jobs were. As the oldest girl, she was expected to both help pick (whatever) and watch her younger siblings.

The summer before 9th grade, the family moved to Lawrenceville, IL, near the Indiana border. She was able to attend all four years of high school at the same place. At graduation time, she learned she'd been selected to receive a scholarship from a local service club – possibly Rotary. Her Dad was not happy. Her Mom supported and encouraged her. Grandpa told Mom, 'It's your job to stay home and take care of the younger kids while we work – if you accept it, you're no longer welcome at home'.

Fall came. She borrowed train fare from her older brother and rode off to Illinois State University. She lived with a family, cleaning their house and tutoring their kids, for all four years. She graduated and became a teacher. And that, said Dad, 'made all the difference'. Education changes everything. And that's why I chose to become a Rotarian."

Very well said **LYN!** And you are still inspiring people today!

PRESIDENT STUFF:

PREZ TERRI noted that three of our members will not be at our October 4 Rotary meeting as they will be taking some of our Crown Heights young people to a soccer game. Excused for this meeting are **ROGER VANDERWERKEN, DAVE HALL** and **LJ FIMBRES**. Have a great time, guys!

She then let the club know she is forming a fundraising committee to add to our annual golf tournament fund raising. Many of us remember the good old days of the Crab Fest. It was lots of work, but lots of fun, and we raised a lot of good money to distribute to our causes. **PREZ TERRI** is forming a committee to investigate possible fundraising ideas. If anyone is interested in participating in this committee, please contact her. So far, volunteers include **PP RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE, PAM MYERS, PP DAVE HALL, PP JAY CRAWFORD, PE MELISSA RODRIGUEZ** and possibly **ALEXA KINGAARD**.

REPORTS:

LESLY ADAMS was then asked to give a "brief" report on her foray into Rotary District 5340 when she attended the membership conference with **PREZ TERRI** and **PP DAVE HALL** last Saturday. She learned lessons of bringing in new members and retaining current members. They were broken up into groups and



groups that came together were instructed to *not* sit together. Our rule-following trio split up, but not everyone at the event was so committed to this directive. **LESLY** learned a few things: not everyone has a gift for brainstorming; if you wear a lavalier microphone, you shouldn't pound your chest; and getting involved in younger people's social networking is a great way to reach out. **LESLY** was quite pleased with herself for finishing her talk in under 1 minute 30 seconds! Definitely a record for her!



PE MELISSA RODRIGUEZ then shared that she and **PE DALE MAAS** attended Pre-PETS (President Elect Training) last weekend in Del Mar. They had both been sort of dreading it, but both learned a lot and came back charged up, inspired, and full of new ideas for membership, fundraising, etc. She also shared the adventure of **PP DEAN ANDERSEN**, **AJ MAZZARELLA** & **LJ FIMBRES** in their quest to build a boat and sail it in the Harbor Days celebration of "Nail & Sail".



They built a fantastic boat –beautifully decorated by **PP DEAN**'s son, 9 year old **DAX** – and it didn't sink! Unfortunately, they didn't make it into the finals, but my money's on them to take home the gold next year! They needed a bigger cheering section! Not many of us were able to make it down there for the race – but I understand **PE MELISSA** made up for many of us with her cheering. Also there were **ANCHISA & RON**, **PREZ TERRI** & **PP DAVE**, and our own **DAVE NYDEGGER** was the announcer. Nice job, folks!!!











She also shared that the Escondido East Rotary and the Escondido Sunrise Rotary are hosting two family friendly events on October 12 at Grape Day Park in Escondido. Start your day of family fun with the 9th Annual Grape Day 5K. Run, walk, or stroll through scenic old Escondido while raising funds for a cure for Multiple Sclerosis and other community causes. You can pre-register at www.grapeday5K.com Race time is 8:00 AM and starts and ends at Grape Day Park.

At the end of the race, the Escondido East Rotary club 9th Annual Tot 'N Trucks event will kick off at 9:30 AM. Admission is free and children of all ages will have the opportunity to climb on and explore all types of work trucks including Police, Fire, City work trucks, dump trucks, cement trucks and many more. There is a fun zone area where you can experience being doused with Dr. Bronner's Magic Soap shot from a fire truck, race RC cars around the track, play games and bounce around in inflatable jumpies. Food and entertainment throughout the day. The event runs 9:30 AM to 2:00 pm. Fun for the entire family!!

VISITORS AND GUESTS



PE MELISSA then started introducing guests at today's meeting: **LYN CORDER** introduced **Angel Chavarin**, a counselor at Mission Vista High School in Oceanside. He was actually part of today's program. **PP MIKE CURTIN** introduced two other guests that would be speaking to us today – **Tamara Craver** (CEO of REALITY CHANGERS) and **Jordan Harrison**, Senior Director of Programs, also from REALITY CHANGERS.



CHUCK ANDREAN introduced second time visitor **Adolpho Ayala**, a guest of member **DAN WILSON** who was unable to attend today. **LESLY ADAMS** then introduced repeat guest **Amanda Snider**, and “professional guest” **Rudy Van Hunnick**. **PP DAVE HALL** then led us in our very welcoming “Welcome Song”, hoping we will see them all again!

PREZ TERRI then took the microphone back and spoke to the fact that **LES NEWQUIST** had been absent when we recognized anniversaries this month, and he had actually had **TWO** anniversaries in September – his wedding anniversary (to **Cricket** – 14 years!) – he was \$20 happy for that one!, and his club anniversary – 15 years – and he was \$10 happy for that one! We then sang him a rousing “Happy Anniversary” song – which a few of us actually knew and were able to sing along!

While she was in the fundraising mode, she wanted to thank **CHUCK ANDREAN** for donating the Rotary magnets that can stick to most any kind of metal. **CHUCK** purchased them for the club to sell. To add to the people that had purchased them a month or two ago, **JANET BLEDSOE LACY**, **DAVID SHORE** and visitor **Adolpho Ayala** each purchased one and added to the club coffers. Our Secretary **RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE** purchased one for her Saturn, which serves as our mobile Oceanside Rotary Club office. Thank you, **CHUCK**, for making these available!



HAPPY DOLLARS



PP JAY CRAWFORD was \$15 happy that he and his wife returned safely late last Saturday night from a 28 day, 4400 mile, 33 mpg, trip to Nevada, Montana, South Dakota, Colorado and too many other states to remember. (*The full list of states is in our “Out and About” section, along with a smattering of photographs.*) Welcome back, **JAY!!**



ROGER VANDERWERKEN was \$5 happy. Unlike Wanderin’ **JAY**, **ROGER** had only been to ONE place, but it was extremely wonderful for him to attend the 40th Reunion of his US Navy Academy class. As an aside, his class was the last to graduate with an all-male class. How times have changed!



ANCHISA FARRANT was \$20 happy/sad. She will be missing all of the October Rotary meetings – but she will be visiting her homeland – Thailand – so that’s definitely happy! She also shared that she (for the very first time!) made **RON** a meal of spaghetti, and he proclaimed it the best sauce ever! Of course, **RON**

wasn't at the meeting today, so we can only take ANCHISA's word for it that he is still among the living . . . 😊 Just kidding, ANCHISA! You are by far one of the best cooks I know!!! I'm sure the spaghetti sauce was outstanding!!!



Rudy Van Hunnick was \$40 happy. He has recently received notice from both the City of Oceanside and the City of San Diego congratulating him on the fact that the AED units that the club helped distribute throughout the City have saved 37 lives! **Rudy** coordinated the effort and is overwhelmed seeing that so many people are still alive thanks to his efforts. Congratulations, **Rudy!**



PE MELISSA was \$2 sad that she will be missing the next two Rotary meetings, and \$3 happy that she will be spending two weeks in Bali!!! Way to go, **MELISSA!!!**

PROGRAM

LYN CORDER then came forward to introduce our program and speaker(s) for the day.

What would it mean if we truly believed that every student is powerful beyond belief? REALITY CHANGERS transform lives by providing youth from disadvantaged backgrounds with the academic support, financial assistance, and leadership training to become college graduates. Since 2001 and a humble start with just four 8th graders, REALITY CHANGERS now serves over 750 students annually across southern California. Since 2001, the students have earned over 140 million dollars in scholarships from all sources.



Today we have Senior Director of Programs **Jordan Harrison** and Executive Director **Tamara Craver** to share more about how this incredible organization has been making an impact for over 18 years. Also here today is **Angel Chavarin**, a Counselor at Mission Vista High School. **Jordan** was involved in Rotaract during his time at SDSU and now he and his remarkable organization live out the Rotary motto of “service above self” every day with hundreds of young people.

In a regular public school, there are approximately 945 students to every one counselor. With this program there are approximately 30 students to each counselor. Their programs help high-potential, low-income youth become first generation college students at the nation’s top colleges.

There are three main programs through REALITY CHANGERS:

COLLEGE TOWN (for 8th – 11th grade students)

This is after school and summer programming. There is no GPA requirement, and there is comprehensive weekly tutoring. Frequently the students are involved in community service opportunities. With a 3.5 GPA, college residential experience might be available. This program focuses on academic achievement as well as soft skills pertaining to college readiness. It serves approximately 200 students per year.

COLLEGE APPS ACADEMY (12th grade)

This program also has after school and summer programming. It is an Instructor-led curriculum, based on choosing, applying, and paying for college. There is one on one support through “office hours”, and there is access to college reps and forums. It is comprised of matriculated College Town students and newly admitted 12th grade students. And it serves up to 25 students per Academy section.

ALUMNI NETWORK (Beyond 12th grade)

This program offers academic and financial advising as well as college transfer support, college partnerships, mentorships, networking opportunities, career resources, and college peer mentor programs. It serves more than 2,400 program graduates.

In the class of 2019, there were 403 students – 86% of them were first generation college students. Of their parents, 9% had only completed elementary school.

Twenty percent of the parents had only completed elementary and middle school. This group of students had a 3.78 mean GPA and the mean SAT score was 1060! As far as college, 76% of the students enrolled in a 4 year college, 23% entered a community college and only 1% did not enroll in either.

These programs are offered to the students at no cost other than to bring dinner to a group (family style) dinner for 50 people, twice a year. It's a time they all get together and bond. Before you can access their minds, you have to fill their bellies.



Angel Chavarin is a counselor at Mission Vista High School in Oceanside. He has been involved with this program for seven years and has seen many success stories. There have been 29 GATES Millennium Scholars through this program – that's a full ride for college!

EDUCATION CHANGES EVERYTHING!

Rudy VH said he had recently attended an event for military veterans in the age bracket of 20-30. He wondered if this program had anything to offer young vets. **Jordan** responded that this program didn't really have anything that would fit that group of young people at this time, but **Tamara** did indicate that some of their students might decide not to enter college, but rather serve in the military. When that time comes, Reality Changers will do everything they can to support those students with those decisions and give them guidance and advice when needed.

PP DAVE H asked how many schools in the North County are involved with this program? He was told there is Mission Vista in Oceanside, Sage Creek in Carlsbad, and one in San Marcos at this time.

CHUCK ANDREAN asked where their money comes from. Their funds are raised through fundraising in the community, individual donations, foundations, grants, etc. **AL** and **LYN CORDER** are active supporters of this group and all they stand for.

With no further questions, **PREZ TERRI** thanked our speakers, had them pick a book to be signed by them and then donated by our club, and had them pick Cheetos or Chocolates! Perfect ending to a wonderful talk!



DRAWING:

PAM MYERS held the first winning ticket and won a pound of wonderful Global Grant coffee from **PP RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE**. **PP JAY** held the second winning ticket for a chance at the \$500 jackpot. Not his day for the big winnings today though, drawing a King of something! He took home the \$10 consolation prize.



PREZ TERRI gaveled the meeting closed a little prior to the prescribed 1:30 closing time, and released us all to the unsuspecting public. Have a wonderful week, Rotarians! See you all on October 4!

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Allow us to catch up on some backlogged photos submitted by members. First up is from **ROGER VAN DERWERKEN** who gave us insight into “*another way of doing baptisms. I’m the guy in the wide-brim hat. We had a baptismal service on August 18. Five people were baptized that day.*”



JIM SCHRODER is keeping us up to date on his latest travels with a series of shots, along with his descriptions:



01 After 32 hours of travel, I arrived in Kampala, Uganda. Found this Rotary sign in a garden outside a Catholic Church in Kampala, Uganda. Proof that Rotarians all around the world give back to their communities.



02 Local students on a field trip.



03 & 04 Traffic is treacherous in Kampala. In Uganda, motorcycles serve as taxis. They are called Boda Boda.



05 Local market. Talk about confusion! You name it. It is found here



06. Military housing for guards that guard the Presidential Palace.



07 Entrance to Idi Amin's torture chamber. Over 25 000 killed



08 New city of Kampana in distance



09 Helping to cook Mongolian Barbecue at a local restaurant.



10 Made a whole bunch of new friends today



11 Ferry crossing of White Nile River



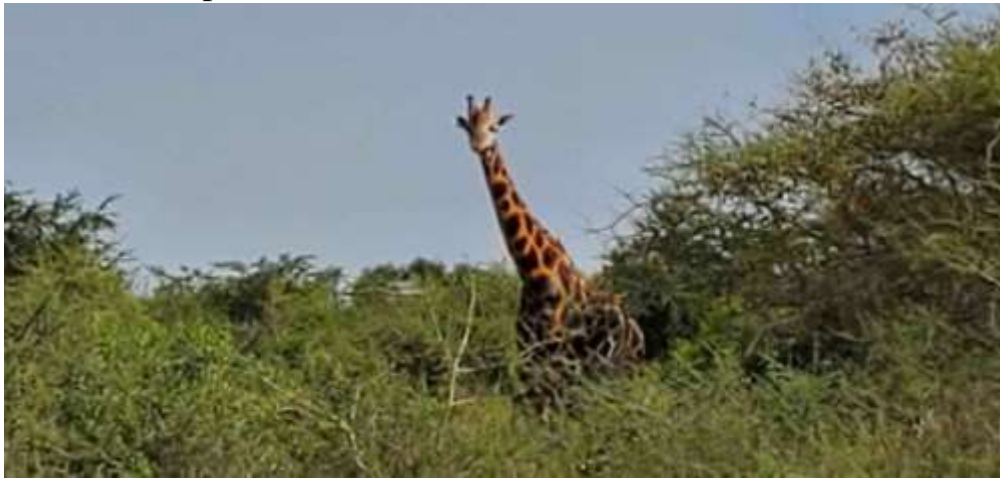
12 Exquisite dining room - Outside dining in the heart of the crazy city.



13 Masses of buffalo



14 Elephants came up to the vehicle almost. We had to move forward from them.



15 Lots of giraffes seen in the low hills early in the morning and evenings on the drives



16 Thousands of Jackson Hartbeest. It is spring here and we are south of the equator. The animals are mating. Birds flapping wings in dances, Animals in heat.. and lots more.

Not to be outdone, **JAY CRAWFORD** and **Anita Romaine** emailed a series of photos from their 28 day, 4,400 mile trip through CA, NV, ID, MT, WY, SD, CO, and UT.



A windmill in Solvang, CA



A photo of Craters of the Moon, in Arco ID



A pepper roasting party in Bozeman, MT. (You can see the huge pepper roaster.)



JAY's son, Dave with **Anita** and **JAY** at Hyalite Lake (Outside of Bozeman, MT) enjoying the rainy day.



Anita in front of a waterfall along Spearfish Canyon Scenic Drive, SD.
MT. Rushmore SD.



Crazy Horse Monument near Mt. Rushmore.



Mike, The Headless Chicken Statue in Fruita, CO. Mike lived 18 months after his head was chopped off. (No kidding...Google it)!

More friends ... More travels. These photos received from **NANCY RUSSIAN** and her husband **Luis**.



At Rainbow Falls in Hilo, Hawaii



View of a black sand beach



Checking out a lava tube

Closer to home, **BILL and KATHY DERN** ventured to the Phoenix area to visit their twin sons and their wives. While there, the gang got into the “swing” of things at the Top Golf driving range and enjoyed a Saturday evening dinner together out on the town.



It was a busy day on Friday September 20 for **TERRI** and **DAVE HALL**. They started out by joining in on the Climate Change protest / strike event in Carlsbad, meeting friends for lunch at Swami's followed by unfurling their signs to join the demonstration. Then later that evening, who did they run into at the Moonlight Amphitheatre's production but **TOM** and **LINDA BRAULT**? In a case of "What's wrong with this picture?", notice that **TERRI** is sporting a Rotary pin on her necklace and **DAVE** has a custom embroidered shirt proudly displaying the classic icon. **TOM** quickly pointed out, "I have a Rotary logo on me, too!" and promptly pulled out his prepaid luncheon card to show off his Rotary wheel. (Just like the old American Express card commercials, he "don't leave home without it!")



From the ROTARY SOCIAL AT BAGBYS on Thursday September 19: Who would you say was the winner in the Cute Canine Category???



Dax Andersen with his new puppy Moose, or Mr Snugglepants (the “dog son” of **A.J. MAZZARELLA**)?

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

October 4: CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE AUTHORITY

Reporter: Lola Sherman

October 11: GARRETT HARRIS, San Diego Mainly Mozart Festival

Reporter: Dave Shore

October 17: **Evening Social on Third Thursday at Mission Avenue Bar & Grill
711 Mission Avenue, Oceanside**

October 18: **Meeting DARK for Evening Social on Third Thursday**

October 25: ANDRA WATKINS, Not Without My Father

Reporter: Tom Brault

November 1: OPD Sgt. JIM RIDENOUR & Officer FERRY, Homeless Outreach

Reporter: Susan Brown

November 8: JACK FELLER, City of Oceanside

Reporter: Jay Crawford

November 15: JOHN DOBKEN, San Onofre Nuclear Generation Station

Reporter: Bill Dern

November 22: **Meeting DARK for Evening Social on Third Thursday**

November 29: **DARK for Thanksgiving Weekend**