

 BE THE INSPIRATION 2018-2019	<b>ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE</b> <b>SHORELINES</b>			 <b>PRESIDENT</b> Renee Wendee
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President RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE gonged the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. Where was her gavel to ring the bell? (The official response from our President is that she had both the gavel and the gong in her possession. "Since my gavel was ineffective at the last meeting I thought I would get your attention with the Gong"! After ringing the Gong, she said, "Well, I can see my Gong is just as ineffective!" The last two meetings, no one has even bothered to stand up until they are asked to do so!)



Visitor KIM HELM, a former Oceanside Rotarian, led the pledge of allegiance.

Past President JAY CRAWFORD, excused from a fine for not wearing his Rotary pin at a recent community event, gave the ROTARY MOMENT, appropriately titled "Why wear a Rotary pin?" He said:

“Reasons for wearing a pin varied: for publicity of Rotary, for pride, for acceptance and recognition, for the start of easy conversation with other Rotarians wherever you go.

“Past RI President BOB BARTH (1993-94, from the Rotary Club of Aarau, Switzerland) felt that a Rotary pin says this about the wearer: You can rely on me, I am dependable, I am reliable, I give more than I take, and I am available.”



Also, JAY said, “Be aware. RENEE is everywhere... and she sees everything you do and DON'T do.”

RENEE said we had no songmeister today, so she thought we would try something different. She showed on the screen the words to a song called Rotary by NORRIS C. MORGAN:

**"R-O-T-A-R-Y,  
that spells Rotary.  
R-O-T-A-R-Y,  
is one big family.  
From north to south  
and east to west,  
He profits most who serves the best,  
R-O-T-A-R-Y,  
that spells Rotary."**

Past President DAVID HALL then led us in our old favorite song, “Smile.”



RENEE reminded us that there were orange notes on our tables – and information also available on the Website - reminding us of upcoming events:

- Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – the District 5340 Foundation seminar was in San Diego from 8:30 a.m. to noon.
- Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. To ?? (*verbally, Renee said 2 p.m.*) Flea Market dropoff.
- Friday, Oct. 5 – DAVID ALEMIAN, recruitment & retention.
- Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> - Flea Market sale, 503 Mission Ave., starting at 6:00 a.m.
- Friday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. Board meeting followed by our regular meeting.

RENEE let us know that there is no parking at the flea-market site. She said the event has been advertised on Facebook, in the Coast News, and on a Website that attracts professional garage-sale buyers. She said the receipts will fund a lot of things that the Community Service Committee wants to do.

One of those things coming up is Christmas in October. We will be collecting unwrapped gifts all month long to benefit the Women's Resource Center. Those who bring gifts to the club will receive an additional raffle ticket in exchange. We were given a three-page list of gift suggestions for children, teens, and parents. RENEЕ said that we are doing this gift drive in October, so we can participate in Toys for Tots in December through member MIKE WESELOH and Weseloh Chevrolet.

Noting that no one else had done so, RENEЕ thanked DAVE HALL for sitting at a table with three visitors. “DAVE saved the day,” RENEЕ said. LYN CORDER noted she had talked with guest L. J. FIMBRES all the way up from the parking lot.





The third guest at that table, besides HELM and FIMBRES, was our frequent visitor RUDY VAN HUNNICK. LARRY HATTER introduced our fourth guest, his “good buddy and walking partner,” former club member DICK HIGH. DAVE HALL led us in our Welcome Song.

RENEE honored DAVE as Rotarian of the Month for all that he does in obtaining grants for our work in Crown Heights. “I think the club owes him a great deal of gratitude,” RENEE said.



### HAPPY DOLLARS:



KIM HELM was \$5 happy to be here.



DAVID NYDEGGER said everyone had been asked to put a dollar on the table, but the eight people at his table contributed \$9.55, so he thought they'd overdone it. DAVE also said that he's seen the eye doctor, and his vision is now 20-16, so “I'm watching you.” He was \$5 happy that we weren't fined \$5.



PAST PRESIDENT MIKE CURTIN said: “Madam president, I am going to read from a prepared statement: I have 2 correction dollars because I want to correct my testimony yesterday before the Community Service Committee. I had been asked the reason for the shuttle during “Taste of Oceanside” and I incompletely stated, “old people,” when, in fact there are typically a few host businesses that are outside the downtown area and they are difficult to reach in a reasonable time, not just for old people. I apologize if I unnecessarily stigmatized old people.” (Way to read the room, MIKE!)



TREASURER LES NEWQUIST was \$10 happy because he had his first cataract-removal eye surgery on Tuesday and will have the second one in two weeks. He poked his finger through where a lens would be in his glasses to show that it no longer is needed.



RUDY VAN HUNNICK was \$20 happy in honor of the mayor attending our meeting.

DAVE NYDEGGER and LARRY HATTER reported that “lots of things are going on in Crown Heights.” First, on Oct. 17, youngsters will leave from Lincoln Middle School at 7:45 a.m. for a trip to Camp Pendleton and its obstacle course.

On Oct 25 - “this is kinda cool,” HATTER said – FRANK ZIMMERMAN, longtime local soccer coach, will host the Lincoln kids at a 1 p.m. MiraCosta College game and let the younger kids get to meet college players.

And on Dec. 1, LARRY said, the Lincoln kids will see “Dance Reflections 2018” at the college.

On March 9, they will see “Pirates of Penzance” at the college. PAST PRESIDENT TOM BRAULT chose the play. LARRY noted that we are doing more at MiraCosta these days because it's not so practical to take the youngsters to visit a four-year school where they would have trouble getting in. And besides, MiraCosta now is offering four-year degrees in selected subjects. He noted that STEVE BESSANT, principal at Lincoln, is part of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program that takes the kids from kindergarten at Palmquist School into high school.

LYN CORDER mentioned that she's working on her youth-safety certificate, and RENEE said that this Youth Protection certification from the District is necessary for any volunteer, even non-Rotarians, who will be working with children in any of our events. She noted that her husband, PAUL, found it was really easy to obtain his. (He had joined the club on a Friday and by the following Wednesday, he had the application filed, background check done and approved and took the test which consist of only 20 questions.) A simple and quick ... and necessary ... process! Hop to it!!

HATTER said he has a full signup to help with the Camp Pendleton trip, but he needs volunteers to help with the other excursions.



Continuing with Happy Dollars, ANCHISA FARRANT said she was giving \$1, but also is contributing 100 succulents for sale at the flea market. JAY CRAWFORD said he is \$5 happy “for all the work that LARRY is doing.” DAVE HALL said he

is \$4 happy - "because that's all I've got" - for the grant. DICK HIGH proffered \$5. "I'm happier than that," he said, "but that's all I've got." He praised KAREN HAYNES, retiring president of California State University San Marcos for her welcoming of students from Crown Heights. "The \$5 should be \$500," DICK said.

### THE HONORABLE SPEAKER, MAYOR WEISS



LARRY HATTER introduced our speaker, PETER WEISS, as the first appointed mayor since Oceanside went to elected mayors in 1967. (The most recently elected Mayor, JIM WOOD, had to resign in January due to the lingering effects of a stroke.)

WEISS graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and worked in private practice until becoming Oceanside's city engineer in 1986. Then he headed the engineering, planning and housing departments and then became city manager. "He's probably the most qualified appointed mayor in the history of the city of Oceanside," LARRY said.

"That's not exactly a compliment", WEISS retorted, since he's the only such appointed mayor.

He explained that the mayor really is just another council member. He runs meetings and appoints committee members, but otherwise has no additional power. One councilmember cannot discuss an issue privately with more than one other.

"We need to listen to the collective voice (of the people)," WEISS said, because too often it's the incessant voice that's heard. (See: "*The Squeaky Wheel*.")

The council, he said, has five goals: to provide city services, fiscal stability, sustained growth, economic vitality, and quality of life. He cited "significant improvements" in the last 20 years, especially in downtown Oceanside with its new developments and "a dynamic that has not been there before."



WEISS said the area around the transit center, which, in Oceanside's case, provides transportation both north and south and east and west, is where higher-density development must take place to fulfill the need for affordable housing.

The city's own labor force can't afford to live here, WEISS said, with single-family homes selling for about \$580,000 and a two-bedroom apartment renting for \$2,000 a month. New housing, he said, won't be the house with three bedrooms, two baths and a backyard that most of us are used to.

WEISS talked quite a bit about the city's \$20-million pension obligation and, answering questions from LARRY HATTER, said the city has negotiated for some employees to pay for more of their benefits but it's hard to get enough money to cover all the expenses when “our portfolio earns a whopping 10 percent.”

WEISS supported Measure X - a half-cent city sales-tax increase on the November ballot. He said the money can be used for new bathrooms at the beach to replace those built in the 1950s, road repairs, a new fire station, recreation centers, services to reduce the issues of homelessness, and a swimming pool at El Corazon. Developer fees are no longer enough, he said.

There's a concern, he said, that money from the measure might be used for police and fire salaries, but it's basically for capital projects.

JANET BLEDSOE LACY asked WEISS about his position on Measure Y, also known as the SOAR (Save Open-space and Agricultural Resources) initiative, and the mayor responded that he is adamantly opposed.

For one thing, WEISS said, “I do not like ballot-box planning.”

Nor, he said, did he favor the North River Farms development proposal for Oceanside's South Morro Hills area, now heavily into agriculture. WEISS said it would make the area look like Rancho Bernardo.

Under Measure Y, he said, mathematically, 1,500 homes could be built in the area.

Answering a question from RUDY about comparative funding for the arts, WEISS said Oceanside's demographics dictate that it's the same people being asked to do everything. And, he said, the downtown area, where many of the cultural activities are centered, contains two of the lowest-income areas of the city – Crown Heights and nearby Eastside.





RENEE had WEISS choose a book to sign to be given to a local school library.

The meeting ended with the opportunity drawing. Everyone groaned when ANCHISA (who won the first \$1,000 right off the bat last year) had the winning number. But she drew a seven of spades, not the joker, so our big current \$800 jackpot continues to be ripe for the picking.

RENEE adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

### ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

After spending three days in Indianapolis with their 7-year-old granddaughter MADDY, NANCY RUSSIAN and her husband LUIS motored their way in their RV for a trip to Niagara Falls. Taking the Cave of the Winds tour, they got to see and feel the falls in all of their glory from the base. And later, they enjoyed the view from above as they offered a toast to their terrific time at a restaurant high above the cascade.





BILL DERN sent along some pictures from a dinner with staff, colleagues, and friends at Paon Restaurant in Carlsbad to celebrate his “graduation” to retired status after the sale of his practice.



TOM BRAULT (who had owned that Cassidy Street practice before BILL) continued his adventure in Kauai and Maui with wife LINDA.

And finally, we always look forward to pictures from the worldwide travels of our resident globetrotter JIM SCHRODER, and he didn't let us down this time.

We will send out the batch of photos received from JIM's time in Azerbaijan and Georgia and the BRAULT's final series of photos from Hawaii in a separate message (so we don't overload you with images in this Shorelines edition).

**COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

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