



*September 29, 2017*

With a very loud, and rather proud, clang of his new-found official gavel on our Rotary bell, CHUCK WARD opened our meeting by introducing himself as “your President for the rest of this meeting .... And hopefully for next week, too.” He then immediately turned to one of our visiting Rotary dignitaries (JOHN GOODRICH, the Chief



of Staff to our District Governor) and invited him to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. DIEGO DOBSON then offered a short, but sincere Rotary Moment of Inspiration, in which he told of his experience serving as a mentor and taking some of the Crown Heights youth to visit Cal State San Marcos. DIEGO said that

he “cherished the time” spent with them and wants to do even more of this community / youth service!



Called into service again as Songmeister was TOM BRAULT, who apparently has led the songs so many times over the years that he seems to have already covered all of the songs that our members know and had to dig deeper for a new tune to offer. He was frankly quite surprised that so few of his fellow Rotarians knew the Shaker traditional hymn often sung in the fall - “Simple Gifts” - and absolutely no one (including TOM himself) had ever heard the alternate second verse that he had found online which he felt dovetailed with the spirit of Rotary so well.

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free  
 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
 And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

'Tis the gift to have friends and a true friend to be,  
'Tis the gift to think of others, not to only think of "me",  
And when we hear what others really think and feel,  
Then we'll all live together with a love that is real.

TOM (and the rest of us) fared much better with the much more familiar other songs: "Smile" and "America the Beautiful."

### **CLUB UPDATES**

Our President (who still does not have a President Elect to handle the weekly announcements for him) let us know about some things that Oceanside Rotary has been up to and/or has in store.



The past Wednesday evening, we were proud to have bestowed three more Chrome tablets to deserving students from Crown Heights, bringing the total number which we have given out up to eight computers. As CHUCK described it, a lot of these kids can only get online by using their parents' phones, so having a tablet for their own use can truly change the child's and the family's life!



Reminder: We will NOT be meeting for lunch this coming week on October 6th. Instead we are “gonna get Stoned” at a evening gathering at Stone Brewery (310 N. Tremont in Oceanside from 5:30 to 7:30 pm) in what is being billed and promoted as a “young professionals networking event.” Munchies will be available for everybody, and we are encouraged to invite “anyone you want to have a beer with who might be interested in Rotary.”



On Friday the 13th of October, there will be a Board meeting at 11 am, just before the regular meeting. CHUCK betrayed an aura of foreboding concerning the date, and told us it might be “a little scary, but good!”

Then on the weekend of October 14 and 15, Oceanside Rotary will be sending five kids to the LEAD Youth Conference for 8th grade students from San Diego and Imperial Counties. CHUCK tipped his hat to ERNIE MASCITTI for all that he does to work with our local youth, saying, “The next generation of leaders in our community will come from efforts like this one.”



At this point, CHUCK did a double take at his agenda as he tried to figure out what was supposed to come next, confessing to one and all that, “Maybe it would be good for me to read these notes before I show up at the meeting!” Turns out that what was next up was an excuse to soak DAVE and TERRI HALL for a \$5 fine each for not reading the fine print details in the program of the Moonlight Amphitheatre show “In the Heights” that a group of us attended the previous week. Had they combed through the credits, they might have seen that the percussionist in the orchestra happened to also be named “Dave Hall.” In their defense, TERRI explained, “We were so busy hosting the event that we didn’t have a chance to even look at the program”, much less get to that level of detailed info.

President CHUCK then gave us some details about his dentist visit this week with former member Dr. RICK MOHRLOCK who supposedly “has the worst jokes.” That didn’t stop CHUCK from repeating one of them for us about an absent-minded husband going grocery shopping, which actually was good enough to get at least a courtesy laugh from the crowd.

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS



Once again, we came to CHUCK's "favorite part of the meeting" where we get to meet some new folks who have joined us at our meeting. This week, the guest list included a few fine folks from our Rotary district leadership team, including our District Governor SCOTT CARR from the San Diego Downtown club, his Chief of Staff and incoming DG Nominee JOHN GOODRICH, and Chief Assistant Governor OLE PRAHM. Other guests included KAREN HUBER, a board member of the First Friday Oceanside Art Walk group, introduced by SUSAN BROWN. (Their next event is October 6 from 5 to 9 pm in Downtown Oceanside – a free family friendly event that will include an Oktoberfest celebration with live music and great food and drinks.) Also in attendance was RUDY VAN HUNNICK, who was seated with DAVE SHORE, and last but not least, BOB PICKREL was pleased to present our perennial visitor Dr. TOM CURTIN from Carlsbad.



Next our attention was drawn to the screen, as a photo was displayed of ANCHISA FARRANT joyfully picking the Joker out of the practically full deck last week and nabbing the huge (but quite short-lived) \$1,000 mega jackpot. You could tell as he shook his head and muttered, "Unbelievable!" that CHUCK was expecting / hoping that the drawing would have more closely followed the odds and that we might have gotten a few more tickets sold before the 4 figure windfall was claimed. But he let us know that a new deck and a new \$500 jackpot would be put into play at the end of the meeting, and ANCHISA pledged that, if she would be fortunate enough to win again, she would give the money to Rotary.

## HAPPY DOLLARS



Gee ... Given the last paragraph, I wonder who might have kicked off our Happy Dollars this week? Sure enough, ANCHISA was very, very, very happy and donated \$100 of her prize pool to the Rotary International Foundation. LYN CORDER was \$5

pleased to report on her successful trip to Spain and Greece, where she saw many examples of Rotary works all over Spain. She was also \$20 proud to point out an article in the recent “Rotarian Magazine” about a “Place to Call Home”, which is an organization that her brother has been supporting for many years. In fact, her brother was seen in a picture that accompanied the article. How cool is that!?!



SUSAN BROWN was \$10 proud to have been asked to do a presentation at San Luis Rey Rotary, but not so happy that their meeting started so danged early in the morning! She also passed out postcards about the First Friday Art Walk which is going into its eighth month and is still growing strong! She suggests that after we are done with our gathering at Stone Brewery on Friday

October 6, we should head to Artists Alley where 40 artists have been booked to display their pieces.

RUDY VAN HUNNICK had \$20 to prove how pleased he was to be sitting next to the “bosses of the Art Walk”, which he strongly supports. And he had another \$20 to celebrate our District Governor’s visit to Oceanside, because RUDY really admires people like SCOTT who find the time and energy to do so much good for the community.



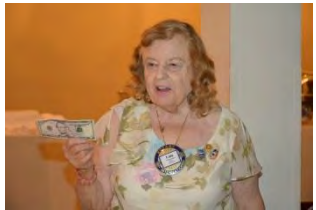
JANET BLEDSOE LACY gave \$5 in celebration of the ribbon cutting for the new performing arts center at Oceanside High (which had been planned and approved when she served on the OUSD school board). It is the first theater on the OHS campus in its 110 year history!



JAY CRAWFORD's \$5 was both sad and happy – Sad that he will not be able to join in the merriment at Stone Brewery, but happy to be taking Crown Heights kids to the MiraCosta College soccer game and dinner afterwards. It turns out that four of the MiraCosta players are themselves from the Crown Heights neighborhood, so this really should be an eye opener for the kids to see some possibilities for themselves!



TERRI HALL had a bittersweet \$9 to note that she and DAVE had adopted their beloved dog Zorro from their good friend JOHN GOODRICH, and she choked up a bit when she said that the \$9 was in loving memory of the “9 wonderful years we had with Zorro.”



LOLA SHERMAN and PAM MYERS were a tag team duo, offering \$5 and \$3 respectively, for having had a wonderful time seeing our resident actor TOM BRAULT onstage at the Spreckels Theatre in “Billy Elliot.” They really enjoyed the show, and were especially tickled to see TOM dancing in drag as “Maggie Thatcher.”



## **THE NEW OPPORTUNITY DRAWING**



As promised, a brand new deck of cards was brought forward, emblazoned with a United Airlines logo (... Was this “product placement” or some sort of advertisement to defray some of the new \$500 jackpot that is now on the line??) Our official card handler DAVE HALL verified that a Joker was in place before giving the deck a nice shuffle. In the meantime, the lucky tickets of BOB PICKREL and A.J. MAZZARELLA were drawn and they both had their chance at the beanbag toss to see who would get the chance to find the Joker. BOB easily trounced A.J.'s toss score and confidently selected a card from the stack of 53. Alas, it turned out to be the 4 of Diamonds, and our President recommended that the \$10 consolation prize could either be “cerveza money” or that BOB should

“take your lovely wife out for dinner.” (To where??? ... Wienerschnitzel or Taco Bell??? We think DARLENE deserves a little better than that!)

## **WE MEET OUR NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR**



MIKE CURTIN, who continues to act as one of District 5340’s Assistant Governors, handled the official introduction of our 2017-18 DG SCOTT CARR, the founder of Javelin Web and Media – a marketing and media consulting agency, who served as President of the San Diego Downtown Breakfast Club from 2011-12. After that, he has served in several other roles within the district, including website chair, PR chair, District Training Assembly chair, Chief of Staff and Assistant Governor. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Millions for HOPE committee, which raised over \$30 million for the Rotary Foundation. He lives with his wife HEATHER and their three kids in Mission Hills.

SCOTT started his remarks by telling us, “You are all rock stars!” and letting us know how impressed the District is with all of the work we are doing. In particular, he said, our Crown Heights program is “off the charts and so meaningful!” It is programs like this one that truly change lives through Rotary.



He confessed straight up that the standard District Governor speech usually includes the tale of their own personal “Rotary moment” – when you have a profound experience that makes you go from being just a member to becoming more deeply involved and connected as a true Rotarian. “I didn’t have such a Rotary moment myself”, he told us, so this will be a different kind of speech than we might be used to.

In his words, he is the Governor of a “massive freaking district!” with 63 clubs spread over a wide and diverse region, from the border to the coast to the mountains and to the desert. We need to keep working on our clubs’ diversity in order to better match our community. For example, the District’s demographic of 33% female members is better than the 25% national average, but still leaves room for improvement. We should encourage more women to join Rotary and to be leaders, because “The more we mirror the community, the more we will grow and thrive as an organization.” And not only women should be encouraged to explore Rotary, but minorities and members of the LGBT community as well.

The District and each club should also continue to support our military. SCOTT noted that there are only two clubs in the entire world that meet on military bases, and they both are in District 5340 (Camp Pendleton and Miramar). With so many military men and women in so many of our local communities, the clubs should look to find a need for their families and then to serve that need.

He remarked on the changes coming to the District's youth certification process for volunteers, which is still being worked out. The old program was very minimal – just a two page application that you would send in with \$5 and “poof”, you would be certified without really proving anything. “That doesn't cut it anymore” in the age of human trafficking, etc. We need to be more aware and more proactive about how we interact with minors, for we are on the frontlines and can be looking out for these kids, and thereby help to identify some of the threats that the youth may be facing and that we should know how to refer them to help and services they might need.

This is just one example of a change coming to the Rotary system which can butt up against the “We have always done it this way” mentality. But, SCOTT noted, change can be a very positive thing for us and for the community and can be very empowering. We need to keep changing and adapting and find new ways to communicate and promote and outreach - To follow the “Golden Circle” TED Talk model and get straight to the bullseye by communicating “Why we do” as our main focus, rather than dwelling on just the “What we do” and/or “How we do it.” Every individual Rotarian's “Why” is unique to you. When you find your own personal “Why I am a Rotarian”, you should go out, find a hill, and shout it out for all to hear, because there will be people out there who are looking for that particular “why” for themselves, too.

### **WE'RE NOT QUITE FINISHED YET ...**



At both the beginning and the end of his presentation, DG SCOTT received a well-deserved standing ovation for what he does for all of us and for our clubs. But he actually had one more duty to fulfill for us before he could call it a day at Oceanside Rotary. He was tasked to join in the Blue Badge induction (along with our Secretary RENEE WENDEE) for DIEGO DOBSON who had recently completed all of the requirements to ditch his Red Badge status:



1. Being a greeter
2. Attending a Board meeting
3. Joining a committee
4. Leading the Pledge
5. Giving a “Who am I?” talk
6. Taking part in club “hands on” projects
7. Doing a make up at another club

These steps were established to help our new members get to know this club, its members, its administrative organization, and also for the members of the club to get to know you, too. DIEGO, having fulfilled all of these steps, is now approved and eligible for full active membership in the club. RENEE reminded him that “Rotary is like everything else in life: You get OUT of it only what you put INTO it.” And, since she herself was DIEGO’s Rotary mentor, she encouraged him to continue on his path to being a true Rotarian.

Before they wrapped up this presentation, RENEE was heard to gripe that “CHUCK had me do this last on the agenda so that if the meeting ran over, it would be MY fault, not HIS!” We did indeed go into overtime, but it was worth it to see DIEGO receive his Blue Badge from Renee and a special pin from DG SCOTT. (This turned out to be a good thing, for DIEGO confessed that he hadn’t actually worn any pin at all to this meeting.)





After a group photo, our President asked our new Blue Badger, “Are you very HAPPY? ... Or was this Blue Badge a FINE thing to receive?” DIEGO didn’t immediately offer Happy Dollars on his own volition, so CHUCK nailed him with a series of fines: \$20 for the initiation, \$5 for not having a pin before, and another \$5 for DIEGO’s noteworthy sock situation!



CHUCK then almost gaveled the meeting to a close before he remembered to present our District Governor with our speaker gift – A donation to TERI, Inc in his name, and a decorative box made by TERI clients which had been filled “with love and plants” by our very own ANCHISA FARRANT.

And with that final bit of business squared away, CHUCK banged the bell to adjourn the meeting several minutes late, with all the blame aimed at RENEE. (I’d be careful, if I were you, Mr. President .... You want to keep your Secretary happy and on your side, otherwise the rest of this year could be a long and hard slog for you!!!)

**DON’T FORGET....**

**THERE WILL *NOT* BE A LUNCH MEETING  
ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6  
HOPE TO SEE YOU AT STONE BREWERY  
THAT EVENING!**

## **COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

October 6 – **DARK for Evening Social at Stone Brewery**

310 N. Tremont in Oceanside from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

October 13 – JIM O'MEARA, South Africa Rotary Global Grant

Reporter: DAVE HALL

October 20 – SCOTT McDONALD (Del Mar Rotary), McDonald Foundation

Reporter: JANET BLEDSOE LACY

October 27 – KIM GIBBENS, San Diego Center for the Blind

Reporter: BILL DERN