

 <p>2022-2023</p>	<p>ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE</p> <p>SHORELINES</p>			  <p>CO-PRESIDENTS AJ Mazzarella & Renee Richardson</p>
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At 12:30 on the dot co-Presidents AJ and RENEE opened the meeting (actually, RENEE opened the meeting and AJ rang the bell). AJ then proceeded to lead us in the pledge of Allegiance, and we actually had our own flag this meeting! (Or rather, the Country Club had provided their flag, unlike last week).



WHO AM I?

RENEE then called on our newest member, BRAD FISHER, to tell us just “Who is he?” BRAD started off his remarks by asking RENEE to be sure and let him know when he was getting close to using up his allotted hour: I’m not sure if RENEE thought that was all that funny, but the rest of us thought it was a good start for a new member! BRAD said that he’s a native Californian, born in Anaheim, and raised in the San Diego area. His mom and dad were educators: his mom said she spent 20 years in the 4th grade, before graduating and ending up Principal of an elementary school. She passed away from cancer before she got to retire, so BRAD said he really appreciates the club’s support of Relay for Life. He pointed out that schoolteachers touch many lives, as evidenced by the over 500 people who attended his mom’s funeral. His dad was a teacher, too, and ended up Superintendent of Schools in Imperial Valley.



BRAD went to Grossmont College and then San Jose State, where he was founding member of a fraternity chapter. That fraternity connection ended up with his traveling from campus to campus at age 21, which he said was the greatest job he’d never like to do again! He said he recently found his old OAG, which had the

airline schedules for all the airlines for airports in the U.S. – he traveled before the internet made it easy to search for flights and book tickets. He said that in 1986 he was the “5th in the world” for carp-throwing in the 5-pound division (presumably the weight of the carp: an interesting honor bestowed by United Way as part of a charity fundraiser.

He finally got his bachelor’s degree from San Diego State, and started out as a manager at K-Mart, a job that he was not fond of at all. After 3 years he left and worked for C & C Underwater Photography selling underwater cameras: a fortuitous change, since that’s where he met his wife 25 years ago. He and his wife have two kids, the younger with a psychology degree, and the older is a lawyer. He worked on lots of ocean related projects (he’s a scuba diver), and he’s now a financial planner providing comprehensive financial support to customers.

After RENEE gave BRAD the hook when his actual time was up (subtly of course, and after much less than an hour), RENEE announced that our participation in the Chamber’s Harbor Days netted the club a cool \$1500 (plus the \$75 we received in tips for selling beer). A great fundraiser all around!

CLUB UPDATES:

Tomorrow, October 1st – Relay for Life Event – *see the photos at the end of this edition of Shorelines!*

Saturday, October 8th at 5:30 PM– Chili Cook-off and Bingo Social, Odd Fellows Lodge, 503 Mission Ave. Oceanside. \$25.00 includes your first Bingo card. We have 3 different Chilis we are entering. **If you haven’t signed up yet contact RENEE.**

Friday, October 14th – Regular Meeting – El Camino Country Club

Friday, October 28th – Joint Meeting with El Camino Rotary and Golf Tournament kick-off.

Women’s Resource Center Toy Drive - Please bring Unwrapped Toys to our meetings on October 14th, October 28th, and November 4th. We are also checking with Dale Maas to see if we can drop the toys off at his office. ROGER VANDERWERKEN is the POC for donations. They’re looking for a variety of gift items for teenagers (new and unopened), including bike helmets, headphones,

sports equipment, record players (yes, vinyl is back!), camping gear, books, games, makeup, arts and crafts supplies, pajamas, gift cards to Target and Walmart, etc.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:

Co-President AJ looked around the patio and called on members to introduce our visitors: ROGER VANDERWERKEN was the only responder, and he introduced our speakers, ROBERT CANTON and CHRISTINE AMELY from Solutions for Change, ROGER's wife JACQUI and his daughter CHRISTINE, who by the way was a Rotary exchange student (as was ROGER a few years earlier).



RENEE then asked for volunteers to lead us in the welcome song, and PP BILL DERN graciously obliged.

PRESIDENT'S STUFF

District 5340 District Conference – October 29th Del Mar Hilton 8 AM to 3 PM – Cost is \$150.00 including continental breakfast and Lunch, workshops, and presentations.

That same evening (Oct 29th) the District is hosting the Foundation Gala at 6:00 PM – Costumes are encouraged! After the presentations and awards a live band will be playing so you can dance the night away! The cost is \$130.00

CO-PRES RENEE then pointed out that she has new “Rotary Swag” for purchase – T-shirts and hats for \$14.50 each, including ladies’ shirts. She said you can also go directly to Russell Hampton (<https://www.russellhampton.com/>) to order stuff yourself (which I think she’d prefer).



RENEE then asked if anyone would like to have his hat back (that was left in her condo after the chili cookoff and new member get-together). Co-PRES AJ then

admitted that it was his hat, and after some prompting said he was \$5 happy to get it back!

RENEE announced that our club will be participating in boat rides with Santa for kids at the harbor on Dec 10 from 11 AM till 3 PM and we'll be looking for volunteers to help (both on shore and on the boat). As with the Harbor Days event, this event will bring in funds for our club activities.

And this spring we will be supporting the Iron Man competition with volunteers, which also will be a fundraiser for the club.

RENEE called ROGER VANDERWERKEN to the podium, and presented him with his (long overdue) Blue Badge! Congratulations ROGER for completing all of the red badger tasks!



HAPPY DOLLARS:



DAN WILSON was \$10 happy that his mother is recovering from her stroke, and will make her 90th birthday, which is coming up soon. DAN was another \$10 sad that due to caring for his mother he won't be able to go to LEAD as a chaperone: he said it's a great experience and he encouraged another Rotarian to step in as his replacement – contact DAN for details if you are interested.



BRIAN LONG was \$60 happy for his birthday (he missed the birthdays last week) and for finally getting unstuck from a rock after an hour and a half while in his small boat on a trip to Alaska! He said even worse than that, his group held up not only his ship for that hour and a half, but another ship that was waiting to dock once their ship left the space! He said it would have been \$100 happy, but \$40 was deducted when his wife came down with COVID...



PP TERRI HALL was \$5 happy that she had a good conversation with her aunt, who is 87 ½ and having memory problems: she told her a story about TERRI's mom (TERRI's aunt's sister) who at 80 said she liked where she was living, but wanted to go home now (she was at home already) – she was convinced she was living in a house just like her house, but it wasn't hers! TERRI said she told her aunt that she made it 7 more years than her sister! Her aunt laughed, so all is good!

PROGRAM

ROGER introduced our speaker, ROB CANTON, CEO of Solutions for Change. ROB is a navy veteran, spent time as Executive Director of the Boy Scouts, and recently moved to Solutions for Change. ROB then introduced CHRISTINE AMELY, who is their grant writer and has been with Solutions for Change for a year.

Solutions for Change operates a 700-day program designed to move the homeless community to stable employment and housing with personal development, affordable housing, and training. With community-focused solutions, they are fighting back against The Churn of poverty and homelessness to transform lives and restore community. Their three programs work together to solve the root causes of the challenges families are facing, so future generations can live without the burden of poverty, dependency, and instability.

The Churn of poverty they define as: handouts leading to dependency leading to victimhood, leading back to the need for more handouts. Common methods for addressing poverty are usually temporary and one-size-fits-all. They do more harm than good by not providing people a solid foundation to defeat The Churn. People experiencing homelessness, poverty, chronic unemployment, and dependency are all different. They need unique, tailored solutions so they can overcome their challenges and transform their life.

The solution to the Churn is to invest in transformation, leading to sobriety, jobs, and stability, which produces victors, not victims. That's where Solutions for Change comes in. They attempt to get to the root causes of each individual's struggles and solve them. Through *Solutions Academy*, *Solutions Enterprise*, and *Solutions in the Community*, they educate, equip and inspire students to take their lives back, provide employment training and career pathways to sustain themselves

and their families, and empower our community to support and celebrate the Overcomers.

Solutions Academy is a comprehensive 700-day vocational program that prepares families for lifelong success through career pathways, work experience, leadership training, family management skills, teamwork, financial literacy, personal development, accountability, and connection.

Solutions Enterprises help fund the family transformations through economic development. All revenue generated by their social enterprises is invested into programs that are transforming lives and communities. They are working to create a sustainable and replicable social enterprise model to solve family homelessness everywhere.

Solutions in the Community: Solutions for Change is deeply involved in all the North County communities. They purchase, rehabilitate, and operate housing throughout the region – revitalizing areas. They engage with communities through volunteer participation in community events, which helps other nonprofits while letting residents give in order to help others, as they have been helped. And they invite community participation at Solutions, so we can all live, learn, and work together to permanently solve family homelessness.

Their motto is “Serving to Solve,” as opposed to “Serving to Serve,” by addressing causal factors rather than near-term fixes. Their goal is to work their organization out of business by getting everyone out of homelessness. Since 1999, Solutions for Change has helped 1,300 families and 2,800 children out of homelessness, while saving \$40,000 each year per adults who graduate from government supportive services and \$54,000 per year for every child who can be reunited with their family.

ROB finished off by answering the question, “What can we do?” They are looking for volunteers for their kid zone, to serve dinners, to conduct classes and workshops in topics you’re experienced in, to support service projects such as gardening and painting, and to host fundraisers.

JANET LACEY asked about sobriety requirements for their program: CHRISTINE said there are weekly drug tests for all participants. If they fail a test then they are referred to rehab – after rehab they are given one more chance to finish the program.

AJ asked about how much of a transition period there is on entering the program: participants enter in phases: first “healing and retreat” for 30 – 45 days, and then solutions academy.

TERRI asked if they still have the gardens. CHRISTINE said that the gardens closed in April, but they are going to reopen the hydroponic gardens soon at their new site. They now have three acres on-site so they can have the gardens on campus.

A question was asked about who can participate: only families are allowed in the program – they must have at least one child under 17.

RENEE and AJ presented our speakers with a parting gift prepared by ANCHISA.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

RENEE called out the winning ticket number, and the response was... (*crickets chirping*). She tried again several times, and was just about to ask Les to draw another number when MIKE WESLOH popped up and said he had to empty everything out of his pockets to find the winning ticket! Since the pot is now up to \$1000, you’d think MIKE would be paying more attention! But finding the ticket was to no avail, since he drew the 7 of clubs rather than the joker...



RENEE then adjourned the meeting a little before 1:30 p.m.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Rotarians showed up at the beautiful campus of Mira Costa College to man the registration table for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

SEAN LOWE, BRAD FISHER, SHOR DENNY and partner DENEEN GIBSON, THOMASINA JACKSON, BOB REINSETH, RENEE RICHARDSON, AJ MAZZARELLA, TERRI and DAVE HALL enjoyed a day registering the

participates in support of the cancer society, while TINA ORTIZ was one of the organizers of the whole event!

RENEE and TINA both were winners in the Silent Auction!

Relay for Life is an important event in the life of survivors and Caregivers. Oceanside Rotary Club was thrilled to support their efforts!



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Saturday, October 8th – Rotary, Odd Fellows, Moose Lodge Chili Cookoff, and Bingo Fundraiser, starting at 5:30 pm – **if you haven't RSVP'd to RENEE, do it now!**

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

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