



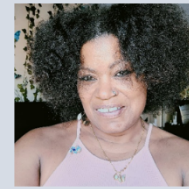
ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE

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Standing in for PRESIDENT SHOR, the meeting was called to order by PP RENEE with 3 rings of the bell at 12:30 sharp.

We were all pleased to see that PP RENEE remembered how to lead a meeting! She reminded us that this was her favorite Rotary club! President Shor had a speaking engagement and will join us later if possible.

Everyone stood and repeated the Four Way Test together - a good reminder of what Rotary is all about. Our Pledge of Allegiance was then led by BRAD FISHER, our Sgt of Arms and also today's Shorelines reporter. Busy man!



Club Updates

Friday, 9/15 - Board Meeting via Zoom - If you want to be included in the meeting, please send Renee an email so she can add you to the list

Friday 9/22 - Guest speaker - our own DARREL LARSON (Sawyer Clean Water) re clean water projects / lots of travel worldwide

Friday 9/29 - DON STUBBS from Lifeline

Friday & Saturday 10/13/ & 10/14 - There will be a service project at Ivey Ranch. You should have received an email from RENEE about this project. If you didn't get it, you haven't registered for club runner. See RENEE to be added.

NANCY RUSSIAN spoke about the two service projects we have done at Ivy Ranch in the past. One time we painted all the corrals! Such a fun day - smelly. Her husband LUIS needed something to do - wanted to do something with horses. Then he got super involved. He was asked to be



on the Ivey Ranch Board and he accepted. LUIS now takes 25 pounds of carrots to the horses each week – he’s “The Carrot Man”. Ivy Ranch are now working on their day care center: they need to double the size of their adult daycare center. The Ranch serves children and adults with disabilities, serving over 275 individuals a week. Currently over two thirds of the clients at Ivey Ranch Park have moderate to severe disabilities which include behavioral disorders, genetic disorders, and disabilities caused by accident or trauma. School-age children come for after school, summer, and off-track care.

They will be holding a Hoedown to raise money for this expansion. There will be silent auctions with hundreds of items to bid on, food catered by Outback Steakhouse, Raffles, and kids corral, ROTC Flag presentation, hay rides, riding demonstrations, music and entertainment, an all-around good time — and LUIS will be tending a wine and beer bar! **Volunteers are needed for setup the day before, as well as for the Hoedown itself** - anything from pouring wine to letting people in. Need 100 volunteers. Volunteers are needed the next day too, to tear down and clean things up! Get a free ticket to the Hoedown if you volunteer! There are time slots to register. We do have a regular meeting that day but there are time slots before and after our meeting and volunteers are desperately needed. Please sign up: https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTczNDE4

Club Survey



THOMASINA JACKSON, our Membership Chair, was brought forward to introduce visitors and make a presentation. Most time she talks about going from red badge to blue badge for our new members. Not today. Today is about everyone else. We hear so much about new members - sometimes we don't ask what existing members want to do. She thought, why not see what my club wants to do - what they want to see. She distributed a five-page survey she requested club members fill out and bring the next time you come back. Fill out as much as you can or want to. It's important to know what the members want - how we are going to continue to move forward. All of us have our passions. This is how we are going to do it. Put our ideas down on paper. DAN WILSON volunteered to sit on the review committee. Please fill out your survey and bring it back. Don't send it via e-mail - paper form only. It appears as though JANET BLEDSOE LACY has now volunteered to be on the review committee as well. We haven't done a club survey in many years. We will get back to you with results.

Visitors

Visiting our meeting were BRAD FISHER's wife, TAMARA (*who also helped BRAD take notes during the meeting*), DANA ALBERT, a visiting Rotarian from San Marcos, RUDY VAN HUNNICK, our forever visitor, was again with us, JESSE LOPEZ, now a student at Mira Costa (winner of an Oceanside Rotary scholarship last year), BRIAN ASTRADA, from Mira Costa College, and CHRISTINA & DOUG HOLCOMB (our speaker & his wife).



President's Stuff

DAN WILSON introduced last year's OHS \$1000 Scholarship winner - JESSE LOPEZ GARCIA and said that in punishment for that JESSE would come tell us about what he's doing this year. JESSE is a photo journalism major at MiraCosta. He had put several past copies of the O'Sider magazine on the tables to show off the various photos he has had published in the magazine. Because he goes to MiraCosta and graduated from OHS, his books are covered, but he needed a good laptop, so DAN arranged for a new laptop for him using the scholarship funds.

JESSE stepped up to say: Thank you for your support. I need the software and I have been using it a lot. Thank you. I'm Mexican American - Oaxaca, Mexico. Growing up was hard - struggling between identities. He plans to do a 2-year transfer to Cal State Long Beach (Woot woot - Cal State Long Beach – from TERRI and DAVE HALL). JESSE's long term goal is to work for National Geographic. I strive for photographs of background communities and people - how different lives can be in different cultures.

DAN then asked BRIAN ASTRADA to come up, saying he a tour of MiraCosta / from the student ambassadors. "For us old people it restores our faith in our country." \$500 scholarship went to a single mom in the nursing department. His (Dan's) mom is a registered nurse. To see the continuity and legacy of caring.

Honored to be part of that. BRIAN had called DAN and asked for help. With Covid supplements leaving, students are finding it difficult to make ends meet. They have been handing out grants to stem the tide, but they are trying to do something more formal. RENEE said gotcha - did legwork with foundation board and they said we will support this cause. Cushman Foundation matches everything. They needed a \$2500 grant. With our donation and Cushman foundation matching, it put them over their goal of \$10K for the fund.



BRIAN said he didn't think he could say it better than DAN's words. Able to help with MiraCosta Resilience Fund. Didn't know what to expect. Throwing out to community. Worthy cause. Opportunities and resources are available within financial aid, however, they run across roadblocks. State legislature and they don't qualify. In order to continue education, they need financial help. Generosity of community partners like Rotary / allow to help with emergency expenses. He wanted to say thank you!

DAN - Time & money you guys give / see the inspiration and potential in young boys and girls. Partnership with Lincoln Middle School. LEAD is coming up Oct 13th and 14th in the mountains of Palomar staying for 24 hours. They are looking for adults to act as counselors during this program. Any takers? Powerful thing to watch these kids grow. Love what we do, realize the potential. We are funded for 2 students, but there are two more that want to go if possible. Dan sent an email to district, and is finding money to do it. Dan pledged to sponsor 1 student (\$300 per student). World class program. DAVE & TERRI HALL volunteered to also sponsor one student to LEAD.

BRAD FISHER was then called to the front where PP RENEE said she had been waiting 4 months for this moment. Oceanside Rotary was pleased to present BRAD (as his mentor - PP RENEE was even prouder!) with the New Member award of the year 2022/2023. BRAD indicated he could not have done it without his mentor. (What a kiss-up! 😊) How long have you been in the Rotary Club... One year.. How happy? \$20 happy.



Happy \$\$\$\$

TINA ORTIZ went to the Women's world cup - 3 amazing games / Spanish women won women's world cup - She and her daughter Brianna were at the game. Highlights Māori culture, museums, monuments, New Zealand primarily volcanos. Sydney saw 2 games. Climbed to the Top of Sydney harbor bridge. The harbor bridge is 360 meters high. That's really high. Oprah had done it - she could do it! Had most amazing views of Opera House. Ran into American player and was able to talk to her, also met Billie Jean King at the airport. Thanked her for what she has done for women. Had a great conversation - got pictures. \$20 happy dollars/all she has left after her vacation.



PP JAY CRAWFORD ran into former Oceanside Rotarian, RICK MORLOCK, his dentist. RICK introduced JAY and his wife ANITA 20 years ago. RICK is now married to LINDA. The two couples had dinner in Bonsall and then went to RICK's house on top of hill in Bonsall for a glass of wine and to enjoy the beautiful view. Happy to reconnect with him.



PP JIM SCHRODER is leaving on 9/13 for Algeria and Tunisia for 24 days.



NANCY RUSSIAN wanted to thank guest JESSE LOPEZ for the O'side Magazine he brought and set on the table — Centerfold about Ivey Ranch \$15 happy. \$5 for Jesse, \$5 for her Husband's bio for board that reads "I'm a Paul Harris Fellow" and \$5 for JIM SCHRODER's reminder that they (NANCY & LUIS) leave on Sept 15 for a cruise going across the Bering strait. They will be in Japan for 2 1/2 weeks.

RUDY VAN HUNNICK - stated that PP RENEE has the eyes of a hawk when she spotted him opening his wallet! Have extra happy dollars for Wednesday when he was invited to a Rotary meeting in Encinitas to view a TV documentary that he was involved in. Very interesting meeting. About 50 people. They had people 96 years old and they looked good. There is hope! He was \$100 happy.



ERNIE MASCETTI had a check for \$23 to celebrate 23 years of marriage to his bride NANCY.

PP DAVE HALL was \$20 happy to be reminded by TINA's trip to New Zealand and Australia, that on one of his trips to Australia he was thrown out of the Casino in Hobart, Tasmania!



Program

JANET BLEDSOE LACY brought up PAUL WENDEE who introduced DOUG HOLCOMB, Jiu Jitsu Oceanside.

PAUL said DOUG has had a lifetime in martial arts. Studied many martial arts. More a philosophy and a way of life. PAUL's wife PP RENEE and he got a chance to watch a documentary - CALLE JULIAN - about professor DOUG and one of his students. DOUG is head of a school in Oceanside.

Thank you. Supporting community in so many ways. No one gets through anything alone. Always been the tribe and how strong the tribe is. About me - retired out of the Marine Corps - Iraq & Afghanistan. Retired at 16 years in 2016.



Downsizing marines / I was broken after Afghanistan. Didn't have to go to 20 years. Became lost. Read a book called THE TRIBE. Use the book in academy. / Not allowed to say "I" nothing is referred to self - only group. Used to be homeless. The Marine Corps gave him a group he could depend on. Even if arguing, still had his back. Mission above self. Gave purpose. Without purpose you are lost. Die younger. Walking around the world, lost. Military formed that in him. Don't prepare - suddenly it ends. No one around him. Didn't know what to do or where to go. Already trained in Ju Jitsu. Had a job, decided no. Learned how to teach Ju Jitsu. Anything is achievable. Became a connection to the community. Lead children / do an anti-bullying. Women in charge class - all free to the community. Same time connected me to Marines. Allowed to stay in Oceanside, and reconnect to what I thought I had lost.

Opened my own school - more military personnel come in / growing population / suddenly put back in a position to influence people. Dove into it and relished the experience. Where I started and where I am now back to. His friend Julian was a Marine. On 1st tour of Afghanistan. Julian was one of 3 people on a mission that lived. Double leg amputee. Pushing through life is hard. He attacks life with fulness. Climbed Mt Kilimanjaro. He became a diver. Certified bee keeper. Next

Saturday - blue belt in Brazilian Ju Jitsu. Competed. He competes with the whole bodied people. We don't quit. We learn from our mistakes and push forward. Wash quitting off the table. What are the choices? Drop the ego and learn. He lost the first match. I was afraid. Stand a chance of setting him up for failure. Because of the tribe - he came back and continued to train. Over trained. We became so close that I understood his daily life. Little things understood like his legs didn't fit. The organization that supports Julian it's called We Defy foundation. Pay for their Ju Jitsu for a year. Covers everything. Gives them a sense of purpose. People become easily lost. Easy to give up when no purpose or direction. We push as much as possible that Ju Jitsu is more than doing a move, it's life lessons. Whatever worry is the baggage from their own life. The mats are untainted like life. They will not hurt you. Everything that you bring to the mat is you. Learn how to dissect it and leave ego at the door and learn from it. One purpose to get better. No one cares about who is better - the sharing of information is endless. You change society. How can I change my community? Only school has a kid's competition team. Amazing to be able to see it daily. Needed something that I could see. Julian was a huge part of this process. He would have been here today but his wife's father passed away. Belt ceremony next Saturday. Community - thriving together.

We all have demons in our own heads. We just do it together. Biggest thing - take away - is tribe. Working together. No age limit. Bill Smith CEO at 73 years old. Everyone over 60 named Bill... Welcome all ages - 4 to how ever old you want to be. No limit. Worked hard to build a community where it is Ju Jitsu for everyone. Hardest thing to push through. Thankful for being a part of it. Legacy is in the lives that you affect. God willing my legacy will never die because I will continue to affect lives. Our son tried to commit suicide almost 3 weeks ago. Uncharted waters. Amount of people that come together in a blink of an eye - that's when you know that you have done something good. It ripples. People feel like the world is lost / everything set out against them. The guiding light that shows people that it is not that way. There are still good people out there. Believe on the effect on somebody's soul. We wear a lot of masks - the masks get ripped off if someone is choking. That is the beginning of the journey. That is where you begin to understand who you are. The present is a gift.

PP RENEE - Thanked the speaker and presented a thank you note. A book will be donated to the Oceanside library in his name. We are attempting to locate a copy of the book THE TRIBE, to donate in Doug's name as he referred to it often in his talk.

Opportunity Drawing

Ticket #139553 was called in looking for the Joker worth \$1K. TINA ORTIZ drew 8 of club and donated the \$10 consolation prize back to the club. PP RENEE noted that when she saw the documentary CALLE JULIAN (referred to in PAUL's intro of DOUG), all she could think about are the students in Crown Heights. PP RENEE remarked "I don't even need the gavel - when I tell you to shut up, you shut up!" WOW! What power!



PP RENEE then said she needed her tribe up front to have a picture taken of the group - so a tribe picture was taken! We mind well, don't we RENEE?



Meeting Officially adjourned at 1:27 pm with the bell ring

P.S. This just in from one of our former members, CHUCK ANDREEN - Former Oceanside Rotary member, AMANDA SNIDER-GRIMALDI and her husband JOEL welcomed a baby girl - SOOYON YOUNG - on August 18 in Jacksonville, Florida! Congratulations!

Oceanside Rotary Club Projects

Before the meeting began, several club members showed up early to stuff bags of personal items and food for the homeless, destined for North County Lifeline, as part of a club project instituted by our President, SHOR DENNY. Here are a few pictures of the process.



On Friday, September 1st several Oceanside Rotarians participated in our latest mentorship trip for students from Lincoln Middle School for a tour of Mira Costa College and soccer games and a dinner of Chick-Fil-A (apparently the student's first choice). In attendance were DAVE and TERRI HALL, LARRY HATTER, DAN WILSON, and ROGER VANDERWERKEN. Lincoln Principal CESAR MORA chaperoned the kids on the school bus and met us at the campus. Our tour was ably guided by Mira Costa student ambassador ZALEIA BULLOCK.



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

Friday, September 15th, Board Meeting via Zoom @noon

Friday, September 22nd, Regular Meeting El Camino Country club @noon.

Speaker: DARREL LAWSON – Sawyer Clean Water

Friday, September 29th, Regular Meeting El Camino Country club @noon.

Speaker: NORTH COUNTY LIFELINE

Friday & Saturday 10/13/ & 10/14 - Service project at Ivey Ranch (Hoedown)!.