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SHORELINES

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At 12:30, Co-Presidents A.J. MAZZARELLA and RENEE RICHARDSON opened the meeting on time with their gavel fiercely guarded.



Co-president A.J. led us in the **Pledge of Allegiance**

Instead of a Rotary moment, new member DARRELL LARSON inspired us with a **Who am I?** presentation. DARRELL was born in Oceanside. He attended Mission Elementary School, Garrison Elementary School, Jefferson Middle School, and Oceanside High School where he was not only the quarterback of the football team, but also Class President. He later went on to play football at MiraCosta College. DARRELL was married in 1983, and has a daughter and two grandkids. As life rolled on, he was part of a “Big hair 80s rock band.” In 1991, he served as a Youth Pastor in Phoenix, where he discovered a lifelong passion – that of serving the poor. Over the years he has led many mission trips to Mexico. In 1998 alone, he supervised 22,000 volunteers who constructed 1500 houses. Currently, DARRELL serves as the International Outreach Pastor for Newbreak Community Church in San Diego. Clean drinking water and solar power constitute major arms of this ministry. Major efforts have been made to provide clean water to the Fiji Islands.



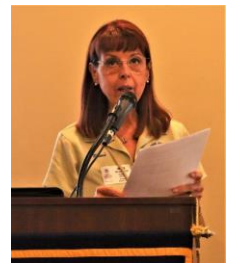
In 2015, DARRELL began working for the Sawyer company, where he serves as international director for all company products. Among other things, Sawyer manufactures various types of water filters and insect sprays. The company works with major non-profits such as Samaritan’s Purse and World Vision. DARRELL has worked in more than a hundred countries all around the world. Recently 130,000 water filters were given to the nation of Liberia. As of November 2020,

Liberia has had clean water from border to border. Recent efforts have ameliorated serious water contamination problems in Kentucky and Mississippi. Backpackers and hiker often use these Sawyer products. The filter pores are microscopic, able to remove bacteria from the water. They can produce approximately 1 liter of potable water/minute. With proper care, the filters can last up to 10 years. To demonstrate the efficacy of his product, DARRELL proceeded to pour dirty water through the filter and drank the resulting product. Our resident lawyer, the honorable JANET BLEDSOE LACY raised a question as to the source of the dirty water in this demo. (Your reporter was frankly surprised by her interrogation: I thought that JANET had already turned in her retirement papers from lawyering.) The nonagenarian in our group, the esteemed BOB PICKREL, noticed that DARRELL's voice had lowered an octave after having drunk the filtered product. BOB's longevity is probably directly connected to his attention to detail.

(Reporter's Note: All in all, this was a wonderful and fascinating mini-presentation. It is good to have DARRELL as a member of our club!)

Club Updates: Renee

Tomorrow, September 10th, 5:30 PM Rotary Social and Bingo Night – no host at the Yard House Restaurant at the Carlsbad Mall. Here are some photos from that fun evening together.



Friday, September 16th, Board Meeting via Zoom at noon

Saturday/Sunday, September 17th and 18th – Club members will man the Beer Garden booth at Harbor Days. Need more volunteers.

Friday, September 23rd – Noon Regular Meeting – Dr. Carl Moeller will speak about the Joshua Fund & the Abrahamic Accords

Friday, September 30th – Noon Regular Meeting

October 1 - TINA ORTIZ is involved in the Relay for Life fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. This is an opportunity for our Club to support a local event and to showcase Oceanside Rotary. We are asking members of the club to sign up for volunteer time slots as well as to pledge their support in the walk itself. Contact TINA to learn more.

Saturday, October 8th - Chili Cook-off and Bingo Fundraiser with the Odd Fellows and Moose Lodge. Event will take place at the Odd Fellows Lodge at 5:30 pm. More details to follow.

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests

BOB PICKREL introduced MARTA HALL. MARTA served as BOB and DAVE NYDEGGER's driver. The two elder statesmen persuaded MARTA that she should stay for the meeting, driving clothes and all.



TOMASINA JACKSON introduced SHERRY – a member of the San Diego Downtown Rotary Club.

ALI HOFFMAN, today's presenter, was seated all by herself and introduced herself.



TERRI HALL led us in the "Welcome Song," but before she did, she commented that she was having some difficulty hearing the sounds coming from our P.A. system. Co-president A.J. immediately cut in with a deep baritone voice reminiscent of Barry White, and everyone in the house could hear clearly. Well done, A.J.!

Presidents' Stuff

Co-President RENEE RICHARDSON inducted THOMASINA JACKSON into club membership. SHOR DENNY is her sponsor. THOMASINA was already sporting a Rotary pin, given to her by none other than our District Governor at our last meeting. THOMASINA was \$20 happy to join club.



As a side note, RENEE mentioned that SHOR was gearing up to be the chair of our membership committee and would be leading a new membership drive. RENEE thought she was in charge of the meeting when, all of a sudden, SHERRY from the San Diego downtown club broke out in a "welcome new Rotarian" song to the tune of "John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt." I do

believe that RENEE was pleased with this interruption and it did not take her long at all to get the meeting back on track. SHERRY, no doubt, will be invited to sing again.

An Update on VICKIE:

You might recall that at our last meeting, VICKIE PROSSER announced that she would be going in for surgery on September 14 and she asked for our thoughts and prayers. It turns out that she has had to go back into the hospital, so please keep your healing thoughts going for both VICKIE and LLOYD as they deal with VICKIE's recovery and LLOYD's recent loss of his mother. The family requests privacy at this moment, so please hold off on phone calls or emails for now.

The memorial service for LLOYD's mom's will be held on this coming Saturday September 17 at 11 o'clock at Beautiful Saviour Lutheran Church on South Nevada (3030 Valley Street, Carlsbad). Anyone that would like to be there is welcome to attend.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays:

DALE MAAS – 9 September
PABLO ACOSTA – 12 September
BOB REINSETH – 20 September
BRIAN LONG – 23 September

None of these gentlemen were in attendance. To be sure, the long arm of Rotary Happy Dollar Justice will find them out eventually!

September Wedding Anniversaries:

LES NEWQUIST was reminded that he had a September wedding anniversary.

LES knew that it was sometime in September, but he was a bit fuzzy on the date: Was it the 19th? Or the 18th? He was pretty sure the year was 2005. Nonetheless he was \$20 happy. The consensus of the club was "We hope CRICKET doesn't read the Shorelines."

September Rotary Anniversaries:

LES also had a Rotary anniversary which he remembered very quickly as being 18 years.





GORDON BROWN – 1 year -- \$5 happy
 SHOR DENNY – 2 years in this club – \$5
 happy.
 PAUL WENDEE has been a member for 4 years.
 Co-President RENEE declared,
 “We never see him,” and “good luck getting

money out of him.” Again, this is one of those time that we
 hope that our Shorelines readership is not too widespread.

ERNIE MASCITTI – 22 years

ALEXA KINGAARD, currently in Hawaii, also celebrated a
 club anniversary. She, too, will no doubt face the long arm of
 Rotary Happy Dollar Justice upon her return.



Happy \$\$\$\$ -

BOB PICKREL -- \$20 happy for remembering some of the former
 Rotarians
 mentioned in MIKE WESELOH's remarks at our last meeting. BOB
 was also happy to have MARTA as a guest.



ERNIE MASCITTI – happy because “nobody will rain
 on my parade today”

THOMASINA JACKSON - \$5 happy for Rotary
 District Governor CHUCK PRETTO's speech at last
 week's meeting. His speech was so powerful, it
 sealed the deal on her interest in joining our club.



SHOR DENNY -- \$20 Happy for THOMASINA
 joining Oceanside Rotary.



MARTA HALL -- \$20 happy that she was persuaded
 to participate in today's meeting despite wearing “driving clothes.”



MIKE WESELOH – Happy for having refereed his
 1000th football game on Sept 8. There was a buzz in the air as
 the dollar amount was to be decided. MIKE went with 10 cents
 per game. (No penalty flag was thrown on that generous
 donation!)



TERRI HALL – \$5 Happy for her two grown up grandkids in college (20-year-olds AVA and SEBASTIAN) and her 17-year-old grandson JULIAN - currently playing quarterback for Truckee H.S. TERRI hopes this grandson makes the pros someday, but only on the 2nd string – lots of money, but no pounding on the body.

DARRELL LARSON – \$20 happy for the invite to speak even before anyone in the club knew him.



ANCHISA FARRANT– \$5 happy for her visit from September 1 – 6 to Topeka, KS to visit family members. The father is a medical doctor who has two daughters, BELINDA and BELLADA, ages 3-1/2 and 18 months. The older daughter is very intelligent and can already write the alphabet – all the way from A to Z. Not only can she write her full name, but also the names of everyone in the family. Wow!

Program: JANET BLEDSOE LACY arranged for today's program but wasn't sure if she was going to be able to be at this meeting until 10:40 a.m. As such, she did not have the opportunity to meet today's speaker prior to the meeting. ALI HOFFMAN, the Education manager for *I Love a Clean San Diego* introduced herself and offered a very inspirational talk.



ALI loves working with young people, especially those in grades K-12, introducing such topics as pollution awareness and how to dispose of hazardous items, while sharing opportunities to participate in county-wide cleanups. First known as the “War against Litter” committee, *I Love a Clean San Diego* came into existence 65 years ago. ALI proceeded to offer suggestions on how to put into practice good waste management in our homes.

She stated that the average person in San Diego County disposes of 5 pounds of waste per day. The bulk of it is organic waste and plastic packaging. Our landfills are nearing capacity. Miramar, the city's largest will likely close by 2030. There will be a need to create new landfills. Keys to minimizing waste include: lessening the use of plastics and working toward composting our organic wastes.

Don't put organics into regular trash. There are organizations which will compost for you. Food to soil... etc.

Be aware that everything that goes down a storm drain ends up unfiltered in the ocean: Plastic packaging, litter, dog waste, metals, brake dust, fertilizers, pesticides, etc. Rain events sweep whatever goes into the drains directly to the sea. And the plastics never completely break down. "Microplastics" are ingested by every creature in the food chain. ALI spoke of large gyres in the Ocean, filled with all kinds of plastics and pollutants. Environmentalists refer to the largest one as the "Pacific garbage patch." Plastics and other pollutants float within a water column. The sunlight is blocked. Microplastics have the appearance of jellyfish and are consumed by turtles, etc. Dead albatross found on the Midway Atoll have bellies consistently filled with plastics.

ALI reminded us that we are all influencers. We impact others. Pass on the info she has shared today. Reduce the use of straws and plastic bags. Reuse such items as bags, water bottles, Styrofoam to-go containers. Repair items. Fix-it clinics are willing to help with sewing, recycling, etc. On a recent visit to recycling center, ALI noted how papers and plastics are mechanically separated and baled. Metal cans are the big-ticket items. Avoid plastics. Recyclables need to be loose when discarded. Don't put them together in bags. Not all plastics are recyclable ... only hard plastics. Loose paper can go into green bins. ALI fielded many questions from the audience – a most delightful presentation.



The **Opportunity Drawing** was won by MIKE CURTIN, but the Joker remains elusive.

This meeting was adjourned on time, with Co-president A.J. ringing the bell.



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

NANCY RUSSIAN and LUIS RODRIGUEZ are seeing some phenomenal sites in Iceland. "We made it to the Blue Lagoon and all the sites on the Golden Circle in Reykjavik and fabulous Goðafoss Waterfall and the unique and surreal lunar like landscapes of Lake Mývatn in Akureyri." At the Blue Lagoon, they apply a facial

mask while you are floating in the geothermal pool. According to the site's webpage, "Used in tandem, silica and algae unlock the door to healthy, luminous, ageless skin." All I can say is that LUIS has never looked better!!!

Other noteworthy stops on their Icelandic itinerary: Fosshóll Falls, the Haukadalur geothermal geyser field, Skútustaðagígar (a row of pseudo-craters in North Iceland), and watching geologic history (at an infinitesimally slow speed) as tectonic plates separate in Akureyri -with the North American plate on the right and the Eurasian land mass on the left. They even got to witness the Northern Lights right off of their verandah!

An amazing journey which has had some high costs associated with it: "Gas prices in Iceland at 282.9 per liter - There are 3.785411784 Liters in 1 US Gallon." That translates to \$7.71 per gallon for gas and \$8.96 per gallon for diesel. And we think we have high prices here in California!!



If anyone was wondering where TOM BRAULT was that made him miss this week's meeting, the answer will not surprise you. Friday through Sunday, September 9-11, the D23 Expo was held at the Anaheim Convention Center. This biannual convention of the official Disney Fan Club is sort of like an all-Disney version of Comic Con with non-stop presentations and displays and fans strutting

the space in elaborate costumes. Of course, TOM simply had to be there, even if it meant ditching Rotary!

He and his daughter GERILYN were there for all three full days of magic and wonder. Highlights included: running into Disney legends face to face on the showfloor; learning about the newest things in the works for the theme parks and talking one-on-one with the Imagineers who are designing them; attending a celebration of the 30th anniversary of “The Muppet Christmas Carol” including live performances by Kermit, Miss Piggy, Gonzo, Fozzie Bear, etc.; and an incredible session seeing the actors who provide the voices of so many classic Disney characters (Mickey, Minnie, Goofy, Donald, Pluto, Winnie the Pooh, 4 of the Disney princesses, and Aladdin, etc.) talking about their careers and sharing those familiar voices with us - Plus we got to see Donny Osmond sing and dance to his song from *Mulan*. It was an unforgettable way to wrap up a magical weekend.



TINA ORTIZ spent her weekend at the Disney Expo, too. Here are her report and photos:

“We were also at D23!”

We were there for all 3 days. Our top panels were Legends, Pixar, Parks and Encanto. On Encanto, they had Lin-Manuel Miranda join from New York as a live hologram! So cool! And then the cast sang Bruno as the finale.

We did a little Disney bounding on Saturday and had some dance fun at Disney California Adventure on Thursday. I attach some pictures of our fun.

Such a great and exhausting weekend!"

NOTE: "Disney Bounding" means dressing up in clothes that remind the viewer of a Disney character - In Tina's case, they went for the look of the animated film "Encanto".



And finally, our Oceanside Rotarians attended a Social at the Yard House restaurant on Saturday, Sept 10th – due to inclement weather our outdoor Bingo social was postponed, so we all went out for dinner instead! Here are a few pictures!



COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

September 16 – Board meeting on Zoom at noon

September 17 & 18 – Volunteering at Beer Gardens (serving not drinking) during Oceanside Harbor Days

September 23 – Regular meeting at El Camino Country Club - Dr. Carl Moeller will speak about the Joshua Fund & the Abrahamic Accords

September 30 – Regular meeting at El Camino Country Club

Saturday, October 1 – American Cancer Society Relay for Life event. Contact TINA ORTIZ to learn more about getting involved.

Saturday, October 8th – Rotary, Odd Fellows, Moose Lodge Chili Cookoff, and Bingo Fundraiser, starting at 5:30 pm – Details to Follow

