



*February 10, 2017*



As we all gathered on this pre-Valentine's Day meeting, every woman received a long stemmed rose as they entered the room, and at every place setting there were colorful hearts and streamers and delicious candies and homemade chocolate chip cookies. Yummm!

PRESIDENT RENEE RICHARDSON opened the meeting, ringing the bell at 12:19 PM with yet another one of her substitute gavels. (This one had been sent to her by her father 'the Gunnie' so she could always have a spare on hand.)

Then PRES RENEE asked that we join her in a Moment of Silence remembering DICK LYON, one time Oceanside Rotarian and Mayor of Oceanside. A Celebration of Life was held the following day (February 11) at 11 AM at the New Venture Christian Fellowship in Oceanside.

PRES RENEE also led us in the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**CLUB UPDATES:**

Since PRES ELECT CHUCK WARD was away attending PETS Training, PRES RENEE filled us in with CLUB UPDATES.

1. Please join fellow Rotarians this Monday, February 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Oceanside Civic Center Library Community Room for a Community Forum on Homelessness. Show the community that Rotary Cares! Several keynote speakers will be discussing this important topic.
2. "It's In The Bag" Food Collection to Benefit the North County Food Bank is asking each of us to take a bag and fill it up with the needed food items listed in the flyer. (No glass jars or homemade food products, please!) Rotary Clubs of Carlsbad, Oceanside, Vista, and Encinitas are joining in the effort. Filled food bags should be returned to our club no later than our February 24th meeting.

**VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:**



DAVID NYDEGGER introduced his dear friend MARTA HALL.



LARRY HATTER introduced his wife CATHIE.



DALE MAAS introduced his wife NICOLE (and also the as-of-yet unnamed “future Rotarian” in utero who is due to make an appearance rather soon).



GORDY WITZ introduced his wife B.J.



FRANK COXON introduced his wife MARY.



TOM BRAULT introduced visiting Rotarian JIM CLARK from the Missoula, MT Club, who exchanged club banners with us.



TOM BRAULT also introduced visitor NANCY ROERDAHL who has lived all over the place, but now is back in Oceanside. (TOM clarified that, even though JIM and NANCY were seated next to each other, and even though it was our special day at the club, they were NOT “sweethearts” – In fact, they had just met!)



BOB PICKREL introduced his wife DARLENE.

JAY CRAWFORD introduced his wife ANITA ROMAINE.





PETER VELTHUIS introduced his wife KATHLEEN.



VICKIE PROSSER introduced her husband LLOYD.



NANCY RUSSIAN introduced her husband LUIS and visitors LOU & MORRIS HENDERSON from Camrose, Alberta, Canada.



LES NEWQUIST introduced his wife CRICKET.



STEPHANIE YOO introduced her husband STEPHEN.

VICKIE PROSSER led us in singing “Welcome to Oceanside” to our many welcomed guests and visitors.



### **CUE THE THEME SONG MUSIC ... LET THE GAME BEGIN!!**

At 12:50 PM, PRES RENEE turned the program over to NANCY RUSSIAN who, with the assistance of her husband LUIS and some “tech support” got a SPECIAL GAME started called “THE NEWLYWEDS AND NOT-SO-NEWLYWEDS.”

TOM BRAULT was multitasking and took care of all of the following functions in the game: the Recorder of the answers / the Judge of who got what answers right / the Scorekeeper / and the Chief Heckler. As the Judge, he stated up front that “He could be bought,” but he actually was generally fair and unbiased and awarded the most points to the couples that “jived” most on the answers.





NANCY called up LES NEWQUIST and his wife CRICKET to the “Game Table” as Couple No. 1.

JAY CRAWFORD and his wife ANITA were Couple No. 2.



DALE MAAS and his wife NICOLE were Couple No 3.

BOB PICKREL and his wife DARLENE were Couple No. 4.

NANCY sent the wives out of the room and, after they were gone, asked their husbands these four questions. Then, NANCY called the wives back into the room and asked the same questions of them. Needless to say, some of the couples gave answers that were quite different from their spouses, but some were right on the money!



1. What food would you least like your wife to cook for you? (There was a four-way tie {*Not to be confused with the “Four-Way Test”*} at the end of this question, because absolutely none of the couples got this one right!)

2. Who would you least like to be stranded with on a desert island? (The funniest answers – which were both guessed correctly: JAY said “Donald Trump” and NICOLE and DALE agreed on “Dale’s Mom” ... but don’t tell Dale’s Mom that!)



3. You are a country western singer and you write a song about your first date. What would the song title be? (As you might have imagined, this was a very challenging and enlightening question for our couples to compare notes on. Yet somehow, defying the odds, the MAAS and PICKREL teams scored points on this one.)

4. If your wife could send you to a “body shop” what would she have fixed? (Quite a few of the wives either: a) are genuinely smitten with their hubbies; or b) were trying to score some points in their relationship but not in the game when they answered, “I wouldn’t change a thing about him!”)



Next, NANCY sent the husbands out of the room and asked their wives these four questions:



1. If you had a talking bird, what word would it repeat from having heard it around your house the most? (DALE and NIKKI kept their string of correct answers going with the word “Boo” – a endearing nickname – not an attempt to scare each other.)

2. He is still in the “dark ages” when it comes to \_\_\_\_\_ . (The answers: Apparently this crowd is not the most tech savvy bunch of guys on the planet!)

3. They say when you kiss the Blarney Stone in Ireland you will be given the gift of gab. Which of your friends would your husband say frenched it? (Translation: Who is the biggest talker?) Almost every couple nailed the correct answer on this one, and JAY and ANITA actually both came up with the same TWO names, but did not earn bonus points for that the extra answer.



4. What is the sexiest picture your husband has ever seen of you? (This question was worth double the amount of points, and actually almost every couple got this one right. Here are the answers, and we will invite you to guess which couple said which one! – “Belly dancing” / “Junior Prom” / “The one that he drew of me” / “In a bikini at the beach.” – *Scroll*

*down to the end of this newsletter and we will reveal who gave these answers.*)

Our Judge / Scorekeeper then gave us the final results:

Dead last in Fourth Place with 8 points total (out of a possible 50) – LES and CRICKET, who were not helped at all by going 0 for 4 in the first round of questions.

The Difference between Third Place (JAY and ANITA with 20 points) and Second Place (BOB and DARLENE with 28 points) boiled down to the final answer which earned the PICKREL’s 10 points.



Blowing all of the other teams out of the water were our First Place finishers DALE and NICOLE who scored on an incredible 7 out of the 8 questions and ended up with a whopping 43 points out of 50. Wow! These newlyweds really know each other pretty darned well. (BOB PICKREL, being the fierce competitor that he is, claimed that DALE and NICOLE had an “unfair advantage because they had a third person helping them.” ... Or maybe, as our Chief Heckler TOM BRAULT suggested, just maybe it is because the newlyweds actually communicate with each other better than the folks with a whole bunch of anniversaries under their belts!)

It was a very fun game, and we all got prizes for participating. The grand prize was a fine bottle of wine to share, and all of the runners-up got cute little bags of Kisses (from Hershey’s – and probably a few actual kisses from their spouses on the way home!) And everyone in the audience received home baked chocolate chip cookies from NANCY and a whole lot of smiles and laughs from the game!



### **AFTER SUCH A FUN TIME, WHY WAS NOBODY HAPPY???**



PRES RENEE asked if anyone had any HAPPY DOLLARS but no one raised a hand, so we went straight to the OPPORTUNITY DRAWING. LUIS RUSSIAN had the lucky ticket but didn’t draw the ace, so he got the \$10 consolation prize, which he gave back to the club coffers.

PRES RENEE thanked NANCY for all of her hard work to pull this game show off so spectacularly. She also noted that the “table decorations remind me of our dear CLARE McGINNIS” and how she would always make our meetings so festive for all of the various holidays. At precisely 1:25 PM, our President rang the bell to close the meeting and wished everyone a HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY, reminding us not to forget our prizes and candy on the tables.

## **“SEXIEST PICTURE” ANSWERS REVEALED**

We know that you are just dying to know who said what in the final answer of the Newlywed Game. Here are the responses and who was responsible for them:

“Belly dancing” : NICOLE MAAS

“Junior Prom” : CRICKET NEWQUIST

“The one that he drew of me” : ANITA ROMAINE

“In a bikini at the beach.” : DARLENE PICKREL

## **A RECAP – IN THE FORM OF A POEM**

As if she hadn't already done enough for this “Sweethearts Day” meeting, NANCY RUSSIAN sent in a play by play report on this special meeting and, in true Valentine's Day fashion, she made it as a poem....

'Twas the meeting before St Valentine's Day and all through the room  
The music was blasting to a TV Game Show tune;  
The tables were decorated with balloons, candy, and care,  
In hopes that the Rotary Club members soon would be there;  
The organizer was frantic when members appeared  
Thank goodness for Cricket, Mike Curtin and Luis who put us in the clear  
At noon they arrived each greeted with cheer,  
“Would you like a Red or a Pink long stem rose, my dear?”  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;  
It was chocolate chip cookies they received instead,  
We'd just settled in when President Renee says  
It's time for the party, no meeting today  
Tom Brault with his black robe stood up to preside  
As Judge, scorekeeper, and “*Chief Heckler*” in pride!  
The couples were called forward to be seated and seen  
Came Cricket and Les, Jay and Anita, Bob and Darlene  
And even the new Bride and the Groom  
Dale and Nikki came up to the front of the room  
The competition was fierce, with four questions to know  
And answers that made us say, “Hee hee!” and “Ho! Ho!”

After eight rounds, I will tell you my friend  
That the game at last finally came to an end.



But alas the first and the last all laughed with a glow  
Bestow a last KISS and a pound of HERSHEY'S to get them to go  
A bottle of wine and a special wrapped gift  
To Dale and Nikki and the little "Maas Kid"  
Who was to know but the Chief Heckler himself,  
Had assigned poor Jay Crawford the Reporter of stead  
But quick wit as expected, he relinquished his pen and pad  
Only to memorize the rest of the meeting in his head!  
Up with a flash...the four couples relieved  
President Renee returned to the front and let the Opportunity Drawing proceed  
Our guest Luis picked his card, but much to dismay  
It was the Four of Spades, no ACE today  
Take candy, take flowers, take the decorations too  
And then there was quiet... And in a week or so there will be "Little Boo!"

### **HANGING OUT WITH OUR SISTER CLUB IN ARGENTINA**

JIM SCHRODER sent along some photos from when he attended a Rotary meeting at the Parana Plaza Rotary Club in Parana, Argentina.



01 - Look who was the featured speaker for the Rotary meeting – Our very own JIM SCHRODER. The presentation was given in Spanish!



02 - Can't talk without my hands



03 - One of two live television interviews.



04 - Estela Gambelin Governor Elect, current Governor of District 4945 Javier Louttich and Jim.

This is the project for which we have agreed to donate \$1,000 from our club. I am bringing back paperwork and the information to explain to the Rotary Board.



05 - Infant Hospital in Parana, Entre Rios, Argentina.



06 - Estela Gambelin and Nadia Naveratte (a member of the Parana Rotary Club).



07 - Dr. Virginia Recca (the only Ophthalmology Surgeon in the hospital and surrounding areas).





08 - Hospital group and assistant Administrator (with JIM lurking in the shadows in the background).

### **ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT**

President RENEE and PAUL had a very busy pre-Valentine's weekend!



(Wine tastings to prepare for a wedding? A tough assignment, but somebody had to do it!

## **HEALTH UPDATE**

Our PE, who was away at PETS, heard and forwarded a report from his BFF JOHN HARTMAN. JOHN's mom is in the hospital after suffering from a fall and breaking both of her legs. So please keep the Hartman family in your thoughts.

## **SAFARI SHINDIG COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE!**

SUSAN BROWN forwarded info on a fundraiser for the Oceanside Friends of the Arts.

**When:** Saturday, February 25, 2017

**Where:** El Camino Country Club  
3202 Vista Way  
Oceanside, CA

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Cost:** \$85.00 p/person. Includes Fun, Dinner, Dancing \* Opportunity Ticket to Win a 7-day/6 night African Safari for 2 to Zulu Nyala, South Africa (valued at \$9,300)

### **Contact for Reservations & Information:**

[Susanbrown7@me.com](mailto:Susanbrown7@me.com), [www.oceansideartwalk.org](http://www.oceansideartwalk.org) 760-831-6387

*Seating is limited: Please RSVP by February 20, 2017*

**COMING UP AT OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

February 17 – JOHN COX, Rescue California Education Foundation

Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

February 24 – SUSAN LAWSON, Solutions for Change

Reporter: JANET BLEDSOE LACY

March 3 – JODI DIAMOND, Boys & Girls  
Club of Oceanside

Reporter: DAVE HALL

March 10 – NICOLE PEARSON, Outside the  
Bowl (Super kitchens in impoverished  
countries)

Reporter: TERRI HALL



March 16 – **JOINT MEETING AT FALLBROOK CLUB  
MILITARY AWARDS CEREMONY**

*12:00 PM @ Grand Tradition Estate, 1602 S. Mission Rd, Fallbrook*

Reporter: VICKIE PROSSER (on assignment in Fallbrook)

March 17 – **REGULAR MEETING DARK**

Saturday March 18 – DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY  
USD KROC CENTER, 8 am to noon

March 24 – TERESA BARNES, Uphearing / Listen UP  
Reporter: PAM MYERS

March 31 – DAVID LOPEZ, Teach America – San Diego  
Reporter: TOM BRAULT