

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE

SHORELINES

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PRESIDENT Renee Richardson

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Before this first meeting of 2017, President **RENEE RICHARDSON** has been pacing around the room, shuffling papers in her hands, hiding her gavel, smiling and greeting members as they enter the room. She is checking the time for the exact minute to walk to the podium and slam the heck out of the Rotary bell not once, not twice, not three times, really laying into that Rotary Bell with authority..... January 6, 2017 has arrived and RENEE RICHARDSON is now at the halfway mark through her Rotary year in Rotary Time.

"Welcome back to Oceanside Rotary and the beginning of the 2017 year!" she proclaimed after hitting the Rotary Bell numerous times today with her "protected gavel" that has been held close to her body that she has held onto for the first 6 months of her sentence... her term, I mean. The time: Precisely 12:30 almost to the second. Bang! And thus, the second half of the year has begun!





her MOMENT OF INSPIRATION. It took all of one glorious and memorable sentence: "We may have all come on different ships, but we're all in the same boat." Martin Luther King. (Later in the meeting, LOLA was singled out for being "Short, but sweet!", which made her smile and blush just a bit!)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by President RENEE RICHARDSON.



SONG LEADER – Past President
TOM BRAULT apologized up front
that "Rotary tries not to be political",
but now that the age of Obama is over,
he noted that members of the
Democratic persuasion might have
trouble singing our traditional opening
song. He gave a demonstration of what
that might sound like and he may have
overacted just slightly as he warbled in

funereal tones and practically sobbed: "'Whenever your trials, your troubles, and your cares seem to be more than you can really bear. Oh, Smile!' ... But no!" **TOM** interjected. "I choose to be optimistic and hopeful. So let's all sing 'Smile' together with a smile on our face and in our hearts!" And so we did, and sounded pretty upbeat about it, too!

His second song was the first verse and chorus of "Calendar Girl" by Neil Sedaka ala 1961 to kick off the new calendar year. Poor Mr. Sedaka would have turned over sideways if he had heard his song sung so far off key and missing so many words... Ah, well. 2017 has begun. **RENEE** told us all that she and PAUL had square danced to that very song last night. (**TOM**, how could you have known?)

CLUB UPDATES

President Elect CHUCK WARD started off 2017 without his agenda again. (Some things just don't change over time.) CHUCK was also Rotary Pinless again and could be Penniless potentially later in the meeting. But he scored some points with the Prez by informing us that the agenda of club updates that RENEE loaned him had "passed all 17 agencies reviews for its accuracy."





Save the Date Friday, February 10th for our Sweethearts Day - Bring your Valentine, spouse, significant other, friend ... whatever... to celebrate Valentine's Day at this special meeting starring some of our very own Rotary couples. There will be plenty of laughs, as well as a special treat for all in attendance!

Board of Directors, there will be a board meeting next Friday, January 13th at 11 a.m. prior to our regular Rotary Meeting.



Rotary Youth Leadership Camp – RYLA - Friday April 7th to Sunday April 9th. Facilitators are needed and the weekend event in beautiful Idyllwild is FREE for those attending! Please see **ERNIE MASCITTI** for steps required to attend. It was at this point that **CHUCK** announced

that **ERNIE** is the only Rotarian present today in our club to have attended this worthwhile youth leadership event and let us know that, in reality, the adults seem to get more inspired by the weekend than the students do.

RENEE commented immediately after **CHUCK** concluded the updates, "Didn't **CHUCK** do a great job?"

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS









DIEGO DOBSON RUBEN MAJOR A. J. MAZZARELLA DR. TOM CURTIN

TOM BRAULT led us in our "Welcome to Oceanside" Song, but he had to flag our Rotary team for a "false start" as at first we seemed to be singing in at least 4 different keys. After **TOM** insisted, "Let's try it again in THIS key together Hummmmmm", we actually made it through the tune pretty well in our second attempt.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



\$5 **SUSAN BROWN** Happy that she and GARY are celebrating their 27th wedding anniversary this month. Always correct PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY **RENEE** had a little trouble computing 1990 to 2017 as 27 years. That is ok... It happens to all of us as we get OLDER.

BIRTHDAYS – January 2017

BILL DERN, JIM SCHRODER and RENEE RICHARDSON

Both **BILL** and **JIM** received a burlap scroll with 9 different candy bars attached. **RENEE** read the supporting documentation explaining the significance of the various candies:

"We were going to give you (100 Grand) for your Birthday, but the money slipped through our (Butterfingers), yet we didn't want to wait until (Payday).

Then we thought you might like a trip to New (York) or and (Orbit) around the (Milky Way).

But then we decided you would be happy with (Mounds) of (Almond Joy)!

Mostly we want you to know we wish you a Happy Birthday and we love you to pieces. (Reeses Pieces)".

The three were all serenaded with a Rotary Happy Birthday song and then a Question: How Happy are you?



\$20 **BILL DERN** for 39 years (again)

\$71 **JIM SCHRODER** for 71 years and announced he is leaving later in the



month for Argentina and Antarctica to celebrate the big day... Ugh - 71!

RENEE RICHARDSON - number of years officially unknown but Sources have it that she is exactly one "Decade" less than **SCHRODER**. (Woooo! Is that a clue???)



"HOW DO YOU..." QUIZ?????



CHUCK WARD and JOHN
HARTMAN were called to the front of the room and faced the following quiz questions.
Surprising us all, they weren't about Rotary trivia, but instead all had to do with animals ... And the Dynamic Duo managed to get every single question wrong!

CHUCK – How do you put an elephant in the fridge?

Answer – You open the door and put it in there

JOHN - How do you put a giraffe in the fridge?



Answer – You open the door, take the elephant out and then put the giraffe in there.

CHUCK – All the animals were at the lion's birthday party except one animal. Which one was it?

Answer – The giraffe because he is still in the fridge.



One more question. If there is a river full of crocodiles and you wanted to get across it. How would you?

Answer – you would just swim across because all the crocodiles are at the lion's birthday party.

HA! HA!HA! Good one, **RENEE**!! We start 2017 with a joke quiz! And it is only the beginning of her second half, folks!

HAPPY DOLLARS

\$30 **BILL DERN** - JASON, his youngest son (NOT the one, he took pains to point out, that is dating ROBYN BRAULT) became engaged over the holidays.





\$5 SUSAN BROWN – Recently lost her Rotary pin. Replaced it and was happy to have a new one. Also she happily announced that she has perfect attendance for this year so far... Uh.. hello ... SUSAN. This is the first meeting of the year!!!!

\$20 **JAY CRAWFORD** - JACKSON, his grandson, just arrived in Cape Town, South Africa to begin an internship learning movie filming and production, and his older brother, JIMMY, graduated with a Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering from Montana State University last



month and is headed to Golden, CO to study Bio-Fuels with Department of Energy scientists for his internship before beginning his Master's Degree. What a proud Grandpa!



\$5 **DAVID NYDEGGER** - a BIG Thank you to **DAVE** and **TERRI HALL** for a wonderful Christmas Party at their home last month. Especially enjoyed by all was the delightful music by the string quintet in which their granddaughter AVA played the bass. They were awesome!

\$5 **DALE MAAS** – Had a fantastic holiday! He married the love of his life NIKKI in November just after Thanksgiving outside in a garden, with reception and dinner and dancing to follow inside. He also flew to Orlando in December to attend the Cure Bowl game where his alma mater Arkansas State beat Central Florida. Hooray! Plus the Bowl raised over \$2 million dollars for cancer research. And **DALE**



had a great time seeing lots of friends from college days.

\$5 **PAM MYERS** – Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2017. Good to see you back **PAM**!



\$30 CHUCK WARD -



that 2017 would be a "Trump-tastic" year. Also he was pleased to announce the engagement of his oldest daughter TESS to ROSS. No date has been set yet.

SUSAN BROWN announced to the club to please keep SUSAN MURPHY in your thoughts as her Mother passed away Christmas Day and she has been in Pennsylvania the last 2 weeks helping family.



CLUB ASSEMBLY

Instead of a normal program at the six month point of this year, we had a Club Assembly to bring awareness of what is coming this spring and has been happening in the club. Where are we? ... We were informed by a PowerPoint presentation, complete with photos and captions, mostly focusing on individuals in the Club and what they have been working on.

CHUCK WARD - Wanted for PETS TRAINING (President Elect Training) - An intense weekend in February in the Los Angeles area with hundreds of Present Elects learning all the ins and outs for their coming year. There are many inspirational and informational speakers. Plus there is a great opportunity to network with many of the Rotary Elect Presidents in our own surrounding area and learn what they are doing in their clubs.

CHUCK has also helped with Feast at the Mission. Hopefully a date will be selected soon so that sponsors can be secured.

LES NEWQUIST – As our Treasurer, he keeps us financially stable. He assures us that our funds are good and the books are up to date. (A heckler asked, "How was your trip to Vegas with our money, **LES**?")



ERNIE MASCITTI – Interviews RYLA and LEAD (Leadership, Ethics, Aspirations & Determination) students from Oceanside High School and Lincoln Middle School. He puts a lot of work in meeting with counselors and students. A good problem to have is to have too many qualified students that want to participate in these Rotary programs.

ANCHISA FARRANT – Continues to Wow the club with her photos, assists with chaperoning Crown Heights students, and hosts Rotary Governors from Thailand during the International D.G. Rotary training for incoming Governors around the world each January in San Diego, taking them around town and meeting with them. This convention in San Diego is similar to a PETS training for the worldwide incoming Governors from all over the Rotary World for 5 days.

BILL DERN - Coordinates our weekly luncheons with El Camino Country Club; sets the dates for the meetings; oversees and processes the paperwork for our annual giving to Rotary International.

JIM SCHRODER - Membership committee. We have 2 new candidates soon with several others on track to follow. Continues to assist with our Argentine Sister Club and International activities. Hosts the yearly 4th (or 3rd, depending on the calendar) of July fireworks party and dinner at his home.

DAVE HALL – Instrumental in writing matching grants for District Rotary when we received \$2,500 grant for Crown Heights. (Amongst other things, the District Matching Grant money was used to purchase 5 laptops for Lincoln Middle School students.) Also is the Interim Shorelines Publisher - formatting text and inserting photos for our newsletter. (We are looking for someone to take on that task on a regular basis.) Chaired Brother Benno's Turkey's for Thanksgiving, Hosts Christmas party yearly.

LARRY HATTER - Spearheaded Crown Heights Mentorship Program. Scheduled field trips to San Diego State, a Camp Pendleton tour (this year 30 kids will participate), women's basketball game at San Diego State, Mira Costa music and theater productions, visit to the Midway Aircraft Carrier.

DAVID NYDEGGER – facilitated arrangements aboard base for Lincoln Middle School students. The March 30 tour of the base this year will be all day long and will provide some incredible experiences for the kids!

LOLA SHERMAN – Serves as a regular driver/chaperone for the Crown Heights / Lincoln Middle Student trips.

DALE MAAS – Raised the bar by stepping up to chair an event in his first year of membership. The Rotary Golf tournament in June this past year raised \$3,760 dollars for the Oceanside Rotary portion of the fundraiser.

MIKE CURTIN - Tirelessly sets up and tears down the Rotary set up for meetings weekly. He is also the liaison to the District for many of the North County Rotary Clubs

TOM BRAULT – writes the Demotion skit, with each year somehow outdoing the year before. He coordinates and edits the weekly Shorelines newsletter, Coordinates our Moonlight evening each summer with dinner before {SEE NOTE AT END OF THIS NEWSLETTER ABOUT THIS YEAR'S EVENT}, and serves as Song leader for many of the club's meetings.

AREAS SUPPORTED BY THE CLUB FINANCIALLY THROUGH DONATIONS

Oceanside High School Scholarships	\$500
Mission San Luis Rey Essay Contest	\$500
Martin Luther King Scholarships	\$500
Oceanside High School Robotics team	\$500
Mira Costa Medal of Honor	\$500
Marine and Sailor of the year	\$250

OTHER AREAS SUPPORTED BY OUR CLUB – WHERE WE ARE HEADED IN THE FUTURE – WHAT WE NEED

- * There is a need for an Interact Club advisor. The current thinking is that we may switch the focus for this club from Oceanside High to start an Interact at Lincoln Middle School instead, since we have the direct connection already through the mentorship program and since younger students might be more receptive to becoming active than high schoolers.
- * Need to set the date for Feast and have assistance in securing Sponsorships
- * Need Rotarians interested in serving on the Oceanside Rotary Board of Directors

- * There is a need specifically for 2 Rotarians to step up to serve as President Elect and President Elect-Elect for the coming year.
- * Need to recruit more young members. Create an awareness to want to be involved
- * Need members who are willing to line up for speakers for our weekly meetings. If you know of a program, you can either sign up to make arrangements for one of the months in **CHUCK**'s 2017-18 year, or for this year, contact President **RENEE** and she will plug the speaker into a future date for a program. (Better yet, you can look at our club website to see which Fridays currently are in need of speakers.)

SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT BOARD SERVICE: Board service is easier than you might think! Our Board meets just once a month for just one hour on the second Friday of each month at 11 a.m. prior to our regular meeting. Also, if you are worried that agreeing to serve as President or President Elect would mean a big commitment of time to District events, which is no longer the case. The District (and Rotary in general) has lightened up on requirements of officers outside of the club itself so basically, if you want to be at District events, you are more than welcome, but you are not required.

Another way that Rotary is easing up is the flexibility they allow clubs in scheduling their meetings. We no longer are even required to hold meetings once a week, and we can arrange to have functions other than regular meetings, social events, gatherings at a local Tap house for example, night at the Theater or a Play, from time to time.

OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB IS 92 YEARS YOUNG!

RENEE asked everyone to stand that was NOT wearing their Rotary lapel pin. This is a warning... There was no fine levied today for being pinless, but please remember to wear them when you are out and about and ESPECIALLY when you come to a meeting.

Also it was asked of **RENEE** who was going to Host the annual pre Demotion planning dinner that she usually cooks up for the corps of members who gather to brainstorm ideas for **TOM BRAULT** to begin crafting his magic for the evening.. **RENEE** answered, "Well, of course I am going to be there!" No, **RENEE**. I don't think so this year. It's not fun if you're not surprised by what is in store for you!

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

There was a measly \$42 in the Opportunity Drawing jackpot. Holding the lucky numbered ticket was yours truly. Unfortunately the King of Hearts was drawn instead of the ACE. The \$10 was donated back to the club.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!



ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

Here are the final sets of photos and captions from JIM SCHRODER's trip to the Middle East. What an unbelievable and memorable adventure he had!!

SUDAN DESERT FROM KARIMA TO NUBIA





(01) Royal Necropolis of Meroe - northern Sudan (02) Burial tombs at Necropolis



(03) Typical bathroom stop... Just a bush in the desert. Someone snapped a photo of Yours Truly for history.





(04) Nubian women (05) Nubian market alongside the road. Check out the bananas *NECROPOLIS OF EL KURRU*





(06) Looking down at Necropolis from the top of Mount Jebel Barkal

- (07) Necropolis of El Kurru
- (08) Drawings inside the tombs preserved over thousands of years by the sands above

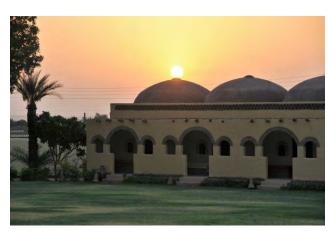


SUDAN UPPER DESERT





- (09) Twin boys who I befriended at Old Dongola Tombs
- (10) This is the boy's father who came up to me and wanted a photo of the two of us. I showed one of the twins how to take the photo ... Good shot!



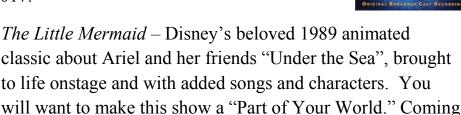


- (11) Sunrise captured at the moment of the crest of the Nubian Rest House where we stayed 2 nights. Best place on the trip in Sudan
- (12) Stopped for lunch at a truck stop Chai House for Truckers. Didn't take long to make new friends.

COMING TO THE MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE IN SUMMER OF 2017

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about which show we will choose to see as a group at the Moonlight this coming summer season. There is a remarkable lineup of shows in store, and the choice may be a difficult one to figure out which one we should attend as a group. So be thinking about these four shows and let **TOM BRAULT** know which ones you may be interested in:

Aida – The timeless operatic love story, reimagined with a rock and pop score by Elton John and Tim Rice and originally produced by Walt Disney Theatrical won four Tony Awards in 2000. Performs in June of 2017.



Sunset Boulevard – Andrew Lloyd Webber took the story of the 1950 Gloria Swanson film about an aging movie star and set it to music in an epic production which won a ton of Tony Awards in 1995, including Best Musical and Best Score. August 2017.

to the Moonlight in July 2017.



In the Heights – Before Lin Manuel Miranda wrote the current smash *Hamilton*, he made his mark on Broadway with this rap and hip hop tale of three days in the life in a largely Dominican-American NYC neighborhood. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and nominated for the 2009 Pulitzer Prize. September 2017.

COMING UP AT OCEANSIDE ROTARY

January 13 – ERIC LOVETT, Urban Street Angels

Reporter: BILL DERN

January 20 - NICOLE MILLER, Principal of Mission Vista High School

Reporter: DAVE SHORE

January 27 – BILL PROTZMAN, Power of Music

Reporter: TOM BRAULT

February 3 – MARIA MINGALONE, Oceanside Museum of Art

Reporter: SUSAN BROWN

February 10 – SWEETHEART'S DAY! (Coordinator: NANCY RUSSIAN)

Bring your 'Valentine, spouse, significant other, friend' to celebrate Valentine's Day at this special meeting starring our very own Rotary Couples. Special treat for all in attendance.

Reporter: JAY CRAWFORD

February 17 – JOHN COX, Rescue California Education Foundation

Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

February 24 – SUSAN LAWSON, Solutions for Change

Reporter: JANET BLEDSOE LACY