



*July 27, 2018*

It has been 6 (SIX) weeks since we last were in attendance at an actual meeting of the Oceanside Rotary club - Way back when CHUCK WARD was still President of the club. This long gap between meetings is unheard of in the history of the Oceanside Rotary Club. Of course, in the meantime, we did have a Demotion Dinner, a 3rd of July Fireworks dinner, a fun evening at the Yard House, and a Combined 3 Rotary Clubs Barbecue in Carlsbad. Yep, we have been busy keeping in touch and doing what we do best. WE ARE THE OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB! Those of you who could not join us for these events, we missed you.



Past President, Past President, President, Secretary RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE asked Past President BILL DERN to open the meeting.

Past President BILL DERN called the meeting to order, something different than in the past since it has been years since BILL was President. BILL proclaimed, "This is the place to be: OCEANSIDE ROTARY CLUB." A question was yelled from the peanut gallery, "Was that a real gavel that he banged the bell with today?" Yes, but it wasn't a CURRENT real gavel. It was BILL's personal one, dredged up from the archives. It seems there was no gavel presented to our Incoming President. Guess we are back on a strict budget again. (An alternative theory that was floating around the room is that RENEE intentionally "forgot" to purchase an official gavel for herself so that there would be nothing for any potential "Grabbers" to get their hands on. We shall see about that! ....)



## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



audiences.....

BILL asked Past President TOM BRAULT to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, knowing with great confidence that TOM is well versed in performing before groups. “Hands on your Heart” he began like a pro. Clearly, the man does have some experience in front of

## SONGMEISTER

BILL (with great experience as a singing person) led us in America the Beautiful and God Bless America.



Bill then introduced our incoming 3 TIME PRESIDENT RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE, an historical moment for anyone to have led this club 3 times as PRESIDENT. “A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR OUR 3 TIME PRESIDENT” BILL proclaimed. As soon as RENEE took the podium, the entire group of ROTARIANS broke out into loud and continuous conversation at all the tables simultaneously. “Hey JIM, do you need more Iced Tea?” ... “BOB, we missed you and Darlene at the barbecue.” ... “VIRGIL, would you like another slice of Apple Pie?” ... “PAM, how was that family vacation?” ... “RUDY, have you purchased any new paintings?” ... “LARRY, have you heard about the new Development downtown?” And on and on the side conversations went, for quite some time, keeping RENEE from starting her first meeting. (hee hee) In fact, our new incoming coming PRESIDENT actually started going around the tables picking up dirty plates to pass the time. Well... you might say this was a pre-organized plan for a different day of “dissing” our new leader instead the standard tradition of walking out on the incoming PRESIDENT. After all, we have done that two times in the past with RENEE already, so we figured we had to do something more unique this time around. It was not hard to organize as each member walked into today’s meeting.

PPPPPS RENEE finally gained control of the meeting with the mention of a future date for a Tree Planting.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS



Alexa Kingaard



Rudy Van Hunnick



Paul Wendee

PP BILL DERN then led the group in our Welcome to Oceanside song.



PPPPPS RENEE announced that we have a new Recognition Award: ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH and the Awardee for July of 2018 .....PP BILL DERN. He arranges each of our luncheons weekly with the country club, as well as the set-up arrangements for the event earlier this month at the Yard House where he purchased food items for all of us to enjoy prior to our own dinner selections and adult beverages. BILL is indeed a SUPER STAR and a very deserving ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH. He received a special memento lapel pin.

PPPPPS RENEE pointed out for us that she had received a number of ribbons at the Toronto Rotary International Convention. She remarked herself that “I look like a peacock with all the ribbons I wear now!” Yep, we agree. Watch out – She might start squawking sometime!

#### PRESENTATION OF PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

PP TERRI HALL AND PP DAVE HALL were called to the front of the room to receive multiple PAUL HARRIS FELLOW recognition. Congratulations to both of them.

RENEE said to DAVE and TERRI, “Your contribution to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is improving living conditions and providing educational opportunities for young people somewhere in the world. A truly selfless action TERRI is receiving her 8th Paul Harris and DAVE is receiving his third.”



“It gives me great pleasure to present to both of you on behalf of the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, this emblem of a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. We urge you to wear the Paul Harris Fellow Pin to all Rotary events, as a symbol of your appreciation and support of the programs of the Rotary foundation. Ladies and gentlemen, please congratulate and recognize our newest Multiple Paul Harris Fellows.”



### JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We were celebrating two Birthdays this month. PP JAY CRAWFORD and PP TOM BRAULT. Both were very Happy to have a birthday. JAY was Happy \$40 and TOM, being a tad bit younger, offered just \$30. Instead of candy (like we received during RENEE’s last reign for our birthdays), a new tradition was unveiled in which she told a joke with a question to each person. I hate to be a critic, but there wasn’t much laughter to be heard after each one. We need to work on those jokes, PPPPPS RENEE.



RENEE announced that during the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, our District 5340 was honored as one of the top 10 Districts in the World for their giving to Polio Plus, averaging \$335.00 per person in our District. Therefore, to keep the ball rolling on this generosity to the cause, today at the meeting all Fines and Happy dollars are going to Polio Plus. (The total contributed today added up to \$200 to Polio Plus – A great start to the year's generosity!)

### HAPPY DOLLARS \$\$\$\$



\$20 Happy PAM MYERS She recently returned from 2 weeks' vacation with relatives. She managed to survive. Also her granddaughter Samantha went to Moonlight Youth Camp and at the completion was in a performance at the Moonlight. Congratulations! During the vacation, PAM's 89 year old Dad fell off a horse into a creek. Also Grandpa took Samantha on a helicopter ride. Sounds like my kind of vacation!



\$10 Happy PP TERRI HALL Their Granddaughter Ava was at the Idyllwild Music Camp when the recent fires broke out and they were evacuated to a Gym nearby. All the music students were able to take their instruments with them except for Ava. Her upright bass was just too bulky to haul off during the evacuation, so she will have to go back to pick it up sometime later.



\$20 Happy DAVID SHORE He confessed that he does not make it often to Rotary but he could swear the last time he was at a meeting PPPPS RENEE was the President then, too. After the chuckles died down, DAVE added that as he was driving home last week, he stopped at Anza Borrego to drop off papers for a client and discovered there are still areas in California with no paved roads and it was 118 degrees. Good times! When he stopped at Meniffee it was a cool 105 and it felt comparatively comfortable.



\$10 Happy PP TOM BRAULT Surprise - TOM will be performing in the choir for the upcoming theatrical production of Hunchback of Notre Dame at the Moonlight in Vista. He told us that the rehearsals so far have been amazing to be a part of with marvelous 10 part harmonies which brought the Moonlight's veteran musical director to tears 4 times in one night.



\$10 Happy PP DAVE HALL TERRI and DAVE recently were part of the Big Sing California. They were in a group at Copley Symphony Hall who through the wonders of video feeds merged for a 90 minute concert with a total of 9,000 persons singing along throughout the State of California at the same time, starting with Stand By Me and ending with Hey Jude.



\$40 Happy RUDY VAN HUNNICK He promised to keep his comments brief, in a nod to our former President CHUCK WARD. He was really short! (His comments, not his stature.) All RUDY said was, "I am \$40 happy."



\$110 Happy ERNIE MASCITTI Donated \$100 to the Oceanside Rotary Club Foundation plus \$10 to go the general fund in thinking of all the losses from the fire at Idyllwild.



\$20 Happy MELISSA RODRIGUEZ Recently returned from travels to Yosemite, Northern California, and also a trip to Costa Rica. She had wanted to add Nicaragua but the current unrest stopped her from entering the country.



\$5 Happy RON MARBEN Donated the last \$5 from a recent trip to Valley View Casino. That was all he had left over. Better luck next time RON.



\$5 Happy ANCHISA FARRANT She laughed that she and RENEE were twins, wearing the same Rotary Polo Shirt. (Of course, she came up front to pose for a twins photo.)



\$5 Happy VIRGIL FLORES He was glad to return to Rotary after an absence during which he was working long hours to open a new retail store for Goodwill Industries. He was happy to donate this to Polio Plus.



MIKE CURTIN wanted to notify everyone that his dad, Dr. Tom Curtin, a frequent visiting Rotarian, is in the ICU at Tri City Hospital after collapsing at home. He is very ill with potential blood poisoning.

PROGRAM – CLUB ASSEMBLY

Twice a year we have a Club Assembly. P P P P P S RENEE started out with a little bit of her personal Rotary background. In 1989 she was inducted into the Oceanside Rotary Club. In 1994-1995 She was the First Woman President of the Oceanside Rotary Club. In 2016-2017 she served as President of this club again. That makes this year of 2018-2019 her third time as the President of our club. She has simultaneously been Secretary of this club since



1994. At least this year she does not have to worry if the Current President brought the Agenda to the meeting to use.

To open the discussion for our Assembly, she asked the question: Why did you join Rotary?

Answers listed on the screen included:

Fellowship

Opportunity to Serve

Friendship

Business development

Fun/Entertainment

Development of Ethics

Nice people

Then individual members followed up with their own insights and comments on this question. Chiming in were: Alexa Kingaard, TERRI HALL, ERNIE MASCITTI, JIM SCHRODER, AND RENEE.

**STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE CLUB:**

**WEAKNESS - Leadership and Attendance**

**STRENGTHS – Great programs, Community involvement, just to name a few.**

RENEE put it out there that being a Rotary leader is easier than you might have guessed. Many Rotary members think that they have to be good at everything to serve as Club President. But the reality is that you build a team around you. You learn what you're good at and what you're not good at, and you rely on others to fill the gap.

Club Presidents plan and lead meetings, set goals, encourage communications between committees, review expenditures, participate in decisions, and motivate Club members.

You don't have to be a Rotary expert. You can rely on your Past Presidents to train and support you through the process. You just lead the club and tie everything together.

What is the Time commitment? PETS Training in February one weekend. Weekly club meetings, and if you can't attend, you ask a past president to run the meeting.

A lot of the background work is handled for you: The Weekly Agenda is prepared for you. The Board Agenda is prepared for you. Emails are prepared and sent for you upon your request.

PP TOM BRAULT said that, as he was mulling over accepting the job as Prez, he was told that, "The Rotary Club is like a train running smoothly down the tracks, and it will keep barreling along, no matter what you do or don't do." That took a lot of the pressure off in his mind and made him more confident and secure in volunteering to lead the club.

#### SERVICE EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

Anyone wishing to participate this year in the Crown Heights programs must fill out the Youth Protection Certificate and Participation. It is a quick and easy online process. The club will reimburse you for the fees involved. This year, planned events for the students include:

MiraCosta Soccer Game

2 Trips to Camp Pendleton

MiraCosta Theatre

MiraCosta music concert

Each table had a gold colored Fish on the table. RENEE was fishing for suggestions for what we might choose to do as a service project for this year's Rotarians at Work Day next April... things the club would like to become involved in. RON collected the suggestions which members wrote onto on the backside of the Fishies into a glass fish bowl (which looked suspiciously like a large brandy snifter).

## FUTURE EVENTS

The Month of August at Oceanside Rotary will be Hosted by yours truly, PP JIM SCHRODER. I have lined up three programs and on August 24th, there will be no day time meeting because we will be dark in order to go that Friday evening to meet at a social at That Boy Good/Northern Pine Brewing at 5:30 (Location: 326 N Horne Street in Oceanside at the Corner of Civic Center and Horne street, located near Harbor Freight Tools. There is plenty of parking.) And August 31 we will be dark for Labor Day weekend.

It was suggested also that new members need to become more engaged and involved in the club and its events. A great way to learn more about what Rotary is and what it does is to attend our board meetings. In fact, that is a great idea for ALL of our members: Come for a visit to the board meeting to see what is happening. You do not have to come for the whole meeting. Even just attending the last 15 minutes could open your eyes to the wider world of Rotary and how you might be able to fit in.

Many thanks for PPPPPS RENEE for planning this informative and interactive Club Assembly.

## OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

PP TOM BRAULT held the lucky number drawn for the chance to win \$800 dollars. Unfortunately, he drew the 3 of Diamonds. TOM received the \$10 consolation money.



We are looking forward to all of you who are on vacation to return soon to your Rotary Club and become part of all the activities. We are always open to suggestions and new ideas and venues.

#### A NOTE OF THANKS FROM NANCY RUSSIAN

The support that NANCY received from her friends at Oceanside Rotary after the passing of her sister was appreciated very much:

*“I would like to send a HUGE Thank you for the all the cards, emails and calls, we received and to those who came to my sister's Celebration of Life. Also, special thanks for Dale Maas who reached out to personally help us throughout the past four weeks and at the Celebration of Life, and to Jim Schroder who helped refer me to many contacts so I could secure hotel rooms for all my relatives coming into town.”*

#### ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

WE JOINED TOGETHER WITH OUR CARLSBAD ROTARY FRIENDS

Speaking of new venues, here are some photos from our evening BBQ social gathering with the Carlsbad Rotary Club which was held on Thursday July 19 at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center in Carlsbad. The sunset was spectacular, the steaks and chicken from Tip Top Meats were delicious, and the fellowship was just fine! It is always great to gather outside of the regular meetings in a more casual setting, and in this case, we got the chance to mingle with some of our Rotary neighbors as well. All in all, a great night!









**COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

Aug 3: SIKH RELIGION, Who are the Sikhs and what do they believe in?

Reporter: JAY CRAWFORD 11

Aug 10: Board Meeting at 11:30 am. All are invited to see what happens behind the scenes to support the club.

Program for the meeting: DEANNA LORSON, Oceanside Assistant City Manager

Reporter: TOM BRAULT

Aug 17: JENNIFER SHOENECK, “Innovate 78” jobs plan for 5 cities

Reporter: DAVE HALL

Aug 24: Lunch meeting **DARK** for EVENING SOCIAL @ 5:30 pm

That Boy Good / Northern Pine Brewing

Hosted by JIM SCHRODER

Aug 31: **DARK** for Labor Day