

ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE

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With a long "dong" of our club's Rotary bell, Pres TERRI HALL welcomed us to Oceanside Rotary. Looking around the room for someone to lead our Pledge of Allegiance, Pres TERRI selected someone quite versed in this, as she chose Past Pres VICKIE PROSSER, who did a superb job.

Past Pres BILL DERN stepped forward to lead us in song. Noting the first song was suggested by our President as a possible

Thanksgiving song, and that one always should do what the President suggests, BILL led us in "Over the River and Through the Woods". He then followed with the Marine Corps hymn in honor of the Marine Corps birthday last weekend and Past District Governor RANDY MITCHELL.



RON MARBEN shared a story about being thankful for what you have.

"A young girl was blind and hated herself and everyone else. The only person she



didn't hate was her boyfriend. He was always there for her and often asked her to marry him. She said that if only she could see, she would marry him.

One day someone donated a pair of eyes to her. Now she could see everything, including her loving boyfriend. Her boyfriend asked, "Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?" The girl looked at him and was shocked when she saw that her

boyfriend was blind, too. She refused to marry him. Her boyfriend walked away

heartbroken and crying. Later that day he wrote her a note saying: "Please take care of my eyes, dear."

PRESIDENTIAL STUFF

Our District is still looking for volunteer greeters at the San Diego Airport for the Rotary International Assembly, the last one in San Diego. District Governor Elects from around the world will arrive in San Diego on Sunday, June 19th. The District needs volunteers to greet them and help direct them to the check-in station at the airport. Shifts are available on the district website: www.District5340.org.

In addition, ANCHISA FARRANT is looking for volunteers to assist with tours for the District Governors coming in from Thailand for the International Assembly. Sightseeing tours and shopping will be on January 16th and 17th, prior to the Assembly. Contact ANCHISA if you need further information.

Pres TERRI also updated us about PAM MYERS. She is recovering and may not need kidney dialysis after all. One scary note - during her helicopter ride to Naval Hospital Balboa in San Diego, she coded 3 times and thanks to a medical person named PHILLIP who performed CPR for 6 full minutes, she made it. She is recovering at La Paloma Recovery Center near Tri-City Hospital, is feeling better, and appreciates visitors.

Pres-Elect MELISSA RODRIGUEZ then gave us more Club updates.

Our club is reviving our Service Committee and is looking for volunteers who want to help. Anything from a project lead to just showing up to help when asked are needed. Sign-ups sheets were passed or you can contact MELISSA if you want further information.



District 5340 is forming a Rotary Golf League in which clubs with a team (twosomes or foursomes) can participate in Match Play against another club team. The first tournament is on December 4th at 1pm. Cost \$65 per player. Interested players/teams can contact Tournament Director BRET GEERNAERT at bretg2019pres@gmail.com.

Thursday, November 21st is our next Rotary Evening Social, this time with the San Luis Rey Rotary Club. Festivities will start at 5:30 pm at the Blade 1936 restaurant, 401 Seagaze, Oceanside. Come for a drink...Come for snacks...Come for dinner...Come just to socialize...Bring friends or family or a potential new member...Just hang out with your Rotary family.

We are DARK (no meeting) on Fridays November 22nd and November 29.

On Friday, December 6th we will have an away meeting at the Office of DALE MAAS, 2424 Vista Way, near the Broken Yolk. Cost will be \$20, and we will meet at our usual time.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS









For the last time, PP BILL DERN introduced ADOLPHO AYALA as a visiting guest; BOB PICKREL welcomed back Dr. TOM CURTIN after a long absence as well as frequent visitor, Rudy Van Hunnick. PP MIKE CURTIN introduced our speaker John Dobken. PP BILL led us in a familiar tune and our Welcome Song.

OUR VISITOR BECOMES A MEMBER

Past PRES RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE asked ADOLPHO AYALA to join her at the podium and made the following presentation: (These are good words for all Rotarians to review and to recommit to Rotary.)

"Fellow Rotarians and guests, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Oceanside, it is my privilege to introduce ADOLPHO AYALA. ADOLPHO, you are beginning a great adventure in leadership, in friendship, in service to your community and your fellow man. You have been invited to membership by DAN WILSON, and the Rotary Club of Oceanside has accepted you as a person of good character, high ethical standards, a person who has the heart of service and who will represent the classification as a leader in the community. You have been invited to join Rotary, but it will be through your own actions that you become a Rotarian.

Our Rotary Club is known for great work in the area of Crown Heights mentorship and has been involved in many other local and international projects for many years. I am proud to be a Rotarian, and it is my pleasure to provide your pin by which your fellow Rotarians and the community at large will recognize you as a Rotarian, and we ask that you wear it proudly, every day.

I also have a challenge for you, if you are willing. My challenge is for you to share the gift that has been given to you, and to invite another person, with your same qualities to join our club. The honor of becoming a Rotarian is only surpassed by sponsoring a new member.

With that, I declare you duly inducted into the Rotary Club of Oceanside." PP RENEEE also noted the new branding of ROTARY. The new Rotary pins have added the word "Rotary" to the wheel. The feeling was the wheel alone was too small and hard for people to see.

Pres TERRI invited our newest member to say a few words. ADOLPHO mentioned he is a big joker and likes to have fun. (I think he will fit in just fine!) But he wanted to be serious at that moment to let us know how much it means to him to a part of Rotary and this club. Pres TERRI asked him how happy he was to be a new member of our club, and ADOLPHO immediately started to pass his hat for donations. He then mentioned he should have gone to the bank, and TERRI helpfully suggested that we take IOUs. Finally, ADOLPHO said he was \$50 happy to be our newest member.



HAPPY DOLLARS



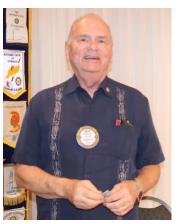
Rudy Van Hunnick was \$20 happy to still be healthy.



ROGER VANDERWERKEN was \$5 happy for his visit to New York and his 92-year-old father's farm. He also invited any Rotarian who would like to join his church as they travel to Israel and Jordan in March. Contact ROGER if you want more information.



PP MIKE CURTIN was \$5 happy to have his Dad back at the meeting.



PP DAVE HALL was \$5 happy that we had 9 turkeys brought in by members as well as \$250 worth of gift cards to help provide for Brother Benno's Thanksgiving feast. And, more importantly, they showed up to pick up the birds (which means DAVE wouldn't have to make a side trip to their headquarters, like he had to do one year).



CHUCK ANDREAN was \$5 happy to celebrate his wife's "Social Security Birthday."



PE MELISSA RODRIGUEZ was \$5 happy that PAM MYERS is doing better.

PROGRAM



JANET BLEDSOE LACY introduced John Dobken, Public Information Office for Southern California Edison, who is working with San Onofre. His topic was an update to the decommissioning of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. As with all of our programs, members need to be present to get the most out of the programs. A few highlights of his presentation follows:

-The Nuclear Regulatory Commission allows nuclear power plants 60 years to be decommissioned, partly because of the radioactive nature of the fuel source requiring such an extended period for proper management of the materials.

-Nuclear power plants are the only power source that pays for its decommissioning ahead of time. Over the years, customers were charged less than a penny/kilowatt to cover the eventual costs of the plant's decommissioning. That money, over time and along with other investments, grew to over \$4.4 billion. Since this money was on hand, Southern Cal Edison made the decision to decommission the plant when problems with faulty steam generators manufactured by Mitsubishi were noted. (The costs of fabricating custom new steam generators became cost prohibitive, so decommissioning at that time was determined to be the best course of action.)

-Unit 1 went on line in 1968 and was retired in 1992. Units 2 and 3 came on line in 1983 and 1984. They were retired in June of 2013. Currently Southern Cal Edison is storing spent fuel on site, awaiting the federal government to fulfill its obligation to develop a national repository for spent nuclear fuel. The California Coastal Commission has recently approved Southern Cal Edison's plans for removing the structures on site.

-John discussed what spent nuclear fuel looks like and the materials the containment vessels where made of, showing examples of both. The spent fuel is first placed in wet storage to help keep it cool and allow the radioactive material to dissipate. After a period of time, the spent fuel is placed in dry storage until it is ready to be shipped. By 2021, more than 80% of the spent fuel at San Onofre will be eligible for transportation to a permanent storage site, if the federal government would identify that site.

-A question was asked about whether there is a future for nuclear energy in the United States. John responded yes. With the focus on climate change, nuclear energy is carbon free, and the U.S. is obtaining over 50% of its carbon free electricity from nuclear power. Future designs include small modular plants that are basically maintenance free. These small 60 megawatt plants can be grouped together for more combined energy production and individual units can be turned off whenever less energy is needed. Power is not needed to cool the plants, so in the case of an emergency, the plants can cool themselves down.

Thanking him for his presentation, Pres TERRI asked John to select and autograph a book for Laurel Elementary School and offered him Chocolate or Cheetos...He picked Chocolate, reportedly for his wife... Sure you did, John.



OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

PE MELISSA RODRIGUEZ held the winning ticket for a chance to win \$500, but only pull a Queen of Hearts out of the deck and received \$10.



With a loud clang, Pres TERRI closed our meeting. See you Thursday at Blade 1936.

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

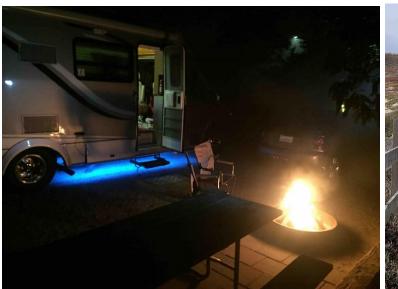
Not that anyone needs to publish their excuses for missing one of our meetings, but NANCY RUSSIAN had a good one for last Friday:

"I was once again unable to attend the meeting, but it was for a worthy cause. I attended the 2019 North County Philanthropy Council Volunteer Awards Luncheon with over 720 guests in attendance at the Omni. Our good friend, Connie Jones, (Dr Dave Jone's wife) was voted Volunteer of the Year as a Tri-City Hospital Auxiliary. She is the Past-President of the Auxiliary and has not only been volunteering at the hospital for decades, but she also chairs the Auxiliary's Scholarship Program where each year the Auxiliary awards over 100 students with nursing scholarships to students at Mira Costa College, Palomar College, San Marcos State, and our Junior Volunteers at the hospital. She coordinates everything from getting the committee together to being a liaison to all the colleges, screening hundreds of applications, awarding each scholarship, and putting together the most inspiring student awards night dinner. I'm sure you saw this in all the papers - full page.





This photo from the awards luncheon shows me with Connie Jones, along with her daughter Julie and her son in-law, Chris.





This past week Luis and I spent camping in our RV and celebrating Luis' birthday from Northern California down the coast to Paso wine country. Of course, not without a stop in Fresno.





Luis and I are on our way to Canada to get our RV fixed! We'll miss the reception, but I hope to see everyone at the Dec 6 meeting.

COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

November 21: Third Thursday Social Event The Blade 1936, 401 Seagaze, Oceanside – 5:30 PM

November 22: Meeting DARK for Evening Social on Third Thursday

November 29: DARK for Thanksgiving Weekend

December 6: Meeting to be hosted at DALE MAAS's office. (2424 Vista Way,

Suite 325, Oceanside. Near the Broken Yolk restaurant)

Reporter: L.J. Fimbres

December 13: Regular Meeting (in the Garden Room) GIN N'TONIX (musical

quartet)

Reporter: Dave Hall

December 19: Christmas Social at the Hall's House, 5:30 pm

4285 Sunnyhill Drive, Carlsbad.

Bring your favorite dish to share and your adult beverages.

December 20: **Regular Meeting DARK**

December 27: Meeting DARK for Christmas

January 3: Meeting DARK for New Year's