



May 11, 2018 & May 17, 2018  
*Combined Edition*

Our President CHUCK WARD is once again gavel-less, but that never stops him from commencing the meeting of Oceanside’s most prestigious club as at our May 11 meeting, he used a piece of a broken chair to ring the bell.



A.J. MAZZARELLA then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. And (as President CHUCK is fond of saying) although we are not musically inclined, we are inclined to music, so with that, Dr. BILL DERN was asked to lead us in songs after having an entire 3 seconds to prepare. With that said, we sang his 2 most favorite songs... “Smile” and of course followed by “God Bless America.”



Next was the Rotary Moment and CHUCK asked if anyone has had any Rotarian experiences with their Mom since we’re coming up to Mother’s Day. TERRI HALL spoke up and told us that both she and DAVE have Moms who are Paul Harris Fellows and how they were raised by them to participate in their communities and to give back. She gave us a few quick examples: an alcoholic neighbor had the DT’s in her living room, they had the voting booth in their dining room, Mom would go pick up sailors from the harbor in Long Beach and bring them back for Thanksgiving. Everyone got a chuckle out of that last one, especially after CHUCK asked DAVE how he had met TERRI and he was nice enough to sing his

answer... “Yo Ho, Yo Ho, (A Pirate’s Life for Me)”... and some more laughs. All joking aside, it was a great testament to both of their Moms and to both TERRI and DAVE for growing up with that “community is bigger than self” mentality. TERRI’s prize for sharing her story was a raffle ticket that could potentially win her \$800 dollars!

Club Updates were provided to us by President Elect RENEE RICHARDSON-WENDEE and she began by reading an article about how Rotary District 5340 became the first district to earn GuideStar’s Platinum Seal. Rotary International District 5340 has officially earned the 2018 Platinum GuideStar Nonprofit Seal of Transparency. According to GuideStar, Rotary District 5340 is the first Rotary district across the globe to achieve this recognition.



GuideStar is the world’s largest source of nonprofit information, and the platinum seal is the highest level of recognition offered. To earn the Platinum seal, Rotary District 5340 added extensive information to its Nonprofit Profile on GuideStar. In addition to basic contact and organizational information, the District provided:

- In-depth financial information;
- Qualitative information about goals, strategies, and capabilities; and
- Quantitative information about results and progress towards its mission.

By taking the time to provide this information, Rotary District 5340 has demonstrated its commitment to transparency and to giving Rotarians, partners, donors, and funders meaningful data to evaluate the District’s impact in the local and global community.

More Club Updates, and we do have a lot coming up...

- Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> had our first Community Service Committee meeting for the next Rotary year, held at PE RENEE’s house, dinner included.
- Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> we met at President CHUCK’s favorite Italian restaurant, Fratelli’s at 6:00pm for game night. (CHUCK arrived at 5:30 to take advantage of their Happy Hour Specials ... See more details in the report at the end of this newsletter.)
- Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> our meeting was DARK
- Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be having the Demotion Party here at the El Camino Country Club at 6:00pm and the cost is \$45.00 each.
- Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> is Oceanside’s Independence Day Parade. Come ride the float with us!

- Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> please join us at JIM SCHRODER's house for dinner and fireworks at 6:30pm. The cost is \$22.50. Sign up early, as sitting is limited to the first 70 people.
- Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> is the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Clubs of Oceanside Golf Tournament we're still looking for golfers and raffle prizes. Please contact DALE MAAS with raffle prizes and/or questions.
- Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> was the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Garden reception and since our club donated \$500.00 to the scholarship fund, we had 10 pre-paid tickets to give out to anyone who would like to go.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:



DAVID NYDEGGER introduced our speakers, Jami Shapiro with Silver Lining Transitions and Bryan Devore, realtor with Pacific Sotheby's International.



Next JAY CRAWFORD introduced a visiting Rotarian Ed Parish from the San Luis Rey Club. And last, but not least, BRIAN ORR introduced Rudy Van Hunnick...all followed by a nice welcoming song, "Welcome to Oceanside".

May Birthdays and Anniversaries:



LES NEWQUIST and JOHN HARTMAN, come on down! It was time to pick your envelope and one of them STILL has a dinner for 2 at 333 (or so we've been told). LES chose number three and JOHN picked number 3. In his envelope, JOHN received a special note which he kept secret and gave \$55.00 to the Club. LES followed with an honest donation of \$72.00. Happy Birthday Rotarians!

Happy Dollars, Winey Dollars (which were earmarked towards wine for Fratelli's Game Night) and Fines:



First up, JAY CRAWFORD was \$2 happy because he just knew that CHUCK bought a case of "Two Buck Chuck" for Game Night.



Next JANET BLEDSOE LACY was \$43 happy for the \$43,000 that they would be giving to 16 wonderful students at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund dinner. There were 64 applications and it's always tough to narrow it down!





Rudy paid for a couple nice bottles of wine and had \$20 happy winey dollars.



Ed Parish had \$5 happy dollars as this was his second time and he was starting to notice a trend with Rudy's generous contributions.



DAVE NYDEGGER was \$5 dollar happy because there was a picture of an outstanding, good looking guy on the front page of the Coast News. It turned out to be him and he was identified in the accompanying text as the President and CEO of Oceanside Chamber of Commerce. But, as we know, this is fake news and the current President/CEO of the Chamber ended up calling DAVE and joked, "I know you want your job back, but this is a pretty crummy way to do it."



Next, NANCY RUSSIAN had handed over a \$25 check, twenty for lunch and \$5 for tickets, but RENEE had a different plan for five of those dollars and told

NANCY she was keeping Nancy's raffle tickets. So NANCY had to pull out another \$5 to be in the drawing. She is also a tee sponsor for the Golf Tournament at \$100 and she also bought a \$40 ticket to the Scholarship dinner and, since she wasn't able to attend that event, she said someone could use the ticket and go in her place. (She just kept giving and giving and giving! Wow!)



MELISSA RODRIGUEZ had \$20 winery dollars for Game Night, as she did not think that one case will be enough.



DAVE HALL had five winery dollars because he just saw his first lacrosse game in which his grandson played. But what DAVE was most happy about was the fact that their older grandson washed his car.



Last but not least, one of our speakers, Bryan Devore, was \$5 happy because he was happy to be there and said we are a lot of fun.

Raffle time:



There were two winning numbers drawn and BRIAN ORR had the first lucky ticket, and DAVE HALL had the second one. They had a couple choices of games to play and it was unanimous that they would like to play “Toss for Chuck’s Head” because you have the chance to “accidentally” hit our president in the face with a ping pong ball. It’s obvious that BRIAN has been practicing as he won, but it was a close contest - four white balls for BRIAN and three red balls for DAVE. Unfortunately, in the part of the process that really counts, in the card draw, BRIAN did not pick the Joker, but drew the Ace of spades.

RENEE introduced our guest speakers:



Jami Shapiro is the owner of Silver Linings Transitions, a senior move management company specializing in senior moves, downsizing and home organization. The company creates career opportunities for women transitioning back into the workforce after taking time off to raise their children. She herself is a single mom of three girls. Believing we can

always find something positive in negative situations, she created Silver linings transitions as a result of a cancer diagnosis 13 years ago.

Bryan Devore is a Realtor with pacific Sotheby’s International Realty. He has been helping homebuyers and sellers throughout San Diego County achieve their real estate goals since 2003. As a Senior Real Estate Specialist, Bryan focuses much of his work on assisting seniors with the transition from their homes to smaller homes and senior living communities.



Jami and Bryan have a great friendship and working relationship and they are starting a T.V. show that will premiere in June. (We heard more information about that show from Bryan a little later.)

The title of their presentation was: “Do you own your stuff or does your stuff own you?”



First, a couple of statistics:

- One out of every ten Americans has off site storage for their stuff.
- 3.1% of the world’s children live in the US, but they own 40% of all of the toys worldwide.

Organizing tips:

Start by making a list of rooms that need to be organized. You can even break it down to cabinets or drawers. Start with the easiest first.

Use a colored sticker system to help visualize the process as you go through your stuff – Keep, Donate, Sell or Gift. If it’s trash, keep a bag in the space you are cleaning and place alike items together. Ask yourself a couple questions, Do I use it? Does it stay or go? Is this item beautiful or useful to me? When did I last use this item? Why am I not using it?

Keep items together that make tasks easier. Create a place for systems or habits. For example, if you pay your bills while you sit on your couch, find a way to store things you need for paying bills in a container by the couch.

Make the task manageable for yourself. Give away one item each day. Fill one trash bag – whether it is a bag of trash to dispose of, or a bag of stuff to donate to Goodwill. Try Oprah’s method and hang all of your clothes with the hangers in the reverse direction. After you wear an item, return it to the closet with the hanger facing the correct direction. After six months, you’ll have a clear picture of



which clothes you can easily discard. This experiment could also be applied to a number of clutter areas in your home. And keep in mind, some of the best ways to downsize is to Donate, Liquidate, Sell, Gift, or Dispose.

With only a few minutes left, Bryan showed a short video preview of their upcoming T.V. show which will focus on an older couple and showcase their story and some of the many options available for seniors who need to downsize.



President CHUCK once again thanked our speakers for helping us grow with their knowledge and presented them with a planter box made by TERI, Inc and filled with succulents by our own ANCHISA FARRANT.

### **GAME NIGHT AT FRATELLI'S**

Our return visit to President CHUCK's favorite Italian restaurant was attended last Thursday night by:



CHUCK & BARBARA WARD; their Daughter Tess and son-in-law Ross Nelson; Ross's parents Jeff & Sue Nelson from Minnesota; Oceanside friends Russ & Sherry Cady (who had also participated in our Rotarians at Work event);



RENEE and Paul Wendee; LOLA SHERMAN; PAM MYERS;



JAY CRAWFORD & ANITA ROMAINE; LYN CORDER and husband Albert Somit;



JIM SCHRODER; DAVE HALL; ERNIE MASCITTI (who brought along his best friend Richard from near Carson City)



MELISSA RODRIGUEZ; KYLE PEDERSON & wife Marisol;



DAVE NYDEGGER & Marta Hall; A.J. MAZZARELLA; TOM BRAULT;



VICKIE & Lloyd Prosser; and (arriving on the later side and requiring an extra “little kids’ table” to be set up in the room) DALE & Nikki Maas along with son Blake.





It was an evening full of fine food, great games, lots of wine and, of course, the real highlight of this special night was the fellowship that was shared and relationships that were deepened as we dined and played together.

On the menu: bruschetta, salad, penne alfredo, penne bolognese, followed by cannolis for dessert.

Games played:

“Wits and Wagers” was introduced to us by DAVE (with Marta acting as a combination of Vanna White and the pit boss in charge of distributing chips to winners). The game itself was billed as “a combination of Trivia, ‘The Price is Right’, and Gambling.” We played two rounds, and afterward hearing the correct answers to the two obscure questions, we were much more knowledgeable about the history of cell phones and the average weight of some massive birds.

Ten Questions of Oceanside Trivia were moderated by MELISSA and KYLE. Some of them were multiple choice and others you just had to know the answers on your own!

And, as if there weren’t enough fun and games, at random points in the evening, President CHUCK (proudly wearing his red “Rotary Official” armband) would draw a raffle ticket for a variety of unusual Rotary items as prizes, including a kerchief and a pair of boxer shorts emblazoned with Rotary logos.



Now don’t you wish you had been there, if you missed this fun night??

## **BREAKING NEWS IN THE WORLD OF REAL ESTATE**

At Game Night, we also heard the good word that DALE and Nikki MAAS just closed escrow on their new house in Oceanside. This was greeted by cheers of congratulations. Joining the MAAS family in dipping their toes into the Oceanside housing market are LYN CORDER and her husband Albert who just recently opened escrow on a new home in Oceanside, too. Great news, friends!



## **ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT**

Two photos from ANCHISA and RON MARBEN as they begin their travels to Europe. The back story behind the first one: They had a 7 hour layover in Salt Lake City and went the Mormon Temple, where they ran into a Thai lady who just so happened to be from Anchisa's hometown in Thailand. In the next photo, they arrived in London and went through customs there. When asked if they had been to London before, Anchisa answered that she had been there bringing her Thai Rotary friends before. Well, it just so happened that the Agent was a Rotarian, too! Both he and Anchisa apologized for forgetting to wear their Rotary Pins!





BILL DERN seems eager to prove just how big of a Disney fan he and wife Kathy are, as he sent along a snapshot of the dinner that he popped for once again at the elegant and award-winning Napa Rose restaurant in the Disneyland Resort with his dental office staff while attending the California Dental Association convention in Anaheim.



If you were at the Fratelli's Game Night, you might have heard TOM BRAULT say as he bugged out early, "I'm taking off to Lake Tahoe." He and Linda are staying at their timeshare in Incline Village and on Sunday, he took advantage of the gorgeous weather to take a short hike on a section of the Tahoe Rim Trail near the Mt. Rose Summit. Starting his hike at 8911 feet and going up from there was, shall we say, "breathtaking", and so were many of the views of the mountains and the forests and the snow and the lake, as witnessed by these photos.





And to wrap up this week's "Out and About", we get some peeks at our world traveler JIM SCHRODER's latest journey abroad, along with the info that he attached to the photos:



Rotary Club Beograd-Dunav, Belgrade Serbia. Always thinking of Rotary while I travel the world.



Budapest, taken on the Buda side, looking at Pest in the background.



Made a new drinking friend in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria.



Cruising the Danube River in Budapest, Hungary is magical with the buildings lighted at night, though it was tough to get these pictures so clear from a moving boat at night. (Budapest castle at night)



Buildings along the Danube, Budapest, Hungary at night



Chain Bridge over Danube River, Budapest



Parliament Palace



**COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

May 25: Regular Meeting is DARK for Memorial Day

June 1: WHO AM I'S? (Learn more about some of our members)

Reporter: PAM MYERS

June 7: THURSDAY BEER NIGHT AT BAGBY'S

June 8: Regular Meeting is DARK

June 15: MASAYO HALPIN, Sex Trade Discussion – Part 2

Reporter: JANET BLEDSOE LACY

June 15: ROTARY NIGHT AT THE MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE

Preshow dinner as a group at Chin's Szechwan in Vista

“Mamma Mia!” on the Moonlight Stage

June 22: DEMOTION DINNER

Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

June 29: Regular Meeting is DARK