

*Special "Trivia Night" Edition  
August 19, 2020*

## **A TRIVIAL SOCIAL MEETING**

Our normal once-a-month evening social meeting took a decided turn to the "not-so-normal" this time around, as for the full hour and a half we were engaged in a fun, challenging, and competitive trivia contest. Right at the stroke of 5:30 pm, our Co-President DALE MAAS put on his "Game Show Host" hat and invited people to message or text each other to form teams for the evening, if they wished. People got more serious about this game when it was mentioned that the winners would be receiving "Fabulous prizes of unspeakable value" – *PLUS* – there would also be recognition and prizes for the costume contest that had been mentioned in our reminder email earlier. DALE admitted that, "I don't know what the prizes will be", but with this crowd, just the bragging rights of being named a "winner" is probably plenty of incentive.

## **VISITORS AND GUESTS**

As we gave some time for team alliances to be formed, we were also able to greet some guests who had joined in this evening Zoom session. BRIAN LONG was present and got drafted onto a team with DAN WILSON. BRETT MOREY from a La Jolla Rotary club also Zoomed in to be a "fly on the wall" to see how the Oceanside club has fun together. RUDY VAN HUNNICK was seen but was only erratically heard. (For some reason, his audio was popping in and out – flipping between *mute* and *unmute* – so that when he tried to speak, it sounded like he was stuck in a cell phone commercial: "Can you hear me now??") And, although they technically are not "guests", but members, we were pleased to see a few faces that we had not seen for quite some time: LESLY ADAMS as well as FRANK COXON and his wife MARY.

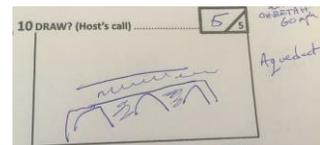
## THE RULES OF THE GAME... and then the Game

Our Host with the Most, DALE, described what would be coming up. The game would consist of six rounds of questions. (Each round would focus on a different theme.) Players had received scorecard forms in an earlier email for them to write their answers and track their scores. Each round was a mix of Short Answers / Fill in This List / Who Said this Quote? / Which decade did this happen (with bonus points for knowing the *exact* year / Guess the Number / and last, but not least, for a whopping 5 points, there was a blank box on the scorecard for players to Draw this Thing. We were assured that there were no point penalties for putting down a wrong answer. In fact, Host DALE let us know that we might even get bonus points for particularly entertaining, albeit incorrect guesses. As the game went on, DALE proved to be pretty “loosey goosey” about awarding points, giving partial credit here and there. (There even ended up being a few times when “squeaky wheels” ended up getting a little “grease” in the form of bonus points, too.)

Apparently, the questions all came from a board game called “Ultimate Pub Trivia.” This Pub connection explains why we were frequently encouraged to take a swig of an adult beverage as the evening and the game wore on. Nobody had to be “cut off” and/or escorted out of the game by our Designated Bouncer JIM SCHRODER, but at one point about 2/3 of the way through, Co-President MELISSA RODRIGUEZ appeared to be a wee bit tipsy and was asked, “How many adult beverages have you had, MELISSA???” She sheepishly admitted, “Only one!”, and then she giggled while her face drifted off the computer screen. (No word on whether she had fully fallen off her bar stool or if she was just shyly moving off camera to avoid the gaze of members judging her limited drinking capacity.)

### ROUND 1 – The theme was “Geek Chic”, and the questions focused on Science

There were a couple questions about weather, and a couple from biology and zoology. (Did you know that the bones of a gar fish are green? ... If so, you would earn 4 points!) Inquiring minds want to know if any of our players were able to come up with all four of the first four elements on the periodic table of elements. And the first opportunity for a humorous heckle came up when question 8 asked “Which decade was Krypton discovered?” leading to this tongue in cheek request for clarification: “Is this in reference to Superman??” And the drawing challenge ended up being fairly challenging indeed – How well can YOU scribble an image of an “aqueduct”? To be awarded the points for the drawing, you



had to hold up your drawing to be judged by Host DALE, and people actually did pretty well on their pictures!

In order to keep the suspense going (and, I suppose, to not potentially embarrass any low scorers in the crowd), we never were asked to announce our scores as we went along, although you could tell from players' facial reactions when the answers were revealed who seemed to be getting the questions right or wrong.

#### ROUND 2 – “Past, Present, and Future”, focused on History and Geography

The most entertaining questions of this rounds were numbers 2 and 6 ... Not that the questions themselves were any great shakes, but it was a hoot to hear Host DALE try to pronounce the words “sachertorte” and “Lake Tanganyika.” We do suspect that our veteran traveler JIM SCHRODER might have had an edge in this round, especially when the questions focused on countries and regions that we know for a fact that he has visited during his many journeys.

#### ROUND 3 – “Athletic Feats”, testing our knowledge of Sports trivia

Here our resident sailor RON MARBEN had inside knowledge on Question 5, which asked for the names of the two primary maneuvers on a sailboat (Tack and Jibe). Were you able to come up with four NFL teams named after birds??? TOM BRAULT was one who did, plus he was awarded bonus points in Question 1 for actually knowing the name of the man who started a fitness revolution by popularizing running and jogging (Jim Fixx), although TERRI HALL pleaded the case for her answer that fitness had been popularized by Jack LaLanne. (Her pleas, however, were not rewarded with points.) And I mean, really .... Who in the heck knows or cares about The Ashes? (A cricket competition between Australia and England.)

#### ROUND 4 – “Anything Goes” ... In the game Jeopardy, this category would have been “Potpourri”

Questions here ran the gamut from Economics to Geography to knowledge of such diverse individuals as Mahatma Gandhi and Madonna. There was a little heartache from some players about the wording of Question 2 – When they asked for the “largest wine producing country”, did that refer to the biggest geographical area, or to the volume of wine produced? Our Host was not pleased by this inquiry, nor was he pleased when we mercilessly teased him for his butchered pronunciation of “Le Ville Lumiere” – the French nickname for Paris as the “City of Lights.”

ROUND 5 – “We’re Booked”, having to do with Books and Literature, naturally

The quote in this round was from Oscar Wilde (“Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.” ... Words to live by.) The literary characters asked about included Merlin the Wizard, Huck Finn, and Nick Carraway (the narrator in *The Great Gatsby*). And a few members got to show off their encyclopedic knowledge of the *Harry Potter* series. But in this round, TOM BRAULT ended up disappointing Host DALE who was confident that our resident thespian TOM should be able to name four screenplays written by Arthur Miller. (*Sorry, DALE. I could only come up with three of them.*)

ROUND 6 – “Pop Culture”, which focused on Pop Culture

In this final round, when everyone was desperate to pad their point totals, you got rewarded if you knew lots about singers and actors and directors and TV and movies and if you could convincingly draw a movie camera. There was consensus agreement that the Quote in Question 7 was impressively deep and worth writing down and remembering. (“There is no end. There is no beginning. There is only the infinite passion of life.” – Federico Fellini) Go ahead. Recite this quote in a casual conversation sometime and then tell your gob smacked listeners that you learned it at a Rotary meeting!

With the questions all done and the answers all revealed, all that was left was for each participant to take off their shoes and socks so they could total up on their fingers and toes all of the points they had earned through the six rounds of play. DALE helpfully (??) hummed the “Jeopardy Theme” to count down the time remaining to come up with your grand total, and then he had everyone send in their cumulative scores to him through the Zoom Chat function. And then it was time for the big reveal of the winning teams and individuals. In Fifth Place: the “Cowfolks” TERRI and DAVE HALL, who were sporting flashy cowboy hats and vests as part of the costume contest. Fourth Place: LESLY ADAMS and (the no longer tipsy) MELISSA RODRIGUEZ. Third Place: TOM BRAULT – playing as a solo because, as he put it, “I don’t have any friends to make a team with.” Second Place: The MYERS family. And the Grand Winners in First Place: DAN WILSON and BRIAN LONG. Rounds of applause to one and all! And many thanks to DALE for leading the fun on this memorable evening!!

The Costume Contest ended up with Co-Winners: The Cowboy HALLs and the MYERS family, who had made an effort to dress up as well. And now we have to just wait and see what the “fabulous prizes of unspeakable value” end up being, although we were promised that it will NOT be BlackRock Investment mugs.

This game could not have been timed out more perfectly! DALE had promised that the meeting would run from 5:30 to 7 pm, and lo and behold, the game concluded at 7 pm on the dot. (BONUS POINTS to DALE for promptness!!)

We were prepared to extend for another 20 seconds in order to sing “Happy Birthday” to RUDY VAN HUNNICK, but he had signed off earlier, so we will just have to sing to him the next time we see him at our NEXT REGULAR ZOOM MEETING on Friday, August 28, with the gathering time of 12 noon for a 12:30 meeting start. We were also invited to Zoom in to the Board meeting on Friday the 21st.

As we prepared to say our goodbyes, BRIAN LONG was heard to mutter, “RENEE, you can withdraw my application to join this club ... You guys are TOO BRUTAL!” (Now how could he say that, given that he ended up winning the game???) And if you were seeing the flashing light show that was being displayed on the face of JAY CRAWFORD, somebody thought “I think he had a little too much sauce!” But JAY had a different explanation: “I have to go. The police are here!” (Flashing lights, but no sirens? Sounds suspicious to me!)

That last JAY joke seemed to be a perfect excuse to close the evening, and our Host DALE thanked everyone for joining in this “Nice little break from reality, to bring a little fun into our lives.”

SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING on August 28

### **DO YOU NEED TO CATCH UP ON HAPPY DOLLARS?**

Remember, we are all on the honors system for following through on our contributions to the Club and the Club Foundation and the R.I. Foundation. There are two ways to settle your accounts for fines and happy dollars. You can use the Venmo app on your smartphone. (Download the program wherever you get your apps. If you sign up to make your payments as a direct withdrawal from your banking account, there are no fees for this service.) Or you can send a check in through snail mail, addressed to our Treasurer LES NEWQUIST (7922 Capela Place, Carlsbad, CA 92009)

Either way, make sure that you include a note to specify to which account or fund LES should be directing your payment. That way we can be sure that your money goes where you want it.

## OUR BEACH CLEANUP SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE



On Saturday, August 15, a community-minded cadre of Rotarians and friends gathered together (*mostly* properly socially distanced) at Buccaneer Beach in Oceanside to volunteer part of their morning cleaning up trash. Here is the lot who were picking up the litter at the beach that day: ERNIE MASCITTI, BILL DERN,



ANITA ROMAINE, JAY CRAWFORD, JACQUELINE BROWNLEE, PAM MYERS and her granddaughter SAMANTHA, ANCHISA FARRANT, RON



MARBEN, and DAN WILSON, and it looks like they were able to fill up quite a few bags! This report on their activity comes to you from our Temp Sanitation Engineer in the Field, ANCHISA:

*“We arrived at the parking before 9 am to get bags and instructions from Jay and Anita, then starting to pick up the trash... The beach got quite well cleaned, then we headed back to the parking lot... Most of the trash we picked up were cigarettes bottoms, plastic bottles cap and an old mask!!!”*



This cleanup effort did not have to be at Buccaneer Beach, though. Members were also encouraged to put a trash bag to use at any public location of their choosing so we could spread the cleanup to multiple locations, while simultaneously automatically being physically distanced from each other while we volunteered around the community. TOM BRAULT, for one, did just this, starting his Saturday at his neighborhood park (Oak Riparian Park) where he filled a Hefty bag with litter as he walked the path along the stream. (As a side benefit, he picked up a perfectly good



Sonic the Hedgehog posable figurine which cleaned up quite nicely and is seen here guarding his laptop.) ... LYN CORDER also participated in the cleanup crew at a park near HER house. (No word on whether LYN found any “treasures” worth



keeping during her trash collection time.) ... And MELISSA RODRIGUEZ brought her sister along to volunteer in the cleanup project. In their case, they did their duty at a local (to them) park in Mission Viejo. So all told, Oceanside Rotarians and friends were spread far and wide for this service project – making a difference one cigarette butt at a time in parks spread far and wide. Thanks to all who participated!

## **RESULTS OF ANOTHER SERVICE PROJECT**

Remember our recent effort to assemble paracord bracelets? Well apparently, we did very well at this! Project Honcho JAY CRAWFORD received word from KELLY at Operation Gratitude that, amongst the various groups that participated, Oceanside Rotary came in Third Place in their bracelet challenge. She will be sending us a certificate of appreciation for this effort, and photos of the club's bracelet assembly volunteers will be posted on the Operation Gratitude web page. Congrats to all who participated!

## **RARK GOES ON ...**

Another newsletter, another report on our ongoing Random Acts of Rotary Kindness drive.



This time around, our Designated Delivery Dude BILL DERN brought some special items to his fellow RARK leader RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE which made her day! A chilled bottle of wine for her weekend and a selection of jars of jams. (Those are for the residents at her assisted living facility. Apparently, there is a shortage of orange marmalade and boysenberry jams and RENEE has been struggling to keep them in stock. Thanks for BILL, she now has a two-month stockpile. How sweet! .... Literally.)



And this past week, someone else stepped into the Delivery Dude's shoes as TOM BRAULT brought a ray of sunshine and a couple of boxes full of spaghetti with meatballs and salad from Nucci's Italian Café to FRANK and MARY COXON. Nucci's is their favorite restaurant and they were touched by this thoughtful gesture that they received from the Club. And having TOM drop by for a short visit during the delivery was an added blessing for them. FRANK really has missed seeing everyone at the meetings and keeps asking when we will be going back to the Country Club again. Thankfully, their son TOM was able to get FRANK and MARY online for our Trivia Social Evening meeting, and hopefully they will also be able to join us on Zoom for some of our future regular meetings, too! Good to see you, FRANK and MARY!



## **YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THIS ALREADY...**

So not only was our very own RENEE RICHARDSON WENDEE prominently featured in the August international Rotarian Magazine's article on ten Covid 19 essential worker members, but that article was linked and commented on in our District 5340 "Newsbits" email newsletter this week. (See it at: <https://rotary5340.org/stories/oceanside-rotarian-featured-in-the-rotarian-magazine/> )

Plus, the District folks added some extra, and very kind words about RENEE:

*"It's not often one gets recognized in an international magazine. But that is the case for Oceanside Rotary Club Rotarian, Reneé Richardson-Wendee ... Her story is amazing. Reneé is the epitome of all that Rotary stands for and we'd like to share her story with you. ..."*

*"Rotary District 5340 would like to thank Reneé for her dedication to putting others first. Especially during this pandemic time, her role as a facility administrator for an assisted living facility is critical to ensuring patient safety in a congregate living situation, many of which have been hit hard by the COVID-19 virus."*

## **YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THIS ALREADY, TOO...**

... but we wanted to make sure that this note was included in the Shorelines just in case the email sent out by RENEE before didn't reach everyone. ERYN MOORS, a clerk at JANET BLEDSOE LACY's law office, has been helping us with the formatting and publishing of the Shorelines for a while now, and she sent us this message of gratitude after she read about how Rotary is helping to make sure that students at our local schools have what they need to be able to get online for remote learning. It is nice to hear that what we do through Rotary is most definitely appreciated!

*"AND CAN I SAY...*

*As a mom of 3 amazing school age kids (senior, sophomore, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade), I found this issue of Shorelines a little emotional for me. I am overwhelmed with gratitude knowing that there are systems and organizations devoted to easing*

*the burden that families (and humans in general) are experiencing in these abnormal times. I am so thankful for Rotary and all that you stand for and the generosity that is so evident, month after month, as I format your newsletters. I just completed the registration process for my two high school daughters at El Camino and was overwhelmingly grateful that we were able to leave the campus with a school issued Chrome Book for my girls to use at home while we begin this new school year distance-learning style.*

*Very truly yours,*

*Eryn Moors, File Clerk*

*GREENMAN, LACY, KLEIN, HINDS, WEISER”*

### **COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY**

Friday, August 21 – Zoom Board meeting @ Noon  
All members are invited to participate

Friday, August 28 - Regular Zoom meeting  
MORGAN COOK, SD Union Tribune – “The Impact of Investigative Journalism and the Conviction of Congressman Duncan Hunter”

Friday, September 11 – Regular Zoom meeting

Wednesday, September 16 – Zoom Evening Social @ 5:30 pm

Friday, September 18 - Regular Zoom meeting

Friday, September 25 – TBD