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ROTARY CLUB OF OCEANSIDE
SHORELINES

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PRESIDENT
Chuck Ward

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A RATHER REVEALING OPENING:

Perhaps it was his days as an AM disc jockey playing disco in the 1970s (true story) that caused the misunderstanding, but when your reporter was assigned by our illustrious editor to cover the YMCA Rotary meeting, everyone needs to understand what followed was an honest mistake. After considering wearing either the Indian or Construction Worker outfit, your reporter instead chose the Biker's butt-less chaps and proceeded out to the Away Meeting to honor the Village People. ("It's fun to play at the Y..M..C..A!!")



Apparently, as I found out, the YMCA in Oceanside in 2017 is not populated by polyester leisure suits or flamboyant singers in costumes ...



The meeting was called to order with the sound of DAVE HALL's cell phone alarm taking the place of our normal bell. Unfortunately, DAVE was not very familiar with his alarm app and it took an insanely long time for him to silence the device! Finally, though, we could move on with the rest of the meeting.



Considering the rather revealing outfit, standing for the Pledge of Allegiance was probably not a good idea on your reporter's part. Fortunately, all eyes were on PRESIDENT CHUCK WARD, who apparently was also living in the 70s and doing his "Apocalypse Now" imitation, holding the American flag. (Judging by CHUCK's buckling knees, the flagpole must have been heavy.) Instead of assigning a specific person to lead the pledge, according to our leader's wishes, it commenced with all those in the audience who were wearing red shirts shouting out in unison, "Please honor our flag!"

SONG:



DAVE HALL, noting the 70s lovefest and rapidly deteriorating situation, brought us back to the moment by leading us in "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town." This was followed by "God Bless America."

On a serious note, PRESIDENT CHUCK returning from his recent time away from Rotary said it was good to be back at our club and made note of his concern for neighbors who lost their homes because of the fires over the past week. The recent fires and the threat to the city of Oceanside provided a heightened sense of insecurity when we did not know what was going to happen. (Your reporter's home was in the mandatory evacuation zone and, after staying up half the night, chose not to evacuate, as fortunately the winds died down). PRESIDENT CHUCK asked that we keep those people dealing with fires in Ventura and Los Angeles in our thoughts.

ROTARY MOMENT:

Surprise, MIKE WESELOH!!! You're on candid camera!!! Treating MIKE like his own Rex Tillerson (or perhaps Rodney Dangerfield) PRESIDENT CHUCK thought it would be amusing to ask MIKE (without advance warning and allegedly without intending to put him on the spot) to talk about his own personal Rotary moment, which PRESIDENT CHUCK explained as the moment when the lightbulb goes on and one has a sense of Rotary's importance to the community. Caught unaware, your reporter was pretty sure MIKE's lightbulb had come on and also had a pretty good idea of what his preferred response might have been. But the gracious side of our resident line judge prevailed, and, having experienced the pressure of having many college football coaches in his face, MIKE maintained his cool and talked about Rotary's commitment to polio. MIKE recalled a former Rotary club member who had dealt with polio in her family and who was able to attest first hand how important Rotary's commitment was to so many people. Your reporter learned how prepared football referees and judges are when MIKE threw a flag and gave PRESIDENT CHUCK 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct for blindsiding him with this our-of-the-blue request.



CLUB UPDATES:

* We will be DARK on both December 22 (being so close to Christmas) and December 29 (so we can get a head start on New Year's parties).

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS:



VIRGIL FLORES - soon to be a member



CHAD - YMCA staff



TIM - YMCA staff

PRESIDENT'S STUFF:

Gleefully, VICKIE PROSSER restated the obvious, that PRESIDENT CHUCK had no gavel, no bell, and no agenda. On the good side, the Christmas party at night would feature DAVE HALL, who plays a mean piano.

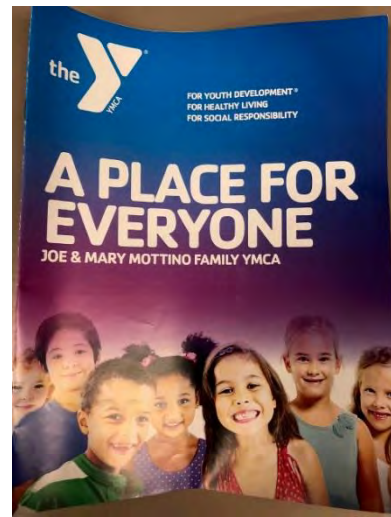
TERRI HALL reported that the 4-Way Test essay contest which was originally on our calendar for this day had to be postponed until January because of the fires. School cancellations had affected student preparation for this presentation.

PROGRAM:



STEPHANIE YOO
Executive Director of
The Joe and Mary
Mottino Family YMCA

The Joe and Mary Mottino Family YMCA, often just called the Mottino Family YMCA, proudly serves families in beautiful Oceanside and the surrounding



area. Dedicated to empowering people to be healthier in spirit, mind and body, the Y believes a strong community can only be achieved when we invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors. As a leading nonprofit organization, the Y offers programs that foster youth development, promote healthy living and advance social responsibility.

The Y offers a safe, nurturing and supportive environment for people from all backgrounds and walks of life to come together to bring about meaningful change not just within themselves, but in their community, too. With 17 locations across San Diego County, the YMCA builds stronger communities by connecting families and neighbors in a place where they can learn, grow and thrive together.

STEPHANIE and her staff updated us on plans for our local Y.



STEPHANIE has work for the YMCA organization for 25 years, even though her original intent was to be a teacher. She has been in Oceanside for two years and noted that the current Oceanside Y facility is 16 years old and in need of improvement. STEPHANIE was working on a capital improvement plan to provide new funding for the facility upgrades.

The Mottino Y has 2500 member units serving 6000 people. In addition to exercise facilities, the popular swimming pool received \$120,000 in improvements this year. One of the more unusual and well-appreciated services is two hours of childcare onsite without charge while any member works out.

In the future, STEPHANIE feels that the Y needs to tell its story better. For example, in 2015-16, the Y gave away \$97,000 more in scholarship money. There are many people on some sort of public aid and/or in need in North County that could benefit from membership in the Y. If there is a financial barrier to coming up with the signup fee and monthly dues, the Y is open to discussing options with the prospective member, which could include a scholarship covering some of the costs. It is the goal of the Y to get people healthy and keep their children engaged.



Camp director TIM then spoke and noted that the Y camp provides resources when schools are shut down, for example during summer or Christmas vacation. The goal of the camps for children is to work on their life skills, including respect, friendship and responsibility.



TIM relayed a touching story this past summer of a father who brought his disabled daughter to the Y. She suffered cerebral palsy with associated seizures, ataxia and a learning disability. As the Y does not turn anyone away, they hired an aide from the Oceanside School District to assist.

The first day the father dropped his daughter off, the aide asked the father about seizure activity and he reported none in two days, which left staff nervous. However, the child did not suffer a single seizure during her time at the Y this summer. Following camp, TIM received an email from the father expressing

his gratitude for what the Y provided. The father noted that camp gave his daughter the freedom and independence that she otherwise did not have. It gave her a chance to be a normal child as usually it was very hard for her to be mainstreamed and feel safe. The father said to thank anyone from the bottom of his heart who donates to the Y.



Staff member CHAD said it is hard to share the impact of the Y without sharing stories. How does one measure the impact the Y can have on the 20% of their members who are in the military whose children are frequently moving from city to city and now can have a chance for social time? On top of the Y camp programs, childcare is provided for 250 families, aquatics provide 750 lessons a year for free, and the Y will watch up to 250 children a day for the two hour drop off. There are afterschool programs for schools that have higher than 50% free lunches. 600 people work out daily, and the Y has a large youth swim team with 38 children. On the other end of the age

spectrum, classes are provided for 150 seniors per day. The Y is launching new programs for healthy lifestyle for senior lunches, and Monday enrichment programs when schools have half days. Bilingual swim lessons for adults and children are also provided.



Stephanie concluded that there is a desire to expand the board from 20 to 25 members, and anyone interested should contact the Y.

WRAPPING UP THE MEETING????



PRESIDENT CHUCK, assuming that he was fully in charge with RENEE not present, proposed that we adjourn the meeting early and we would all be back next year. However, the spirit of RENEE's adherence to regular order kept PRESIDENT CHUCK in line and the immaculate suggestion came down from the heavens and ordained that we might want to do happy dollars. Oops, CHUCK's bad... Good thing happy dollars was remembered, as the club was very happy today.

HAPPY DOLLARS:



TOM BRAULT \$25 happy and sad. TOM was sad to miss the Rotary Christmas party, but happy for the reason that he did, which is he would be at the opening night of the holiday show that he is performing in. ("Miracle on 34th Street" at the Brooks Theater in downtown Oceanside thru December 23). TOM passed around a picture of him dressed for his role, and he did indeed look like a Santa Claus out of the 1940s.



VICKIE PROSSER \$5 just came back from Boise, Idaho where the high was 31°. She saw her grandchildren and when she left the temperature was 21°. Arriving in Oceanside it was 80°. (Yeah, I'll bet she was happy about that temperature difference!)



ERNIE MASCITTI had \$20 for missing the last meeting



BOB PICKREL \$20 happy for missing the last meeting to be with his family – a real blessing because it has been a rather rare occasion lately to have them all together.



DAVID SHORE \$20, also for missing some meetings.



DAVID NYDEGGER \$5 sad that Navy lost to Army in last week's Armed Services football game. DAVID was sure the loss was because Army cheated and wore white uniforms and therefore their players were practically invisible in the snow, while Navy stood out on the field wearing their neon blue.



MIKE WESELOH did not have much sympathy for the plight of Navy, instead looking at DAVID's story from the referee's perspective. He has been there and done that, and he grumbled, "You try counting to 11 players in a snowstorm!" MIKE told us that he will spend Christmas morning with the grandchildren and then fly to New York to spend Christmas evening in the Big Apple. On December 27th, MIKE will be a line judge at the Pinstripe Bowl featuring Iowa versus Boston College. Congrats on such a great assignment, MIKE!



JAY CRAWFORD \$2 happy his son is retiring at 55 and will be coming out for two weeks to visit. Then they will all be flying to Texas after that.

CHUCK WARD \$50 happy. He was not at the second to last meeting because he was preparing to walk his oldest daughter TESS down the aisle at her wedding, which went off perfectly.



Summoning his inner child, PRESIDENT CHUCK bounded over to the collection of “Toys for CHUCK” ... uhhh, “Toys for Tots” ... grabbing and displaying each toy ostensibly to thank the club for its generosity to the cause. However, it was obvious to your reporter this was actually an excuse for our president to play with toys that he had difficulty resisting the entire meeting. He was especially tickled by the purple alien looking toy which would look like it was ready to chomp its teeth whenever you pressed on its brain. COOL TOY!! Now it was clear why CHUCK had wanted to skip happy dollars and end the meeting early! ... More Play Time!!



After our official adjournment, some members moseyed around the campus for a bit, checking out the facilities and being impressed all the more with all of the fine services and classes offered by our local YMCA! Many thanks to STEPHANIE for hosting us at her facility!





REMEMBER: WE ARE DARK FOR THE NEXT TWO FRIDAYS.
Here's wishing you and yours a very happy holiday season. We will see you on January 5th!

ROTARIANS OUT AND ABOUT

The first photo here comes from VICKIE PROSSER's trip to Boise (as mentioned in her Happy Dollars). You can see VICKIE, her son JEFF and grandkids HUDSON and AVA getting in the holiday spirit at the Idaho state capitol.



And then, we could not leave you without some pictures of our members getting into the holiday spirit at the club's Christmas party at the HALL home. Once again, the decorations were divine, the food was festive, the sweaters and Santa hats were suitably Christmas-y – All in all, another wonderful evening to ring in the season! Thanks to our gracious and generous hosts for opening their home and their hearts to us for the holiday celebration!







 Happy
Holidays


COMING SOON TO OCEANSIDE ROTARY

December 22 & 29 – DARK for Christmas and New Year

January 5 – CLUB ASSEMBLY

Reporter: LOLA SHERMAN

January 12 – Regular meeting, Speaker TBA

Reporter: SUSAN BROWN

Wednesday, January 17 – Host Hospitality Night dinner for the incoming District Governor in Thailand. Details to come.

January 19 – Regular meeting, Speaker TBA

Reporter: BILL DERN

January 26 – Regular meeting, Speaker TBA

Reporter: DAVE SHORE