



# *Pacific Breezes*

*Rotary Club of Mission Bay*

Meets Monday Noon at the Catamaran Hotel

**Summary of Meeting January 23, 2012**



**Our Presiding Officer today was President Elect Jerry Hall.** After the opening, Susan Thorning introduced our guests. Visiting Rotarians included Larry Eberlein from Edmonton Canada and Dean Dickinson from La Crosse WI. Larry had his wife Ellen as his guest. Byron Webb's had his wife, Alma, as his guest. Visitors as potential members were Curt Swan, Gus Goldau and Keith Antigiovanni. These were guests of Jerry Hall. Our Speaker today was Sherri Lightner, District 1 Councilperson, City of San Diego, and her assistant, Jennifer Davis.

Jerry reported briefly on the Board of Directors Meeting and his Pre Pets training session. Jerry is working to establish goals for next year.

**Sherri Lightner** presented a San Diego City-Year End Overview.. She is a licensed Mechanical Engineer and worked many years for General Dynamics. She is the City Councilperson for the 1<sup>st</sup> district which includes La Jolla. She first talked about the city budget problems. She indicated that the deficit was less than expected and mainly because of the action taken by the Mayor and City Council these past few years. She pointed out that the City has been diligently working on repairing City Streets. There has been a special "pot hole" repair project. She described a new committee, "Economic Development and Strategy". This would look forward 10 to 20 years. Budget problems were caused by short sighted previous City Councils. Much has been done to alleviate these, but still much needs to be done. Our Economy is improving. The expected shortfall for next year is \$12million, less than previously expected. Questions were asked about redevelopment, Chargers Stadium and redistricting.

**Happy/Sad\$\$** were contributed by Larry Eberlein. Larry pointed out that our club has been in existence 57 years this week. He also told us that he and Ellen had been married 57 years today. Congratulations, Larry and Ellen. Other contributions were from George, Dean Dickinson, Alan, and Susan.

**Raffle of \$10** was won by Byron Webb, but he did not draw the green marble.

### **Announcements:**

Susan and Alan reported on the International Conference of District Governors

Feb 3 & 4 - Thousand Smiles in Ensenada

Feb 13.- Valentine's Day Party in the evening

Dictionaries- Jim Willis read a letter from the principal at Toler Elementary thanking our club for the Dictionaries.

**Next Week:** Vickie Church- San Diego Library Services

