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"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn." Alvin Toffler

Program: April 12th

Opening Doors to our History/Culture

Elena Brokaw, Executive Director

Ventura County Museum



Program: April 5th

Otto Stoll Award and Story Book Project



PART ONE: Carol Schreiber spoke about the amazing person and member Otto Stoll was and the work he did for the community, our club, and his passion, Many Mansions. Otto died in May 1998, after a long battle with heart disease that ultimately led to 3 heart transplants. Sadly, Otto passed away before the first Duck Race at Westlake Lake, but this was his event benefitting Many Mansions, and continues to be held each year.

This year's recipient of the Otto Stoll Award is presented to **Larry Baker**. Larry, Executive Treasurer of our Club, has been a member for 20 years. He was a banker and accountant, and has worked tirelessly on the Street Fair each year, handling all vendor applications and assignments. He is quiet, humble and hard-working. Larry has been a Boy Scout Leader for many years, with Troop 787 being in existence for 14 years. It started with 12 boys, and has had 178 total Scouts. There are 51 Eagle Scouts in his troop. 2 boys, brothers, have earned 135 badges, all Boy Scouts has to offer, and one of the boys has been accepted into the Air Force Academy, based on his history in Boy Scouts. Larry said that Boy Scouts is the number one youth program in the world. He graciously and humbly accepted the Otto Stoll Award, with his wife, Skogi by his side. Congratulations **Larry**!



PART TWO: Joani Pappas and Trevor Tyloch described the impact the Storybook Project has had, not only on the inmates at Todd Road Jail, but on the Rotarians who have participated in this important project. Joani acknowledged Vicki Arndt for bringing this project to fruition. Joani and Trevor went over the process of selecting appropriate books, and how our members assist 10 men and 10 women inmates record audio books.

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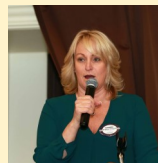
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Thousand Oaks Rotary Minutes of Meeting April 5, 2018



President **Tim Weaver** introduced **Barb Cornwall** for the Inspirational Moment: **Barb** said that inspiration is all around. She recognized the Chairs of our club's special events, stating that they give up their lives for a couple of



months before the events in preparation for these events such as the Street Fair, Chili Cook-off and Wine Festival. She acknowledged **Marissa Buss** for the fine job she is doing for the Chili Cook-off and knows first-hand



how much these people do out of the goodness of their hearts. She also said she is constantly inspired by **Russ**, the love of her life, the legend, the light, the man. After the pledge to the flag **Joani Pappas** led us in *God Bless America*.

President-Elect Karen Furnari introduced guests.

Birthdays

Mar 25 Torres, Jesus
Mar 26 Moors, Don
Mar 28 Magasinn, Michael
Apr 03 Pappas, Joani
Apr 04 Schreiber, Carol
Apr 10 Roche, Hugo
Apr 13 Kourounis, Tony
Apr 15 Harrison, Eric
Apr 18 Stone, Ronnie
Apr 21 McNamee, Kevin
Apr 22 Nash, Michelle
Apr 27 Weaver, Timothy
Apr 30 Selvin, Harry

Anniversaries

Mar 28 Engler, Susie & Bob
Apr 04 Furnari, Karen & Stephen
Apr 06 Biery, Bob & Patricia
Apr 21 Curran-Klein, Lois & David Klein
Apr 25 Lamia, Chris & Rhonda
Apr 28 Boggs, Steve & Janice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marissa Buss announced that **Neil Scribner** will have posters for the Chili Cook-off next week to be distributed to businesses and venues around the community by members who cannot work on the day of the Chili Cook-off. The posters are very important as banners are very limited around the city due to City restrictions. Social media is an important source of publicity, and **Marc Feigen** is working on marketing through press releases and other publicity. Attendance was down last year, due to people just not knowing about the event. **Marissa** also asked if members would consider sponsoring lawn games for the event, by donating \$100.

President Tim acknowledged Past Presidents in the Club by having them stand, thanking them for all of their contributions to the Club, and to Rotary.

Ernie Sandlin announced that we will have an off-site meeting in two weeks, at University Village. Our meeting will be structured like our regular meetings. It will be held in Catalina Hall. Valet parking will be provided, but car-pooling is recommended. The program will be *Continuing Care for Retirement Needs*. Tours will be available after the meeting for anyone interested.

Barb Cornwall announced the Group 4 Community Project to be held on April 28th at 8:30 am at Golden Heart Ranch in Agoura Hills. Golden Heart Ranch provides young adults with intellectual and development disabilities opportunities to reach their fullest potentials.

Paul Dryman reminded members about the Rotary Social to be held Friday, April 6, at Sunland Vineyards.

President Weaver congratulated **Adam Antoniskis** for being voted as the Under 40 Honoree of the Year by the Conejo Chamber. He noted that **Natalie Yanez** has resigned from the Club as she and her family are moving.



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Todd Road Jail plans for this visit down to the last detail, cancelling other programs and classes for the day so that as many staff as are needed are available to assure our safety. The inmates are selected based on their best behavior, and involvement in other programs. Many of the inmates get quite emotional as they are recording books for their children, and for some it has changed their lives. Pete Turpel edits the recordings, and the books and recordings are sent to the children of the inmates, ages 2-8. For some, this is the only time these children would have ever heard their parent's voice reading them a story.

Maria Prescott offered her testimonial regarding her experiences with the Storybook Project. She said that she had received backpacks for the backpack project sewn by inmates at Todd Road Jail. She had been trying to communicate with inmates involved in the sewing class, but had not been able to up until the last time she volunteered for the Storybook Project. Coincidentally, the male inmate she helped record his book, turned out to also be in the sewing class. She said how wonderful it is that he is now



able to give back to the community, helping under-privileged children.

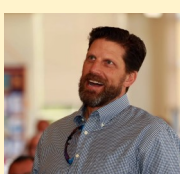


Nate Harimoto also spoke about the impact participating in the project has had on him. He hesitates to sign up every time, since he wants to give others the opportunity to experience the Storybook Project for themselves. He said, "Don't miss it if you haven't gone".

Judy Lazar said she was selling beer booth tickets at the Chili Cookoff and a gentleman bought several tickets. He asked if Rotary put on the event, and when she responded yes, he said that 4 years ago he was fortunate enough to have been one of the inmates who was permitted to participate in the Storybook Project. It made such an impact on him, he vowed never to go back to jail. He just kept repeating "Thank you, thank you."

FINE SESSION

Jonathan Handler was Fine Master, using Snopestrivia. He called it a fine session you would learn little from. \$50.00 if you were incorrect, \$35 if you were correct. Those fined were **Sue Engler, Robert Bianchi, Vicki Arndt, Toni Guevara, Jim Friedl, Paul Dryman, Joani Pappas, and Dave Friedl**



PERFECT ATTENDANCE PINS

President Tim presented Perfect Attendance pins to the following Rotarians: **Tanya Caligiuri**, 9 years perfect attendance, 9 years Rotary; **Felix Wang**, 9 years perfect attendance, 10 years Rotary; **Dave Friedl**, 8 years perfect attendance, 11 years Rotary; **Denis Wilson**, 11 years perfect attendance, 15 years Rotary; **Patricia Jones**, 4 years perfect attendance, 18 years Rotary



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HAPPY \$\$\$\$\$

Jonathan Handler carried the cup.

Russ Cornwall told everyone that Responsible Beverage Training will be held on Thursday, May 3rd for anyone serving alcohol at the Chili Cookoff who hasn't been certified within the last 2 years.

Richard Williams said he won a tour of Sony Pictures Studio in a silent auction. Fascinating tour that included taping of 2 Jeopardy shows, which will be aired July 26th and 27th. Spoiler alert, the winning answer on July 27th, is Battle of Lexington.

K.T. Connor commended the many Past Presidents of the club and noted that we had Past Presidents of other clubs as well, including **Bob Biery, Robert Bianchi, Jere Robings** and **Matt Lallo**.

Steve Pederson 's son and **Judy Lazar**'s son, will be playing Fantasy Baseball on Saturday, and the Angels have Ohtani is the first player to also be a pitcher and a hitter. Roger Lazar would have played, but is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Robert Bianchi thanked Joani Pappas for all she has done for the Storybook Project. It is because of this project, that his wife is now providing dental services for inmates at Todd Road Jail.

Felix Masci said you know you're getting old when your oldest son is turning 60.

Judy Lazar announced Villanova as the best basketball team, ever Roger had graduated from there.



April 2018: Maternal and Child Health Month





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PAST PRESIDENTS — Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks

58-59 DONN ODELL	88-89 KENNETH ROBERTS
59-60 JOHN HEYWOOD	89-90 JEFF BORENSTEIN
60-61 MARV BURROW	90-91 DENNIS GILLETTE
61-62 ROSS DUSKIN	91-92 MERV KOPP
62-63 ROY McCOMBER	92-93 TOM GLANCY
63-64 PAUL PACE	93-94 HUGO ROCHE
64-65 JOHN CONLAN	94-95 BRIAN BACK
65-66 CARLOS SCURIA	95-96 TONY KOUROUNIS
66-67 MERRILL DARLING	96-97 JACK CAINE
67-68 PHIL OZAB	97-98 DICK WIELER
68-69 WILLIAM VANDERZWANN	98-99 JUDY ST. JOHN
69-70 ALVIN J. HOTZ, JR.	99-20 MIKE GONZALES
70-71 BEN CRANMER, JR.	20-01 NEAL SCRIBNER
71-72 GLENN GOODWIN	01-02 BOB BIERY
72-73 GEORGE VASLIEFF	02-03 HARRY SELVIN
73-74 HENRY STILL	03-04 RICK LEMMO
74-75 JOHN TUEL	04-05 DOUG TAPKING
75-76 KENNETH HANSON	05-06 KATHY HILL
76-77 DAVID HUANG	06-07 PETE TURPEL
77-78 WILLIAM HAAS	07-08 VICKI ARNDT
78-79 FELIX MASCI	08-09 MARTIN ANDERSON
79-80 HARLAND JONES	09-10 KEITH PARKS
80-81 DAVE WENDER	10-11 FRANK CORRIGAN
81-82 GEORGE GIBB	11-12 RICHARD WILLIAMS
82-83 NORMAN NAGEL	12-13 SUSAN MURATA
83-84 BILL PETERSON	13-14 CAROL FREEMAN
84-85 MIKE O'BEIRNE	14-15 NATE HARIMOTO
85-86 MARV SOSNA	15-16 MIKE MURPHY
86-87 FRED FERRARINI	16-17 ROBERT BIANCHI
87-88 DOC NEEDHAM	

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