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## April: Maternal and Child Health Month



**Program: April 18th**

**Celebration of RYLA**

**Darin Arrasmith**

**Program: April 11th**

**4-Way Test**

**Essay Contest**



**Joani Pappas** introduced the program and asked Trevor Tyloch to introduce the administrators and teachers from the two schools represented: Thousand Oaks High School and La Reina. Then the committee members each introduced a student finalist. **Eric Harrison** introduced Sierra Kettenburg, **Paul Dryman** introduced Kylei Cardenas, **Nancy Wohl** introduced Annabelle Shepherd, and **David Harris** introduced Luke Wachsmith, all from TO High. **Trevor** introduced Caitlin Berrol from La Reina.

Students in several schools had been invited to write an essay reflecting the importance of the 4-Way test. They were asked to take an incident from their own experience and apply each of the questions: "Is it the truth," "Is it fair to all concerned," "Does it build good will and better friendship," and "Is it beneficial to all concerned."

The students were not informed of their final placement but were called up, the fifth place person first, and read their essays and received a check of at least \$100 for their work.

Caitlin presented the first place essay about helping soothe a young student she noticed being emotionally disturbed over her homework in the library. She applied the 4-Way test beautifully.





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## Thousand Oaks Rotary Meeting

### April 11, 2019



**President Karen Furnari** introduced **Felix Wang** for the Moment of Inspiration. **Felix** spoke of his first day of RYLA and



the impact it had on him. He spoke of how inspiring it is now to deal with the youth and their hope-filled role in our future society.



**Chris Steele** led in singing *My Country 'Tis of Thee*. **Ernie Sandler** introduced Visiting Rotarian **Evie Greene** from



Westlake Sunrise and her husband, and **Lois Curran-Klein's** husband David.

## BIRTHDAYS

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 22 Nash, Michelle  
Apr 27 Weaver, Timothy  
Apr 30 Selvin, Harry



## ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 04 Furnari, Karen & Steve  
Apr 06 Biery, Bob & Patty  
Apr 12 Cousin, Heather & David  
Apr 21 Curran-Klein, Lois & David  
Apr 25 Lamia, Chris & Rhonda  
Apr 28 Boggs, Steve & Janice

## ANNOUNCEMENT



**President Karen** thanked **Jim Friedl** for coordinating the Rotary Work Day at the Yarrow YMCA and "forcing everyone on a death march to rake leaves." **Karen** spoke of the steep trails they walked and upgraded. She praised **Jim** as a highly potential sales person, thanks to his ability to convince the crew that the job would be easy.



**Felix Wang** congratulated **Michele Nash** for winning the NCAA Tournament pool.

**Vicki Arndt** reminded those who pledged \$600 for the India Maternal and Child Health project to pay soon.



**Marissa Buss** reminded all of the Chili CookOff on May 5th.

If not attending, we should contact **John Bradley** and also supply someone else to take our place, since the work is extensive. She stressed that the funds raised will be a big help for local charities.



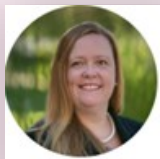




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**Program: April 25, 2019**  
**Center for Non-Profit Leadership**  
**Dena Jensen**



**Happy \$\$\$\$**

**Jim Friedl** carried the cup.



**Susan Murata** ditto'd what **Karen Furnari** said about **Jim Friedl** and the Community Service Work Day. She said he said "if you can rake leaves then you will be fine for this job." We had to make a DEATH MARCH up a canyon, carrying heaving picks and rakes, then had to cut a trail into the side of the mountain. However, it was incredibly beautiful in the canyon, especially the wild flowers. So all in all, it was totally worth it.

**Martin Andersen** mirrored **Karen** and **Susan** by kidding **Jim** about the amazing challenging workday.

**Don Moors** thanked **Hugo Roche** for auctioning off the Shen Yun tickets for Rotary. It was an amazing show.

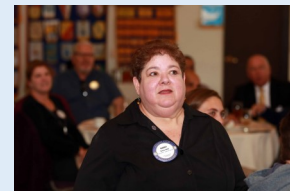
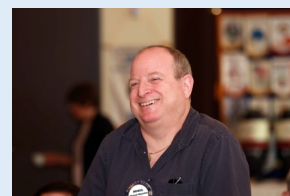
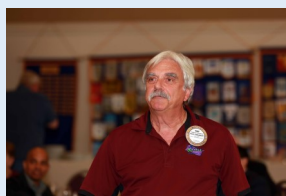
**Ken Kossoff** shared that Lunch with the program Judge would not be active this year.



## FINE SESSION



**Jonathan Handler** was Fine Master. Those fined include **Pat McCoy**, **Don Moors**, **Tony Kourounis**, **Mike Magasinn**, **Paul Dryman**, **Trevor Tyloch**, **David Harris**, and **Nancy Wohl**.







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## HAVE YOU READ HIS LETTER ABOUT TRANSFORMATIONAL SERVICE?



Every two minutes, somewhere in the world, a woman dies from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. And babies whose mothers die within the first six weeks of their lives are far more likely to die themselves than babies whose mothers survive. As I've traveled around the world as president of Rotary, I've met families for whom these aren't simply tragic statistics. But I've also met people who are devoting themselves to helping mothers and children — and because of them, I'm hopeful. And because many of those people are Rotarians, I'm also proud. April is Maternal and Child Health Month in Rotary, so it's a perfect time to tell you about some things Rotarians are doing that will make you proud too.

Last fall, I paid a visit to a hospital in the town of Jekabpils, in Latvia. It's a modern hospital, and the doctors and nurses there are caring, dedicated, and skilled. But despite all their hard work, the maternal mortality rate at the hospital had remained stubbornly high, due to a factor that was beyond their control: a lack of vital diagnostic equipment and even basic items like incubators.

And that's where Rotary came in. Twenty-one clubs from around the world joined forces for a global grant that provided what the hospital required. And in September, when I walked into the maternity ward there, I saw state-of-the-art equipment, and I met patients who were getting the care that they needed — and that every mother and child in the world deserves to have.

In Brazil, club members worked with fellow Rotarians in Japan on a global grant project that dramatically increased the capacity of an overstretched neonatal intensive care unit. New incubators, monitors, and other equipment have enabled the local hospital to save many more babies' lives each year.

And in Mongolia, a vocational training team from New Zealand organized instruction in emergency response techniques for doctors and midwives, set up a program that taught midwives modern best practices, and researched and wrote a culturally relevant childbirth education manual. Between 2013, when the team first went to Mongolia, and 2017, the neonatal mortality rate in the country fell from 11.2 to 9.1 per 1,000 births, and the maternal mortality rate has decreased as well.

That's what I mean when I talk about transformational service, and it's what Rotarians do best. Because of our networks, which span the globe; our community presence, which allows us to see what's most needed; and our expertise, which encompasses countless skills and professions, we're able to serve in a manner that has no equal. And we're able to *Be the Inspiration* as we help those who need us most.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Rassin".

**BARRY RASSIN**

*President, Rotary International*





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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 NEIL 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	17-18 TIM WEAVER

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