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"Inspire others with your story."

Program: April 20

Legalized Recreational Marijuana—What to Expect

TIM HAGEL , Chief of Police

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Program: April 13th

Otto Stoll Award

Carol Schreiber and Jill Lederer



Carol Schreiber and **Jill Lederer** explained both the meaning of the Otto Stoll Award and how it got its name. They spoke of how generous Otto was to the community as a member of our club and a resident of Thousand Oaks. Even though he had 3 heart transplants, he had perfect attendance and attended all the major club events.

Otto Stoll's wife, Jane, was a key factor as well, and was known and loved by the club members. As she and her son David joined the group for this meeting they were celebrated and warmly welcomed.



The honoree this year for the Otto Stoll Award was **Diego Vasquez**, of the Conejo Valley Club. 33 years a Rotarian, he moved from Latin America and became a productive contributor not only to our area but to the wider world. In addition to taking loving care of this wife who suffered from Alzheimer's, he hosted 30 exchange students from other countries and wrote almost 40 matching grant proposals. He founded a very successful wheelchair program through which over 7,400 wheelchairs have been distributed to needy people.

Diego's motto in life was, "Let's enjoy helping others!"



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Thousand Oaks Rotary

Minutes of Meeting

April 13, 2017



Teresa Seeley shared an Inspirational Moment and led us in the Pledge to the Flag. **Tony Kourounis** directed our singing of God Bless America. **President Robert Bianchi** then had **President-Elect Tim Weaver** introduced guests.



Visiting Rotarians from the Conejo Valley club included Rudy Guevara, Harrison Reed, Claudine Schooley, Tim Velasquez, and Derrick Isa. Judy Watson was from the Ventura club.



Special guests of honoree Diego included Rosacruz Falla, David Betanor, Catherine Velasquez, and Negin Mohammedzede. **Tim** introduced **Carol Freeman's** guest, Rick Tanaka, and **Jesus Torres' guest**, Mark Mechtadert.

BIRTHDAYS

Apr 03 Pappas, Joani
Apr 04 Schreiber, Carol
Apr 10 Roche, Hugo
Apr 13 Kourounis, Tony
Apr 15 Harrison, Eric
Apr 21 McNamee, Kevin
Apr 22 Nash, Michelle
Apr 26 Spoto, Russ
Apr 27 Weaver, Timothy
Apr 30 Selvin, Harry



ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 04 Furnari, Karen & Stephen
Apr 06 Biery, Bob & Patricia
Apr 21 Curran-Klein, Lois & David Klein
Apr 24 Arbuckle, Eric & Tiffany
Apr 25 Lamia, Chris & Rhonda
Apr 28 Boggs, Steve & Janice

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Aaron Spector traded in his Red Badge for a Blue Badge and was congratulated by **President Robert** on behalf of the club.

Vicki Arndt mentioned that 10 club members donated \$1,000 apiece or \$10,000 in honor of Ed Hager and his generosity to The Rotary Foundation. A sheet was on each table in case others wanted to donate. Vicki spoke of the Polio Eradication program and reminded us that while we started in 1985 with 350,000 cases a year, last year we were down to 37 cases and so far this year we are down to 7 cases.

Jennifer Strong asked for more volunteers for the Chili Cook-Off, encouraging members to bring family and friends along to help. She said in particular Ernie Sandlin needs help with parking.

Ken Warner reminded us of the **Blood Drive on May 4th**. You may sign up by clicking here: Click here to [BOOK APPOINTMENT](https://www.bloodhero.com/index.cfm?group=op&step=2&opid=716509&opidh=85B3AC8A07CB0140A46E25FE9C02BBB9&idt=42830.5325). <https://www.bloodhero.com/index.cfm?group=op&step=2&opid=716509&opidh=85B3AC8A07CB0140A46E25FE9C02BBB9&idt=42830.5325>

Steve Stanley announced that we were now accepting nominations for the award for community service.



Happy \$\$\$\$\$\$

Ken Warner carried the cup.

Jennifer Schwabauer was happy that she would be seeing her daughter next week.

Jim Friedl thanked the club for their support for an important CRPD project. The CRPD Board approved the final phase of "Rotary Dreamcatcher Playground" and because of the generosity of Rotarians they are going to finish the playground and also do some improvements inside the Old Meadows Community Center.

Vicki Arndt followed up and let the club know that the club is in the process of completing a District Grant in the amount of \$15,000 (half contributed by our club and half by the District) to remodel the kitchen at Old Meadows. This project provides an opportunity for special needs kids to learn independent living skills. This project will culminate in a dinner for Rotarians to thank them for their gift.

Vicki also said she is now building her house along the river in Montana. It's very exciting.

Tanya Caligiuri announced that the Westlake Village Garden Club is having its annual fundraiser, a tour of four beautiful gardens, on Sunday, April 23.

Paul Dryman gave a Happy Dollar to wish everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover. He offered my box of Matzo to anyone that wishes to take part and for the dentists in the crowd it is good for filling cavities!!

Tony Kourounis was happy to celebrate my birthday with my Rotary family and I told the story about the seniors in Chicago that were alive during the Civil War. One attributed his longevity to the fact that he never smoked-drank--or womanized-----until he was 8!!

Neal Scribner asked Rotarians to distribute posters for the Chili Cook-Off.



FINE SESSION

Dave Friedl went shopping at a farmers market and brought strange vegetables for members to identify. Those fined were **Mike Murphy**, **Vicki Arndt**, **Cristal Doyle**, **Harry Selvin**, and **Martin Anderson**.



Program: April 27th

Chili Cook-Off



Register here!



It is our intent to tackle the root causes of violence, facilitate trainings and dialogues, promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, promote access to justice for all and effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. Leveraging the connections and expertise of Rotarians to bring groups of people together to work on issues of peace and conflict is key.

If you desire to have a voice in Rotarian action for peace and making a bigger difference in the world, this is your opportunity. Our **Rotarian Virtual Peace Conference April 21 – 23, 2017**, is now online and available for registrations. You can read the conference overview and register at <https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/rotarian-virtual-peace-gathering-bridges-peace-2017>.



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LEFT A health worker coordinates the distribution of polio vaccine at a camp in northern Nigeria for people displaced by Boko Haram. Find out how we're making sure we catch every case of polio on page 44. (Photography by Andrew Esiebo)



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PAST PRESIDENTS

ROTARY CLUB OF THOUSAND OAKS

59-60 JOHN HEYWOOD	88-89 KENNETH ROBERTS
60-61 MARV BURROW	89-90 JEFF BORENSTEIN
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75-76 KENNETH HANSON	04-05 DOUG TAPKING
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78-79 FELIX MASCI	07-08 VICKI ARNDT
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81-82 GEORGE GIBB	10-11 FRANK CORRIGAN
82-83 NORMAN NAGEL	11-12 RICHARD WILLIAMS
83-84 BILL PETERSON	12-13 SUSAN MURATA
84-85 MIKE O'BEIRNE	13-14 CAROL FREEMAN
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