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April: Maternal and Child Health Month



Program: April 11th

4-Way Test
Essay Contest

Program: April 4th

Randy Strong, Founder**JoinRotaryNow.org**

Jennifer Strong introduced Randy Strong, 25-year Rotarian, currently in Westlake Village Sunrise. Otto Stoll recipient, past Board Member Senior Concerns, Board Member My Stuff Bags, and other local non-profit boards, Randy is one of the driving forces behind Rotarians Making a Difference, Join Rotary Now, and other important marketing campaigns for Rotary. There are 1.2 million Rotarians in the world now, the same number as 20 years ago, so membership is struggling. Randy and his team interviewed a number of attendees at last year's Chili Cookoff asking questions such as who puts on the event, what is Rotary, how many Rotarians are in the world, etc. The responses were humorous, such as old people who volunteer, or old people who perform strange rituals and sign documents, etc. The responses were also eye-opening, as to how few people are informed about what Rotary is, and what we do. Randy presented the question, "How do we deliver the message about all the good things Rotary does?" Randy was the founder of the site *Join-RotaryNow.org*. He put together a 2-minute video that outlines the many things we do.

Bob Lewis suggested that we research having the video shown at movie theaters before the movie trailers to get the word about Rotary out in the world.



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Thousand Oaks Rotary Meeting

April 4, 2019



President Karen Furnari introduced **Carol Schreiber** to share a Moment of Inspiration. One of the people who inspires **Carol** is the Head Coach of Duke University's Blue Devils Basketball Team.



He a leader and a teacher, and feels effective teamwork begins and ends with communication. The one most important word to him is FAMILY, which is on the team's warm-up shirts. Relationships and family are key. Carol sees the same values in Rotary, based on trust, caring and pride, as we work together for charity and community service.

Carol Robinson led us in *America the Beautiful*.



Dave Friedl introduced Honorary Member and Past President **Skip Roberts**, and Marty and Michele from the Conejo Valley Club. Michele invited all to attend the Drive-in Movie at Conejo Creek Park South on April 13th. *Back to the Future* will be shown along

with food trucks, pajama contest, live music, raffles and lots of fun! Go to conejorotarydrivein.org to purchase tickets.

Dave then introduced Bob Wilson, former council member and owner of Julio's and Cisco's, guest of **Jere Robings**; and Linda Karabin, friend of **Tanya Caligiuri**.



Program: April 18th
Celebration of RYLA

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

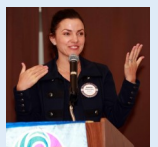
Apr 04 Furnari, Karen & Steve
Apr 06 Biery, Bob & Patty
Apr 12 Cousin, Heather & David
Apr 21 Curran-Klein, Lois & David
Apr 25 Lamia, Chris & Rhonda
Apr 28 Boggs, Steve & Janice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

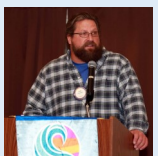


President Karen welcomed **Janeen Holmes** back after a lengthy absence.

Jim Friedl reminded everyone about the Group 4 Community Project trail clean-up at Wildwood COSCA. 7:30 am – 12:30 with a taco truck for lunch. Come if you can.



President Karen reminded us about the Social coming up on May 2nd at the Mercedes dealership in TO.



Marissa Buss reminded everyone about the Chili Cookoff coming up on May 5th. If you can't work, please let **John Bradley** know immediately if you can't make it. As a required club task, we ask you to please try to find someone who can take your place.

Dave Friedl put envelopes on each table for donations to help send Rotoractor President Elect Sophia Lee to Hamburg, Germany for Rotary International Convention.



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HAPPY \$\$\$\$

Cary Runnells carried the cup



Jere Robings told of the 70th Anniversary of NATO. **K.T. Connor** was a speaker at NATO last September and then they visited the NATO military HQ where **Jere** had been a radio technician when it was near Paris.

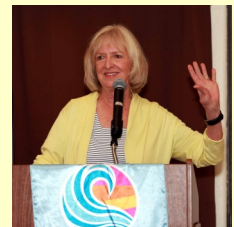
Dave Wender said he spoke with Honorary Member and PP Denny Gillette, who is doing well. Dave mentioned that many of his clients live on one or two fixed incomes but Denny is living on nine!

Chris Lamia announced that we are working on a grant for Manna for \$100,000. There's a great write-up about it in the District Newsletter.

K.T. Connor spoke of the March Madness competition for saints. The foundress of the order she was in as a nun had won last week over a priest and now was losing to another woman. She'd send the voting login if any are interested.

Nelson Buss is going to Bakersfield to a Highland Games to toss the caber to honor the life of a close friend and volunteer Special Olympics Coach who recently passed away. There will also be Bocce ball tournament games.

President Karen announced that she and Big Steve were celebrating their 20th Wedding Anniversary.



SPECIAL EVENT

President Karen introduced Michael Arndt, who told us about the musical coming to the Civic Arts Plaza from CLU. It is called *The Pirate Queen*, based on the story of Grace O'Malley. *The Pirate Queen* is a sweeping epic of love, honor, and piracy in Renaissance Ireland. In a time when women were expected to learn skills to make a good wife in the homestead, Grace defies her father and earns the title "The Pirate Queen," inspiring men and women alike to follow her. When the English begin to attack and subjugate Ireland, only Grace has the strength and intelligence to negotiate peace with the powerful Queen Elizabeth I.



The *Pirate Queen* will be at the Civic arts from the 11th- 14th of April. Two of the show's stars, CLU students Bridget deMaria and Waquar Amed, superbly performed a beautiful song from the musical. The musical was by the composer of such other outstanding productions as *Les Miserables*.



FINE SESSION



Fine Master was **PE Herb Gooch**. In keeping with the theme of the Chili Cook-off, the questions were all related to chili peppers, ranging from heat scale, to animals immune to the heat of capsaicin.

Those fined were **Skip Roberts, Niki Richardson, Jere's guest Bob Wilson, Matt Lallo, Dave Friedl, Carol Freeman** and her table, which included **Richard Williams, Carol Robinson, Tony Guevara, Carol Schreiber, and Pat Paulucci**.



**CHECK
IT OUT
AND TELL
YOUR
FRIENDS!**

<https://www.chili-cook-off.com/>



[Tickets](#) [Sponsors](#) [Applications](#) [Gallery](#) [Blog](#) [Contact](#) [May 5 12-5pm](#)

May 5 2019, 12 — 5pm. Admission is \$20 or Kids 10 and under are FREE! Chili is included until it's gone! Chili tastings end at 3pm for judging.

Interested in being a Sponsor, Car Show Applicant or Vendor?

[APPLY NOW](#)





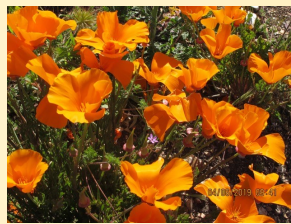
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Rotary Community Service Work Day

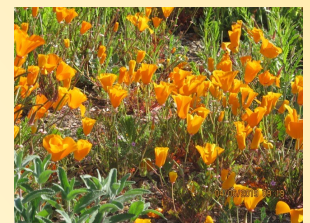
Group 4
Conejo Valley Clubs

**Saturday
April 6, 2019**

**Westlake Community Park
&
Yarrow Family YMCA
31107 Thousand Oaks Blvd.**

The open space and extensive trail system is one of the things that helps make the Conejo Valley so special. Please join fellow Rotarians and dozens of other community volunteers for this important fire and debris flow repair project!

The "Wishbone Trail" is one of COSCA's newest trail segments and connects the City of Thousand Oaks and the City of Westlake Village.





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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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