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# Rotary Theme for August: Membership

Program: August 22nd
Bitcoin, Part 2
Chris Lamia



Program: August 15th

The Cost of Living and Ability to Make Ends Meet

Jamshid Damooei, PhD

Co-Director, Center for Leadership and Values, CLU



**President Gooch** introduced Dr. Damooei, professor at CLU. During the last two decades he has become more focused on the economic analyses of social issues and published in professional and popular journals as well as books edited on such subjects/issues.

His research endeavors on the topic of investing in children resulted in publication of multiple pioneering studies on the economic impact of Boys & Girls Clubs of America in a number of states and metropolitan areas within the USA. In his recent research there is a strong emphasis on the impact of socio-economic status (SES) of children on their academic performance and social behavior and their opportunity to be successful in their lives as they grow up. His focus today is Ventura County.

Dr. Damooei focused on Ventura County statistics in-regard to average income. He said that we create high growth of low-paying jobs, and few jobs of high pay. He discussed the impact the inability for many to receive affordable housing has as well as the importance of early childhood education. He stressed that 85% of brain development occurs by the age of 5, so it is important to engage children in education at the ages of 3 or 4. Dr. Damooei also spoke about the high cost of child care, and touched on his research and statistical reports; Early Childhood Deprivation Index, and Building Block of the Misery Index (to be soon published).

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### **Thousand Oaks Rotary Meeting**

### August 15, 2019

President Herb Gooch opened the meeting and introduced Tanya Caligiuri who presented the Inspirational Moment. Tanya recited a poem written by the late Audrey Hepburn called *Beauty* Tips. Among them were the following: For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For lovely





eyes, seek out the good in people. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry. For beautiful hair, let a child run his or her fingers through it once a day. For poise, walk with the knowledge you'll never walk alone. People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and

redeemed; never throw out anybody. Remember, If you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.

After Tanya led us in the pledge to the flag, Joani Pappas led us in America the Beautiful. **Tony Kourounis** introduced visiting Rotarian Dwight Brown from Westlake Village Noon.



### **Birthdays**

Aug 07 Lemmo, Rick

Aug 11 Steele, Chris

Aug 13 Masci, David

Aug 14 Arrasmith, Darin

Aug 19 Strong, Jennifer

Aug 20 Diaz, Mario

Aug 21 Benson, Roger

Aug 24 Renshall, Sharon

Aug 26 Overton, Dan Aug 29 St. John, Judy

Aug 31 Kimball, Chris



### **Anniversaries**

Aug 03 Nagel, Norm & Carol

Aug 04 Donley, Heather & Michael

Aug 07 Lindberg, Fred & June

Aug 09 Murphy, Mike & Leslie

Aug 10 Cabral, Robert & Pelar

Aug 10 Weaver, Tim & Mary Jane

Aug 11 Bianchi, Robert & Teri

Aug 15 Anderson, Martin & Elaine

Aug 15 Kleiger, Ean & Phoebe

Aug 18 Arrasmith, Darin & Lydia

Aug 21 Robings, Jere & Connor,

Aug 23 Nash, Michelle & Shannon

Aug 24 Gillette, Denny & Terry

### ANNOUNCEMENTS







Susan Murata reminded us about the Midsummer Eve Wine Festival. Thanked everyone who stepped up to donate items for silent auction.

John Bradley, Herb Gooch, Matt Lallo and Mike Jansen, among others, will be traveling down to Tijuana next weekend for the opening of the Planetarium and festivities. Consider joining them.

**Denis Wilson** composed an alpha list of volunteers for the Wine Festival. He also announced Poker Tournament and Casino Night on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Canyon Club at 5:00. This event is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Woodland Hills and Calabasas and will benefit Cancer Support Community. Ask **Denis** for details.

Bob Lewis announced that the final assignments for Fireside Chats will be at next Thursday's meeting.

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

David Masci carried the cup.

Martin Anderson shared that he was celebrating his 22nd wedding anniversary with Elaine on this very day.

**Tony Guevara** was happy to announce the birth of his third grandchild by his second son.

Dwight Brown, Westlake Rotary Noon, spoke on behalf of ASA who lost their rental space. Anyone knowing of a vacant barn or 2 car garage, please check in with Dwight.

Maria Prescott thanked all who helped pack backpacks for Safe Passage children on Saturday morning. She said the packing and distribution was very successful.

Jeff Borenstein thanked the person who wrote the agenda for the day's meeting, as they spelled 13 out of 15 names correctly.

Carol Schreiber graciously acknowledged those who went to her house to assemble silent auction baskets and all the gift certificates.

Lois Curran-Klein said she was happy to be home after an adventurous trip to Switzerland right on the border of Italy.

Mike Jansen's middle daughter is starting Law School at Berkeley.

Nancy Wohl thanked Nate Harimoto and Heather Cousin for helping pack produce at Westminster Free Clinic's special backpack event. Thanks also to Maria Prescott who assisted with traffic control and backpack distribution, and Eric Harrison who, with United Way, helped with the children's Fluoride varnish program at the clinic. Fred Lindberg volunteers his services as a physician on a regular basis at Westminster as well.

















### **FINE SESSION**

The Fine Master was **Heather Cousin.** Her theme, was, not surprisingly, wine trivia. This was in preparation of our upcoming event, the MidSummer Wine Event, which will be on Saturday.

Those fined for correct answers were Trevor Tyloch, Trevor Tyloch, and yet again, Trevor Tyloch, in addition to our immediate Past President, Karen Furnari. Hugo Roche was fined for an incorrect answer.



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### **President Gooch's Corner** — some things to ponder

Advice I attached to a take-home final, for students about to earn their Masters degrees

- Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.
- Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else.
- Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
- If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
- Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
- If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
- Some days you are the bug; some days you are a windshield.
- If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- Good judgment comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
- The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.
- A closed mouth gathers no foot.
- Duct tape is like the Force. It has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.
- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- Never miss a good chance to shut up.
- We are born naked, wet, and hungry, and get slapped on the ass...then things get worse.
- Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.
- No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
- There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday...around age 11.
- Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
- Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.



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### PAST PRESIDENTS — Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks

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

88-89 KENNETH (SKIP) ROBERTS

86-87 FRED FERRARINI

87-88 DOC NEEDHAM

Editor K.T. Connor, notes by Nancy Wohl, photos by Rich Folsom

17-18 TIM WEAVER

18-19 KAREN FURNARI