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Rotary Theme for August:

Membership

Ask a friend to join!



Program: August 8th

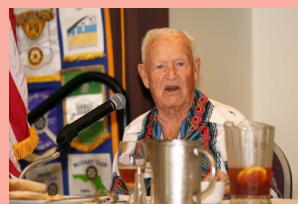
Engineering Transportation and Traffic

Robert Sweeting , City of Thousand Oaks

Program: August 1st

Why We Love America!

Jimmy Weldon



Sevak Khodabahshian introduced our speaker, Jimmy Weldon, a well-known motivational speaker, ventriloquist, and voice actor. He was the voice in many cartoons. Among others, he was the voice of the Hanna-Barbera cartoon character, Yakky Doodle.

Weldon spoke of the non-profit organization he was involved in, the Center for Youth Patriotism and spoke of how important it is to educate our youth on the history of our country. Its mission is to "instill in California youth a sense of civic, non-partisan pride and a better understanding of our common heritage, through the use of audio/visual programs and personal presentations." In fact Jimmy has been involved in some of our RYLA programs.

Weldon spoke at the club's meeting of America's history and how it shone above the ages. He detailed the wars the country has experienced, the leaders' negotiations with Great Britain to establish independence, how the three branches of government were formed and how important they are. He also described the creation of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, stressing always appreciation for America.



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Thousand Oaks Rotary Meeting

August 1, 2019



President Herb Gooch opened the meeting

and introduced the speaker, Jimmy Weldon, for the Moment of Inspiration. Weldon spoke of the value of



the flag of the United States and then led all in the pledge to the flag. He then had us join in singing *God Bless America*.

Felix Masci discovered that there were no visiting Rotarians or guests at this meeting.



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, KT
Aug 23 Nash, Michelle & Shannon
Aug 24 Gillette, Denny & Terry
Aug 25 Bradley, John & Karen
Aug 27 Stowell, David & Elaine
Aug 29 Lederer, Jill & Hicks, Stephen
Aug 29 Ward, Tex & Susan
Aug 31 Paulucci, Pat & Joe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Lewis announced that Fireside Chats will be the last Thursday and Friday of August. He encouraged all to sign up for it was a wonderful way to get to know one another even more. Also, hosts are needed and they supply the environment, but not the food.

Bob also mentioned that chairs to take care of assigning greeters and note takers was needed.

Maria Prescott invited all to a Community Service project on Saturday, August 10th at 8:30 AM. Back packs will be prepared for needy school children as they start a new school year.

Carol Schreiber invited members to join in preparing Wine Event baskets on Sunday, August 11th. Camaraderie and lunch will be part of the gain.

Susan Murata said they were in need of silent auction items and wine for the Wine Event.

Joani Pappas announced that a September Story Book Project, where members go to the Jail and record inmates as they read their children books given by the club. An email will be sent out for signing up.

About Rotary



"No Rotarian whose motto is Service-Above Self, I think, should call themselves a Rotarian if he or she does not make time to serve."

Mother Teresa,
1979 Nobel Peace
Prize laureate



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Happy \$\$\$\$

Neil Scribner carried the cup.



Nate Harimoto celebrated the 47th Anniversary for Shirley and himself.

Bob Lewis raved about his three days of fishing in Alaska last week. He brought back 75 pounds of fillets. He says he had a great time.

Michelle Nash noted that Two Food Truck Vendor Chair positions were available for next year's Chili Cook-Off. She named four benefits:

- having fun and making new friends,
- doors opening because of the event organizing training involved,
- knowledge of being a big contributor to club success, and
- getting to know the wonderful food vendors and help them live the American Dream.



Latest Update on Polio Eradication Progress

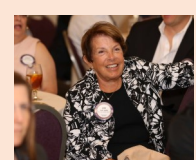
The current Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) : Pakistan with 47 polio cases and Afghanistan with 12 so far in 2019.



FINE SESSION



Fine Master was **Monica Fuller**. Those fined were **Andrea McClellan, Norm Nagel, Judy Lazar, Tony Kourounis, and Heather Cousin**.





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President Gooch's Corner — some things to ponder
— and be happy you escaped.

Performance reviews are things we never looked forward to doing or having. Here is some help:

Actual quotes taken from Federal Government employee performance evaluation:

1. Since my last report, this employee has reached rock-bottom and has started to dig
2. I would not allow this employee to breed
3. This employee is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definite won't be
4. Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap
5. When she opens her mouth, it seems that it is only to change feet
6. This young lady has delusions of adequacy
7. He sets low personal standards and then constantly fails to achieve them
8. This employee is depriving a village, somewhere, of its idiot
9. This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts the better
10. Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thing to hold it all together
11. A gross ignoramus - 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus
12. He doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier
13. I would like to go hunting with him sometime
14. He's been working with glue too much
15. He would argue with a signpost
16. He brings a lot of joy whenever he leaves the room
17. When his IQ reaches 50, he should sell
18. If you see two people talking and one looks bored, he's the other one
19. A photographic memory but with the lens cover glued on
20. A prime candidate for natural de-selection
21. Donated his brain to science before he was done using it
22. Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming
23. He's got two brain cells, one is lost and the other one is out looking for it and quit
24. If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week
25. If you give him a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change
26. If you stand close enough to him, you can hear the ocean
27. It is hard to believe he beat out 1,000,000 other sperm
28. One neuron short of a synapse
29. Some drink from the fountain of knowledge; he only gargled
30. Takes him 2 hours to watch '60 Minutes'
31. The wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead



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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
86-87 FRED FERRARINI	17-18 TIM WEAVER
87-88 DOC NEEDHAM	18-19 KAREN FURNARI
88-89 KENNETH (SKIP) ROBERTS	

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