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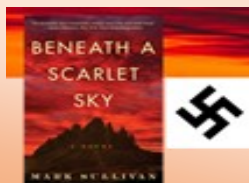
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## DECEMBER ROTARY THEME: DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT



**Program: December 5th**

***Beneath A Scarlet Sky***  
**Michael Lella**

## Program: November 21st Fighter Pilot Parent Brick Connors



**Herb Gooch** introduced our speaker, Brad “Brick” Connors, retired Navy Commander. He currently serves as President of Pharos Leadership, a company that helps integrate elite military personnel, with unique experiences and skills, into private companies as they rejoin the civilian world. His book on teaching children what he learned is *Fighter Pilot Parent*.

His career spanned 27 years non-stop at sea and in the air, mostly from the cockpit of an F/A-18 Hornet fighter bomber – even though he had not touched the sea or flown in a jet until the age of 17. As a Navy Strike Fighter, Brick said, his tours of duty include F/A-18 Hornet Squadron Command, and leadership and instruction to two of the Navy’s elite air power training organizations. In a career of 99% pure exhilarating fun, balanced by 1% pure terror, the lessons of leadership, survival, faith, love, perseverance and comradeship were plentiful and direct, and changed his life.

He talked about some of his experiences and those of his Navy comrades. In the hellish prisoner of war camp, a tap code was invented by Mike Christian, and learned by all the prisoners with which to communicate. The practice code was “Faith, Family, Friends and Fun.”



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## Thousand Oaks Rotary Meeting

**November 21, 2019**

**President Herb Gooch** opened the meeting, and introduced **Eric Harrison** for the Inspirational Moment and salute to the Flag. **Eric** told a story of a child who drew a picture of a hand, a sign of reaching out and giving. **Tony Kourounis** led us in singing the Star Spangled Banner.



**Chris Steele** introduced our guests today. Those introduced were **Felix Masci's** guest Ray Prior, **Carol Freeman's** guest Jessica Sawyer, and **Carol Robinson's** guest Katie Reich. The speaker's wife Terri Connors and her friend Yunona Hagopjanian were also introduced.

**Tim Weaver**, Chair of the Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors for 2020 – 2021, introduced the seven candidates for the four positions. The election will be in two weeks (December 5). The candidates are **John Bradley, Jason Corey, Dave Friedl, Ean Kleiger, David Masci, Michelle Nash** and **Jennifer Strong**.

### Birthdays

Dec 04 Baker, Larry  
Dec 09 Handler, Jonathan  
Dec 17 Evans, Crystal  
Dec 18 Wender, Dave  
Dec 22 Murata, Susan  
Dec 25 Khodabakhshian, Sevak  
Dec 26 Doyle, Christal  
Dec 28 Roberts, Skip  
Dec 30 Friedl, Jim

### Anniversaries

Dec 03 Corrigan, Frank & Kathleen  
Dec 23 Humphrey, Bill & Sandy  
Dec 30 Teasdale, Michael & Catherine

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dave Friedl** announced that the Hospice of the Conejo tree is now on view at the Oaks Mall. He asked for funds for the decorations, so he passed around the hat. Susan Murata began with \$20.

**Carol Robinson** announced that **Pat McCoy** will be doing a solo at the holiday party, and he has a great voice. If you are bringing guests, please respond to the email (soon to come) with the number of guests, so we can set up accordingly.

**Nate Harimoto** announced that on January 20<sup>th</sup> will be the K9's for Warriors fundraiser to the Nethercutt Museum. \$95 a person, includes the bus to and from the Thousand Oaks Inn. It includes lunch and a guided tour. Flyers are in the lobby.

**Maria Prescott** representing the Family of Rotary, announced a Social on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 8:00, at the home of Michael and Jody Jansen; no cost.

**Susan Murata** will be bringing the sign-up cards in two weeks, for gifts for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Also thanked us for doing the Rotary tree in our Festival of Trees.

**Patricia Jones** pointed out the Thanksgiving cards on the tables for us to sign, to be given to seniors. Today is the last day to buy a ticket for the drawing to ride on the Rotary float in the Rose Bowl Parade on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The drawing will be December 4<sup>th</sup>.



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**DON'T FORGET TO RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:**

**popotitas@yahoo.com**

**805-376-2727**

*Many Thanks for Jodi and Mike Jansen for being such good hosts!*



*Family of Rotary*

*please join us for a*

## HOLIDAY SOCIAL

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 12

OPEN HOUSE  
4:30 PM- 8:00 PM

ENJOY SOME APPETIZERS, WINE, BEER & HOLIDAY CHEER!

*AT THE HOME OF MIKE & JODI JANSEN*

29463 MALIBU VIEW COURT  
AGOURA HILLS, 91301



KINDLY RSVP TO MARIA AT:  
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## Happy \$\$\$\$

Deborah Kniss carried the Cup for Happy Dollars.



Those contributing were **Deborah Kniss**, our guest speaker Brick Conners, **Robert Lewis**, **Monica Fuller**, and **Dave Friedl**.



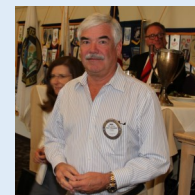
## Celebration of Those who Give

November was Rotary Foundation Month. Therefore, those active in Foundation giving were celebrated. Foundation Chair **K.T. Connor** explained that Charity Navigator, an independent organization that assesses charities, just declared Rotary Foundation a 4-Star Charity, the highest rating—for the 12th year in a row. Only 1% of charities have ever received 12 consecutive 4-star evaluations. Thus there's reason to value this Foundation, which, delightfully, is the source of many of the grants we receive, as we work locally and with other clubs, even in other countries, to build a better world.

One of the ways we support the Foundation is Polio Plus. Our World Polio Day Pledge drive and the Street Fair fundraising, will reach \$10,000 when the one-time pledges are paid. Others have agreed to support polio eradication monthly or quarterly, which will add more. This news received applause.

Another way we support the Foundation is by continuing contributions in what is known as the Annual Fund. Some give \$10 a month or quarter, some \$100, some even \$250, and some in between. The special thing is that when these contributions and the Polio Plus contributions, come to \$1,000, the Rotarian is honored as being a fellow or friend of the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris.

To celebrate those who have given, Rotary Foundation Committee members **Jason Corey**, **Heather Cousins**, and **John Bradley** presented pins to the following: **Christal Doyle** for her second Paul Harris, **Pat McCoy** for his third, **Michele Nash** for her fourth, **Dave Friedl** for his Seventh, and **Mike Murphy** for his ninth. (K.T. noted that he's now on the way to a Major Donor honor when he achieves one more Paul Harris.) Three more generous donors were unable to attend but were honored: **Darin Arrasmith** for his fourth, **Karen Furnari** for her fifth, and **Chris Kimball** for his seventh. All received acclaim at Thursday's meeting!





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## FINE SESSION

Fine Master **Chantal Margottin** asked a series of questions about Thanksgiving trivia. Those fined were **Barbara Cornwall, Hugo Roche, Mike Magasinn, Crystal Doyle, Mike Murphy** and **Dave Burns**.

## BE ALERT!

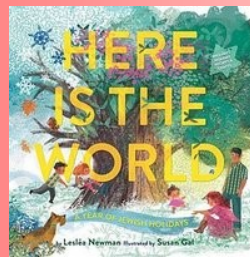
**BLOOD Drive has been changed.**

Because of parking space needed for Christmas/Holiday Party, the Drive has been re-scheduled.

**February 6, 2020.**

Program: December 19th

**Christmas/Holiday Party**



## THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND RIGHT NOW



**Get ready for the election of new board members on Thursday.**

(You received their bios from Tim Weaver)

**Consider registering for the Foundation Gala Jan. 11th at Sherwood with RI PP Ravi**

(Register online at: <http://bit.ly/D5240Gala> )

**Consider registering for the Rotary World Conference Jan. 17-18th in Ontario**

[www.PeaceConference2020.org](http://www.PeaceConference2020.org)



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

With Christmas coming, check out the warning labels:  
it's hard to know whether the manufacturer is outright  
stupid or if they're simply targeting the most brain dead  
dumb among us.



On Sears hairdryer: "Do not use while sleeping." (Gee, that's the only time I have to work on my hair)

On a bar of Dial soap: "Directions: Use like regular soap." (And that would be how. .?)

On some Swanson frozen dinners: "Serving suggestions: Defrost." (But it's \*just\* a suggestion)

On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert (printed on bottom of box): "Do not turn upside down." (Oops, too late!)

On packaging for a Rowenta iron: "Do not iron clothes on body." (But wouldn't this save even more time?)

On Nytol Sleep Aid: "Warning: May cause drowsiness." (One would hope)

On most brands of Christmas lights: "For indoor or outdoor use only." (As opposed to what?)

On a Japanese food processor: "Not to be used for the other use." (I gotta admit, I'm curious.)

On an American Airlines packet of nuts: "Instructions: Open packet, eat nuts." (Step 3: Fly Delta.)

On a Swedish chain saw: "Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or genitals." (Was there a chance of this happening somewhere?...Good grief)

On a bottle of Palmolive Dishwashing liquid: "Do not use on food." (Hey, Mom, we're out of syrup! It's OK honey just grab the Palmolive!)

On a tube of Preparation H: "Do not take orally" (UUUHHHH)

On a curling iron: "Warning: This product can burn eyes." (Eyelash curler??? Someone must have tried!)

On a toilet bowl cleaning brush. "Do not use orally." (EEEWWWW)

On a battery. "Do not recharge, put in backwards, or use." (So how DO we use it???)



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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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