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December:

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month



Program: December 20th

Christmas/Hannukah/Holiday Program



Program: December 13th

The Search for ET

Dr. Jerry Clifford

Physics/Astronomy Professor

Herb Gooch introduced our speaker Dr. Jerry Clifford, professor of Physics and Astronomy at Cal State Channel Islands. **Herb** said Dr. Clifford sees what we don't see, or what we see but don't notice.

Dr. Clifford has spent much of his career looking for the answer to the question "Is anyone out there?" In regard to extraterrestrials, he said we spend too much money looking for aliens. Gifford spoke of Frank Drake, who started looking for extraterrestrials in 1960. Bank's receiver could detect an equivalent radio telescope at a distance of 12 light years – good enough to listen to transmissions from about 30 star systems, including several stars similar to our sun.

Dr. Clifford said that the Universe is mostly empty space. The distance of one star to another is about as far as from us to Washington D.C. In 1974 a message was sent out to see if a message could come back. Several questions were considered: What are factors that determine if we are alone. Must be enough stars. 300 – 400 billion stars in Milky Way galaxy. How many of those stars have planets?

We've never found enough evidence that there's a planet outside of our own solar system. There are over 4000 planets in our solar system. There may be microbial life on moons. What fraction of planets are habitable? We only know that earth is habitable. We got life on earth after earth was formed. 200 – 300 million years ago life existed. The earth is 4.5 billion years old.

12 hours per day Hat Creek Radio Observatory looks for signals of extraterrestrial activity. There has been no ET signal, according to Gifford. Only 1 signal has ever surfaced, but was discarded.



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Thousand Oaks Rotary Meeting

December 13, 2018



Immediate Past President Tim Weaver opened the meeting and introduced Felix Masci for the Moment of Inspiration. Felix said that we used to open the meetings with an invocation, and that has evolved over time to an Inspirational Moment. He decided to recite a prayer that he

altered slightly for non-denominational purposes.

It was how we are dangerous in that we have the power to make changes where changes are needed.

We have the power to help others who may not otherwise have a voice. Then Nancy Wohl led us in song.



Andrea McClellan introduced Visiting Rotarian and Past President Skip Roberts, and Felix Masci's guest Father Luis Estrada and Herb Gooch's guest Regina Biddings-Muro.



DARK UNTIL

Jan. 10th

Happy New Year!

Member Birthdays

Dec 04 Baker, Larry
 Dec 09 Handler, Jonathan
 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 & Kathy
 Dec 23 Humphrey, Bill & Sandy

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Chris Steele urged all to sign up for the Holiday Program and be sure to indicate guests.



Jim Friedl announced that a fundraiser is being planned for January 6th at Boccaccio's Restaurant at the Landing to raise money for the victims of the Borderline shootings. Jim asked that we spread the word about the event. 100% of the funds raised will go directly to the victims. Funds will be managed and administered by the Westlake Rotary Club's Unrestricted Charitable Foundation. Jim explained that there are several "buckets" if you will, of people effected by the tragedy. The families of decedents, the injured, witnesses, and Rotarian Brian Hynes, owner of the Borderline, who is impacted in every way by this horrific event. Jim also told the story of one of the hostesses of the Borderline, who arranged to leave early that evening, and have a friend, who was also an employee of the Borderline, fill in for her. While she left prior to the shootings, her friend who was filling in for her, was killed within a matter of 2 minutes. Tickets will be \$150 per person pre-sale, and \$200 at the door. There will be entertainment, silent and live auctions, and food.



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NEW MEMBER



Past President **Tim Weaver** inducted **Tulasi Agina**, who was sponsored by **Hugo Roche**. **Tulasi** is Director of Sandbox4Kids, a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) based company teaching kids about computer technology. **Tulasi** holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, and an MBA. He looks forward to giving back to his community.



FINE SESSION

Ed Jones was Fine Master, asking questions about history. Those fined were **Martin Anderson**, **John Bradley**, **Russ Cornwall**, and **Norm Nagel** (right answers) and **Bob Biery**, **Jim Friedl**, **Tony Kourounis**, **Chris Lamia**, and **Hugo Roche** (wrong answers).



HAPPY \$\$\$\$\$

Jonathan Handler carried the cup.



Martin Anderson commented that **Tim Weaver** will murder your name every time he has the floor (in regard to the mispronunciation of **Tulasi's** name). **Martin** also welcomed **Tulasi**.

Dave Friedl has hard copies of the Object of Rotary for each member, suitable for framing.

Jason Corey said there was a guardian angel watching over his son, who rolled his car multiple times and rolled down a 75' embankment as he swerved to miss hitting a deer. He was miraculously uninjured.

Maria Prescott announced the Annual Reading of Names of Hospice of the Conejo at the Oaks Mall on Thursday.

Nikki Richardson shared that REO Speedwagon is coming to the Civic Arts Plaza and is donating 100% their performer's fee to the VCCF as well as adding a second date to perform. The Guitar Center also donated 4 guitars for them to use and then auction off.

Denis Wilson was beaming because **Tori** promised she would earn a 3.8 GPA at UCSD, and is doing just that, and will be working with **Jacqui Irwin** this summer.

John Bradley welcomed everyone to drive through Bethlehem at Westminster Presbyterian Church Friday or Saturday night. **Michelle Nash** is the producer of this special event. **Denis Wilson** is one of the "key" Wise People. Free admission.

Andrea McClellan said her 4th child is getting married 3 days after Christmas, and her 3rd child is getting married in March.

Ed Jones thanked everyone who supported him in the election. For those who didn't vote for him, he hopes he does a good enough job to earn your trust.



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Have YOU read your December ROTARIAN Magazine? Check out this article:

AT THREE YEARS OLD, an age when most toddlers are being assessed on how high they can count or how well they can recite their ABCs, Ramon Resa faced a different standard of measurement: how much cotton he could pile up in the farm fields of central California.

And for many years, as he harvested cotton, walnuts, or oranges, Resa felt that he didn't measure up. That feeling was reinforced by some who might have been his mentors and guides: Even though he graduated at the top of his eighth-grade class, he was told to let a white classmate give the valedictory speech. A school counselor tried to shunt him into wood shop instead of algebra.

But Resa persevered. Today, to visit him at work, you'll walk through a door labeled *Dr. Ramon Resa*. A Rotarian and a pediatrician in Porterville, Calif., he spends his days in an office not far from the tiny box of a house where he grew up among 14 relatives.

AT WORK, RESA MOVES among four exam rooms, sometimes seeing more than 50 patients in a day: a three-year-old suffering from allergies, a two-year-old in for a checkup, a 10-year-old who hurt his thumb playing sports. Resa tickles a child lightly as he checks a throat or belly, switching from English to Spanish as needed. "I can out-stare you," he jokes with a determined boy who has a sinus infection.

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