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**"Share your friendship, love and happiness
with club members and those we serve."**

Program: February 4th



**INTERNATIONAL
SERVICE PROGRAM**
John Bradley

Program: January 21st

Ride2Recovery



Steven Stanley introduced founder John Wordin of Ride2Recovery, a National Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Organization based in Calabasas CA.

Their mission is "Saving Lives by Restoring Hope and Purpose." They deal with the physical and mental disabilities of Veterans through cycling programs that they provide. They design and build custom bicycles for Veterans. There is no cost to participants in the program. They have a budget of approximately \$4 Million with no government funding.

The need is never-ending as the V.A. is overwhelmed. Veterans help Organizations of all types need our support.

In addition to the cycling programs, they provide employment information, help with taking advantage of V.A. Bill benefits and education.

They need both donations and volunteers. They can always use ancillary help with legal, employment and education matters.



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Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks Meeting

January 21, 2016



Inspirational Moment was delivered by **Anne Savko**. She told us that her 1-yr-old son Ernie is her inspiration. She struggled and sobbed through the recitation of a poem (and then promptly fell asleep at the podium because of fatigue from keeping up with her child). After **Anne** led in the Salute to the Flag, **Dan Overton** led us in America the Beautiful.



Vicki Arndt introduced guests. There were 2 visiting Rotarians, Don Sabol from Newbury Park Rotary, and Chris Wilson from Simi Sunrise. She introduced Michelle Nash, guest of **Carol Freeman**; Teresa Seely, guest of **Tammie Helmuth**; and Jenn Rodriguez, guest of **Barbara Murray**.



President Mike Murphy then made several presentations. **Jennifer Strong** handed over her Red Badge and received the Blue Badge, while **Doug Tapping** received a Sponsorship Pin.

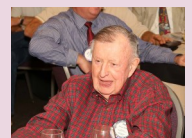


Perfect Attendance pins were awarded to **Vicki Arndt** for 15 years even though she claims it should be 16, to **Steve Pederson** for 27 years even though he claims it should be 28, and to **Susan Murata** for 13 years, **Nancy Wohl** for 7 years, and **Bob Biery** for 49 years {Of course Bob was not in attendance. Hopefully he was doing a make-up.}



Fine Session

Making her debut as Finemaster, **Patricia Jones** questioned us about "tips for Entering the 4th Quarter of our Lives." Those fined included **Don Moors**, **Phil Sheridan**, **Jason Hardy**, **Vicky Arndt**, **Nancy Wohl**, **Nate Harimoto**, **David Masci**, **K.T. Connor**, **Bill Humphrey**, and **Mike Hebert**.





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HAPPY \$\$\$\$\$\$

The Happy Dollar Cup was passed by **David Masci**. He collected funds from the following people:

Frank Bellinghiere was celebrating his wife's recovery from cancer and the opening of new law offices in Wyoming

Carol Freeman reminded all of the importance of the Foundation and its brunch at Cal Lutheran on Sunday.

Doug Tapking celebrated life, thanking **John Dokken** for "not dithering" when he had his stroke while dining with John. He was sad, though, about not being able to eat his steak.

Mike Murphy had good news about his son's medical condition.

Jere Robings pointed out that Polio Plus has been extremely successful over the last 35 years; going from 350,000 new cases each year to 71 new cases in the most recent year.



February:

PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION /RESOLUTION MONTH

Why Peace?

Peace and prosperity are inseparable. When one is absent, the other is at risk. Violence, conflict and war rob people of chance to improve their lives through hard work. And when a society struggles with poverty and unemployment, it sets the stage for unrest.

Birthdays



Feb 04 Christie, James
Feb 04 Cornwall, Russ
Feb 05 Curran-Klein, Lois
Feb 12 Wang, Felix
Feb 15 Hebert, Mike
Feb 16 Hager, Ed
Feb 20 Chappell, Nancy
Feb 24 Gonzales, Mike
Feb 24 Savko, Anne
Feb 26 Arndt, Vicki
Feb 26 Wieler, Dick

Anniversaries

Feb 04 Parks, Keith & Denise
Feb 16 Feigen, Marc & Darlene
Feb 22 Selvin, Harry & Maureen
Feb 24 Gooch, Herb & Chris

DID YOU KNOW...

- ◆ There were no new polio cases anywhere in January, 2016?
- ◆ There is a Polio Plus Weekend in St. Luis Obispo Feb. 25-27?
- ◆ Pope Francis is celebrating Mass at St. Peter's Square for 8,000 Rotarians to celebrate their work for mercy? You're invited: April 30th in Rome!
- ◆ National Geographic is featuring what Rotary is achieving in eradicating polio?

Where do you find all this out? Read the DG email you just received.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mike Hebert announced the Polio Plus Campaign. Ed Hager has once again provided matching funds of \$7000. Mike is seeking pledges of \$7000 to match Ed's funds.



Paul Dryman said the Super bowl Party will be held at Maureen and **Harry Selvin's** home on February 7, 2016. Pete Carroll will not participate this year.



Hugo Roche reminded us that February 20th is the Community Conscience Gala. Our Club is buying a table and making spots available for \$150 each.

Hugo's friend Don Sabol made an announcement almost as divergently creative as it would have been had **Hugo** made it himself. Something about the Interact Club of the Conejo having a project dealing with The Abuse of Prescription Opiates. There will be a speaker on 1/27/2016 at the teen center. **Hugo** will probably answer any questions.



Bob Lewis noted that the Fireside chats on Thursday and Friday, January 28 and 29 were filled with some wonderful hosts and a great lineup of participants. He reminded us not to come to the meeting here next Thursday or you will be very much alone.



FIRESIDE



ROTARY'S BIRTHDAY!!

On February 23rd, Rotary will be 111 years old. Rotary's Foundation Chair, Ray Klingsmith, is encouraging us to have dinner with one another that night, to remember what Rotary is capable of, and what the Foundation accomplishes. Check out his letter in the latest Rotarian magazine. And then, call your favorite restaurant to reserve a table for many!



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FOUNDATION BRUNCH



Club members enjoying the event



Our Honorees



Our Speaker
Bill Boyd, PP RI

Co-Chairs with bouquets
and Emcee



Every Rotarian Every Year Award

This banner is awarded to clubs achieving a minimum of \$100 per capita average with every active member personally contributing some amount to the Annual Fund during the Rotary year. I am very pleased to recognize those EREY clubs just awarded at the Million Dollar Brunch:

Cambria, Carpinteria Morning, China Lake, Conejo Valley, Fillmore, Goleta Noontime, Lompoc, San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo Daybreak, Santa Maria, Santa Maria Breakfast, Simi Sunrise, Simi Sunset, Simi Valley, Ventura, Ventura East, Ventura South

100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club Award

This banner is awarded to clubs with every active member of the club personally contributing \$100 or more to the Annual Fund during the Rotary year. Here are the clubs in our District recognized for this achievement: Carpinteria Morning, Lompoc, Paso Robles Sunrise, Santa Maria Breakfast, Simi Sunrise, Ventura

Top Three Highest Per Capita Annual Giving Clubs (in our District)

Simi Sunset \$628.18
Paso Robles Sunrise \$597.22
Thousand Oaks \$385.34



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PAST PRESIDENTS

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59-60 JOHN HEYWOOD	88-89 KENNETH ROBERTS
60-61 MARV BURROW	89-90 JEFF BORENSTEIN
61-62 ROSS DUSKIN	90-91 DENNIS GILLETTE
62-63 ROY McCOMBER	91-92 MERV KOPP
63-64 PAUL PACE	92-93 TOM GLANCY
64-65 JOHN CONLAN	93-94 HUGO ROCHE
65-66 CARLOS SCURIA	94-95 BRIAN BACK
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71-72 GLENN GOODWIN	20-01 NEIL SCRIBNER
72-73 GEORGE VASLIEFF	01-02 BOB BIERY
73-74 HENRY STILL	02-03 HARRY SELVIN
74-75 JOHN TUEL	03-04 RICK LEMMO
75-76 KENNETH HANSON	04-05 DOUG TAPKING
76-77 DAVID HUANG	05-06 KATHY HILL
77-78 WILLIAM HAAS	06-07 PETE TURPEL
78-79 FELIX MASCI	07-08 VICKI ARNDT
79-80 HARLAND JONES	08-09 MARTIN ANDERSON
80-81 DAVE WENDER	09-10 KEITH PARKS
81-82 GEORGE GIBB	10-11 FRANK CORRIGAN
82-83 NORMAN NAGEL	11-12 RICHARD WILLIAMS
83-84 BILL PETERSON	12-13 SUSAN MURATA
84-85 MIKE O'BEIRNE	13-14 CAROL FREEMAN
85-86 MARV SOSNA	14-15 NATE HARIMOTO
86-87 FRED FERRARINI	

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