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

PROGRAM: March 3rd

"TRENDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST & WHAT WE CAN DO"



**Alan Levine, Associate Director, American Israel Public Affairs
Committee**

Program: February 25th

4-Way Test Essay Program



Trevor Tyloch introduced the Rotary 4-Way Essay Contest, conducted annually for students in middle and high school in our community. Participants are asked to take a day in their lives and write about how the 4-way test applies. 150 wonderful applications were received. All essays were read by our judges, who were asked to stand and receive recognition. Parents, school teachers and administrators were also recognized for their support. **Taylor** then introduced **Carol Freeman** who explained the 4-Way Test.

Rotary members introduced the top three award recipients. Each award recipient did a terrific job reading their essay that reflected a life experience while referring to the 4-way test as method to make a decision, do what is right, or to find hope during difficult times.

In closure, **Robert Bianchi** thanked all the students for participating, and shared that the future is in great hands given what he heard today. He encouraged the students to check into the high school and college level Rotary Clubs, Interact and Rotaract and get involved. Great job all!!



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Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks Meeting

February 25, 2016



President-Elect Robert Bianchi opened the meeting and introduced **Martin Anderson** for the Moment of Inspiration. **Martin** paid tribute to **Ed Hager**, Rotarian since 1999. He reflected on the generosity and graciousness of **Ed** through the years, and noted that it was **Ed** who put us on the map in terms of contributions to the Rotary Foundation. **Martin** concluded his reflections by urging all to donate in memory of **Ed's** name to the Foundation's Polio Plus program, accessible on the Rotary International website.



Martin then led us in the pledge and the group sang God Bless America together.

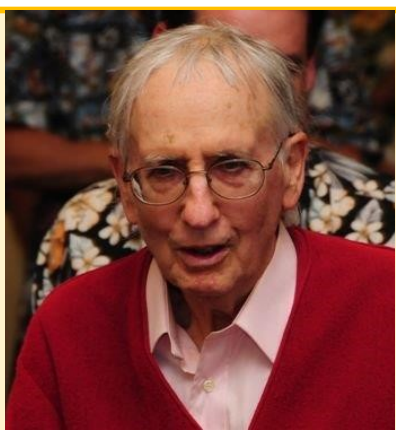


In memory of **Ed** and to celebrate his love for gardening, members brought flowers that were displayed in vases at the stage.

Rick Hand introduced **Jes Alaniz** and **Colleen Andersen**, guests of **Carol Robinson**; **Becky Fleischman**, guest of **Tammie Helmuth**; and **Michelle Nash**, guest of **Carol Freeman**.

President-Elect Robert awarded Perfect Attendance pins to **Patty Con-tini**, 5 a year member and 5 years perfect attendance and **Felix Masci**, 44 years in club and attendance. **Tim Weaver** was also recognized for perfect attendance, with a promised to update the discrepancy on the years at a later time.

Robert then presented **Frank Bellingiere** with his Blue Badge.



ED HAGER

We miss you, Ed, And give you thanks and wish you peace.

Editor's Apology: Last week the new member and perfect attendance pinning were both overlooked. Here they are:



Eric Harrison received his Blue Badge and was congratulated for the speed which which he fulfilled the requirements.



Bob Biery was presented with his outstanding perfect attendance pin: 49 years in Rotary with 49 years perfect attendance.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Steve Stanley who announced he is now accepting nominations for the Conlin Award. He requested that club members nominate someone from the community that is active in the community giving volunteer services.



Pat McCoy announced the Economic Forecast that will be held on Friday, March 18. Breakfast is included in the cost of \$45.00. Among the speakers will be our very own **Robert Bianchi**.

PROGRAM: March 10th

**" DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S
CLEANUP AT THE SANTA SUSANA'S
FIELD LABORATORY"**

John Jones & Stephanie Jennings

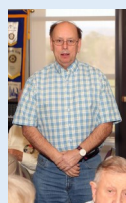
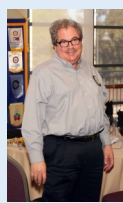
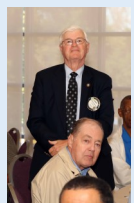


FINE SESSION



David Masci welcomed the parents and students present and explained the fining process. Several new club members, **Megan Lopez, Nancy Chappell, Christal Doyle, Deborah Kniss, and Jennifer Strong**, had provided answers to questions ranging from music likes to celebrity look-a-likes. Finees had to match the answer to the member.

Fined were **Paul Dryman, Ean Kleiger, Steve Stanley, K.T. Connor, David Stowell, Steve Pederson, Martin Anderson, Bart Goodman, Ken Kossoff, and Dave Wender**.



Birthdays



Feb 04 Christie, James
Feb 04 Cornwall, Russ
Feb 05 Curran-Klein, Lois
Feb 12 Wang, Felix
Feb 15 Hebert, Mike
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



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MARTIN ANDERSON'S REFLECTIONS ON OUR FRIEND ED HAGER



A few days ago we lost a real friend of Rotary and this club.

It would be hard to measure Ed Hager's effect on our club. He joined what was arguably one of the best clubs in our District and helped make it one of the best clubs in Rotary.

He guided us into the big leagues of philanthropic giving.

For those who didn't see Sam Greene's speech in Carol's email concerning Ed, I will repeat a few highlights. Ed was born in Reading, Pennsylvania in 1932. He attended Duke University

and received his medical degree from Baylor University.

Ed practiced medicine for 20 years before he left the profession to become a full time investor. Ed became a member of the Pacific Stock Exchange and worked there for six years.

He was very active in community. In addition to his school alumni organizations and his church activities he was very active in horticulture. He was a major contributor to the Botanical Gardens at Dover & Hendrix Park.

Ed joined our club in 1999. He was part of the Special Olympics contingent along with Roger Benson and Carol Schreiber who were involved in the formative years of the Mid-Summer Wine Event.

Mike O'Beirne, who was the creator of the Wine Event as a Special Olympics fundraiser, sent me the following message:

"What a fine example of a Rotarian or what every member should aspire to be. His money was not what made him so fine...it was his regard for everyone else ...his regard for others...the respect he showed everyone who had a wiliness to become involved in service for others. God welcome you, Ed."

After the Wine Event was off and running, Ed became active in both our International Committee and the Thousand Oaks Rotary Foundation.

In Rotary, Ed found an organization that matched his passion for making a difference. In one instance, Ed did a match donation drive that raised over \$100,000 for our club foundation. Every year you could count on Ed to come up with some matching program to make our giving greater and more impactful.

His favorite Rotary Foundation project was Polio Eradication. As a physician he understood firsthand what a terrible impact this disease has on both the child and their family. Ed felt that the Polio partnership with the Gates Foundation demonstrated that the world was recognizing what he had found: An appreciation for how money is used and managed by Rotary.

Sam Greene quoted Ed as saying that *"If someone ever brings peace to the world, it will be Rotary, because Rotary solves problems and brings people together."*

In 2010 Dr. Edward Hager was inducted into the *Arch C. Klumph Society*.

I will miss Ed's humor and insight as much as his generosity. Today I made a \$500 contribution to the Annual Polio Plus program. I ask all of you to consider making a donation in Ed's memory. Ed would have liked that.

We need to continue on in his tradition, making a difference.



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

Jeff Borenstein carried the cup.

Vicki Arndt spoke of the group that went with Ed Hager when he received the Arch Klump Award., and said this trip was very meaningful to her. The Arch C. Klump Society reflects that a Rotary member contributes a quarter million dollars in donation to Rotary. She shared that Carol Freeman facilitated the floral tribute for Ed today and if you would like to take a vase of flowers home, just return the vase to Carol next week.

Natalie Yanez celebrated the fact that the Ventura County Credit Union Foundation is now operating, and they hoped to contribute to many good causes.

Maria Prescott said that the 24th Annual Mardi Gras held last Saturday was a fabulous event. She thanked everyone that attended and support the event.

Norm Nagel is pleased to share that he and his wife have recently moved back to the Thousand Oaks area.

Felix Masci also recognized Ed Hager. When he and Ed met, Ed expressed a desire to make a contribution to Rotary with the caveat that our club had to match the contribution. Ed donated \$25,000 and asked the Club to match it. Our Club exceeded the match and raised \$51,000 and Ed matched the addition as well. This is a story that played out many times over the years.

Carol Freeman shared that when she goes home today she will go into the Rotary International website and contribute to the Polio Plus Foundation as Ed was a huge proponent of Polio eradication. She urged all member to consider such a contribution.

Tim Weaver shared that his son and wife recently gave birth to his third grandchild. He is a proud grandfather but asked us to keep them in our thoughts as the child and mom are having some health complications.





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PAST PRESIDENTS

ROTARY CLUB OF THOUSAND OAKS

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
66-67 MERRILL DARLING	95-96 TONY KOUROUNIS
67-68 PHIL OZAB	96-97 JACK CAINE
68-69 WILLIAM VANDERZWANN	97-98 DICK WIELER
69-70 ALVIN J. HOLTZ, JR.	98-99 JUDY ST. JOHN
70-71 BEN CRANMER, JR.	99-20 MIKE GONZALES
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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