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*"Inspire others with your story."*

**Program: February 9th**

**SURPRISE: Come and See What it is!**

**Program: February 2nd**

## TIMELESS HOSPITALITY DESIGNS

**MICHAEL BEDNER**

Partner, Apeiron Miami



**Felix Wang** introduced Michael Bedner, Chairman and CEO of Hirsch Bedner Associates, who spoke about what it means to grow a small design firm into a massive powerhouse and become known as an ICON and the "Michael Jordan of Hospitality Design".

What followed is not possible to capture in this bulletin. You had to be there. A few snippets... Michael grew up in Detroit in a poor black neighborhood, made his way thru architectural design school and University of Michigan, and later Stanford. As a young man saw a sign saying "beginning of Route 66" and followed it the end ( Santa Monica Pier). His projects now circle the world in the most extravagant of places.

Oohs and ahhhs quietly filled the room as pictures of his work flashed on the screen. (ed.note; google his name to see his work) Noted for his timeless designs Mr. Bedner shared the rules of his success. 1) Do your very best job - no excuses. 2) Learn from your experiences. 3) Have fun doing it. And one last bit of advice: " Follow your passion whomever she may be." If you missed this one you missed a great one.



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## Thousand Oaks Rotary

### Minutes of Meeting

January 26, 2017



**Roger Benson** opened the meeting and shared lessons he learned during his career with Xerox. As a founding member of Xerox digital printing team he did many assignments around the world. His last major assignment was to open Mainland China for digital printing that could produce Chinese Characters at high speed. The lessons are 1) Before you are a leader, success is all about you. When you become a leader success is all about growing others. 2) Leaders become great not because of their power but because of their ability to empower others. After **Roger's** Moment of Inspiration, and salute to the flag, *God Bless America* was led delightfully by **Dave Burns** and **Matt Morrison**



Then **President Robert Bianchi** asked **Michael Magasinn** to introduce visiting Rotarians and Guests. Al Randall member of NorCO Rotary & guest of **Chris Lamia**; Anup Rimal, Ventura Downtown Rotary member who recently



opened Himalaya restaurant here in Thousand Oaks. Also attending were Joyce Pearson, guest of **Lois Curran-Klein**; and Martin Flannery guest of **Felix Wang**.

## Some Superbowl Party!

Thanks to hosts **Maureen and Harry Selvin**,  
and **Paul and Kyle** for the prep.



## BIRTHDAY

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



## ANNIVERSARY

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



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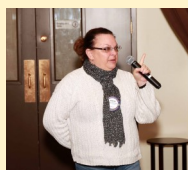
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**SUPER BOWL PARTY** - 2/5 3pm Harry and Maureen Selvin's Home, 3808 Weatherly Circle, Westlake. Bring appetizer to share & beverage of choice. Deli sandwiches etc catered by Brent's Deli. Sodas & water provided. Call **Paul Dryman** (805 444 4799)



**MANNA** collection next week 2/9. Emphasis on Peanut Butter and Jelly. Other food / goods items okay. Cash also good. Remember small/normal size not giant Costco jars. Contact **Jennifer Schwabauer**.



**2017 ECONOMIC FORECAST BREAKFAST** - Friday, February 10th 7am Sign up for tickets today at 2 for one price. Promises to be the answer to "What can we expect in this post-election world?" Sponsorships are encouraged Contact **Pat McCoy** or **KT Connor**



**FIRESIDE CHATS** 2/23 or 2/24 - sign up on tables or email **Bob Lewis**. Host homes needed.



**MEXICO HEARING AID INSTALLATIONS** 2/28-3/2 Join group of fellow members for trip to Tijuana to distribute hearing aids purchased for underprivileged children through a Rotary Grant. Contact **Matt Lallo**



**CHILI COOK OFF** - **Nelson & Marissa Buss** co-chairing; looking for sponsors. Goal is \$40,000- current level \$7,500. Call if willing to sponsor or if have a potential contact.



**K-9 FOR WARRIORS** - Group 4 Rotary continues to support placement of therapy dogs with Veterans with PTSD etc. Recent \$15,000 donation challenged a match from Clubs. Very moving video shown. contact **Nate Harimoto**.





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**HAPPY \$\$\$\$**

**Jennifer Strong** carried the cup.



**Megan Lopez** announced she has resigned from Logix Credit Union and will be taking a VP position with Central Coast Girl Scouts and reminded us Cookie Sales are starting! She also honored **Tammy Helmuth** for being a great mentor.



**Patricia Jones** put in a happy/sad dollar for stepson Joey accepting a new job but sad it is in Australia and he will be taking her grandbabies.



**Bob Lewis** happy dollar for recent Caribbean cruise.

**Jeff Borenstein** happy dollar for Roger Benson's Inspiration "program".



**Sharon Renshall** happy for new design job project at San Francisco Hilton.



**Tammy Helmuth** congratulated **Megan Lopez** with comment that "girls cannot be what they cannot see".



**Dave Burns** gave a pleading dollar for volunteers to carry Happy cup requires no college or leadership skills.



**Robert Bianchi**, the Prez, announced **Dan Overton** is continuing to make good progress following his knee surgery .coming back soon.





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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. HOTZ, 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	15-16 MIKE MURPHY

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