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



Program: January 21st

RIDE 2 RECOVERY

John Wordin, Founder

PROGRAM: January 14th

Mendocino Farms

Mario del Pero



Lois Curran-Klein introduced today's speaker. Mario del Pero got started in the restaurant business when he was still a student at USC. With several successful endeavors since and again in 2003 he created Mendocino Farms with his wife. He shared some strategies and/or ideas that any business can benefit when upscaling while striving for a culture of personal satisfaction, culture of excellence, continuous improvement and empowerment, and quality service. Mr. del Pero shared insights that help to create a thriving environment for employee and clients, one that breathes the "Mendocino life-style" of a great culture with high expectations and a purpose to make each life happier than before. A philosophy of how to offer so much more than what someone may be looking for when they come into the store or restaurant. The challenge...how to do this while scaling up on number of stores and employees. He shared that one must have a great start, articulate "clearly defined goals", know "why" one wants to become a leadership company. Unique to his case, Mr. del Pero wanted to "support local farmers" as they deserved the assistance and collaboration.



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Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks Meeting

January 14, 2016



President Mike Murphy opened the meeting by reminding members of the Foundation Brunch to be held at Cal Lutheran on the 24th, at 11 AM. The district is celebrating our clubs and members who have contributed to the \$1,000,000 sent to RI to fund its good projects. The TO Club members who will be honored include **Lee Ladd, Matt Lallo, Norm Nagel, Steve Pedersen, and Dick Winchester**. **Mike** noted that the keynote speaker will be Past RI President Bill Boyd, "a fantastic speaker," said **Mike**. This is a memorable and unique event. Ideally there would be at least 12 of our Club members attending in acknowledgement of our 5 Major Donors and the other 45 major donors of other clubs. **Carol Freeman** will be sending an informational and reminder email of this event so that those interested can meet the fast approaching deadline.



Mike introduced **Robert Bianchi** for the moment of inspiration. **Robert** acknowledged youth as his inspiration and club members as well, for they are always supported and always help out when needed. **Dan Overton** led the group in singing *God Bless America*.



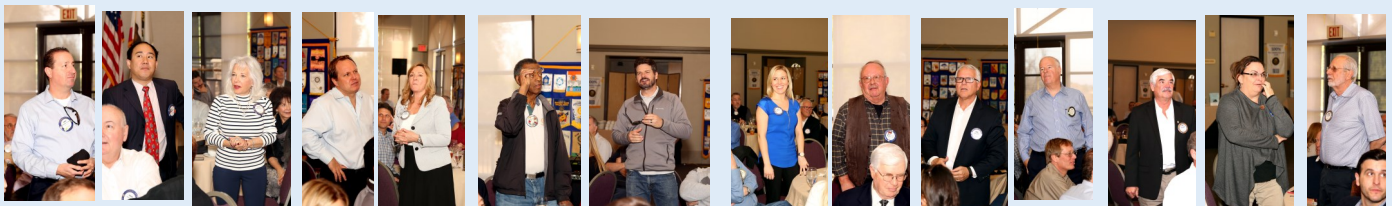
John Bradley introduced visitor Mark Olsen, guest of **John Dokken**.

At meeting end, **Natalie Yanaz** reminded us that Chili Cook-off is at a new location and is having its 40th anniversary. **Barbara Murray** spearheads the event with Natalie coordinating sponsorship. If anyone is interested in sponsors or being a vendor, let her know. A sponsorship form is on the table and can be shared with other potential sponsors. Sponsorship commitment can even be completed on-line at sponsorship@chili-cook-off.com

FINE SESSION



Trevor Tyloch was Fine Master, challenging our knowledge of international New Year traditions. We learned a lot! Fined were **Chris Lamia, Felix Wang, Sharon Renshall, Darrin Arrasmith, Susan Muratta, Cal Henry, Jason Hardy, Meghan Lopez, Steve Boggs, Ernie Sandlin, Bob Lewis, Mike Murphy, Jennifer Schwabauer, and Martin Anderson**. Also **Phil Sheridan and Mike Hebert** (not pictured). Only three got right answers. (Guess who!)





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

Dave Burns carried the cup.

Those sharing were **Dave** himself, who asked those who were willing to collect happy dollars to let him know and he'd sign them up for a meeting; **Martin Andersen**, who noted what a great speaker Mr. Boyd is, a down-to-earth gentleman and reasonable person; **Tammie Helmuth** celebrating her release from the doctor and expressing pride at her daughter's being sworn into the Air Force; **Ed Jones** recognizing that **Doug Tapking** is doing better with the fast reaction of his friends and prompt medical care; **Patricia Jones** asking that we save the front cover of greeting cards for recycling use; and **Janet hartley** recognizing prayers for **Doug** and his family.



January 28-29



FIRESIDE CHATS

Birthdays

- Jan 01 Nate Harimoto
- Jan 01 Cal Henry
- Jan 05 Ean Kleiger
- Jan 05 Maria Sanchez
- Jan 06 Fred Lindberg
- Jan 08 Tanya Caligiuri
- Jan 12 Patricia Jones
- Jan 15 Mario Contini
- Jan 15 Jere Robings
- Jan 17 Aline Roberts
- Jan 18 Frank Corrigan
- Jan 20 John Dokken
- Jan 22 Jeff Borenstein
- Jan 22 Bill Humphrey
- Jan 23 Martin Anderson
- Jan 23 Steve Boggs
- Jan 29 Mark Sellers
- Jan 30 Richard Williams

Anniversaries

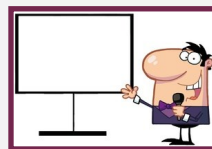
- Jan 17 Ken & Laurel Warner

DID YOU KNOW.....?

Every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to \$35 million a year Through 2018. These funds help to provide much-needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents. Governments, corporations and private individuals all play a crucial role in funding. We're almost there!

Cases in 2014 **349** new cases
Cases in 2015 **71** new cases

PROGRAMS TO COME:



February 4th
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM

February 11th
INTERACT PROGRAM

February 18th
VALENTINE'S DAY PROGRAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bob Lewis reminded us of the Fireside Chat evenings on the 28th and 29th. Sheets were on the table for both hosts and participants. He urged members to let him know if any changes had to be made.

Paul Dryman noted that the Super Bowl party is on Sunday, February 7th, at Maureen and **Harry Selvin's** home. It will be catered, so attendees need to be known. Please sign up and come enjoy a fun-filled time together.



Judy St. John shared that **Doug Taping's** wife said that he is doing better. His recovery is a miracle as the quick response of his friends and emergency assistance made all the difference. Send cards or call.

Barb Murray announced the Four-Way-Test Essay contest for middle school and high school students. She is looking for judges, so contact **Barbara** if you are willing to assist..



Maria Prescott announced the fundraiser for the American Heart Association's 2016 Go Red for Women. The event will begin with a health expo at 1-:30 AM, followed by the luncheon and program at noon. The date is Friday, February 5th at the Four Seasons Hotel. All are welcome.

Robert Bianchi urged participation at the PRLS training coming up on January 23rd, held at Cal Lutheran. **Robert** asked all who had already participated in this training in the past to raise their hands. The January session is Master PRLS *Extemporaneous Public Speaking*, or Master PRLS 1. *Planned Public Speaking* constitutes Master PRLS 2., and will follow in March..



PRLS STANDS FOR PRACTICAL RELEVANT LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND IS A PROGRAM OF DISTRICT 5240, USA

The goal of PRLS, begun in 1993, is to provide a set of training sessions wherein current and future Rotary leaders could learn to become more effective in their leadership roles.

Basic PRLS has been renamed Intro to Rotary and consists of a half day with 3 modules: Rotary Then and Now, Leadership and Leading a Meeting and Communications and Speaking in Public. This program was specifically developed to train individuals whose goals include a future leadership position in Rotary. They learn skills that will make them more effective in that role.

The subsequent sessions are carefully designed to improve individual leadership skills that are broad based and not just Rotary-specific. Participants have found substantial value in the many practical applications of information presented throughout the curriculum. (Google "PRLS Rotary" for more info.)



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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
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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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