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"Inspire others with your story."



Program: February 2nd
TIMELESS HOSPITALITY DESIGNS

MICHAEL BEDNER
Partner, Apeiron Miami



Program: January 26th
**ROTARIANS PARTNERING TO HELP
IN AFGHANISTAN**

**Steve Brown, Past Chair of the
Rotary Foundation**

Vicki Arndt introduced PDG Wade Nomura who introduced our Speaker, Past RI Trustee Steve Brown

Our speaker shared his experiences of Rotarians Partnering Help in Afghanistan. This journey began when he was approached by a relatively new Rotarian who sought his assistance in helping refugees in Afghanistan. What started as a project to build a modest school in Jalalabad, Afghanistan mushroomed into a much larger project. Initially, Steve was instrumental in helping to build a school for grades 1 through 12 that included both boys and girls even though they attended separately. He next took on the task of providing funds to help female teachers get their credentials so that girls could continue their education.

The efforts of his team led to many other successes beyond the building of that first school. They helped charter a Rotary Club in Jalalabad. A Sister City relationship was established between Jalalabad and San Diego, CA. An Afghan Group Study Exchange team visited San Diego.

Ultimately, they began helping the local Nangarhar University with many of their needs including: funding for computers and a satellite for the University; the establishment of a Civil Engineering Department; the establishment of an English Language Department; the establishment of a Computer Science Department; building dormitory for female students; and developing a Female Sports Program

It was a very inspirational program that showed how much Rotary can accomplish throughout the world. Adding to this, Peace Fellow Bianca Neff explained the good things the Peace Fellowship is doing in the world.



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Thousand Oaks Rotary

Minutes of Meeting

January 26, 2017



Opening and Inspirational Moment was shared by **Patricia Jones** who read a letter about Mother Teresa that she saw in the Rotarian Magazine.



Guest introductions were handled by **Bill Humphrey**. Visiting Rotarians included Gregg Burt and Pete Strong from Simi Noon Rotary, Nadine Larson from Westlake Village Noon, and Jennifer Finnerty from Moorpark Rotary. PDG **Felix Masci** introduced his wife Barbara, **Maria Prescott** introduced her husband, John, **K.T. Connor** introduced Phyllis Belisle, **Betsy Freeman** introduced Peter Sloan, **Richard Williams** introduced Daniel Becera, and **Carol Robison** introduced potential new member Eric Arbuckle. Special guests were PDG Loretta Butts, PDG Wade Nomura, speaker Past RI Trustee Steve Brown's wife Susan, and Bianca Neff, Rotary Peace Fellow Alumnus, and Benjamin Wilson, from TO Rotaract.



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 & Denice
Feb 16 Feigen, Marc & Darlene
Feb 22 Selvin, Harry & Maureen



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

Happy **Nancy Wohl** carried the cup.

Several club members shared news, as did guests. **Rick Hand** announced that this was his final meeting as a T.O. Rotarian since he was moving. **Bill Humphrey** and **Mike Hebert** bragged about their basketball teams beat highly ranked opponents and **Jeff Borenstein** promptly touted UCLA. **Nancy Wohl** announced that her long tenure at Conejo Valley Veterinary Hospital has ended. She is looking for new opportunities to serve. Guests PDG Loretta Butts and visiting Rotarian Gregg Burt also contributed.





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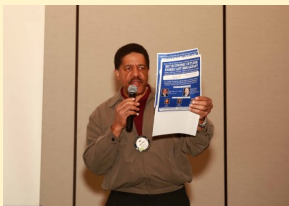
ANNOUNCEMENTS



According to **Jennifer Schwabauer**, the next Manna Food Drive is the 9th and they are seeking loads of Peanut Butter and Jelly.



Nancy Wohl reminded us that the Westminster Free Clinic can use volunteers on The 4th of February. (Contact Nancy or just show up. Help is needed.)



Pat McCoy announced that the Economic Outlook Forecase will be at 7:00 A.M. @ CLU on the 10th. The event will explore the economy going forward in the new administration.



Richard Williams stood in for Bob Lewis and said Fireside Chats will be Thursday and Friday, the 23rd and 24th. Please sign up. Hosts are also needed.

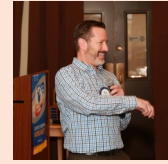


Matt Lallo asked for help applying hearing aids to children in Tijuana. It is part of the Mexico Children's Hearing Aid Project. Volunteers will travel there from the 1st to the 3rd and will attend the Rotary meeting while there.



Paul Dryman invited all once again to the Super Bowl Party on the 5th at **Harry Selvin's** home. Sign up shoeets are on the table. Contact **Paul** as to what appetizer or dessert you are bringing. Entre will be provided. BYOB.

FINE SESSION



Fine Master **Ean Kleiger** presented the fine session all about Alternative Facts (Falsehoods and Lies). Those fined

were **Tim Weaver, Frank Corrigan, Martin Anderson, and Felix Wang.**



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS



Foundation Chair **David Masci** presented PP **Mike Murphy** with his pin representing 7 Paul Harris Fellows.



Remember:

FireSide Chats

February 23rd and 24th

ROTARY PEACE FELLOW ADDRESSES THE CLUB

Why explore the Rotary Action Group for Peace?



Peace Fellow Bianca Neff shares her experiences as a Peace Fellow.

By being a Rotarian, or affiliated with Rotary, you already self-identify as someone who aims to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace. Through the Four-Way Test you take an ethical approach to truth, fairness, building goodwill and friendship, and seeking a beneficial outcome for all. In Rotary Peace Centers you have trained more than 900 fellows for careers in peacebuilding. The Rotarian Action Group for Peace provides an official entity that empowers and supports the peace work of Rotarians by offering structure, guidance and resources to further their peace efforts. We hope the point comes across: **Peace is in Rotary's DNA!**

Check out these sites: [Rotary Peace Milestones](#), [Peace Science Digest](#)





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A painful moment at a camp for displaced people in northeastern Nigeria.
(Photography: Andrew Easton)

LEFT: Abu, Abubakar, founder of the American University of Nigeria, visits children in the Feed and Read program, supported by Rotarians. Read more about Abu's work with refugees on page 44.
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60-61 MARV BURROW	89-90 JEFF BORENSTEIN
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63-64 PAUL PACE	92-93 TOM GLANCY
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74-75 JOHN TUEL	03-04 RICK LEMMO
75-76 KENNETH HANSON	04-05 DOUG TAPKING
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77-78 WILLIAM HAAS	06-07 PETE TURPEL
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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
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86-87 FRED FERRARINI	15-16 MIKE MURPHY

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