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"Inspire others with your story."



Program: January 12th

"Bees, Trees & Seas"

Dr. Reese Halter, Broadcaster, Biologist, Author

Program: January 5th

Fighting Fires

Ted Smith

District Fire Chief, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark and Simi Valley



Jim Friedl introduced Ted Smith, 37 year veteran of the Ventura County Firefighter's District. Fire Chief Smith serves the Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, and Moorpark districts. Ted and **Hugo Roche's** son, John, have been close friends for much of their lives. He credits firefighting with changing his life, his wife for saving his life, and his sons for giving purpose to his life.

Ted gave details of the challenges faced in fighting the extremely aggressive Springs Fire that started on May 2nd, 2016, that plagued Camarillo Springs and quickly burned a 28,000 acre path of destruction clear through to Pacific Coast Highway in the short span of 17 hours. The terrain hadn't burned since 1983. 250 fire engines were on site by the end of the 1st day, and how their Defensive Space Program saved lives and property. Only 7 houses burned. Fire Chief Smith said that even though weed abatement hadn't been completed for the year at that point, the fact that many had 100 ft. weed clearance in place, saved lives and structures. He said the scope of the fire affected him deeply when seeing Mt. Boney go up in flames.

Jim Friedl commended the Chief on his efforts to notify COSCA so they could take an active role in determining the best locations to place bulldozers so as not to have an adverse effect on archeological and other protected sites during the fire-fighting efforts.



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Thousand Oaks Rotary Minutes of Meeting December 15, 2016



Joani Pappas opened the meeting with her Moment of Inspiration. Her theme was "Make your Decisions Count." This means, she said, we should take each day and make the most of it, see it as a new beginning, do not waste energy, focus on happiness, and set goals for success.

Joani and Karen Furnari led us in singing "God Bless America" after **Joani** led us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Mike Hebert introduced guests of the club, including Kevin McNamee, Lauren Torres, and Chris Hanner.



Happy \$\$\$\$\$\$

Dave Friedl carried the cup.

Among those sharing good news were **Jeff Borenstein, Steve Pederson, Norm Nagel, Lois Curran-Klein, KT Connor, Tanya Caligiuri, Nate Harimoto, Bob Biery** (celebrating 50 years in Rotary), and **Cal Henry**.



BIRTHDAY

Jan 01 Harimoto, Nate
Jan 01 Henry, Cal
Jan 03 Irwin, Jacqui
Jan 03 Prescott, Maria
Jan 05 Kleiger, Ean
Jan 06 Lindberg, Fred
Jan 08 Caligiuri, Tanya
Jan 12 Jones, Patricia
Jan 15 Robings, Jere
Jan 17 Roberts, Aline
Jan 18 Corrigan, Frank
Jan 22 Borenstein, Jeff
Jan 22 Humphrey, Bill
Jan 23 Anderson, Martin
Jan 23 Boggs, Steve
Jan 28 Buss, Marissa
Jan 29 Sellers, Mark
Jan 30 Williams, Richard



ANNIVERSARY

Jan 17 Warner, Ken & Laurel Ward



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



President Robert Bianchi announced news of **President Elect Karen Furnari** which was very well received by the Club.

Robert also mentioned that Heather Frankle, wife of District Governor Frankle, passed away on December 23rd. Her Celebration of Life will take place on January 15th at Mt. Sinai Cemetery in Simi Valley.



David Masci presented a Paul Harris x 6 pin to Lois Curran-Klein, and Paul Harris x 8 to Neil Scribner. He acknowledged **Nate Harimoto** for becoming a Major Donor and presented him with a pin, as well as **Tammie Helmuth** for becoming a Bequest Society Member Level 1. These important contributions help with many causes both domestically and internationally.



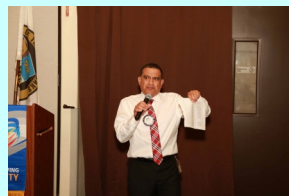
Tammie Helmuth presented a personal Paul Harris to Meghan Lopez for being a driving force on many of the Boards that **Tammie** serves on, and for all that she does for **Tammie** and the community.



Patricia Jones spoke on how thrilled she was to be a part of the preparation in Rotary International's float in the Rose Parade, and to be a representative of Rotary as she waved to the masses on their trek down Colorado Blvd. She explained the process of the judging which led to the prestigious Princess Trophy, and how she so appreciated **Tanya Caligiuri's** involvement, as well as **Bob Biery** cheering her on from the crowd. Patricia thanked those who contributed towards the float, and mentioned that they still needed to raise \$70,000, as the float cost \$150,000 to build. The theme of the float was "Doing Good in the World".



Vicki Arndt encouraged members to invite friends and family to attend the meeting in a couple of weeks when Steve Brown, past RI Trustee, will be our speaker. She said that he is very inspirational.



Haider Alawami announced the need for note-takers for the remainder of the Rotary year. He said most slots were filled but they still needed about 11 days covered. He looks forward to members contacting him to sign up.



WOW!

At our Blood Drive we did good work. At the December drive 18 people qualified to donate and we collected 21 units of lifesaving blood! Thank you so much for all you do to help patients in need.



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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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