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Program: July 18th

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Program: July 11th

A Year of Rotary Connections

Club President, Herb Gooch



President Herb began the 2019-2020 year by introducing his Board of Directors, asking each to identify themselves and their connection with the year ahead.

He then shared some of the following thoughts: "My goals are modest: manage things right, and lead towards right things." He added: "Let's have some fun, engage and enjoy more with one another as a club. Let's expand our membership, bolster our service in the local community and support Rotary International endeavors."

"The theme for Rotary International this year is particularly fitting," he said. "Making connections: linking, engaging, nurturing connections within the club, WITH OURSELVES and WITH OTHERS: others near at hand, like fellow Rotary clubs and Rotary as a whole, and others far away, the vast array of communities— local, national and international— which Rotary serves."

He concluded: "As individuals, as a club, we have the chance to achieve great merit – such as the Best Club in our District. But perhaps our greatest merit lies in what we cannot yet see: the future effects of our present actions. These include:

- ◆ enabling others to become better than they hoped possible or even suspected they might be;
- ◆ enlarging the sphere of opportunities for the disadvantaged; and
- ◆ implanting a sense of shared hope and destiny to those in need. "



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Thousand Oaks Rotary Meeting

July 11, 2019



President Herb Gooch took his place at the lectern, microphone in hand, while the full room of members enjoyed their lunch. He struck the bell to begin the meeting and, as planned, everyone stood and walked out of the room, leaving him shocked, amazed, and disappointed (well, not really). After a brief absence, they all returned.

President Herb invited **Darin Arrasmith** to provide a moment of inspiration. Darin quoted Goethe saying, "In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis is escalated or de-escalated, and a person humanized or de-humanized. If we treat people as they are, we make them worse. If we treat people as they ought to be, we help them become what they are capable of becoming." After the pledge to the flag, **Carol Robinson** then stepped forward to lead in singing *America the Beautiful*.

Kara Buss introduced the new presidents from our Group Four clubs: Randy Strong, Westlake Village Sunrise; Audrey Brown, Westlake Noon; Lee Tarbet, Newbury Park; Marilyn Lippiat, Rotary Advisor, Westlake Sunrise; Don Martin, Asst. District Governor. Also introduced: a former member of the club, Sharon Renshall, as well as our First Lady, **Chris Gooch**.

BIRTHDAYS

Jul 04 Engler, Susie
Jul 09 Krehbiel, David
Jul 10 Harris, David
Jul 11 Ward, Tex
Jul 12 Lederer, Jill
Jul 13 Teasdale, Michael
Jul 19 Kossoff, Ken
Jul 20 Buss, Kara
Jul 25 Lundberg, Kyle
Jul 25 O'Beirne, Mike
Jul 26 Ladd, Lee
Jul 29 Lewis, Bob



ANNIVERSARIES

Jul 06 Wang, Felix & Mary
Jul 09 Benson, Roger & Marilyn
Jul 10 Wieler, Dick & Janis
Jul 13 Wilson, Denis &
Sunny Morton-Wilson
Jul 18 Friedman, Betsy &
David Krehbiel
Jul 20 Schreiber, Carol & Chet
Jul 25 Ladd, Lee & Susan
Jul 27 Holmes, Janeen & Bob
Jul 28 Diaz, Mario &
Dawn Dixon-Diaz
Jul 28 Kourounis, Tony &
Catherine
Jul 29 Harimoto, Nate & Shirley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Herb introduced **PP Karen Furnari**, who unveiled the coveted Rotary Bell that goes to the Best Club in the District!! It was presented to Karen at the District Governor's step-down dinner. Members gave her a Standing ovation for her outstanding leadership last year.

Karen recognized two members with awards: The Bob Morrison Award went to **Ken Warner** for his leadership in the quarterly blood drive. The New Member Award was given to **Michael Jansen** for his enthusiastic participation in club in so many ways. (See last week's bulletin for more information about our bell.)

Bob Lewis, Chair of Club Service, asked ALL members to submit the 'opportunity' form, indicating their areas of involvement.

Lois Curran-Klein needs help securing auction items for the up-coming wine event.

Maria Prescott had seven extra tickets for the CLU Shakespeare performance of "Merry Wives of Windsor" which were quickly snatched up.



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Happy \$\$\$\$

Judy St. John carried the cup.



Judy St. John welcomed **Herb** as President and also welcomed **Richard Williams** back after being sick.

Dave and **Jim Friedl** once more contended with each other, this time about their joint family vacation in the Canadian Rockies—and the value of US versus foreign currency. David also celebrated going to Wisconsin for DMB band shows. He said he was “refueled” and “Life is grand.”

Richard Williams thanked all for the many notes and cards when he was sick. He promised to do the same.

KT Connor shared that she and **Jere** would be going to Niagara Falls in a few weeks and staying at the hotel they stayed at right after they were married. She will be presenting at the Academy of Business Research conference.

Patricia Jones said there is a Rider spot available on Rotary Rose Parade Float; if you want to ride, let her know ASAP and provide 1K deposit. She added that it was great to see Sharon Renshall and **Richard Williams** back at our meeting.

Ken Warner thanked all those who have given blood in the past. He added, “You have saved a life! I was very happy to receive the award however it was those who gave blood who should be thanked!”

Roger Benson announced his 59th wedding anniversary.

Martin Anderson joined when **Jeff** was President and kiddingly countered something **Jeff** said earlier.

Chris Steele said she appreciated the challenge that **Richard Williams** faced and was so happy he was back. Then **Chris** asked **Judy** to give her back the Happy Dollar cup.





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FINE SESSION



Trevor Tyloch, Fine Master, asked how much we really knew about the man holding the President's gavel. The questions he asked dealt with such areas as the 4 different colleges Herb had taught at, his appearance on The Dating Game TV show, his job covering politics in Venezuela, whether the sport he played in high school was cheerleading, soccer, or hookie (soccer was the right answer), what else he was president of (his college fraternity), how long he has been married (30 years), places he wants to visit, and pets he has, among other things. President Herb's life must be really unique, since only one person got the right answer. Those fined were **Felix Masci, Ean Kleiger, Nate Harimoto, Richard Williams, Maria Prescott, Hugo Roche, Rich Folsom, Jonathan Handler, Harry Selvin, Sue Engler, Sevak Khodabakhshian, Marrisa Buss, and Bob Lewis.**

A ROTARY NIGHT UNDER THE STARS



Maria Prescott, Family of Rotary Chair, arranged a wonderful evening at CLU enjoying the Shakespearean play, "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

Several TO Rotarians and their families filled the right front section of the lawn, while several Kiwanians filled the left side. As each group was announced, their members cheered exuberantly. It was clear the Rotarians are the loudest cheerers! The play was once again a wonderful delight on a beautiful evening. Attendees connected not only with one another, but connected as well with the world of excellent theatre.



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PAST PRESIDENTS — Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks

58-59 DONN ODELL	89-90 JEFF BORENSTEIN
59-60 JOHN HEYWOOD	90-91 DENNIS GILLETTE
60-61 MARV BURROW	91-92 MERV KOPP
61-62 ROSS DUSKIN	92-93 TOM GLANCY
62-63 ROY McCOMBER	93-94 HUGO ROCHE
63-64 PAUL PACE	94-95 BRIAN BACK
64-65 JOHN CONLAN	95-96 TONY KOUROUNIS
65-66 CARLOS SCURIA	96-97 JACK CAINE
66-67 MERRILL DARLING	97-98 DICK WIELER
67-68 PHIL OZAB	98-99 JUDY ST. JOHN
68-69 WILLIAM VANDERZWANN	99-20 MIKE GONZALES
69-70 ALVIN J. HOTZ, JR.	20-01 NEIL SCRIBNER
70-71 BEN CRANMER, JR.	01-02 BOB BIERY
71-72 GLENN GOODWIN	02-03 HARRY SELVIN
72-73 GEORGE VASLIEFF	03-04 RICK LEMMO
73-74 HENRY STILL	04-05 DOUG TAPKING
74-75 JOHN TUEL	05-06 KATHY HILL
75-76 KENNETH HANSON	06-07 PETE TURPEL
76-77 DAVID HUANG	07-08 VICKI ARNDT
77-78 WILLIAM HAAS	08-09 MARTIN ANDERSON
78-79 FELIX MASCI	09-10 KEITH PARKS
79-80 HARLAND JONES	10-11 FRANK CORRIGAN
80-81 DAVE WENDER	11-12 RICHARD WILLIAMS
81-82 GEORGE GIBB	12-13 SUSAN MURATA
82-83 NORMAN NAGEL	13-14 CAROL FREEMAN
83-84 BILL PETERSON	14-15 NATE HARIMOTO
84-85 MIKE O'BEIRNE	15-16 MIKE MURPHY
85-86 MARV SOSNA	16-17 ROBERT BIANCHI
86-87 FRED FERRARINI	17-18 TIM WEAVER
87-88 DOC NEEDHAM	18-19 KAREN FURNARI
88-89 KENNETH (SKIP) ROBERTS	

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