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"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn." Alvin Toffler



PROGRAM: March 15th

St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Program: March 8th

Rothschild Public Service Award

Recipient: Chief of Police Tim Hagel

Tammie Helmuth introduced the recipient of the Rothschild Award, Tim Hagel, Chief of Police, Thousand Oaks. Tim humbly received this recognition with gratitude. Tim then went on to present the program he is very passionate about, "Safe Passage."

50 people work behind the scenes at Safe Passage every day. He is only the face of this program. He said that the way we fight crime is broken. He is sure we'll fix it with Safe Passage. There are 370 gun-toting gang members locally. Most members of the TOCAS Gang were raised at 850 Warwick in Thousand Oaks. This 50 unit apartment complex was the scene of 700 police calls a couple of years ago. Last year, there were only 16 calls to the same area. They feel this is in-part a result of the positive effects of Safe Passage.

Gangs provide a better business plan in regard to mentoring, finance, and sense of community than most businesses. But the way the police have dealt with the ongoing problem has not been a solution. If they incarcerate a new gang leader, a new one will take over the next day. This is similar to ISIS, where if a leader is eliminated, a new leader will immediately step up. The goal of Safe Passage is to stop the supply of future gang leaders. The program targets children from kindergarten through 5th grade. They are the most impressionable at this age. The program gives kids a sense of identity with community, skills, finance, literacy, and safety. The goal is to create leaders secure from the gang.

Frontier donated lifetime internet for youth and teen centers, so that kids can have access to information for education, since 92% of high-risk children don't have internet at home. The School District and Conejo Recreation and Park District work in conjunction to provide field trips to local colleges and universities, libraries, museums, and theater. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Officers volunteer their time to help kids with homework in afterschool programs. The cost for Safe Passage for one child for 6 years, is \$1,588. The cost for a single 16 year-old's incarceration for one year is \$127,000.



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Thousand Oaks Rotary Minutes of Meeting March 8, 2018



President Tim Weaver opened the meeting and introduced **Darin Arrasmith** for the Inspirational Moment



Darin spoke about how the best of us is already inside of us. Life's challenges can sometimes cloud our thoughts and become toxic, but if we remember that there is so much good inside of us, we can appreciate how fortunate

we are. **Darin** then led us in the Pledge. **Nancy Wohl** led us in song with "My Country Tis of Thee." **Sue Engler** introduced **Trevor Tyloch's** guest Marie Rhodes Smith.



The Four Way Test
Rotary



1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

March 22nd

4-Way Test

Essay Contest

Birthdays

Mar 03 Scribner, Neal
Mar 04 Yanez, Natalie
Mar 09 Becerra, Daniel
Mar 17 Alawami, Haider
Mar 17 Feigen, Marc
Mar 19 Friedl, Dave
Mar 25 Torres, Jesus
Mar 26 Moors, Don
Mar 28 Magasinn, Michael



Anniversaries

Mar 04 Magasinn, Michael & Rhonda
Mar 07 Sweeney, Bud & Norma
Mar 08 McNamee, Kevin & Kathryn
Mar 28 Engler, Susie & Bob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michelle Nash announced the upcoming Youth Commission's Youth Recognition Awards. They seek nominees.

Jennifer Strong asked for a couple more members to join the group at Mike Hebert's that evening for PRLS – Introduction to Rotary. PDG Wade Nomura will lead the class. No charge to members as the Club pays the fee.

Vicki Arndt announced next week's meeting program to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The Degenerates will be presenting limericks and invites anyone who would like to participate by reading their own limericks.

Karen Furnari reminded everyone that District Training Assembly is coming up and many of the 72 clubs in District 5240 will be represented. She encouraged anyone who hasn't been to an Assembly to attend. It is only a 4-hour commitment and many important and exciting topics will be covered. For more information and to register visit www.rotarydistrict5240.org.

President Weaver presented perfect attendance pins to **Judy St. John** for 27/27 years perfect attendance, and **Robert Bianchi** for 3/13 years perfect attendance.





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

Frank Corrigan carried the cup.



Frank Corrigan gave dollars signifying the 6 lb. birth weight of his new great granddaughter.

Nelson Buss announced that none of his sisters were present so he had the club all to himself.

Jim Friedl was so fortunate to have a friend and role model in Tim Hagel.

Dave Wender said he has 2 tickets to the King's game for sale.

Judy St. John's grandson's Mock Trial team won for the 1st time ever. She is going to be accompanying him to the State Championships.

K.T. Connor explained that Jere wasn't at the meeting as he was asked to speak in Oak Park on his experience with Tax Payer's Advocacy.

Richard Williams said if he didn't get enough St. Patrick's Day limericks he threatened to use the ones he knows about Nantucket, Grant's Pass, and a guy named Dave.

Martin Anderson chided that **Jim Friedl** is such a suck up (in reference to his Happy Dollars message regarding Police Chief Tim Hagel). He also boasted about how their bowling team destroyed their opponents that week.

Judy Lazar has been a Rotarian for 22 years, with not one perfect attendance pin!

Patricia Jones loves this club. It fills her heart every week. She's been appointed to the Rotary Float Advisory Committee. Let her know if you are interested in riding on, or walking alongside, the float next year. There is a fee, but it is well worth it and can be given as a gift to a friend or family member as well, giving them the opportunity for this amazing experience. Her company is hiring like crazy, looking for companions/caregivers. She needs a companion caregiver to help a lady in Westlake 4 hours a day M-F.

Natalie Yanez said it was **Andrea's McClellan's** birthday, and led us in singing Happy Birthday to **Andrea**.

Denis Wilson proudly announced that Tori has been accepted to USD on a Fulbright Scholarship. Tori had asked that the money be given in thanks for all the support the club has given over the years.

Mike Hebert sadly shared the passing last week of his 95 year-old father-in law. He was a wonderful man with a full life. Mike wished he could have granted his dad's three last wishes: to have a bean burrito (not able to, on a liquid diet), to have a Coors Light (he didn't want to greet his late wife with beer on his breath), and to be 80 again.

Kevin McNamee celebrated his 21st wedding anniversary.

Carol Schreiber reminded all that it's International Women's Day. She asked all women in the room to stand, put their shoulder back, their chests up, and recite together, "I can do anything."



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FINE SESSION



Michelle Nash was Fine Master. She and her family love to travel, so the Theme of Fine Session was “Where in the World?” She showed famous cityscapes and had members guess what city they were in, either domestic or abroad. Those fined were **Nate Harimoto, Jennifer Strong, Niki Richardson, Christal Doyle, Trevor Tyloch, Carol Robinson,** and lastly **Ean Kleiger**. Only **Ean** didn’t know where he was. (He must have gotten lost in an earth-deep cavity.)



Celebrate Rotary Water and Sanitation Month!



Clean water and sanitation is a human right.

When people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives.

We don’t just build wells and walk away. Rotary members integrate water, sanitation, and hygiene into education projects. When children learn about disease transmission and practice good hygiene, they miss less school. And they can take those lessons home to their families, expanding our impact.

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Rotary has issued a global challenge to its members,

asking them to work collectively to improve education quality and access — particularly for girls — by working with communities to improve teacher training, curriculum, and water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities.



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PAST PRESIDENTS — Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks

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

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