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"Inspire others with your story."



Program: March 30th

Four Way Test Essay Contest

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Program: March 23

Behind the Laughter

Gene Perret, Writer & Author





Vicki Arndt introduced Gene Perret, author and comedy writer for TV shows such as Carol Burnette & Mary Tyler Moore. He was also joke writer for Phyllis Diller and Bob Hope. In fact, Gene travelled the USO World with Bob Hope.

A series of one liners, one after another had the meeting room rocking with laughter. Gene summed his presentation up to send the message that people who use humor in daily life see life more clearly and think more quickly. This is indeed a great skill to hone for business and personal success, he suggested.

One of the jokes Gene recounted of Hope was that of a blind golfer who was challenged by a Hope to play golf. The friend said, "You pick the time and day." The blind golfer said, "Tomorrow at midnight."



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Thousand Oaks Rotary Minutes of Meeting March 23, 2017



Joani Pappas provided the Inspiration today with a poem, "It only takes One:" one flower for beauty, one word to change a life, one kind act, one person to change the world. She reminded each of us that we are each ONE and we all make a difference in the world. The song God Bless America was led delightfully by the new singing duo of Joani and President Robert Bianchi.



President Robert introduced a very special guest, Wade Nomura, Past District Governor and many other positions in RI District, Region and Zone. Jennifer Strong highlighted the guests. David Masci introduced his "favorite" Mother Barbara, Felix Masci introduced Barbara as his favorite wife. Sharon Renshall introduced her hubby Jim (continuing the favorite theme); Ronnie Stone introduced Meghan Flinch, Director of Development for SE YMCA; Lois Curran-Klein introduced her friend Joyce Pearson.





President Robert's thunder was stolen as he was about to give an update on member Dave Wender. It turns out Dave was present and gave his own status report. He was touched/overwhelmed by the love and friendship he has felt during the time spent in the hospital and just dealing with his health issues.

President Robert also shared a Certificate of Appreciation for the work our club did on the hearingaid project in Tijuana, Mexico. Thanks are given to **Matt Lallo** for coordinating that project.



Barbara and **Felix Masci** were honored by Wade Nomura & **David Masci**, RCTO Foundation Chair for their recent Level 2 Legacy Bequest to Rotary Foundation, a joint decision reflecting their many efforts and activities in Rotary. When **Felix** was DG, Barbara visited every Rotary club in the district with **Felix** and much more. Wade honored them and our club for our leadership in Rotary Foundation contributions. reminding us that "Every Dollar Changes Lives!" Each of us were asked to talk with spouses and consider leaving a legacy gift.

BIRTHDAY

Mar 03 Scribner, Neal Mar 04 Yanez, Natalie

Mar 11 Hovnanyan, Ari

Mar 17 Alawami, Haider

Mar 17 Feigen, Marc

Mar 19 Friedl, Dave

Mar 25 Torres, Jesus

Mar 26 Moors, Don

Mar 29 Magasinn, Michael

ANNIVERSARY

Mar 04 Magasinn, Michael & Rhonda Mar 07 Sweeney, Bud & Norma

Mar 08 McNamee, Kevin & Kathryn Kappel

Mar 26 Turpel, Pete & Michelle

Mar 28 Engler, Susie & Bob



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

Marc Feigen carried the cup.

Jesus Torres gave a happy/sad dollar announcing he has agreed to coach his 5 year old son's team in Baseball stating he knows nothing about coaching. (Comment at one table was "not to worry, all the parents will give you lots of advice")

Several mentioned being glad to see Dave **Wender** back. This included **Felix Masci**, **Vicki Arndt**, **Lois Curran Klein**, and **David Masci** (who wondered when his 1040 would be done).

Ed Jones cheered, "Go Bruins!"

Cal Henry offered a sad dollar for the passing of his older sister.

Steve Stanley had an announcement dollar: looking for nominees for the John Conlan award. This is given to a Non-Rotarian, recognizing them for outstanding contributions to administrative governance and charitable causes in the Conejo Valley and Ventura County.

















FINE SESSION



Meghan Lopez led Ean Kleiger, Vicki Arndt, David Masci and Darin Arrowsmith in a game of "Watch your Mouth," in which they each inserted dental brackets, which blocked their ability to pronounce clearly, and were asked to read a phrase from a card distributed to them. After they mangled the phrases, those fined were asked to identify what the phrases were. Joani Pappas, Dave Friedl, Jennifer Strong, and Susan Murata were among the "finees."



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ANNOUNCEMENT



Paul Dryman is concerned about supplies for Chilli Cook-Off. He asked all chairs of each area at the Chili Cook-Off to resend him their supply list. There has been some confusion and he needs to verify supplies for each area.



Community Service Work Day is April 8th. **Barb Cornwall** reminded us that we will be working at Safe Passage Community – Warwick Project located at 850 Warwick Ave, Thousand Oaks. This project includes painting at the center plus a list of items needing to be donated. See Email from **Barb** on 3/22 for list of items



Reading is Fundamental coordinator, **Meghan Lopez**, thanked all who responded so quickly for the next reading session. Spots filled within a few hours. For newer members Meghan explained that our club purchases books for each student at Conejo Elementary, and on the day the books are distributed we members go to read to each class. Conejo Elementary is a Title One school. For many students, this might the only book they may own.



The offsite meeting on April will be held at the Sports Academy, 1011 Rancho Conejo Lane in Newbury Park. The meeting will start at 11:45. to allow extra times for tours of the facility. It is a phenomenal place. Sign up sheets will be available at next week's meeting.



Have you seen this article in the latest *Rotarian?*

Their RV trips to do good are amazing!

Rotarians "Connecting for Good" with people in need and with other clubs up and down the California coast.

Brilliant planning and executing!

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PAST PRESIDENTS

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59-60 JOHN HEYWOOD 88-89 KENNETH ROBERTS 60-61 MARV BURROW 89-90 JEFF BORENSTEIN 61-62 ROSS DUSKIN 90-91 DENNIS GILLETTE 91-92 MERV KOPP 62-63 ROY McCOMBER 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 11-12 RICHARD WILLIAMS 82-83 NORMAN NAGEL

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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