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**May:**  
**Youth Services Month**  
**Month**



**Program: May 16th**  
**Youth Citizenship Awards**  
**Doug Messner, Host**

**Program: May 9th**

### Elder Abuse

**Laurel Sykes, Chief Risk Officer, Montecito Bank and Trust**



**Jennifer Strong** introduced Laurel Sykes. Laurel has served as Community Reinvestment Officer for 27 years. She is Director of Risk Management, and Fraud Protection.

Laurel said that Montecito Bank and Trust supports 100 non-profits. \$10,000 given to each of those nonprofits annually 16 million dollars has been donated to-date.

Laurel talked about the importance of cyber security awareness. Common scams are miscellaneous mail scams, lotteries, sweepstakes, phony charities, investment scams, handyman scams, caregiver check fraud, sweetheart scams, check overpayment scams, work at home as mystery shopper scams, as well as virtual kidnapping, Social Security scams, and gift card scams.

Laurel was a wealth of information and encourages all to become more educated in protecting yourselves and others by going to the IC3.gov – the FBI Fraud Division Website, to gain more information. Materials can also be found through Montecito Bank and Trust's Fraud Prevention Materials.



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## Thousand Oaks Rotary Meeting

May 9, 2019



**President Karen Furnari** opened the meeting and acknowledged the incredible work of the **Buss Family** on a successful and happy Chili Cookoff on Sunday. She said people were smiling and complimentary throughout the day, and she's never

been prouder to represent such a wonderful club.

**Karen** then introduced **Jill Lederer** for the Moment of Inspiration. **Jill** recited a poem by Max Ehrmann, an attorney, entitled "Desiderata". It begins with the stanza;

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,  
and remember what peace there may be in silence.  
As far as possible without surrender  
be on good terms with all persons.  
Speak your truth quietly and clearly;  
and listen to others,  
even the dull and the ignorant;  
they too have their story.



**Joani Pappas** then led the group in *America the Beautiful*. **Jonathan Handler** introduced Past President and our Honorary Member, **Michael O'Beirne**, and **Patricia Jones'** guest, Dwight Brown.



Program: May 23rd

**Rotary**

**Rose Parade Float**

**Patricia Jones**

**Bob Biery**

## BIRTHDAYS

May 01 Schwabauer, Jennifer  
May 04 Wilson, Denis  
May 11 Guevara, Tony  
May 11 Paulucci, Pat  
May 20 Murphy, Mike  
May 29 McCoy, Pat  
May 30 Robinson, Carol

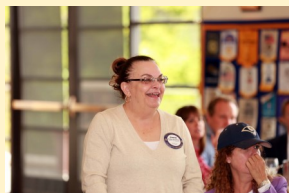
## ANNIVERSARIES

May 01 Overton, Dan & Casey  
May 05 Agina, Tulasi &  
Chaitanya Bijili  
May 06 Lallo, Matt & Teresa  
May 10 Hayek, Victor & Angela  
May 10 Irwin, Jacqui & Jon  
May 15 Lemmo, Rick & Lou Ann  
May 16 Guevara, Tony & Suzy  
May 17 Lundberg, Kyle &  
Genevieve  
May 18 Sandlin, Ernie & Jean  
May 19 Buss, Marissa &  
Danny Lampert  
May 24 Buss, Kara &  
Anothony Marcione

## FINE SESSION



**Susan Murata** was Fine Master. She asked a number of questions that fifth graders today would know. Those fined were tested as to whether they were as smart as a 5th grader. Fined for the correct answer was only **Danny Lampert**, newest new member. Fined for incorrect answers were **Michelle Nash**, **Jennifer Schwabauer**, **Jill Lederer**, and **Bob Lewis**.





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**Happy \$\$\$\$**

**Chantal Margottin** carried the cup.



**Dave Burns** thanked everyone who helped him with the entertainment at the Chili Cookoff, and thanked **Pat McCoy** for being a great announcer on stage.

**Jennifer Schwabauer** was happy to announce that her daughter, Jennifer, is now a mini-ranch owner in Oklahoma.

**Bob Lewis** proudly announced that his son just won a Daytime Emmy for Sound Editing

**Rich Folsom** said he isn't a photographer as a profession, but that his boss is in the Moorpark Rotary Club and they are hosting a Golf Tournament Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. There are still tickets to the event and raffle tickets available.

**Marissa Buss** thanked everyone for participating in the Chili Cookoff. She also thanked Ryan and **Chantal** for their roles.

**Tulasi Agina** was proud to announce that his son at 13, was the youngest recipient in the US to receive a prestigious award in computer programming.

**David Wender** was relieved to report that due to catching his cancer early, he will not need chemo. He was also happy to announce that his younger son Tim just started with the Ventura County Fire hand crew. He also just became engaged to his girlfriend of 10 years, Emily.

**Chris Lamia** gave \$130. \$10 each for 3 stents placed in his heart last weekend, and \$100 for missing the Chili Cookoff. He hopes everyone will understand his absence!

**Dave Friedl** thanked those who worked in his beer booth. He's off to Nashville to see one of his favorite bands.

**Mike O'Beirne** contributed \$20 to the Cup and thanked everyone for the tributes. Humble as always, **Mike** said he wasn't the founder of anything. He was just one of a group of Rotarians who put their heads together to make things happen. He was appreciative of **Larry Baker**, and a free lunch! He has moved back to the area at the urging of his daughter so that she can help him as he has a number of health issues. He now lives in Ventura. He will visit our club periodically. (He said he also read our bulletin each week!)

**Program: May 30th**  
**Vocational College Scholarships**  
**Carol Schreiber**





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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Ken Warner** reminded us of the upcoming blood drive on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please save up your blood, he said, so that you can help save a life. And please sign up.

**President Karen** presented Perfect Attendance Pins to **Tanya Caligiuri** and **Lois Curran-Klein** for 10 years each in Rotary and 10 years each perfect attendance.



**Karen** then welcomed her husband, Big Steve, and thanked him for his support for her work with Rotary.

## ANOTHER NEW MEMBER



**President Furnari** inducted **Danny Lampert**, who is his sponsor, **Marissa Buss's** husband. **Danny** has been a firefighter for 17-years, and is Captain of the Oxnard Fire Department. When not working as a firefighter, he's a realtor with Pinnacle Realty, he volunteers for Madrona Elementary as an art docent and for Habitat for Humanity. **Danny** has lived in this community for 36 years. He and **Marissa** have two daughters, Georgia and Livia. **Danny** said he is not a Buss, and that the Lamperts are much nicer than the Busses!

## President Elect Gets His 2019-2020 Board Together for 2019-2020



**Herb Gooch** held a retreat for his upcoming board team Saturday, May 11, at CLU.





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## CELEBRATING MIKE O'BEIRNE AND HIS LEGACIES!

**President Karen** welcomed our special guest and Honorary member, **Mike O'Beirne**. She said she received the **Mike O'Beirne Award (MOA)** and invited other past recipients and event committee chairs to come up and share a few words about the legacy **Mike** has left for our club. **Mike** was the brainchild behind the Chili Cookoff, TO Street Fair, and the Midsummer's Eve Wine Festival.



**Jere Robings** relayed best wishes from Spokane from Honorary Member and Past President **Denny Gillette**.

**Susan Murata**, MOA recipient and former chair of the Chili Cookoff, and chair of the Midsummer's Eve Wine Festival, said she wants to punch him in the face in return for all the work she had to do! (Kidding of course.)

**Carol Robinson**, MOA recipient, said "Of course we can do that!" which was and is **Mike's** mantra.

**Martin Anderson**, former Street Fair Chair, said he remembers when many years ago he was at Dupar's Bar, when a hand reached in and grabbed him, and said we needed to put on a street fair, and that **Martin** was to go to the Ventura Street Fair, see how it's done, and bring back that knowledge so that he could head up the TO Street Fair!

**Hugo Roche**, MOA recipient, said a "Hugoism", which no one quite understood, something having to do with an old maid who saw a doctor in Ireland, who told her she was pregnant. All in all, Hugo said **Mike** is a special guy.

**David Masci**, former Foundation Chair, said that when he sees the Foundation funds we have raised to help others, he realizes that it is much due to seeds that **Mike** planted to help it grow. Those funds have made a huge difference in the lives of many we may never meet.

**Barb Cornwall** was recruited in 2009 to be Chili Cookoff Chair, and thanked **Mike** for everything.

**Lee Ladd** said that he always sat at the table with **Mike**, **Martin**, **Tom Glancy** and others. One meeting he was late to arrive for the meeting. When he arrived, he learned that he had been elected Chair of the new Wine Festival. Moral of the story...never be late to a Rotary meeting!

**Roger Benson** said they would often meet in **Lee's** wine cellar to plan the Wine Festival.

**Bob Biery** said as Incoming President of our club, **Mike** and **Tom Glancy** asked him about putting on a wine event. He said the wine book needed editing as it was outdated.

**Tammie Helmuth** said years ago, she and her husband bought the awards business from Mike, who said whoever bought Conejo Awards must be a Rotarian. She was already a Rotarian in Ventura Rotary Club. Tammie also said she chaired Chili Cookoff and brought in other members who chaired these events Mike had started.

**Marissa Buss** has chaired the Chili Cookoff for the past 3 years. This event has raised \$800,000 since 2000.

**Nelson Buss** said since the late 80s, he and some friends had a chili booth at the Chili Cookoff, never realizing it was a Rotary Event. He did it to have fun, drink, and meet cute girls. When he found out it was a TO Rotary event, he knew he needed to learn more about Rotary, and decided to join.

**Christal Doyle** was told by **Tammie Helmuth**, her sponsor, that as a new member, she was required to chair one of 3 major events! She has chaired the TO Street Fair for the past 3 years! (Was she conned as Red Badge Chair?)





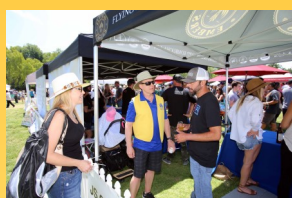
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## PAST PRESIDENTS — Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks

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 NEIL 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	17-18 TIM WEAVER

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