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May: Youth Services Month



Program: May 9th

Elder Abuse

Laurel Sykes, Chief Risk Officer, Montecito Bank and Trust

Program: May 2nd

Chili Cook-Off



Chili Cook-Off Chair, **Marissa Buss**, and her Co-chairs **Cara** and **Nelson Buss**, did a fantastic job as they prepared a Fine Session-like program to catch everyone up with both the history of the Chili Cook-Off, its contribution to the community, and the plans for the current event..

They asked multiple choice questions especially geared towards important facts about the upcoming Chili Cookoff. Questions included locations of specific assignments, identification of various leaders, and what to expect during the day. Marissa told members they were to play by table, coming up with the answers to her questions as a group. She then selected the table exhibiting the first show of hands for all occupants at the table. And of course they had to have the correct answer. In giving the correct answer, they received points towards the big win. Winners would receive items from the Chili Cookoff storage unit!

Ernie Sandlin gave important parking assignment information, Paul Dryman urged those needed supplies to be sure he was informed.

Members were reminded that if they couldn't attend, please assign a friend or family member since every position is critical. The energy and spirit of the program energized all to get excited about being ready to serve the community once again!



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Thousand Oaks Rotary Meeting



President Karen Furnari introduced **Sevak Khodabakhshian** for the Inspirational Moment and Salute.

Sevak shared that he took a leap of faith starting a new business 3 years ago. He has been so busy with his



businesses, he realizes that he has been making excuses not to participate in other things in his life, and had even considering leaving Rotary. With the urging of **Darin Arrasmith** to take part in RYLA this year, **Sevak** had an opportunity to rekindle the spark of Rotary. Learning from mentor John Maxwell to always put the goal ahead of the role, **Sevak** was able to put things into perspective in his life, and teach RYLA students the same. He was also very inspired as always by Jimmy Weldon, RYLA Inspirational Speaker, now 95 years old.

Song Leader was **Nelson Buss** who led all in *God Bless America*. **David Harris** introduced Visiting Rotarians and guests.



President Karen then announced that **Larry Baker** was having surgery and to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

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 &

NEW MEMBERS!



President Karen re-inducted **Tina Dickerson** to our club. **Tina** had taken a couple of years off from Rotary due to life events, but is happy to be back. **Paul Dryman** is her sponsor.

Karen then inducted a new member, **Michael Teasdale**. **Michael**, also known as **Mike**, is a retired educator and businessman, currently

sitting on the Ventura County Board of Education. **Michael** has been a Conejo Valley resident for 18 years after living and working in Massachusetts and France. He noted that he is very happy to call this home. **Michael** said one of the things he loves about our club is that we do serious things but don't take ourselves too seriously! **Carol Robinson**, **Michael's** sponsor, said that he has been a Rotarian for all of these years, but didn't know it!



PEEKING INTO THE CHILI COOK-OFF PROGRAM A BIT MORE





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Happy \$\$\$\$

Joani Pappas carried the cup.



Martin Anderson for welcoming Tina back to the Club. **Martin** and **Bob Lewis** ran into **Tina** while standing in line to donate blood the day after the Borderline shooting. They spoke and now we're very happy **Tina** is back. **Martin** also said how grateful we are that Linda from Rotary Club of Simi Sunset has volunteered to help with the bank at the Chili Cookoff for the last 3-4 years.

Betsy and **David Krehbiel** spent a week with Mike and Diane Hebert at their new home on the beach in North Carolina, and had a wonderful time.

Richard Williams announced the event celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Civic Arts and Alliance for the Arts where last Saturday, with the help of **Patricia Jones**, **Marissa**, **Cara Buss**, and our club, 6 artistic scholarships were awarded to promising students in the field of performing arts totaling \$7,000.

Felix Masci had a happy and sad dollar. The happy dollar was for the wonderful National Day of Prayer observed at CLU Thursday Morning. The sad dollar was that our club had 2 tables, of which one table had only 6 of our members, and the other table was empty.

Matt Lallo and Teresa are celebrating 60 wonderful years of marriage on Sunday.

Jeff Borenstein visited with Don Kendall who has tongue cancer. Keep him in your thoughts.

Jennifer Schwabauer also attended the National Day of Prayer and said it was a wonderful event.

Nate Harimoto was happy to announce Warrior Zach and his dog Kelly (K-9 for Warriors) would be at a booth at the Chili Cookoff. **Nate** invited all to stop by and say Hi.

While at RYLA, **Sevak Khodabakhshian** asked Jimmy Weldon if he would be our guest at a meeting. He said his calendar was too full, otherwise he'd love to!

Jere Robings announced his delight with attending the All District Chorus Festival at the Civic Arts Plaza. Involved every school in the district over 5 days, it provides the opportunity for every child involved in music in all of the schools of the Conejo Valley, grades kindergarten through 12th grade to be on stage and participate. He said it's an amazing event. His elementary school granddaughter was there singing away with her classmates in a great performance, as were students from middle school and high school.

Barb Cornwall is very thankful for her latest grandson, Mack Rider Murray, who is now 1 month-old.

FINE SESSION



Darin Arrasmith was Fine Master. He said his memory being what it is, he forgot that he did this same fine session a year ago, so figured it was a safe bet that we forgotten also. The idea was guessing the price of everything from a top-of-line bicycle to a Ferrari, to a gallon of milk. Those fined included **Tony Kourounis**, **Martin Anderson**, **Herb Gooch**, **Adam Antoniskis**, **Hugo Roche**, **Steve Stanley**, and **Bob Lewis**.



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HELP SAVE A LIFE!

Ken Warner makes it easy for us to sign up. Thanks, Ken!



BLOOD DRIVE

THE ROTARY CLUB OF THOUSAND OAKS

IN THE BLOODMOBILE AT
LOS ROBLES GREENS
299 S MOORPARK ROAD
THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, JUNE 6
10 AM - 1:30 PM

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drive only will be entered into a drawing to win a
\$25 Amazon gift card!

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donor how grateful I am
for your selfless act. You
may have wondered
what became of your
donation. Well, it saved
my life."

Ann - Blood Recipient





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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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