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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: November 16th**

**Todd Street Jail Culinary Class**

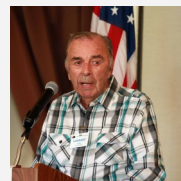
**Amy Tyrrell**



**Program: November 9th**

**Celebrating Veterans before Veterans Day: World War II**

**Leonard Zerlin**



**Tony Kourounis** introduced our speaker, Leonard Zerlin, WWII veteran. Tony also introduced Leonard's family members who had come to support him. Leonard, 94 yrs., spoke of his service in the US Airforce in WWII. Because of pleurisy as a child he was designated 4F, but talked his way into the service because he is Jewish and wanted retribution against Nazis for killing Jews. He mentioned he had collected many veterans' memories of WWII and put it all together in a book (and had a few for sale). He mentioned not many WWII vets are still living and there are 450 dying per day – "so he had better speak quickly."

Leonard flew in B-25's and moved to B-26's – very dangerous planes. He was a turret gunner. He had three particular harrowing experiences:

- 1) His plane was supposed to fly a dangerous mission, but the command limited the squadron to 12 planes (his was to be number 13) none of the planes came back.
- 2) He let another man seek refuge in his foxhole. The foxhole received a direct hit with a large bomb so Leonard was saved, and
- 3) he made a difficult and dangerous maneuver to free a bomb that had stuck in the bomb-dropping mechanism of his aircraft and was later awarded the Silver Star medal for it. The membership gave Leonard a lengthy, standing ovation as he finished.



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## Thousand Oaks Rotary Minutes of Meeting November 2, 2017



President **Tim Weaver** introduced **Richard Williams** for his Moment of Inspiration. Richard inspirational stories connected with our mem-



bers. He cited **Past President Merv Kopp** and what **Merv** had meant to T.O. Rotary, especially the Timber School project in which **Merv** raised money for a monument to Timber School (first school in Conejo Valley). He raised money for the monument (which **Neal Scribner** designed) even though he had cancer at the time. He was surprised that when he broached the idea of doing it at a Rotary meeting, 19 Rotarians raised their hands to offer financial support for the project.

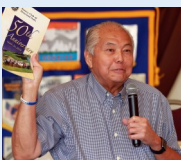


**Teresa Seeley** to introduced **Rick Lemmo**, Honorary Rotarian and his guest, Adam Amtoniskis, Julie Cano, guest of **Carol Robinson**, Linda Tincher, guest of **Martin Anderson**, Brad Uselmann, guest of **Jennifer Strong**, Ed Korts, father-in-law of **Mike Hebert**, Sophie Friedl, daughter of Jim and niece of **David Friedl**, Kara Buss, sister of **Nelson Buss**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Jeff Borenstein** mentioned a proposed Mystery Night (in the daytime) on Dec. 10.



**Nate Haimoto** announced that he had found some T.O. Rotary 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Books and had them with him for anyone who wanted one



**Tim Weaver** mentioned the distribution of Thanksgiving meals, and asked for volunteers from the club to help the needy have a Thanksgiving dinner. He reminded the club that **Paul Dryman** was promoting the Club Social at Sunland Winery next Thursday. Finally and importantly **Tim** recognized veterans in the club and had them stand.

## WHAT'S COMING

November 23rd: Dark

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



November 30

**\*\*Blood Drive**

**Speaker: Bill Dallas**

**CEO, Ownit Mortgage**



## BIRTHDAYS

Nov 02 Burns, Dave  
Nov 03 Furnari, Karen  
Nov 04 Kusnierek, Greg  
Nov 07 Pederson, Steve  
Nov 09 Cornwall, Barb  
Nov 09 Tyloch, Trevor  
Nov 12 Morrison, Matt  
Nov 17 Masci, Felix  
Nov 18 Bianchi, Robert  
Nov 18 Runnells, Cary  
Nov 20 Lopez, Meghan  
Nov 23 Gooch, Herb  
Nov 23 Parks, Keith  
Nov 24 Biery, Bob  
Nov 26 Connor, K. T.  
Nov 28 Scioscia, Mike  
Nov 28 Wohl, Nancy

## ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 07 Steele, Chris & Bill  
Nov 07 Yanez, Natalie & Josh  
Nov 09 Wender, Dave & Diane Marie  
Nov 11 Scribner, Neal & Tricia  
Nov 19 Kossoff, Ken & Klugman, Donna  
Nov 20 Freeman, Carol & David  
Nov 22 Baker, Larry & Skogi  
Nov 22 McClellan, Andrea & David  
Nov 25 Jones, Patricia & George  
Nov 29 Torres, Jesus & Monica



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## HAPPY \$\$\$\$\$\$

**Dave Wender** carried the cup.



**Dave Wender** started by putting in dollars for his 32nd wedding anniversary.



**Tony Kourounis** for High School 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



**Pat Paulucci** for 2 brothers who served in WWII.



**Joani Pappas** or people who served w/ Storybook at jail,



**Jere Robings** said that he and **KT** attended the fundraising event for Mary Health of the Sick and Vin Scully was the special event. **Jere** said that Vin was very entertaining.



**Carol Freeman** gave a sad dollar for Grethe Rivera, who worked with Hospice for years, and who died recently.



**Robert Bianchi** razzed UCLA basketball for players shoplifting.



**Hugo Roche** said USC had something to do with it.

**Jeff Borenstein** said the player led the league in steals.

**Steve Pederson** complimented Joani for Storybook at the jail program.

**Dave Burns** announced he had 300 lbs. of candy for anyone who wanted it to use for charity.

**Nelson Buss** described a fund-raising drive that is created to raise money to prevent suicide in the service.







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## FINE SESSION



**Ean Kleiger** was Fine Master. Since he's also the one who is responsible for acquiring Fine Master volunteers, **Ean** once more attempted to encourage volunteers to step up, by trying to bore everyone with dental questions about cavities, candy, and the common cold. Those who remembered from last week that all his questions have true answers included **Dave Burns, Tammi Helmuth, Darin Arrasmith, Felix Masci and Martin Anderson.**



## STORYBOOK PROJECT



**Joani Pappas** gets her team together to help inmates at the Todd Street Jail read a book to their children. Everyone who has participated talks about the overpowering feeling that preparing these recordings leaves them with.



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## Looking Across the Ocean to the East: Rotary Day at the United Nations in Geneva November 10-11. 2017



**RORATIANS MET IN GENEVA TO CELEBRATE OUR PRIVILEGED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND OUR SHARED VISION FOR A PEACEFUL WORLD.**

Theme – ***Peace: Making A Difference*** – the perfect conclusion to this year's annual ***Geneva Peace Week***.

More than 600 participants attended the ***Rotary Day at the United Nations in Geneva***, where United Nations representatives and experts of the humanitarian world educated and inspire delegates on how to actively build peace at the local, regional and global levels.

Plenary sessions and workshops helped elucidate the objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations, along with humanitarian emergency aid. A special session, organized by young leaders for young leaders, further underlined the importance of education in the peace-building process.

**Opening Ceremony of Rotary Day at the United Nations in Geneva Words of Welcome by:**

- **Mr. Francis Gurry**, Director General, WIPO (UN's World Intellectual Property Organization)
- **H.E. Mr. Valentin Zellweger**, Ambassador, Head of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland in Geneva
- **H.E. Ms. Elisabeth Laurin**, Ambassador, Head of the Permanent Mission of France in Geneva
- **Mr. Steve Bernard**, Head of the Office of External Affairs at the City of Geneva
- **Mr. François Longchamp**, President of the State Council of the Republic and Canton of Geneva
- **Mr. Ian H. S. Riseley**, Rotary International President.



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58-59 DONN ODELL	88-89 KENNETH ROBERTS
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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
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73-74 HENRY STILL	03-04 RICK LEMMO
74-75 JOHN TUEL	04-05 DOUG TAPKING
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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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