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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 30th

Bill Dallas, CEO
Ownit Mortgage Solutions



Program: November 16th

Todd Street Jail Culinary Class

Amy Tyrrell



Amy Tyrrell, Chef and owner of Morsels as You Wish, opened her full service culinary firm in the spring of 2011. Prior to opening the business, Chef Amy spent several decades climbing the corporate ladder within Fortune 500 firms. Passionate about the role food plays in nurturing the human body and soul, and always eager to further her culinary education.

While working with Ventura Adult Community Education, Amy was contacted by Commanders Ron Nelson and Cecil Argue from Todd Road Jail, asking if she would consider being Program Director of a Culinary Program at the Jail?

No other jail in California has a hands-on culinary program. They decided that the program would be offered to inmates within 9 months of emancipation, they would have had to undergone cognitive therapy, and had no major or minor infractions within 30 days of beginning the program. The classes would be composed of 12 students, however the numbers would often dwindle down to as little as 2 students, based on behavior within the jail, and other matters. Students had an opportunity to earn certificates in Food Handling, Prep Cook, Line Cook, and Serve Safe. They are the only jail in the US that has COE (Council on Education Certification). The value of the program over 4 months is \$30,000 in culinary education. So far 36 students have completed the program. Each student is given a nickname at the beginning of the program, and new nickname is issued by Amy at graduation. The food prepared in the program serves the students and deputies. A couple of the students have secured employment following emancipation with the help of the VACE.



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Thousand Oaks Rotary Minutes of Meeting November 16, 2017



Tim Weaver opened the meeting by introducing **Nelson Buss** for the Moment of Inspiration. Nelson spoke on how he had enjoyed partici-



pating in the Chili Cook-off for years and partaking of the beer, but it wasn't until a couple of years ago that he discovered that the event was put on by our Rotary club. He said he started asking questions and learning more about Rotary, more specifically, the Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks. He enjoyed giving back to the community, and decided that Rotary would be the right fit for him. **Joani Pappas** led us in America

the Beautiful.



Carol Robinson introduced **Teresa Seeley's** guest **Bob Duncan**, **Ronnie Stone's** guest **Megan Glynn**, **Susan Murata's** guest **David Harris**, **Steve Pederson's** guest **Anne Henry**, and **Adam Antoniskis**, guest of the club.

December 7th

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Board elections

(See page 5—pick 4)

BIRTHDAYS

Nov 28 Scioscia, Mike
Nov 28 Wohl, Nancy
Dec 03 Sweeney, Bud
Dec 04 Baker, Larry
Dec 09 Handler, Jonathan
Dec 18 Wender, Dave
Dec 22 Murata, Susan
Dec 25 Khodabakhshian, Dr. K
Dec 26 Doyle, Christal
Dec 28 Roberts, Skip
Dec 30 Friedl, Jim

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 29 Torres, Jesus & Monica
Dec 03 Corrigan, Frank & Kathy
Dec 15 Hebert, Mike & Dianne
Dec 23 Humphrey, Bill & Sandy

FINE SESSION

David Masci, Fine Master, asked **Judy Lazar**, **Richard Williams**, **Hugo Roche**, **Carol Freeman** and **Felix Masci** to come forward. The theme of the Fine Session was "How well do you know these Rotarians?" **Judy St. John** was given the task of having to guess what, if they could change their first name, it would be. **Martin Anderson's** name was then called. **Martin** commented, "I wish I had as much money as I get fined". **David** then asked him to sit down.

Other members called upon included **Pat McCoy**, **Steve Pederson**, **Greg Kusnierek**, **Steve Boggs**, **Nancy Wohl**, **Teresa Seeley**, **KT Connor**, **Susan Murata**, **Jere Robings**, and **Neal Scribner**

Some of the questions asked of the five up front were:

What was your favorite food when you were a child?

What is your favorite song?

What is one of your favorite quotes?

What is your favorite outdoor activity?

If you could choose anyone, who would you pick as your mentor?

At what age did you become an adult?

Which celebrity do you get mistaken for?





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ANNOUNCEMENTS



David Masci, Rotary Foundation Chair, reminded us that November is Rotary Foundation Month, a time of looking at sustaining membership. A Sustaining Member is someone who gives every year as part of a pledge. 30% comes back to our Club after 3 years. He looked up "Charity Watchdog" which verified that only 8% of Rotary International's overhead goes to Rotary administration. 88 out of 120 members of our Club are Sustaining Members. The 1st \$10,000 comes from 10 people, \$10,000 comes from 24 members, and \$7000 comes from 55 members.



David encouraged members to do as his family does: pay monthly, which helps with cashflow. You can arrange to have this through auto pay on your credit card.

President Weaver announced that **Daniel Becerra** just welcomed a new daughter.



Jeff Borenstein announced that the Mystery Night will take place on Sunday, December 10. There are a few tickets available.

Paul Dryman gave a final reminder about that evening's Rotary Social, to take place at Sunland Winery at 6:00. \$5.00 glasses of wine, food truck (Farm and Flame), and comedy show.



Ken Warner announced the upcoming blood drive to take place on Thursday, November 30th, from 10-1:30. Calls are being made to members to donate. The greatest gift you can give this holiday season, or any day, is the gift of life, which could be made possible with a single pint of blood.



President Tim Weaver proudly announced a plaque awarded to the Club from the YMCA for the gift of \$10,000 to the Y to support the Safety Around Water Program. Drowning is the second leading cause of death in children, ages 2-14. **Ronnie Stone** spoke on the impact this program is having, and Megan from the YMCA also presented the importance this program has for so many. The goal is to integrate this program into the curriculum in public schools. A permanent plaque will be displayed at the Conejo YMCA.

HAVE

YOU

READ

THE

LATEST

ROTARIAN?



HOW TO TALK COWBOY

BIG SWIMMING:
Crossing a high river

CANTLE:
The raised, curved back of a saddle

CAVY:
Group of saddle horses
(from the Spanish caballada)

CHUCK BOX:
Cupboard-like structure on the back of a chuck wagon for storing food, pans, etc.

CUT THE HERD:
Separate specific cattle from the herd

DALLY:
To twist a rope around the saddle horn after lassoing a cow
(from the Spanish dale vueltas or "Give it a turn")

HONDA:
Knotted or metal eyelet in a lariat that allowed the rope to tighten

LARIAT:
Braided loop for roping cattle
(from the Spanish la reata; reatar: to tie again)

LASO:
Long rope with a running noose for catching horses and cattle
(from the Spanish lazo)

MERRY-GO-ROUND IN HIGH WATER:
Confused cattle swimming in circles at a river crossing

REMUDA:
The group of horses for cowboys to choose from
(from the Spanish remudar, to exchange)

SCRATCHING GRAVEL:
Riding a horse up a steep bank or hill

SHAKING HANDS WITH GRANDMA
(also: clawing leather, reaching for the apple):
Grabbing the saddle horn on a bucking horse

SPOILED:
A herd that stampeded early in a drive and learned to stampede at the slightest start

WOOLIES:
Wintertime chaps covered in fleece or animal hair

WRANGLER:
Cowboy who tended the remuda



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Happy \$\$\$\$\$

Tony Kourounis carried the cup.

Richard Williams gave updates on the Curry College Colonels – competing in the 2nd Annual New England Bowl.

Patricia Jones said she and George just returned from a wonderful European Cruise on the Danube. Also a reminder to sign the holiday cards on the tables for the local seniors.

Darin Arrasmith noted that he and Susan Murata are working together on the project for children's holiday gifts. They will have all of the names and gifts requests available shortly.

Denis Wilson gave a last call for any items being donated to the Westlake High School's Interact garage sale to benefit K-9s for Warriors.

Ronnie Stone thanked everyone again for the generous support of the Water Safety Program

Anne Henry, **Cal Henry's** daughter came especially to say that Rotary meant the world to her dad. It was his touchstone. A framed Paul Harris Fellow certificate hangs in his living room, front and center, with his wife's photo to one side. Anne said that he loved being Sargent at Arms, even when it was getting more difficult for him. She humorously commented on how the banners appeared to be a bit crooked as she looked around the room, now that her dad wasn't here. She also complimented Griffin Family Mortuary and **Greg Kusnierek**, for how well they took care of her dad and the family, and made her dad look better in his casket than he did in the hospital.

Steve Pederson shared a story he meant to share at **Cal's** funeral. He said that years ago, when Otto Stoll was still alive, Otto was talking to members about his Alma Mater, Brown University. When he asked if there were any other "Brown" people in the room, **Cal** stood up!

Nelson Buss said that Meghan Lopez had chaired the Reading is Fundamental Program in the past, but now that she is on leave after giving birth to her daughter, he was wondering if anyone has taken over that position since he misses reading to the kids. **Trevor Tyloch** said that he was working on that project.





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Board Slate 2018-19 Resumes

Ernie Sandlin

Ernie Sandlin has been a member of the Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks for four years. He previously was a member of the Rotary Club of McMinnville, OR. Ernie has overseen parking for the Chili Cookoff for the past four years. For three years has handled all the personnel assignments for the Street Fair. Currently he is a member of the Programming Committee, planning and seeking out people to entertain and inform us during our weekly meetings.

Patricia Jones

Joined in 2010. Chaired sponsorships for Chili Cook-off for 2 years; served under Barb Cornwall. Chaired Senior Outreach since joining. Started the senior greeting card project. Outstanding New Member Award in 2011 by Richard Williams. Richard Williams bought a Paul Harris Fellow in my name in 2012. Served on sponsorships committee for Wine Event 2017. Paul Harris Fellow (x5). Represented District and Club on Rotary Float 100th Anniversary of Rotary Foundation. Serve on Club Administration (note taker, carry cup, inspiration moment). Just finished serving 3-year term as Chairman of the Board of Senior Concerns.

Steve Pederson

30 years in rotary, 30 years of perfect attendance. Nominated for membership by Jeff Borenstein and Denny Gillette. Past member of TORC Board of Directors. Paul Harris chairman for 25 years. Initial chairman of John Conlan award and committee member since inception. Formed TORF during Denny Gillette's year as President. Have been consultant to and on Board of Directors of TORF since inception. Named Rotarian of the Year and Otto Stoll award winner. Member of Bequest Society, Sustaining Paul Harris Member, and Level Two Paul Harris major donor. Last but not least I really enjoy Rotary, am proud of what we do for the community and around the world, and am honored to be a permanent member of the Golf Table.

Maria Prescott

Maria joined Rotary in 2012, sponsored by Bob Biery. She is a Pepperdine University graduate. Her career includes 31 years in municipal government and 7 years in non-profit organization management and administration. In the non-profit world Maria served as President and Executive Director of Hospice of the Conejo. In 2007 the Thousand Oaks Rotary awarded Maria the John T Conlan Award. Maria was also honored by the Chamber of Commerce as its 1997 Woman of the Year. Maria chaired the Backpack Project for the past 3 years. Last year, she served as chair of the Allocations Committee. Maria is married to John and has three grown children – Christina, Special Olympics Gold Jim, and Teresa. She has 4 grandchildren.

Herb Gooch

Professor of Political Science and Director of Masters in Public Policy and Administration program at CLU. Rotary since 2006 - 11 years with sponsors Dennis Gillette and Doug Tapking. Past co-chair T.O. Rotary Commemorative 50th Anniversary Program; service on International Committee for several years and involvement with Ambassadorial Scholarships (in which we send two scholars, Danny Liles and Kelly Tiller abroad); 2008-10 on Board of Directors serving as Vocational Chair; service on Rotary-Conejo Chamber Economic Forecast committee.

Natalie Yanez

Natalie joined our club in February 2013 at PETS, where she and then President-Elect, Carol Freeman, were used as an example of how to properly induct a new member, a very special moment she holds dear. During her years with our club, she has worked on Chili Cook-off committee, including chairing sponsorship in 2014 & 2015. In addition, she has volunteered her time on a number of occasions to talk with students through the Conejo High School Craft Talks program and most recently volunteered with the Storybook project. Natalie was also named New Member of the Year in 2014.

Jim Friedl

I have been a TO Rotarian for 13 years thanks to my sponsors Tex Ward and Rick Lemmo. I served as Program Chair during Vicki Arndt's year and - like all of us - I have eagerly worked the club's 2 big events- having served on the Cook-off committee a couple times. Over the past few years, my focus has primarily been on helping with the fundraising effort for the Rotary Dreamcatcher Playground. Since joining the club, I've met my responsibilities as a member, but I've really put my energy & time into work and family - - - spending most of my free time coaching my kids' soccer teams or trying to talk my 4 young adults out of getting tattoos (to no avail). Outside Rotary, I work as GM with CRPD. I've lived in Agoura since 1977. Earned a BA in Urban Planning from UCSD and JD from Pepperdine. I've been married to Tracy for 25 years and we've raised our 4 kids here and we really love the Conejo Valley. I'd be happy and honored to work for this club as a member of board.

KT Connor

KT Connor's classification is organization change specialist and she has her PhD in Communication and Management from USC. For Rotary she has chaired the Greeting committee and the PR Committee for the Street Fair. She has been on the International Committee and the Essay Contest Committee and participated in the Storybook Project, the District Poverty Program, and attended several District and International conferences. As for board experience she has served on and chaired several local, national, and international boards and is currently President of the Hartman Institute, an international association devoted to Value Science. She has also served as a consultant to many professional and non-profit organizations and assisted in staffing and board management. Most recently, KT has agreed to complete the recently vacated remaining current year vocational chair board position.



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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	

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