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## Rotary Theme for September: Basic Education and Literacy



**Program: September 19th**

### Civic Arts Plaza 25th Anniversary

**Niki Richardson,**  
Development Director, TO Arts

**Program: September 12th**

### State of the Region

**Dave Maron**



**Adam Antoniskis** introduced the speaker, David Maron, Vice Chair of the Ventura County Civic Alliance, The Alliance is comprised of Civic leaders from around the county. It is a unique regional collaborative representing a balanced mix of Economic, Environmental, and Social Equity perspectives. Its mission is to work together to promote a healthy and sustainable future for Ventura County.

The speaker presented the 2019 State of the Region report. Highlights included the following:

- Ventura County residents are getting older. People are moving away, can afford to live here, people are having less children.
- Strawberries is still the #1 agriculture in the County 2 billion annual 5% of Total GDP.
- Republicans are less, Democrats the same, and "No Party preference" is growing.
- Unemployment down to 3.8% lowest in ages.
- Education=Earnings. The more educated a person is, the more they make.
- Apartment rent average for 2 bedroom is over \$2k per month.



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## Thousand Oaks Rotary Meeting

### September 12, 2019



**President Herb Gooch** called the meeting to order at 12:30.

The Inspirational Moment and pledge to the flag was provided by **Vicki Arndt**. She shared that she grew up playing a guitar that her father bought her, always was inspired by the Joni Mitchell song "Circle Gang". She then reminded everyone to savor every day and to love and be loved. After



the pledge Eric Harrison led the singing of *America the Beautiful*.



## September Birthdays

Sep 01 Holmes, Janeen  
 Sep 05 Hill, Kathy  
 Sep 12 Kniss, Deborah  
 Sep 14 Corey, Jason  
 Sep 17 Folsom, Rich  
 Sep 18 Sandlin, Ernie  
 Sep 23 Cabral, Robert  
 Sep 26 Bradley, John  
 Sep 28 Lazar, Judy  
 Sep 28 Warner, Ken

## Anniversaries

Sep 06 Sellers, Mark & Linda O'Hirok  
 Sep 15 Back, Brian & Kathleen  
 Sep 16 Roberts, Aline & Skip  
 Sep 17 Cornwall, Barb & Russ  
 Sep 21 Lewis, Bob & Kathy  
 Sep 21 Robinson, Carol & Bill  
 Sep 25 Williams, Richard & Elaine

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Carol Robinson** presented **Susan Murata** with 17 years in Rotary and 17 years of perfect attendance pin

**Carol Freeman** told everyone she visited **PP Richard Williams** in the hospital and he is in grave condition- send cards and letters and visit him if possible. **Carol** also announced

that Rotary is doing a Senior Concerns Ultimate Dining Table again, and price per person is \$235.

**Christal Doyle** described the Street Fair money raiser, "Come Sit With Us." This is the new TOSF Table Ad sponsorship opp's for local businesses and families.



**President Herb** gave us several reminders:

- Sept 12—City of TO Workshop and Forum on Oct 2nd (Public is welcomed)
- Sept 26—My Stuff Bags 5-7 pm
- Oct 3—Meeting will be our District Governor's visit and Group 4 Presidents visit with Paul Chapell, Peace Builder, speaking
- Oct 11-12—Rotary District Conference in Solvang at Chumash
- Oct 13—Civic Arts Plaza anniversary celebration.
- Oct 20—Street Fair
- Oct 24—World Polio Day



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## Happy \$\$\$\$

**Chris Steele** carried the cup.



**Susan Murata** told the club that the wine event net was \$55K.

**Steve Stanley** thanked the club for donating \$500 to the Cypress Elementary Makers Space.

**Jason Corey** said he and his wife are celebrating being Empty Nesters as both of his kids are away at college now living in dorms. He added that his daughter made the Deans List 3 years in a row, and is now starting her Senior year at St. Johns with a 3.9 GPA, in Biology with a Chemistry minor.

**Jere Robings** reminded the club that on October 24, all 33,600 Rotary clubs will be joined by our 4 partners (WHO, CDC, UNICEF, and Gates Foundation) reflecting on our accomplishments eradicating polio.

**Lois Curran-Klein** said looking forward to leaving September 15th for the Big Island of Hawaii for a relaxing month there, returning October 13th. She will be attending the Rotary meetings there. The club meets same day and time as we do. (Lois also noted to the editor that last week she thanked **KT** and **Jere** for a fun-filled Fireside Chat and it was left out of the bulletin.)

**Jim Friedl** thanked Vicki for her inspirational moment and said that the Healing Garden dedication will be on November 7th at Conejo Creek Park. The Garden is to remember the Borderline Victims and anyone that needs comforting and healing from any grief or tragedy.

**Tanya Caligiuri** told us that Ross Porter, who is one of our honored guests at the wine event, has a special needs grandson, so our event is special and meaningful to him. She also announced a golf tournament that Ross is putting on in Tarzana on November 4th. She said call her for information.

**Dennis Wilson** said his daughter Tori is back and San Diego State and has started the Rotaract club there again.

**Monica Fuller** told us about the Scouting event coming up and that she "loves all of us."







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## FINE SESSION



Fine Master for the meeting was **Jonathon Handler**.

Those fined included **Jason Corey, Larry Baker, Rich Folsom, Matt Lallo, Sue Engler, Marissa Buss, Ken Kossoff, and Ryan Badger**.



## Toasting the Ladies Temperance Evening Hosted by Carol Freeman





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## President Gooch's Corner

Sayings to make you think twice:

1. A day without sunshine is like night.
2. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
3. 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
4. 99 percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
5. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
6. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
7. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
8. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.
9. Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.
10. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
11. Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
12. If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
13. How many of you believe in psycho-kinesis? Raise my hand.
14. OK, so what's the speed of dark?
15. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
16. Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
17. How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
18. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
19. What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?
20. Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
21. Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, "What the heck happened?"
22. Just remember -- if the world didn't suck, we would all fall off.



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## The RI President's Letter

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We must foster a culture where Rotary does not compete with family, but complements it. We should never expect our members to choose between the two. That means being realistic in our expectations, considerate in our scheduling, and welcoming of children at Rotary events on every level.

Often, the young professionals that Rotary needs to attract in order to remain a dynamic 21st-century service organization are the very people who have the greatest family responsibilities. We must not keep these prospective young members away from their families by holding events on evenings and weekends at which their children are not welcome.

For too long, we have closed the doors of many Rotary events to children and sometimes even spouses. What wasted opportunities these are! Every chance we have to pass on the gift of Rotary to young people is one we must take if we are going to grow Rotary and ensure that the next generation is fully engaged in our mission.

So let us open our doors and do it in a fun way, with opportunities that make our children and grandchildren want to learn more about Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary membership. Start small if you must — perhaps by holding some of your meetings at more family-friendly times — but think about how you can continue these kinds of events for years to come.

Bringing children to Rotary events is not just fun; it also exposes them to the world! Make this a memorable year for your family — and an unforgettable year for the ever-expanding family of Rotary as *Rotary Connects the World*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Maloney".

**MARK DANIEL MALONEY**

*President, Rotary International*



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## PAST PRESIDENTS — Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks

58-59 DONN ODELL	89-90 JEFF BORENSTEIN
59-60 JOHN HEYWOOD	90-91 DENNIS GILLETTE
60-61 MARV BURROW	91-92 MERV KOPP
61-62 ROSS DUSKIN	92-93 TOM GLANCY
62-63 ROY McCOMBER	93-94 HUGO ROCHE
63-64 PAUL PACE	94-95 BRIAN BACK
64-65 JOHN CONLAN	95-96 TONY KOUROUNIS
65-66 CARLOS SCURIA	96-97 JACK CAINE
66-67 MERRILL DARLING	97-98 DICK WIELER
67-68 PHIL OZAB	98-99 JUDY ST. JOHN
68-69 WILLIAM VANDERZWANN	99-20 MIKE GONZALES
69-70 ALVIN J. HOTZ, JR.	20-01 NEIL SCRIBNER
70-71 BEN CRANMER, JR.	01-02 BOB BIERY
71-72 GLENN GOODWIN	02-03 HARRY SELVIN
72-73 GEORGE VASLIEFF	03-04 RICK LEMMO
73-74 HENRY STILL	04-05 DOUG TAPKING
74-75 JOHN TUEL	05-06 KATHY HILL
75-76 KENNETH HANSON	06-07 PETE TURPEL
76-77 DAVID HUANG	07-08 VICKI ARNDT
77-78 WILLIAM HAAS	08-09 MARTIN ANDERSON
78-79 FELIX MASCI	09-10 KEITH PARKS
79-80 HARLAND JONES	10-11 FRANK CORRIGAN
80-81 DAVE WENDER	11-12 RICHARD WILLIAMS
81-82 GEORGE GIBB	12-13 SUSAN MURATA
82-83 NORMAN NAGEL	13-14 CAROL FREEMAN
83-84 BILL PETERSON	14-15 NATE HARIMOTO
84-85 MIKE O'BEIRNE	15-16 MIKE MURPHY
85-86 MARV SOSNA	16-17 ROBERT BIANCHI
86-87 FRED FERRARINI	17-18 TIM WEAVER
87-88 DOC NEEDHAM	18-19 KAREN FURNARI
88-89 KENNETH (SKIP) ROBERTS	

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