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## Rotary Theme for September: Basic Education and Literacy



**Program: September 5th**

**Club Assembly:**

**Considering the By-Laws**

**Program: August 22nd**

**Bitcoin, Part 2**

**Chris Lamia**



**Adam Antoniskis** introduced **Chris Lamia**, who spoke on Bitcoin. Chris followed up on a session he did earlier to help people understand what bitcoin is all about.

Bitcoin is a cryptocurrency. It is a decentralized digital currency without a central bank or single administrator that can be sent from user to user on the peer-to-peer bitcoin network without the need for intermediaries. Bitcoin is now 10 years old. It is a payment and currency system, different from any other government or other type of currency. It is uncensorable. No one can stop someone from sending it anywhere in the world, and after one hour, a transaction cannot be reversed. Dollars in your pocket degrades over time. Bitcoin has never been hacked. It's very secure.

When Bitcoin was released in 2008, it had code that reduced the reward from bitcoin mining by half every four years. This keeps in check the currency's inflation, due to the growing number of miners and ever-faster computers that mine for them. The fees that are charged to users go to the miners.

**Chris** presented another fact-filled program on Bitcoin. He has done his job well but in full-disclosure, wanted everyone to know that he's wasn't presenting this topic to drum-up business, but rather to educate.



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## Thousand Oaks Rotary Meeting

August 22, 2019



**President Herb Gooch** opened the meeting and introduced **Dave Burns**, who presented the Inspirational Moment.

**Dave** thought back to last weekend's Wine Festival and from his vantage point



looked at the faces of the crowd of attendees having a wonderful time and seeing so many Rotarians hard at work. He commended **Susan Murata** who was so busy and humble, she didn't have the time to come up on stage. She was busy from start to finish. He said just seeing how hard everyone worked so well together to put on such an event, inspires him. He then led us in the Pledge to the Flag. **Carol Robinson** led us in *God Bless America*.



**Heather Cousin** introduced **Past President Doug Taping** and Karen, who were in town visiting grandkids and everyone was happy to see them. She then introduced **Chantal Margottin's** guest, Mike Rowan.



Program: September 12th

State of the Region

Dave Moran

### Member 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



**President Gooch** had the "Red Badgers" stand so that "Blue Badgers" could acknowledge and encourage them.

**Susan Murata** thanked all who helped make the Midsummer Wine Festival successful. The number of guests were up, as we ran out of 500 wine glasses in the first 90 minutes. Everyone stood and gave Susan a much-deserved standing ovation as Chair of the event.

**Pat McCoy** was having a brief Economic Forecast meeting after the meeting.

**Bob Lewis** thanked those hosting or volunteering to host (not needed this time around) Fireside Chats. We'll be dark on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> for Fireside Chats.

**Dave Friedl** named the wineries who donated 3 cases of wine for our event: Byron, Kohler, Cambria, Tolosa, Liq-uid Farms. If you joined their wine club, he added, it would go a long way if you told them you tasted their wine at our event and thanked them for their donation.





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## Happy \$\$\$\$

**Patricia Jones** carried the cup.



**Patricia** said she and George had a wonderful 2 weeks visiting the National Parks.

**Sue Engler** thanked all who worked at and organized our wine event. She also mentioned that TO Kiwanis was having their Brew Fest Fundraiser at Conejo Creek Park that evening.

**Martin Anderson** expressed appreciation for **Dave Burns** putting his name (Dodgers?) on his shirt so we would know who he is.

**Paul Dryman** saw his cardiac surgeon who said his heart is in good rhythm!

**Jennifer Schwabauer**, who just fractured her right arm, reminded us of the Back to School Program for Manna. They are in need of child-friendly items such as peanut butter and jam, fruit cups, granola bars, etc. She is collecting food on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of September.

**Toni Kourounis** reminded those hosts of Fireside Chats, that if you have volunteered to host, he would highly recommend telling your spouse before that night if 16 people are invited to dinner. (He once made the mistake of not telling Cathi and he'll never live it down. )

**Susan Murata** said there are several great silent auction items to bid on.

**Doug Taping** said it was great to be back.

**Jeff Borenstein** gave \$100 Happy Dollars and said that we should all know by now that he is Jewish, a Democrat, and neither stupid nor disloyal.

**Tanya Caligiuri** thanked **Chantal Margottin** and **Marc Feigen** for all of their help with the silent auction.

**K.T. Connor** thanked note-takers and **Rich Folsom** for the wonderful notes and photos. These helped greatly in getting the bulletin out. She also said she was glad **Jere** went to the dinner the last night of the research conference she was at. He heard it announced that hers was one of the best presentations.

**Lois Curran-Klein** thanked **Susan Murata** and the committee for a great wine event and **Roger Benson** whose birthday was August 21st.

**Nancy Wohl** thanked her wonderful decorating committee, including **Chantal** and her partner, Mike, who let their creative juices flow, **Paul Dryman** who is the best grape arranger (and eater), **Eric Harrison**, **Karen Furnari**, **Tanya Caligiuri**, and **Tina Dickinson** and Will (for all their help in take down). She couldn't have done it without them!

**Michael Teasdale** beamed as he said his son is starting grad school in Paris.





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## PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY INDUCTION



Foundation Chair **K.T. Connor** announced a member was being inducted into the Paul Harris Society. She introduced **Martin Anderson** to talk about becoming a member, since he had been one for some time. The Paul Harris Society members commit to contributing \$1,000 a year. **Martin** said he didn't even realize he qualified at first. He discovered that, by contributing \$85.00 per month, it is possible in just a year to be able to join. He encouraged others to commit.

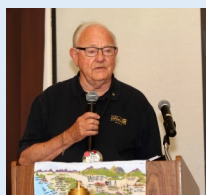
He then introduced **Dave Friedl** as the newest member of the Paul Harris Society, and presented him his certificate and the pin that indicates his membership.

## FINE SESSION

**Hugo Roche** was Fine Master.

Since every 8 seconds a Baby Boomer turns 73, Hugo's topic was on statistics provided by Agelab on aging. He selected questions on moving into senior communities, Life Alert pendants, and many more challenging items. Those fined for correct responses were **Bob Biery, Trevor Tyloch** (who deferred to **Doug Taping**), and **John Bradley**. Those fined for incorrect responses were **Adam Antoniskis, Neil Scribner, Dave Friedl, Carol Robinson**, and **Paul Dryman**.

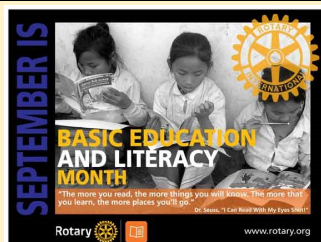
Since **Hugo** had everyone ruminating on age, **David Harris** offered respite. He graciously added the advice that we should not worry about old age. It doesn't last very long!



## SEPTEMBER THEME: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

**Area of Focus : Basic Education and Literacy Month**, Promote Literacy. It's a time when Rotary clubs and districts highlight Rotaract by joining in projects with their Rotaract clubs.

- Initiate Adult Education class
- Involve Youngsters / College Students as Teachers
- Initiate E-Learning / Happy School Projects





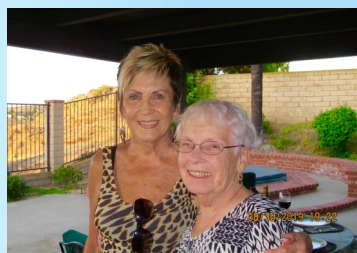
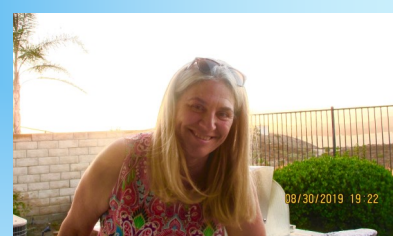
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**FIRESIDE CHATS:  
A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY  
TO JUST RELAX AND ENJOY SOME  
GREAT FRIENDS**



World Health Organization is close to declaring Nigeria polio-free. No new cases in 3 years. Still 71 cases for 2019 in Pakistan and Afghanistan.





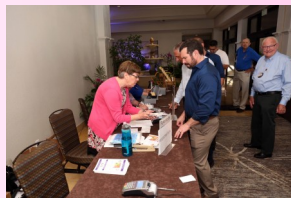
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## THE WONDERFUL WINE EVENT





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**President Gooch's Corner** — some things to ponder  
.....while we muse over the Club By-Laws .....

Since we will be discussing legal matters, here are some actual trial exchanges, examples of how not to discuss legal matters.

**Q: What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke up that morning?**

**A: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"**

**Q: And why did that upset you?**

**A: My name is Susan.**

**Q: How was your first marriage terminated?**

**A: By death.**

**Q: And by whose death was it terminated?**

**Q: Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?**

**A: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.**

**Q: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?**

**A: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.**

**Q: And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?**

**A: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.**

**Q: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?**

**A: No.**

**Q: Did you check for blood pressure?**

**A: No.**

**Q: Did you check for breathing?**

**A: No.**

**Q: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?**

**A: No.**

**Q: How can you be so sure, Doctor?**

**A: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.**

**Q: But could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?**

**A: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive—and practicing law somewhere.**



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