

Minutes of the Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 14, 2026

This meeting was held in the Board Room at the Holiday Inn-Oxnard North

Officers Present	Officers Absent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ John Zaruka, President ❖ Cynthia Torres, President-Elect ❖ Josh Carsman, Immediate Past-President ❖ Hugh McManigal, Immediate Past-President ❖ Marty Moss, Treasurer ❖ Gary Davis, Secretary 	

Directors Present	Directors Absent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dennis Longwill ❖ Cindy Kroeger ❖ Sam Monroe ❖ Diane Moss ❖ Jack Pollock ❖ Suki Sir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Juan Soto ❖ Kendall VanConas ❖ Mark Spellman (<i>ex officio</i> member)

Guests Present
none

- I. This meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President John Zaruka. A quorum for the meeting was declared.
- II. The minutes of the Board meeting of March 24, 2026, were approved as presented.
- III. The current agenda was approved as presented with no recommendations for new topics under “New Business” or any changes in the order of presentation.
- IV. Club Administration
 - A. Club president’s messages and updates:
 1. Discussion was held related to the report for District 5240 awards criteria and how to qualify for “gold recognition.” The final report is to be submitted to the Rotary District by May 11th. Dennis agreed to serve as chairperson for the peace-building subcommittee, and the Board approved a contribution of \$250 to each of two organizations related to this effort.
 2. President John presented the concept of the club’s “home hospitality.” Board members were encouraged to sign up to host in their homes or at a restaurant 4-5 club members they do not know well as a way to advance fellowship and build camaraderie.
 3. It was noted that 4-5 club members now qualify for the Paul Harris Donors (PHD) program, which involves a member contributing at least \$25/quarter to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) over and above the \$15/quarter already included within club membership dues.
 - B. Membership
 1. President-elect/Membership Chairperson Cynthia and the Board reviewed the status of prospective new members. President John reiterated the club’s goal of reaching at least 60 total members by the year’s end.
 2. President John asked Cynthia to develop a list of identified prospective members, indicating the status of each toward membership.
 3. Motion (Marty) / Second (Cynthia) / Passed (1 abstention by Jack): That, with regrets, the Board of the Rotary Club of West Ventura County accepts the resignation of Matt Meyring from Rotary membership.

4. Cynthia reported that the next new member orientation “fireside chat” is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, May 28th. Appreciation was expressed to Cindy for hosting the March 26th event.

V. Avenues of Service

A. Club Service

1. Treasurer’s Report:

- Treasurer Marty presented and overviewed various updated financial documents. His report included a balance sheet, a profit & loss statement, and other observations related to the club’s financial status.
- He reported that the final disposition of *Mardi Gras* proceeds will be presented to the Board at their May meeting.
- Marty also presented a proposed club budget for 2026-27. He will be meeting with Juan, Cynthia, and others to finalize a proposal to be presented in May for the consideration of approval by the Board.
- He reported that the club has received \$1,706 from the *Folds of Honor* event.
- Marty also indicated that a reduction in Standard Membership dues should be able to be implemented for the 2026-27 Rotary year.
- Motion (Jack) / Second (Diane) / Passed: That the Board accepts the Treasurer’s report as presented.

2. Dissolution of the Charitable Trust: Gary reported that, in collaboration with Juan Soto, as two trustees of the Charitable Trust of the former Rotary Club of Oxnard, they have agreed to dissolve the Charitable Trust in July after scholarship awards funds have been sent. Any remaining funds in the Charitable Trust will be transferred to the Foundation of the Rotary Club of West Ventura County.

3. Rotary District 5240 Grant application: Sam reported that an application has been filed with Rotary District 5240 for grant funds for the 2026-27 Rotary year.

4. Funds supporting boys and girls clubs: It was noted that the club’s financial support of area boys and girls clubs did not include support for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme. It was also noted that the former Rotary Club of Oxnard co-founded the original Boys Club of Oxnard and has financially supported the club for years as it expanded its current title and scope of service. Sam was asked to follow up on a way to offer financial support for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme.

5. Step-down Dinner: It was noted that this event will be held Tuesday, June 23rd, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Manhattan Restaurant in Camarillo. The focus will center on the successes of the club during the past Rotary year.

B. Youth Service:

1. Dennis reported that the club has sponsored five (5) students to attend RYLA, which will be held April 16-19. Parents are providing students with transportation to and from the event site.
2. Dennis and Gary reported that procedures are in place related to the 2026 scholarship awards.

C. Community Service:

1. Gary reported that the Teacher Recognition program is progressing well.
2. Motion (Jack) / Second (Marty) / Passed: That the club contributes from its Operations Fund \$1,000 for support of the June 20th Ojai Wine Festival, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ojai West Foundation.

- D. International Service: Motion (Marty) / Second (Cynthia) / Passed: That the club contributes \$500 to the International Service project led by the Rotary Club of Westlake Village Sunrise.

There being no additional business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

**The next Board meeting will be held
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 beginning at 10:30 a.m.**

Rotary Club of West Ventura County – Membership @ 4/18/2026

1. David Aviles	21. Ralph Garcia	41. John Pollock	Honorary Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jaimene Nichols, Faculty Advisor – Interact Club of Pacifica HS • Sara Tauber, Faculty Advisor – Interact Club of St. Bonaventure HS • Marie Frick • Peter Higgins • Ellen Honorico • Larry Matheney • John Mattina • Erik Nasarenko • Melody Thurman • Sandy Warren • Linda Zaruka
2. Rajju Bajracharya.	22. Brant Gerckens	42. Michael Reese	
3. Peter Barry	23. Kelton (Lee) Gibson	43. Jaclynn Sanchez	
4. Luke Beer	24. Valeria Gonzalez	44. Baljinder Singh	
5. Lalaine Braime	25. Juan Guerrero	45. Suki Sir	
6. Robert Braitman	26. Alan Kosh	46. Juan Soto	
7. Sondra Briggs	27. Cindy Kroeger	47. Mark Spellman	
8. Lawrence Bushey	28. Rob Leatherwood	48. Cynthia Torres	
9. Brian Carlson	29. Dennis Longwill	49. Paul VanAcker	
10. Josh Carsman	30. Pete Marcus	50. Kendall VanConas	
11. Daniel Cervantes	31. Kendall Mattina	51. Kirsti Vomund	
12. Andy Conli	32. Thomas McClain	52. Bonaventure Wakam	
13. Rich Cooper	33. Tom McCoy	53. David Wilk	
14. Melanie Cota	34. Hugh McManigal	54. Anita Zamora	
15. Gary Davis	35. Samuel Monroe	55. John Zaruka	
16. Robert Davis	36. Emma Morata	56. Stacy Zaruka	
17. Davina DeCant	37. Diane Moss		
18. Ana DeGenna	38. Marty Moss		
19. Sandy Duong	39. Patrick Mullin		
20. Tracy Eriks	40. Bert Partida		

Rotary Club of West Ventura County—2025-26 Board members

Club Officers:

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