Rotary
Rotary Club of
West Ventura County

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Minutes of the Board Meeting of Tuesday, August 4, 2026

This meeting was held in the Oceanaire Conference Room at 2151 East Gonzalez Road, Oxnard

Officers Present	Officers Absent
❖ Cynthia Torres, President ❖ Sam Monroe, President-Elect and Club Service Chairperson ❖ John Zaruka, Immediate Past-President and Membership Chairperson ❖ Marty Moss, Treasurer ❖ Gary Davis, Secretary	none

Directors Present	Directors Absent
❖ Josh Carsman, Program Chairperson ❖ Daniel Cervantes, International Service Chairperson ❖ Melanie Cota, Youth/Next Gen Service Chairperson ❖ Diane Moss, Community Service Chairperson ❖ Suki Sir, Fundraising Chairperson ❖ Juan Soto, The Rotary Foundation Chairperson ❖ Anita Zamora, Vocational Service Chairperson	none

Guests Present
Cindy Kroeger, club member

I. This meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Cynthia Torres, who extended her appreciation on behalf of the Board to Daniel Cervantes for hosting this meeting at his office. A quorum for the meeting was declared.

II. Motion (Melanie) / Second (Marty) / Passed: That the minutes of the Board meetings of July 7th and July 14th, 2026, be approved as presented.

III. Motion (Gary) / Second (Marty) / Passed: That the current agenda be approved as presented.

IV. Club Administration and Strategic Updates

A. President Cynthia expressed her appreciation to the Rotary Board for helping to begin a successful new Rotary year and for the support given to her as the club's new president. She reiterated the three major goals of the Rotary year: to increase club membership; to increase community engagement; and, to increase club service with a broader participation of members in club events. Cynthia provided a chart showing the club's "Leadership Organization for 2026-27."

B. Rotary club calendar – Gary overviewed the club's meeting and event calendar August through December.

C. Membership:

1. Membership chairperson John led a review of the status of prospective new members.
2. Suki will assist John on the Membership Committee.
3. Motion (Gary) / Second (Marty) / Passed: That, with regrets, the Board accepted the resignation of Lalaine Braime from membership in the Rotary Club of West Ventura County.
4. Marty agreed to follow up with former member Sandy Warren to see if he would like to continue as an Honorary Member.

D. *Bylaws*: Motion (Sam) / Second (Gary) / Passed: That the club *Bylaws* be approved as updated and revised, and that they be presented to the full membership for their consideration of approval at the next regular club meeting.

E. *Continuing Resolutions*: Motion (John) / Second (Sam) / Passed: That the club's *Continuing Resolutions 2026-27* be approved as presented.

F. Treasurer's report:

Marty presented the updated financial documents, including a balance sheet, a profit & loss statement, and other observations related to the club's financial status. He noted the contributions made by club members to the Paul Harris Donor (PHD) fund and to the Rotary Foundation (TRF).

G. Avenues of Service:

1. Community Service: Diane also spoke to the topic of increasing club members' participation in the various events supported by the club. She noted that the annual "backpack project" had been successfully held. The September 20th Ronald McDonald Walk was discussed, and it was agreed to present this to the membership to solicit their commitment of involvement. The October 2nd Alzheimer's Walk was discussed, and it was also agreed to present this to the membership to solicit their commitment of involvement. It was agreed to forward the James Storehouse request for financial support to the Ventura-South Foundation for their consideration of support. Cindy reported that the Can Tree Build event will occur the first Saturday in December. Suki reported that the Oxnard Santa to the Sea event is scheduled for the 2nd weekend in December.

2. Club Service: Sam presented an overview of his Avenue of Service goals and objectives for the Rotary year. His subcommittee will embrace the theme, "Catching the Wave of Service." This group is working on a brochure informing prospective members of the Rotary Club of West Ventura County. A pop-up canopy will also be purchased for use at various events.

3. Vocational Service: Anita will follow up with the Oxnard Union High School District in planning the March 2027 Career Expo. She will also focus on increasing business contributions to the annual spring Rotary girls and boys basketball tournaments.

VI. Because of the time, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held
Tuesday, September 1, 2026, beginning at 12:15 p.m.
Meeting site TBA

Rotary Club of West Ventura County – Membership @ 8/7/2026

1. Rajju Bajracharya.	21. Kelton (Lee) Gibson	41. Jacklynn Sanchez	Honorary Members:
2. Peter Barry	22. Valeria Gonzalez	42. Suki Sir	• Jaimene Nichols, Faculty Advisor – Interact Club of Pacifica HS
3. Luke Beer	23. Juan Guerrero	43. Juan Soto	• Sara Tauber, Faculty Advisor – Interact Club of St. Bonaventure HS
4. Robert Braitman	24. Alan Kosh	44. Mark Spellman	• Peter Higgins
5. Sondra Briggs	25. Cindy Kroeger	45. Melody Thurman	• Larry Matheney
6. Lawrence Bushey	26. Pernell Langhorne III	46. Cynthia Torres	• John Mattina
7. Brian Carlson	27. Rob Leatherwood	47. Paul VanAcker	• Erik Nasarenko
8. Josh Carsman	28. Dennis Longwill	48. Kendall VanConas	• Wade Nomura
9. Daniel Cervantes	29. Pete Marcus	49. Kirsti Vomund	• Linda Zaruka
10. Andy Conli	30. Kendall Mattina	50. Bonaventure Wakam	
11. Rich Cooper	31. Thomas McClain	51. David Wilk	
12. Melanie Cota	32. Hugh McManigal	52. Anita Zamora	
13. Gary Davis	33. Samuel Monroe	53. John Zaruka	
14. Robert Davis	34. Emma Morata	54. Stacy Zaruka	
15. Davina DeCant	35. Diane Moss		
16. Ana DeGenna	36. Marty Moss		
17. Sandy Duong (LOA)	37. Patrick Mullin		
18. Tracy Eriks	38. Bert Partida		
19. Ralph Garcia	39. Jack Pollock		
20. Brant Gerckens	40. Michael Reese		

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