

Minutes of the Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 24, 2026

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

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

Guests Present
none

- I. This meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by President John Zaruka. A quorum for the meeting was declared.
- II. Motion (Dennis) / Second (Cynthia) / Passed: That the minutes of the Board meeting January 27, 2026, be 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. *Mardi Gras* fundraiser event: John noted that approximately 200 guests are expected to attend the event. 22 tables have been ordered.
 2. After discussion, Motion (John) / Second (Gary) / Passed with 2 dissensions and 1 abstention: That proceeds from the *Mardi Gras* fundraising event be divided 50% to Turning Point, 40% to the Foundation, and 10% to the club’s operation fund with the intention that the club’s portion be used to reduce Standard Membership dues; the method of distribution of funds is to be finalized at a later date.
 3. End-of-Year Step-Down Event: Upon the recommendation of President John, it was agreed that the funds budgeted for end-of-year gifts to the club president and Board members would, instead, go to the Paul Harris Foundation.
 4. Paul Harris Fellow Awards: It was agreed that the club would continue to work toward all members being designated Paul Harris Fellow awardees. Treasurer Marty will continue to track points toward Paul Harris Fellow awards.
 5. President-elect Cynthia announced that the Rotary District 5240 Assembly will be held virtually (by Zoom) on Saturday, March 21st. More details will be forthcoming.
 - B. Membership
 1. President-Elect/Membership Chairperson Cynthia reviewed the status of those considered as prospective new members.

- Cynthia reminded Board members that the next new member orientation “fireside chat” is scheduled for Thursday, March 26th. Cindy has graciously offered her home to host this event.

V. Avenues of Service

A. Club Service

- Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Marty provided a handout and overviewed the club’s financial status.
 - Marty is preparing the invoices for Q4 membership dues beginning April 1st.
 - 6 members have requested “Legacy” membership status.
 - He reported that the Board should be able to reduce membership dues for Standard Membership beginning July 1st.
- Foundation Report: Sam and the Foundation Board will continue to work toward a substantial “corpus” of funds to sustain the Foundation. It was agreed that club and community members should be informed regarding how to bequeath funds to the Foundation.

B. Youth Service: Dennis reported the outcomes of the most recent meeting of the club’s Scholarship Committee. Scholarship announcement flyers will be sent to the principals of the four high schools during the week of March 2nd. Scholarship awardees will be recognized at the club’s March 19th meeting.

C. Community/Youth Service:

- Gary reported that procedures are in place for the spring 2026 Teacher Recognition program.
- Diane reported that Junipero Serra Elementary School will be the recipient of special library books. Motion (Marty) / Second (Cynthia) / Passed: That the club fund \$165.35 to cover the costs of the books. This activity will replace the former “dictionary project” for Ventura Unified School District.
- Hugh reported the positive outcomes of the 57th Rotary/Oxnard Girls Basketball Tournament. In partnership with the City of Oxnard Parks & Recreation Department, the club paid for the trophies, medals, and referees for this event. The 78th boys’ tournament will begin March 2nd with final games scheduled for March 12-13.

D. International Service: Diane reported a change in the scope of the Kenya water project, being led by the Tehachapi Rotary Club. The club’s Foundation has approved \$1,000 to support this project, estimated to cost \$10,000 in total.

VI. New Business:

- Jack provided a handout explaining the April 12th “Multi Club Family Fun day” to be held at Lake Casitas 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Jack also provided a handout explaining the merits of using (AI) Archie as a way to enhance grant applications and publicity for club projects and activities.

There being no additional business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**The next Board meetings will be held
Tuesday, March 24th at the Holiday Inn North Oxnard – 10:30 a.m.**

Rotary Club of West Ventura County – Membership @ 2/25/2026

1. David Aviles	21. Tracy Eriks	41. Patrick Mullin	Honorary Members: • Jaimene Nichols, Faculty Advisor – Interact Club of Pacifica HS • Sara Tauber, Faculty Advisor – Interact Club of St. Bonaventure HS • Marie Frick • Peter Higgins
2. Rajju Bajracharya.	22. Ralph Garcia	42. Bert Partida	
3. Peter Barry	23. Brant Gerckens	43. John Pollock	
4. Luke Beer	24. Kelton (Lee) Gibson	44. Michael Reese	
5. Lalaine Braime	25. Valeria Gonzalez	45. Jaclynn Sanchez	
6. Robert Braitman	26. Juan Guerrero	46. Baljinder Singh	
7. Rajju Bajracharya.	27. Alan Kosh	47. Suki Sir	
8. Sondra Briggs	28. Cindy Kroeger	48. Juan Soto	

9. Lawrence Bushey	29. Rob Leatherwood	49. Mark Spellman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellen Honorico • Larry Matheney • John Mattina • Erik Nasarenko • Melody Thurman • Sandy Warren • Linda Zaruka
10. Brian Carlson	30. Dennis Longwill	50. Cynthia Torres	
11. Josh Carsman	31. Pete Marcus	51. Paul VanAcker	
12. Daniel Cervantes	32. Kendall Mattina	52. Kendall VanConas	
13. Andy Conli	33. Thomas McClain	53. Kirsti Vomund	
14. Rich Cooper	34. Tom McCoy	54. Bonaventure Wakam	
15. Melanie Cota	35. Hugh McManigal	55. David Wilk	
16. Gary Davis	36. Matt Meyring	56. Anita Zamora	
17. Robert Davis	37. Samuel Monroe	57. John Zaruka	
18. Davina DeCant	38. Emma Morata	58. Stacy Zaruka	
19. Ana DeGenna	39. Diane Moss		
20. Sandy Duong	40. Marty Moss		

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