

Minutes of the Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 13, 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 ❖ Josh Carsman, Immediate Past-President ❖ Hugh McManigal, Immediate Past-President ❖ Marty Moss, Treasurer ❖ Gary Davis, Secretary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cynthia Torres, President-Elect

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

Guests Present
District Governor Mike Dutra

- I. This meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President John Zaruka. A quorum for the meeting was declared.

- II. Special welcome to Rotary District 5240 Governor Mike Dutra
 - A. Club president John welcomed all and especially our District Governor. John overviewed the major objectives of the newly formed Rotary Club of West Ventura County, including increasing membership to 60 by the end of the Rotary year.
 1. John explained the new “tiered membership” structure approved by the Rotary Board.
 2. He noted that the upcoming *Mardi Gras* event will serve as a major fundraiser for the club.
 3. He also explained that additional fundraisers are being held in order to support the club’s operations budget in order to reduce membership costs in the future.
 4. The need for a club website and website manager was noted.
 5. The club is tracking data to address the Rotary District’s awards criteria.
 - B. Each club officer and director then provided a brief overview of their major areas of responsibility and their progress on these to date.

- III. Thoughts and recommendations from District Governor Mike Dutra
 - ✚ In order to prosper and attract new members, Rotary clubs need to adapt and be flexible in their operations. Understand and be sensitive to members’ obligations outside of Rotary.
 - ✚ Accommodate especially members new to Rotary and find ways to value their Rotary membership.
 - ✚ Clubs need to do whatever necessary to connect better with their members and with their communities – the use of social media is most valuable for communications, marketing the club, and branding.
 - ✚ Consider adding “Friends of Rotary” to your club’s communications list – those in the community who are not club members, but who support the mission and vision of Rotary.

- ✚ Be careful not to invite club meeting speakers who are all representatives of non-profits in the community; balance your speaker selections and programs.
- ✚ Provide a variety of service events in order to give club members many ways in which to be engaged in your club's activities.
- ✚ Be sure that your fundraiser events do not "burn out" your membership with expectations of time commitments and financial support.
- ✚ Ask the community organizations which the club supports to include the Rotary club in their social media announcements.
- ✚ Clubs are encouraged to develop a 3-5 year plan, focusing on club membership, activities, and special projects.
- ✚ Encourage club members to contribute to the Rotary Foundation, since some of those funds come back to the District and then back to local clubs to support their efforts.
- ✚ Our biggest challenge is that not enough people know what Rotary is and what Rotary does. We must find ways to improve our community's knowledge of Rotary's mission, vision, and accomplishments.

V. Adjournment: There being no additional business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held
Tuesday, January 27, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn North Oxnard

Rotary Club of West Ventura County – Membership @1-18-2026

1. David Aviles	19. Brant Gerckens	36. Marty Moss	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. Peter Barry	20. Kelton (Lee) Gibson	37. Patrick Mullin	
3. Lalaine Braime	21. Valeria Gonzalez	38. Bert Partida	
4. Robert Braitman	22. Juan Guerrero	39. John Pollock	
5. Sondra Briggs	23. Alan Kosh	40. Michael Reese	
6. Lawrence Bushey	24. Cindy Kroeger	41. Jaclynn Sanchez	
7. Josh Carsman	25. Rob Leatherwood	42. Suki Sir	
8. Daniel Cervantes	26. Dennis Longwill	43. Juan Soto	
9. Rosanna Colin	27. Pete Marcus	44. Mark Spellman	
10. Andy Conli	28. Kendall Mattina	45. Cynthia Torres	
11. Rich Cooper	29. Thomas McClain	46. Paul VanAcker	
12. Melanie Cota	30. Tom McCoy	47. Kendall VanConas	
13. Gary Davis	31. Hugh McManigal	48. Kirsti Vomund	
14. Robert Davis	32. Matt Meyring	49. Bonaventure Wakam	
15. Davina DeCant	33. Samuel Monroe	50. David Wilk	
16. Ana DeGenna	34. Emma Morata	51. Anita Zamora	
17. Tracy Eriks	35. Diane Moss	52. John Zaruka	
18. Ralph Garcia		53. Stacy Zaruka	

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

Club Officers:

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