Rotary
Rotary Club of
West Ventura County

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Minutes of the Board Meeting of Tuesday, July 7, 2026

This meeting was held in the Conference Room at New Dawn Counseling, Oxnard CA

Officers Present	Officers Absent
❖ Cynthia Torres, President ❖ Sam Monroe, President-Elect ❖ John Zaruka, Immediate Past-President ❖ 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 ❖ Anita Zamora, Vocational Service Chairperson	❖ Juan Soto, The Rotary Foundation Chairperson

Guests Present
none

I. This meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Cynthia Torres, who extended her appreciation to the officers and directors for helping to start another successful Rotary year. A quorum for the meeting was declared.

II. Motion (Sam) / Second (Josh) / Passed: That the minutes of the Board meeting of June 16, 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. Sam is working with the staff at the Holiday Inn-Oxnard North to provide the club with a locker for the storage of club items between meetings.

B. Rotary club calendar

1. It was agreed to hold the July 21st evening club meeting at the Wagon Wheel Brewery in Oxnard, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
2. Suki, Melanie, and Anita were asked to provide “craft talks” during that meeting – aim at a 10-minute presentation per person.
3. Cindy Kroeger will be asked to arrange for food for that meeting with the Wagon Wheel Brewery staff.
4. For the August 25th off-site meeting at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme, John offered to have Wedgewood provide the luncheon meals.
5. It was agreed to hold the August and September Board meetings in the New Dawn Counseling conference room.
6. It was agreed to begin the monthly Board meetings at 12:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted by the club president.
7. It was recommended that an off-site meeting at the Port of Hueneme be considered during the 2nd half of the Rotary year.
8. President Cynthia noted that member Ana DeGenna, Superintendent of the Oxnard School District, has invited the club for a noontime meeting at her district office. This might be considered for October.

C. Membership:

1. Membership chairperson John led a review of the status of prospective new members.

2. Motion (John) / Second (Josh) / Passed: That Pernell Langhorne III be approved for membership in the Rotary Club of West Ventura County. He will be inducted into membership at the July 14th regular meeting.

3. Motion (Marty) / Second (Diane) Passed: For the 2026-27 Rotary year, the following will be Honorary Members of the Rotary Club of West Ventura County:
   - Jaimene Nichols
   - Sara Tauber
   - Peter Higgins
   - Larry Matheney
   - John Mattina
   - Erik Nasarenko
   - Wade Nomura
   - Linda Zaruka

D. *Bylaws*: After review and continued input, the Board agreed to continue this topic onto the August Board meeting. Secretary Gary will provide an updated document showing the recommended revisions to date.

E. *Continuing Resolutions*: It was agreed to continue review and approval of the *Continuing Resolutions* until the *Bylaws* have been finalized. Secretary Gary will welcome ongoing input from the Board regarding the revision and updating of the *Continuing Resolutions*.

F. Finance, Marketing, and Event Budgetary Actions

1. Treasurer Marty presented the updated financial documents, including a balance sheet, a profit & loss statement, and other observations related to the club's financial status and projections for the 2026-27 Rotary year. Motion (Sam) / Second (Suki) / Passed: That the operations budget be approved as presented.

2. Surplus Reimbursements:

   - Motion (Sam) / Second (John) / Passed: That any surplus in the club's operations budget for 2025-26 be reimbursed to those with Standard Membership status, with the encouragement that they contribute these funds to either the club's Paul Harris Donor (PHD) program or to The Rotary Foundation (RI).

   - Motion (Sam) / Second (Gary) / Passed: That the treasurer will reimburse members via equal credits applied to each of the four quarterly dues payments.

3. It was noted that $1,500 is included in the club's approved 2026-27 budget for public image, branding, and marketing materials.

4. It was also noted that funds for the club's participation in the Ventura County Fair as a part of Rotary District Group 7 activities are included in the budget for branding and marketing.

5. Gary reported that he has filed the claim with District 5240 for the $927 granted to support 2026 scholarships. Once received, these funds will be transferred to the club's Foundation, and the Charitable Trust of the former Rotary Club of Oxnard will be discontinued.

6. Gary also provided applications from the Board to the Ventura-South Foundation for various charitable causes during the 2026-27 Rotary year. Motion (Marty) / Second (Cynthia) / Passed: That the Rotary Club of West Ventura County respectfully requests the Ventura-South Rotary Foundation to provide funds to support the following activities:
   - $100 for recognition lapel pins for 2026-27 Interact Club officers
   - $500 for support of the 42nd Annual Rotary/Oxnard Union High School District *Career Expo*
   - $600 for the purchase of library books for local area elementary schools
   - $300 for the support of the Annual Teacher Recognition program – purchase of marble apples
   - $4,500 for the support of the Annual City of Oxnard/Rotary Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments
   - $3,000 to provide funds for students' participation in the 2027 RYLA event
   - $40,000 for 16 scholarships of $2,500 each for 2027 local area high school graduates

G. Avenues of Service -- Diane provided a handout as a preliminary calendar of 2026-27 Community Service activities. It was agreed that the Board would review these activities in preparation for continued discussion at the next Board meeting.

VI. There being no additional business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held
Tuesday, August 4, 2026, beginning at 12:15 p.m.
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Rotary Club of West Ventura County – Membership @ 7/7/2026

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

Honorary Members:

- Jaimene Nichols, Faculty Advisor – Interact Club of Pacifica HS
- Sara Tauber, Faculty Advisor – Interact Club of St. Bonaventure HS
- Peter Higgins
- Larry Matheney
- John Mattina
- Erik Nasarenko
- Wade Nomura
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