

Minutes of the Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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

Officers Present	Officers Absent
❖ John Zaruka, President ❖ Josh Carsman, Immediate Past-President ❖ Hugh McManigal, Immediate Past-President ❖ Marty Moss, Treasurer ❖ Gary Davis, Secretary	❖ Cynthia Torres, President-Elect

Directors Present	Directors Absent
❖ Dennis Longwill ❖ Cindy Kroeger ❖ Sam Monroe ❖ Diane Moss ❖ Jack Pollock ❖ Suki Sir ❖ 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. Motion (Sam) / Second (Suki) / Passed: That the minutes of the Board meeting of April 14, 2026, be approved as presented. It was also noted that the Board minutes, once approved, are posted on the club's website.
- 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. President John again expressed his appreciation to Board members for their ongoing and important club service.
 2. In President-elect Cynthia's absence, a brief discussion was held regarding the "membership satisfaction survey." Input included the following:
 - There appeared to be a small participation of club members responding to the survey.
 - It would be desirable to know more about the slightly negative responses, and what the Board might do to address those concerns.
 - Appreciation was expressed to Cynthia and Sam for facilitating this survey.
 - The Board understands that follow up and additional attention to the survey results will be done at the June Board retreat.
 - B. Membership
 1. Board members reviewed the status of prospective new members:
 - ✓ Jeremy Lapp, associated with the Rubicon Theater (President John is contact person)
 - ✓ It may be that former member Matt Meyring will be able to return to the club.
 - ✓ Tim Laubacher, former member of the Rotary Club of Oxnard (Gary is to follow up with contact person Mark Spellman)
 - ✓ Mike Barber and Maryann Rooney (Kendall is contact person)
 - ✓ Christine Olney, former member of the Rotary Club of Oxnard (Suki is contact person)
 - ✓ Nick Cohen (Suki is contact person)
 2. It was noted that members' spouses are always cordially invited to attend regular club meetings.
 3. Guests of the club or their hosts are usually not charged for the luncheon meal.
 4. Motion (Gary) / Second (Sam) / Passed: That, with regrets, the Board of the Rotary Club of West Ventura County accepts the resignation of Dr. Tom McCoy from club membership.

Motion (Sam) / Second (Marty) / Passed: That, with regrets, the Board of the Rotary Club of West Ventura County accepts the resignation of David Aviles from club membership.

5. Cindy reminded the Board that the next new member orientation “fireside chat” is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, May 28th at her home.

V. Avenues of Service

A. Club Service

1. Board Retreat: It was noted that the Board Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the home of President John.
 2. Rotary club calendar: President-elect Cynthia’s proposed meeting calendar for 2026-27 was briefly reviewed, understanding that the calendar will be discussed more by the Board and full membership.
 3. Step-down event: It was noted that the Step-down event will be held on Tuesday evening, June 23rd, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Manhattan Restaurant in Camarillo.
 - Cindy will work with President-elect Cynthia in planning this event.
 - Invitations need to be sent out.
 - Dennis agreed to be in charge of the raffle for this event.
 - Josh agreed to serve as a greeter for this event.
 4. Treasurer’s Report:
 - Treasurer Marty presented and overviewed various financial documents, including a balance sheet, a profit & loss statement, and other observations related to the club’s financial status.
 - ✓ The bank cash balance @ 4/30/2026 was \$31,843.
 - ✓ The projected year-end balance should be approximately \$16,500.
 - ✓ “Tiered Memberships” include 2 Premium; 7 Legacy; 3 Corporate Members; 1 Emerging Leaders.
 - ✓ \$1,706 has been received and deposited from the *Folds of Honor* event.
 - Marty also presented a proposed club budget for 2026-27. He asked the Board to serve as a “committee of the whole” in helping to prepare the club’s budget for the new Rotary year.
 - Marty reported that a reduction of \$50/quarter for Standard Membership dues should be able to be implemented for the 2026-27 Rotary year.
 - The Rotary Club of West Ventura County will submit grant requests for all non-profit and not for profit projects to the Ventura South Foundation on the grant submittal form for consideration by the Foundation under IRS rules, the Foundation Bylaws, and the Foundation’s Articles of Incorporation.
 - It was agreed to return to the club’s treasury the \$900 originally intended for the Interact club of St. Bonaventure HS.
 - Motion (Sam) / Second (Jack) / Passed: That the Board accepts the Treasurer’s report as presented.
 5. Motion (Marty) / Second (Juan) / Passed: That the Board approve the expenditure of \$180 for a publicity table at the West Ventura County Business Alliance “Business Expo.”
 6. Home Hospitality: Discussion was held regarding the progress of the Home Hospitality events.
 7. Storage of club items at the Holiday Inn Hotel: President John will continue to work with Patrick Mullin and the hotel staff to arrange for a suitable location to store the club’s paraphernalia between meetings.
 8. Website: Membership information packets will be added to the club’s website.
 9. Meeting programs: In follow up to the recent club survey questionnaire, the Board agreed that having more programs with speakers from community municipalities and for-profit business would be desirable.
- ### B. Community Service:
1. It was noted that the club has four (4) tickets to the June 20th Ojai Wine Festival. Jack will follow up on this.

2. Josh reviewed several upcoming events, including the June 6th Mental Wellness Festival, of which the club is an honorary sponsor.
3. Youth Service:
 - Dennis reported that procedures are in place related to the 2026 scholarship awards. The club will have member representation at each of the schools' Senior Awards events – Oxnard HS, Pacifica HS, St. Bonaventure HS, and Ventura HS.
 - At the June 2nd club meeting, Gary will provide a summary of the 2026 scholarships awarded.

VI. Foundation Report: Sam and Cindy reported on the financial outcomes of the *Mardi Gras* event.

- \$110,150 received from donors
- \$ 32,010 revenues from raffle
- \$ 13,545 from "Cash for Cause" (Turning Point)
- \$ 34,412 for expenses
- \$121,292 net proceeds
- \$107,747 net proceeds excluding "Cash for Cause"
- \$ 53,874 50% of net proceeds to Turning Point
- \$ 67,419 total provided to Turning Point

It was reported that, for 2026-27, the Foundation officers will include Juan Soto as president, Cindy Kroeger as treasurer, and Gary Davis as secretary.

It was also reported that the Bylaws of the Foundation will be reviewed and revised, as needed, in September.

VII. There being no additional business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Rotary Club of West Ventura County – Membership @ 5/23/2026

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

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Club Directors: (TBA)

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