Rotary
Rotary Club of
West Ventura County

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Minutes of the Board Meeting of Tuesday, October 6, 2026

This meeting was held in the Oceanaire Federal Credit Union Conference Room -- 2151 East Gonzalez Road, Oxnard

Officers Present	Officers Absent
❖ Cynthia Torres, President ❖ Sam Monroe, President-Elect and Club Service Chairperson ❖ Marty Moss, Treasurer ❖ Gary Davis, Secretary	❖ John Zaruka, Immediate Past-President and Membership Chairperson

Directors Present	Directors Absent
❖ Josh Carsman, Program Chairperson ❖ Daniel Cervantes, International Service Chairperson ❖ Diane Moss, Community Service Chairperson ❖ Juan Soto, The Rotary Foundation Chairperson ❖ Anita Zamora, Vocational Service Chairperson	❖ Melanie Cota, Youth/Next Gen Service Chairperson ❖ Suki Sir, Fundraising Chairperson

Guests Present
Mark Spellman. Club member

I. This meeting was called to order at 12:14 p.m. by President Cynthia Torres. A quorum for the meeting was declared. Cynthia announced that an AI recording of this and future Board meetings would be used in case the Board secretary is not able to attend a meeting.

II. Motion (Marty) / Second (Daniel) / Passed: That the minutes of the Board meeting of September 1, 2026, be approved as presented.

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

IV. Club Administration and Strategic Updates

A. President Cynthia's input included the following:

- She informed the Board of an offer by the T.O. Arts Council to hold a Rotary club meeting at the Bank of America Performing Arts Center, most likely in early 2027 with an optional tour of the facility. Mark Spellman also offered to host a social gathering at his home after this event.
- Discussion was held regarding the consideration of offering a "non-eater" category of membership.
- President Cynthia announced that Sam Monroe, John Zaruka, Suki Sir, and Mark Spellman will serve as the nominating committee for 2027-28 club officers.
- For the October 20th District Governor's visit, Cynthia asked each chairperson of the Avenues of Service to be prepared to present their goals for the year and accomplishments to date. District Governor Margarida Eidson will be the program speaker for that evening's regular meeting.
- Club members will be asked to bring pairs of new socks to give to the District Governor, who will contribute these to veterans in need.
- Sam will serve as lead person in tracking club activities as they relate to 2027 District Awards.
- Discussion was held regarding giving a special badge for those club members who contribute in outstanding ways to R.I.

B. Rotary club calendar – Gary overviewed the club's meeting and events calendar for October through December 2026.

C. Membership:

1. Motion (Sam) / Second (Gary) / Passed: That, with regrets, the Board accepts the resignation of Kendall VanConas from membership in the Rotary Club of West Ventura County.

2. Motion (Gary) / Second (Cynthia) / Passed: That the Board is pleased to approve Jorge Napoles, Development Coordinator for City Impact, and Jonathan Drahos, Rubicon Artistic Director, as prospective Standard Members of the Rotary Club of West Ventura County. Arrangements will be made to induct them into Rotary membership at the special October 20th meeting hosting the District Governor.

D. Treasurer's report:

1. Marty presented updated financial documents, including a balance sheet, a profit & loss statement, and other observations related to the club's financial status. Marty reported that the club's budget activities are in line with expectations.
2. Motion (Juan) / Second (Sam) / Passed: That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

E. Avenues of Service:

1. Ventura-South Rotary Foundation: Juan Soto, as president of the Ventura-South Rotary Foundation, reported that the Foundation Board approved the following grant requests from the Rotary Club of West Ventura County:
   - $ 139 Officer lapel pins for 2026-27 Interact Club officers at Pacifica HS and St. Bonaventure HS
   - $ 500 Support for the Annual Rotary Club/OUHSD Career Expo
   - $ 600 Supplementary library books for local area elementary schools
   - $ 400 For eight (8) marble "apples for the teacher" for the Annual Teacher Recognition program
   - $4,500 Support referee costs and awards trophies/medals for the Annual Rotary/Oxnard Boys and Girls basketball tournament
   - $3,000 Tuition costs for five (5) students to attend the RYLA 2027 event – 3 from St. Bonaventure HS and 2 from Pacifica HS
   - $40,000 Provide 16 $2,500 "Service Above Self" scholarships to 2027 local-area high school graduates
   - $ 250 Support for the Walk to End Alzheimer's event
   - It was noted that the $1,509 funding support for the Oxnard Police Activities League Backpack Project had been previously approved.

   Cindy Kroeger, Foundation treasurer, is to be notified of the payees and dates needed to send funds to support the approved grants.

2. Club Service
   - The new Rotary Club of West Ventura County publicity/marketing brochure was distributed. Appreciation was extended to Sam and all on his "team" who designed this document. The Board approved the brochure with some minor adjustments.
   - Club pop-up canopy/tent: Sam presented three options for consideration of purchase. The Board agreed that the 3rd option including sides and a tablecloth would be preferred.
   - The club's holiday dinner will be held the evening of Tuesday, December 15th, at the Sterling Hills Golf Club.
   - It was agreed that, in order to save meeting time, Sam will introduce guests at club meetings and acknowledge the guest's host.

3. Community Service
   - For the "Sock It to Margarida" event, club members will be asked to contribute pairs of new socks – socks for homeless veterans -- bringing the socks to the special October 20th club meeting with the District Governor.
   - For November, the club will support the Salvation Army *Red Kettle Campaign.* The Salvation Army staff will inform the club of times and locations for which volunteers will be needed. Kirsti Vormund is the club's lead person for this event.
   - For December, the club will support the *Santa to the Sea* event in Oxnard. Volunteers will be needed on the day of the event (December 13th), and contributions of toys for needy children will be welcomed. Suki Sir is the club's lead person for this event.
   - For January, the club will contribute $600 worth of books to selected area elementary schools. Diane Moss is the club's lead person for this event.

4. Fundraising

- Club members will be encouraged to participate in and support the November 4th *Trivia Challenge* fundraiser.
- Club members will also be needed as golfers and volunteers to support the November 10th *Folds of Honor* golf tournament at Sterling Hills Golf Course.
- With 3 sample handouts/flyers, Mark Spellman overviewed the December poinsettia sales fundraiser. The club will initially order 600 plants at a cost of $7 each; plants are to be sold for $13 each. The two Interact Clubs will be offered the opportunity to purchase the plants at the club's cost and sell them for $13 each, with the profit supporting each respective Interact club (St. Bonaventure and Pacifica high schools). Plants are to be picked up on December 1-2.

5. Vocational Service: Gary reported on the 8 schools in which outstanding teachers will be honored with a gift basket from the club's membership during the annual *Teacher Recognition Program.*

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

The next Board meetings will be held
Tuesday, October 20, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel Brewery (DG's visit)
Tuesday, November3, 2026, beginning at 12:15 p.m. at the OceanAir Credit Union conference room

Rotary Club of West Ventura County – Membership @ 10/7/2026

1. Rajju Bajracharya.	21. 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. Rob Leatherwood	46. Cynthia Torres	• John Mattina
7. Brian Carlson	27. Dennis Longwill	47. Paul VanAcker	• Erik Nasarenko
8. Josh Carsman	28. Pete Marcus	48. Kirsti Vomund	• Wade Nomura
9. Daniel Cervantes	29. Kendall Mattina	49. Bonaventure Wakam	• Linda Zaruka
10. Andy Conli	30. Thomas McClain	50. David Wilk	
11. Rich Cooper	31. Hugh McManigal	51. Anita Zamora	
12. Melanie Cota	32. Matt Meyring	52. John Zaruka	
13. Gary Davis	33. Samuel Monroe	53. Stacy Zaruka	
14. Robert Davis	34. Emma Morata		
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		

Rotary Club of West Ventura County—2026-27 Board members

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