Rotary
Rotary Club of
West Ventura County

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Minutes of the Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 1, 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 ❖ John Zaruka, Immediate Past-President and Membership Chairperson ❖ 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 ❖ Juan Soto, The Rotary Foundation Chairperson	Anita Zamora, Vocational Service Chairperson

Guests Present
none

I. This meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by President Cynthia Torres. A quorum for the meeting was declared.

II. Motion (Marty) / Second (Juan) / Passed: That the minutes of the Board meeting of August 4, 2026, be approved as presented.

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

IV. Club Administration and Strategic Updates

A. President Cynthia's input included the following:

- She called attention to the recent article in the *Rotary* magazine, in which the new R.I. President stressed that Rotary membership is not just increasing membership numbers, but rather changing peoples' lives.
- Cynthia reminded the Board that contributions to a gift basket for the September 12th District Foundation Gala are requested. Also, members were asked to consider attending this important event – registration fee is $75.
- She also encouraged Board members to attend the November 7-8 Master PRLS event to be held in Thousand Oaks. Motion (John) / Second (Cynthia) / Passed: That participation at the Master PRLS event be promoted at the next Rotary club meeting, and that the club will pay for the $150 registration fee for attendees.
- Cynthia also noted that, during the 4:30 p.m. September 9th Ventura "State of the City" event, Colombian dancers will perform.
- She reminded the Board that the monthly evening club meetings are especially designed for members to bring guests and prospective members.
- It was agreed that the "craft talks" at the evening meeting need to be limited to 15 minutes each.
- Motion (Juan) / Second (Suki) / Passed: To publicize the September 22nd program speaker to the community through social media and then to allow up to 10 community members to attend this club meeting at no charge. This procedure will be done on a trial basis.

B. Rotary club calendar – Gary overviewed the club's meeting and events calendar for September through December. Board members provided input regarding the dates of special events.

C. Membership:

1. Membership chairperson John reviewed of the status of prospective new members.

2. Suki will assist John on the Membership Committee, and he will add additional members to this committee.
3. It was agreed club members will keep a broad-based approach in outreaching to prospective members. It was agreed that a mix of age groups is beneficial to the club.
4. Motion (John) / Second (Marty) / Passed: That, with regrets, the Board accepted the resignation of Pernell Langhorn III from membership in the Rotary Club of West Ventura County.
5. Motion (Gary) / Second (Marty) / Passed: That the club is pleased to reinstate Matt Meyring as a Standard Member of the Rotary Club of West Ventura County.

D. Treasurer's report:

1. Marty presented the updated financial documents, including a balance sheet, a profit & loss statement, and other observations related to the club's financial status.
2. Motion (John) / Second (Gary) / Passed: That the club's budget for marketing be increased by $500, and that the budget for evening meeting meals be reduced by $500.
3. Motion (Melanie) / Second (Diane) / Passed: That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

E. Avenues of Service:

1. The Rotary Foundation – Juan noted that he serves as the chairperson of the club's Rotary Foundation (TRF) committee, as well chairperson for the Ventura-South Foundation. As the bylaws of the Ventura-South Foundation are revised, the name of that Foundation will be changed to something like "West Ventura County Rotary Foundation." Juan will make a presentation to the club in either November or December, regarding the importance of contributing to the Rotary Foundation. Also, the IRS status of the Ventura-South Foundation is to be changed from a "private operating foundation" to a "public charity."
2. Fundraising Committee – With the distribution of a handout, committee chairperson Suki noted the 2026-27 signature events and additional fundraising ideas. She noted that the committee will try to provide marketing and recruitment events which are family-oriented.
3. Youth Service – Avenue of Service chairperson Melanie overviewed the 2026-27 special events supporting the youth of our community, including RYLA participation, student scholarships, the Grade 3-8 basketball tournament, support of two high school Interact clubs, participation in the YES event, and student participation in the Ronald McDonald Walk. She is also looking into developing a Rotaract club at CSUCI.
4. International Service – Avenue of Service chairperson Daniel reported that he will focus on at least 2-3 special projects, which will include continuing support of the Cameroon project. He intends to keep other local Rotary clubs informed of the various international service opportunities and to increase his communication with R.I. regarding this Avenue of Service. He will also remain in contact with Rotary District 5240 regarding matching grant opportunities for international projects.
5. Club Service – Board members noted Sam's work on a kind of "business card" flyer for members to use in their outreach to the community for new Rotary members.

VI. Adjournment: There being no additional business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held
Tuesday, October 6, 2026, beginning at 12:15 p.m.
OceanAir Federal Credit Union – conference room

Rotary Club of West Ventura County – Membership @ 9/1/2026

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. Kendall VanConas	
9. Daniel Cervantes	29. Kendall Mattina	49. Kirsti Vomund	

10. Andy Conli 11. Rich Cooper 12. Melanie Cota 13. Gary Davis 14. Robert Davis 15. Davina DeCant 16. Ana DeGenna 17. Sandy Duong (LOA) 18. Tracy Eriks 19. Ralph Garcia 20. Brant Gerckens	30. Thomas McClain 31. Hugh McManigal 32. Matt Meyring 33. Samuel Monroe 34. Emma Morata 35. Diane Moss 36. Marty Moss 37. Patrick Mullin 38. Bert Partida 39. Jack Pollock 40. Michael Reese	50. Bonaventure Wakam 51. David Wilk 52. Anita Zamora 53. John Zaruka 54. Stacy Zaruka	• Wade Nomura • Linda Zaruka

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

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