

# The Review

May 14, 2025

The latest news, views, and announcements (interim Zest)

**Established May 20,  
1992, South Orange  
County Exchange  
Club is a National  
Exchange Club  
(1911) in the CA/NV  
District**

## **Mission Statement**

The South Orange County Exchange Club is a networking group of professional men and women dedicated to the highest standards of competence, community service, and professional integrity.

Our purpose is the exchange of business ideas, business referrals, and service to the community for the livelihood we receive.

## **2024-2025 Officers**

President Dave Black

Secretary Johnny Tai

Treasurer Ron Lashmett

Imm. Past President Tom Scheil

## **Directors**

Jennifer Butterworth

Doug Graham

Shirley Kohlmeier

Shirley Lashmett

Harvey Schuster

Chris Tiemann



Modern Woodmen Commercial

## **MAY 21, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER 7:30**

**DAVE BLACK**

**INVOCATION**

**SHIRLEY KOHLMEIER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**BOB WILSON**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**RON LASHMETT**

**GUEST INTRODUCTIONS**

**DAVE BLACK**

**HAPPY \$ DOLLARS**

**CHRIS TIEMANN**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS / ALL**

**PROGRAM**

**PATRICIA WENSKUNAS, CRIME SURVIVORS**

**SPOTLIGHT**

**SHIRLEY LASHMETT**

Exchange Birthdays:

5/20 Jeff Lashmett

5/27 Ron Lashmett

5/27 Jim Oesterle

(Uncle Jim)

Upcoming Events:

5/21 Patricia  
Wenskunas, Crime  
Survivors

5/28 Tom Scheil,  
Anything Civil About  
Engineering?

6/4 Business Meeting

6/11 Russell  
Etzenhouser, Scouting  
America

6/18 Krista Goddard,  
Laura's House

6/25 Janis Patten,  
Watercoloring

7/2 Business Meeting

7/9 Romy Lampert,  
Sleeping in 2025

On May 21st ...

## CULTURAL EVENTS

1. **1932:** Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, landing in Ireland.
2. **1863:** The first known baseball game under modern rules is played in Hoboken, New Jersey.

## HISTORICAL EVENTS

3. **1927:** Charles Lindbergh completes the first solo non-stop transatlantic flight, flying from New York to Paris.
4. **1881:** Clara Barton founds the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C.
5. **1674:** French explorer Jacques Marquette and fur trader Louis Jolliet begin their journey to explore the Mississippi River.

## SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS

6. **1883:** Thomas Edison receives a patent for the electric incandescent lamp.
7. **1662:** Robert Boyle presents Boyle's Law, which describes the relationship between the pressure and volume of a gas.
8. **1602:** Bartholomeo Ammannati completes the construction of the Florence Cathedral Dome in Italy.
9. **1570:** Abraham Ortelius publishes the first modern atlas, "Theatrum Orbis Terrarum," in Antwerp, Belgium.

## FUN FACTS:

1. The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California, celebrated its grand opening on May 21, 1937. It was the longest suspension bridge at the time and has since become an iconic symbol of the city.
2. On May 21, 1952, IBM introduced the IBM 701, the company's first commercially available scientific computer. The device helped establish the computer industry and usher in the modern age of computing.
3. May 21 is National Waitstaff Day in the United States, a day to show appreciation for the hardworking individuals who serve customers in restaurants and ensure a pleasant dining experience.

# SOCE Newsletter

## Announcements

Dave notes receiving a \$100 check for our YOY Program from a former visitor, now living in Florida.

Field of Honor is coming on May 16<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am-5pm daily at Castaways Park, hosted by the Exchange Club of Newport Harbor. 1776 large (3'x5') American flags are on display, flown in honor of our service members and other pertinent community members. Flag dedications are available for \$60.

Shirley Lashmett nominated Johnny Tai for President, seconded by Doug Graham. Chris Tiemann was nominated to become Secretary, as Ron for President-Elect, and Romy for Treasurer.

Riverside performing equivalent of Field of Honor, on the streets. Details are TBD.

Johnny reminded the group that our recent local Audobon Society (Sea and Sage) presenter offered to take our group on a trail tour. The presenter will be contacted for more information, such as the most popular trail and her availability.

Shirley Lashmett referred the Ronald McDonald House to come present to SOCE. The Executive Director will visit in a couple of months, though offered our group to meet and visit his facility. The group expressed interest and will make arrangements after the speaker's club visit.

## Guest Speaker



Jonathan Obest, Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial, is currently an Ambassador at the Greater Irvine Chamber. Jonathan joined the Crossroads Exchange Club a decade ago and now resides with the Irvine Club. Jonathan shared that he was previously a fundraiser for education.

## Tom Scheil's Happy Bucket

Ron Lashmett enjoyed brunch with Shirley at Del Monico's on the lake as they had the patio seating with the pleasant views of the boats that float by. Not only did he fill up, but he got to fill his wife's tank with gas (assume automobile, of course).

Dave Black was happy to have Mother's Day lunch with his loved ones at Fisherman's in San Clemente, and noted that he did not have to pay for it. As with any proud dad, he noted his kids paid (that's a Happy Father's Day too). Dave is happy that he will be going to Frisco, Texas, located near Dallas, to visit his son soon.

Shirley Lashmett was elated as she received a beautiful flower arrangement, the most beautiful one in her life, from her son in Oregon. Shirley notes that Newport Harbor's Field of Honor will be up today where one can donate \$60 for a flag.

Tom Scheil demonstrated how a Neurologist fixed his problem by hitting different parts of his leg (did it cost him his arm?).

Doug Graham joyously shared how he nicked his elbow at a Little League snack bar and was bleeding profusely. Having his white shirt on (or was it red?), Anita asked if he got shot, as it was all over (he did survive, in case you were wondering).

Jonathan Obest recently came back from the Dominican Republic on a family vacation and got a private tour with his family on a 40-person boat, as no one else showed up. They snorkeled with the kids, saw exotic fish, witnessed turtles come up for air, and fed the fish.

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Jonathan addresses the assets left behind for their beneficiaries, specializing in leaving behind the least for (our beloved) Uncle Sam. Jonathan gives the following example:

Alex wants to be as cost efficient as possible. Upon his passing, his son, Michael, will have no access to his personal financial accounts. Meanwhile, the Funeral Home must provide death certificates, but will not give it until they are paid. The death certificates will help release the funds from the financial institutions, therefore a catch-22 situation has arisen. If Michael had sufficient funds of his own to pay the Funeral Home, there would be no problem. Therefore, a solution would make

Michael a co-owner on the bank account, which would avoid access issue, and delay dealing with attorneys at the time of death.

Alex puts Michael on the deed of the house, all the financial accounts, etc., to avoid the probate process. Then, Michael and his wife split-up, and Michael's wife hires a wonderful attorney. Her attorney argues that Michael owns half of all his parents accounts, house, etc.

If Michael is not good with money, or if he likes visiting the casinos, or whatever else, it creates another problem. The solution to the original problem can present other problems.

Another fella, navy veteran, had all his planning done properly, where each kid would get a couple hundred thousand. Even as such, arranging a few things would give the kids a couple of hundred thousand more, the ability to give to charity. One can certainly save by managing their own assets, though think how much it would (truly) cost by doing it with an amateur.



Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial Representative  
Jonathan Obest



Romy Lampert will be going on a cruise. Her Mom wants to zip-line, even though she is well over 80 (prescribing to the old saying 'use it or lose it').

Johnny Tai visited his parents on Mother's Day and brought them a Ring doorbell to fix their doorbell issue. After installation, Johnny got pinged on his phone with their neighborhood notifications, over 30 of them later that day, including messages about lost cats (Lesson Learned: ridding notifications can extend one's life).

We miss our beloved members: Shirley Kohlmeier, Chris Tiemann, Bob Wilson, and Harvey Schuster.