

The Review

June 4, 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
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Jennifer Butterworth
Doug Graham
Shirley Kohlmeier
Shirley Lashmett
Harvey Schuster
Chris Tiemann



President Dave Black shares video on 'D-Day: A Survivor's Story'

JUNE 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER 7:30

DAVE BLACK

INVOCATION

RON LASHMETT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DOUG GRAHAM

MISSION STATEMENT

BOB WILSON

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

DAVE BLACK

HAPPY \$ DOLLARS

CHRIS TIEMANN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE CHAIRS / ALL

PROGRAM

RUSSELL ETZENHOUSER, SCOUTING AMERICA

SPOTLIGHT

SHIRLEY LASHMETT

Exchange Birthdays:

6/17 Sue Case

6/21 Buzz Chambers

Upcoming Events:

6/18 Krista Goddard,
Laura's House

6/25 Janis Patten,
Watercoloring

7/2 Business Meeting

7/9 Romy Lampert,
Sleeping in 2025

7/16 Jacob
Nalbandian, Newport
Jewelry Designer &
Watch Expert
(confirming)

7/23 Noel Burcelis,
Ronald McDonald
House OC

7/30 Dark - No
Meeting

8/6 Business Meeting

8/13 Jim Harris,
History of the Santa
Monica Pier

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- June 11th marks a day of diverse achievements, from the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous to the launch of the Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope, shaping our world in various ways.
- This date also holds cultural significance, with the publication of "Gone with the Wind" and the release of "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial," leaving a lasting impact on literature and film.

HISTORICAL EVENTS

- 1837: The Broad Street Riot occurred in [Boston](#), Massachusetts, as a result of tensions between nativists and Irish immigrants.
- 1920: During the U.S. Republican National Convention, [Warren](#) G. Harding secured the presidential nomination on the tenth [ballot](#).
- 1963: Buddhist monk Thich Quang Duc immolated himself in Saigon, Vietnam, to protest against the persecution of Buddhists by the South Vietnamese government.
- 2001: Timothy McVeigh, responsible for the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, was executed by lethal injection at the Federal Correctional Complex in Terre Haute, [Indiana](#).
- 2017: The Grenfell Tower fire broke out in London, resulting in the tragic loss of 72 lives and widespread criticism of fire safety standards in high-rise buildings.

SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS

- **1509:** [Henry VIII of England](#) married Catherine of Aragon, his first wife and daughter of the Spanish monarchs Isabella I and Ferdinand II.
- **1859:** The first successful cable car in the United States, the Clay Street Hill Railroad, began operating in San Francisco, California.
- **1937:** The German automaker Volkswagen was founded in Wolfsburg, Germany. It would later become one of the world's leading car manufacturers.
- **1962:** NASA launched the environmental research satellite, ESSA-1, which provided valuable data on [weather patterns](#) and global climate conditions.
- **2008:** The Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope, designed to study high-energy [gamma rays](#) in the universe, was launched by NASA.

POLITICAL MILESTONES

- **1509:** King [Henry VIII](#) of England ascended to the throne following the death of his father, Henry VII.
- **1770:** Captain James Cook discovered [the Great Barrier Reef](#) off the coast of Australia during his first voyage.
- **1935:** Alcoholics [Anonymous](#) was founded by Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith in Akron, Ohio, providing a support network for individuals struggling with [alcohol](#) addiction.
- **1979:** John Paul II became the first non-Italian pope in over 400 years as he was inaugurated as the 264th Pope of the Catholic Church.
- **1997:** The United States Air Force released a report acknowledging the existence of Area 51, a top-secret military facility in Nevada, after years of speculation and conspiracy [theories](#).

CULTURAL EVENTS

- **1776:** The [Continental Congress](#) appointed a committee, including Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin, to draft the Declaration of Independence.
- **1937:** American author and poet, Margaret Mitchell, published her novel "[Gone with the Wind](#)," which would go on to become one of the best-selling books of all time.
- **1982:** "[E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial](#)," directed by Steven Spielberg, was released in theaters, becoming a worldwide sensation and one of the highest-grossing films of all time.
- **1993:** The television series "Law & Order" premiered, introducing the iconic format of following both the police investigation and the court proceedings of a criminal case.
- **2009:** The musical "[Billy Elliot](#)" won ten Tony Awards, including Best Musical, showcasing the talents of young actors and dancers in portraying a boy's journey to become a ballet dancer.

BIRTHS

- **1572:** [Ben Jonson](#), English playwright, poet, and literary critic who is best known for his play "Volpone" and his works of wit and satire.
- **1910:** Jacques-Yves Cousteau, French oceanographer and explorer, known for his pioneering efforts in [marine conservation](#) and the development of underwater diving equipment.
- **1933:** Gene Wilder, American actor and comedian, famous for his roles in films like "Willy Wonka & the [Chocolate Factory](#)" and "Young Frankenstein."
- **1956:** Joe Montana, former American football quarterback who led the San Francisco 49ers to four [Super Bowl victories](#) in the 1980s.
- **1986:** [Shia LaBeouf](#), American actor known for his roles in the "Transformers" franchise and the film "Holes."

NOTABLE DEATHS

- **323 BC:** Alexander the Great, King of Macedon and one of the most successful military commanders in history, passed away at the age of 32.
- **1778:** [Voltaire](#), French writer, philosopher, and advocate for freedom of speech, died at the age of 83.
- **1949:** Sigurdur Jonsson, Icelandic [sculptor](#) known for his works inspired by Icelandic folklore, passed away at the age of 57.
- **1979:** [John Wayne](#), American actor and filmmaker who became an icon of the Western film genre, died at the age of 72.
- **2001:** Timothy McVeigh, the perpetrator of the Oklahoma City bombing, was executed at the age of 33.



2025 ACE and Youth of the Year Award Winners to be presented at the CA/NV District Convention

SOCE Newsletter

Announcements

The upcoming speakers next week is Russell Etzenhouser of Scouting America.

Our District Convention is this weekend, beginning Friday 6pm with a Presidential Reception in the Main Lobby/Garden Grill Lounge & Patio of the Hilton Garden Inn in Irvine. The Breakfast Buffet begins at 8am on Saturday morning. 11am is our Past National President David Johnson addressing our Convention. The ACE Awards presentation begins at 12:15pm during the Saturday luncheon. The Guest speakers Debbie Thraikill of A Case for Kids (Foster Kids Suitcases) and Ruth Wu of Ronald McDonald House OC will begin at 2pm. 3:45pm will be Georganne Bruce on the Impacts of CAP Programs. 6pm is our Installation Banquet, with a 10pm Hosted Hospitality in the District Suite. On Sunday, Breakfast begins at 8am, for our Youth of the Year Awards, with adjournment at 11:30am. With the post-Convention Board Meeting, everyone is on the road by 1:30pm.

Business

Doug Graham is motioning to offer additional support to Debby Thraikill's organization, A Case for Kids, that provides material support to foster kids through her suitcase program.

Their current needs list includes: Twin XL sheet sets (new sheets at new foster home), satchels, Men's briefs size small & medium, hairbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and coloring books (available at Dollar Tree for \$1.25 per item per Doug). Hoodies for kids of all ages, Baseball style caps.

Doug has already purchased the sheets and the briefs as his personal donation and would like to make a motion that the club provide a matching amount of \$200 to help provide some of the other items.

MOTION by Doug Graham for club to donate to the Foster Kids Suitcase Program in the amount of \$200.

SECOND by Ron Lashmett by Chris Tiemann, though modify to make it \$250.

The group agreed.

Shirley Kohlmeier wants us to collect soda can pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald speaker visit in July.

50/50 Winner: The lucky number was picked by Dave, and the winner is Bob Wilson .

Shirley's Happy Bucket



Ron is sad his good Exchange friend Joe Franklin is in the hospital. On the other hand, Dr Jay Shery will likely leave the hospital within the month, good news considering his prognosis.

Harvey took a cruise through the Columbia River, everyday was sunny. He and his wife saw Mt Rainer, Mt. St. Helen, among many noted places. They had a historian onboard who talked about the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Sadly, he found out last week a friend has passed.

Eldon Baber is sad that the timing of the Convention conflicts with his big program of 1500 people in Anaheim, like herding cats. He is happy his son and daughter-in-law are in a new home, yet helping install new flooring, and now feeling it. Now it's done, he is elated.

Dave has visiting relatives and happy to spend time with them.

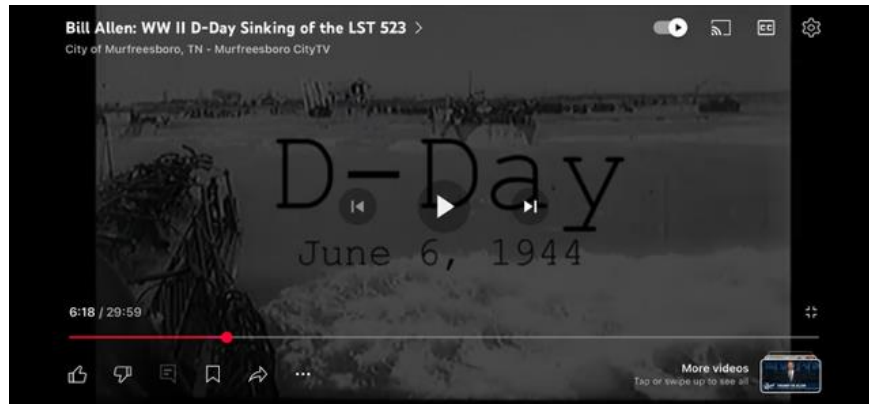
Chris is unhappy that Uncle Jimmie has less than 2 months, and going

Guest Speaker - Dave Black presented a Video on 'D-Day: A Survivor's Story'

Please find the

'Bill Allen: WW II D-Day Sinking of the LST 523' video by clicking below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXxUseUSp0A>



through depressing times. He admits that he is ready to go.

Shirley Lashmett is not finished with the Field of Honor nor the Convention work. Happy many of us at SOCE are going to Convention.

Shirley Kohlmeier's son has an antique place which burned down and lost everything. They had a company clean up the mess, given the looting. The company helping them cleaning were the looters. Also, sad that Carol, past speaker, is in the hospital with pneumonia.

Doug's dog, Barnaby, has diabetes and gives the shot, after he eats. He ate later this morning than usual, which impacted his arrival schedule this morning. Anita found a diary dating to late 1870's with good cursive writing, documenting daily events reaching the destination of Susanville.

Romy Lampert is happy helping the nicest customers lately and Dad is doing good.

Tom is taking out old lineoleum, with old newspapers underneath, and ended up spending all his time reading up.

Bob Wilson is glad Harvey is here and happy that Convention is here this weekend.

Johnny's son is going to Cuba for missionary work, though the actual work has yet to be defined.

Regulars Missing In Action today are...it was a full house!