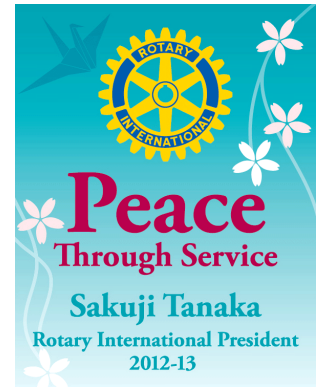


Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

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Service Above Self

Meeting at 94th Aero Squadron
Thursdays, 12:10 p.m.
16320 Raymer St., Van Nuys, CA 91406



April 18, 2013

Flag Salute: Wynne Ritch
Invocation: Renée D'Auria

Attending Members: Alice Gauna, Barbara Pampalone, Dave Friedman, Dave Martinyan, Don Fetherolf, Renée D'Auria, Don Reinken, PDG Emilio Basile, Frank Santucci, Guy Mangia, Jean Mabilon, Judy Coates, PDG Les Grossman, Marco Padilla, Marina Martinez, Mauricio Aranda, Mike Quiroga, Pete Satuloff, Rich Miller, Robert Ramirez, Robin Kellogg, Ron Wolf, Roz Kogler, Steve Bertolino, Wynne Ritch, Tom Harris, Beth Ullman

Guests: Paul Korb, past president of the NSFV club and owner of Korb Realty (818-996-3303); Kevin Luperchio, and Jesus Cadena of Tierra Del Sol, with honorees Miriam Grigorian and Louis Martinez, with Miriam's brother Armond Grigorian and Louis Barillas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks for a Great Track Meet April 13

Don Reinken thanked all the many volunteers (47!) who made the track meet such a wonderful success. For possibly the first time ever, it ended at 2:30 – hours earlier than last year – and that was due to the tremendous support we got not just from the club, but family members and other clubs, including the San Fernando Valley e-club, represented by David Arnold and Roy Glickman. A very big THANK YOU to everyone for your help, especially to Leo O'Biecnas for doing the announcing all day! A thank you note will be sent to Priscilla's for so generously supplying us again this year with coffee and bagels.

Board Meeting

Incoming President Rich Miller gave us the highlights of yesterday's board meeting, including that PDG Emilio Basile will be stepping in to handle the Treasurer's role for the rest of the year. He will need help as a result in doing the Administrator's and Website Manager's work. If you can assist, please email Emilio at emilio@embasile.com. For next year, Don Reinken is going to be our PR Chair but we still need a Secretary – any volunteers?

The board voted to pay the attendance fee for any member who wishes to go to the District Assembly but let Rich know ASAP. The price goes up \$10 after May 4. All incoming committee chairs and board members should attend if at all possible, to prepare for next year.

Calendar

- 4/25 **Wayne Slappy**, craft talk
4/27, Sat. **Rotarians at Work Day**
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Spring Cleanup**, Chatsworth
Park North, 22300 Chatsworth St.
5/2 **Open**
5/2 – 5/5, Thurs. – Sun. **District Conference**, Fess
Parker's Doubletree Resort, Santa Barbara
5/9 **Open**
5/16 **Honoring Past Presidents**
5/18, Sat. **7:00 – 11:50 a.m. District Assembly**,
Carson Community Center, 3 Civic Plaza
Dr., Carson; \$35 by 5/4, \$45 after 5/4
5/21 **Open**
5/22, Wed. **Bingo**, 6:30 p.m. at Union Hall, 14800
Devonshire St. (SW corner at Woodman)
6/1, Sat. **Reverse Raffle Fundraiser**, 6-10 p.m.,
Union Hall, 14800 Devonshire St. (SW
corner at Woodman) \$15/person for buffet

New badges have been ordered for all members and should arrive in about two weeks.

The decision was made not to change the cash-basis meal price; it will stay \$20. Those paying in advance will also now pay \$20 (50 meals/year). Our actual cost is slightly more than that, but this will make it easier to handle the finances. To cover our guests' and honorees' meals, that fee will increase to \$15 (from \$10) per month.

June 1 Fundraiser

PDG Les has new paper forms for reverse raffle ticket sales for those who need them. The revision just notes that a maximum of 250 tickets will be sold. It will be on our club website (address at the top of the bulletin) as well. We need to sell all 250 tickets to raise the funds we're counting on for our major projects, so please tell everyone you know! Wynne is in charge of the auctions for this event. Please contact him at 818-360-6045 or warhmb@aol.com if you can contribute any items. The next planning meeting for this event has been postponed to next week.

Recognition

Kevin Luperchio updated us on the job successes of Tierra Del Sol clients – two have been hired since last

month and a third is pending. Great news! But more jobs are needed, so please let him know if you know of any office jobs that are available in any industry.

Our honorees today, Miriam Grigorian and Louis Martinez, are both active volunteers, Miriam at the San Fernando Rescue Mission and Louis at Von's Early Education Center, where he loves helping the children.



Rich Miller, Kevin Luperchio, Louis Martinez, Mauricio Aranda, Miriam Grigorian and Jesus Cadena

Speaker: Steve Bertolino, Angels on the Clock

A three-time cancer survivor, Steve's life really changed after his second surgery. As an active duty police officer, he was often in uniform when going to the hospital for treatment. After one of his appointments a young boy came up to him at the nurse's station and said he wanted to be a policeman when he grew up. A goal he might not live long enough to achieve.

Steve talked with the boy's grandmother and decided on the spot to do something about that. With her agreement Steve took him to the official uniform supplier and got one specially made for the boy, and he got then Chief Parks to swear him in. Chief Parks surprised both of them by giving the child a real badge and telling Steve the boy was his partner for the day – take him out on patrol with lights and sirens, and up in the helicopter. Needless to say, it was a day the boy would never forget, nor would his family. He even got to write a traffic ticket!



Steve Bertolino and Rich Miller, sitting in for Jim Tenner

The next day, back for his own next treatment, a nurse literally ran up to him and pointed out a little girl who wanted more than anything to ride a horse. He arranged to take her out with the LAPD horse patrol. After that the wishes just kept coming. Until social workers somehow blocked him from the hospital. But the children and parents loved him, so, on the advice of an attorney, he got durable medical power of attorney; now no one could keep him away. Angels on the Clock, referring to the limited time of the children he helps, was born.

Steve showed us a very moving video of the children and their excitement as they got to be police officers for the day. With the change of chiefs, that is no longer possible. As Steve noted, he and Chief Parks did take on a lot of potential liability having the children on patrol, which the new leadership was unwilling to assume. But he still helps them realize their dreams.

REMINDERS:

Spring Cleanup on Rotarians at Work Day

Mitch Englander's office is joining with PALS, West Valley Alliance, local schools and Macaroni Grill to sponsor a community clean up and park beautification at Chatsworth Park North, 22300 Chatsworth St., from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. on April 27. To volunteer or learn more, call Englander's office: 818-882-1212.

District Conference

The District Conference is a great chance to see what all 64 clubs are up to, make new friendships and increase your understanding of Rotary. It will be held at Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort in Santa Barbara, May 2-5. There are still a few rooms for just \$179, but book soon – once the reserved rooms are gone they go back up to \$400/night. Reservations have to be made through the hotel. Conference registration forms are on the website: www.rotary5280.org, and Les has a few paper copies.

Note: Robin cannot attend the conference, but has a room reservation for May 3 and 4, for \$179 a night. Please let her know by the end of the week if would like it or it will be cancelled.

District Assembly May 18

All incoming club officers, board members and committee chairs should attend the District Assembly May 18. It will be at Carson Community Center, 3 Civic Plaza Dr., in Carson. Admission is \$35 if we register by May 4 and \$45 after that. This is a great opportunity to learn more about your job for next year and get to know the incoming district leadership team.

June 1 Fundraiser

Forms to sign up raffle ticket buyers are now on the website. Please start selling! The money raised will fund many of our major projects and scholarships. Prizes include the \$10,000 first prize, a \$500 second, and a large screen TV third. In addition to the reverse raffle, entertainment and buffet, the event will also have a silent auction and a "Chinese" auction. Please note the event is open only to friends, family and other Rotarians, not the general public, for legal reasons.

Bingo

Please contact Rich or Marco at 818-994-8234 to volunteer or get tickets.

Happy Bucks

Thank you to everyone who contributed today, including Rich, for the track meet and board meeting; Wynne, and Beth, in honor of Barbara's amazing work providing dental service at the Salvation Army – since she's been attending to the men every week they haven't had a single major dental problem. Barbara noted she'll soon be getting a UCLA student assistant to help here with the portable clinic there and at New Horizons.

No PolioPlus collection today

Opportunity Drawing

Congratulations to Jean, who won half the \$80 pot.

Notable Quotables

"If words are to enter men's minds and bear fruit, they must be the right words shaped cunningly to pass men's defenses and explode silently and effectually within their minds." J.B. Phillips, writer and clergyman (1906-1982)

"We are like tenant farmers chopping down the fence around our house for fuel when we should be using Nature's inexhaustible sources of energy – sun, wind and tide.... I'd put my money on the sun and solar energy. What a source of power! I hope we don't have to wait until oil and coal run out before we tackle that." Thomas Edison, inventor (1847-1931)



Happy Earth Day! (April 22)

Just for Fun



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Meeting Information for Nearby Clubs

Calabasas, Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m.
Wolf Creek Restaurant
26787 Agoura Rd.
Calabasas, CA 91302

Granada Hills, Thursdays at 12:10 p.m.
Porter Valley Country Club
19216 Singing Hills Dr.
Northridge, CA 91326-1716

Greater San Fernando Valley **E-Club**, Mondays at 12:00 p.m., online 24/7, www.rotaryclubgreatersfv.org

Northridge/Chatsworth, Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.
The Olive Garden
19724 Nordhoff Pl.
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Studio City-Sherman Oaks, Tuesdays at 12:10 p.m.
Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel
12825 Ventura Blvd., Vista Room
Studio City, CA 91604

Tarzana Encino, Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
John O'Groats
16120 Ventura Blvd.
Encino, CA 91436

West San Fernando Valley, Thursdays at 7:15 a.m.
Gables 818-347-2437
20920 Ventura Blvd.
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Woodland Hills, Wednesdays at noon
Woodland Hills Country Club
21150 Dumetz Rd.
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