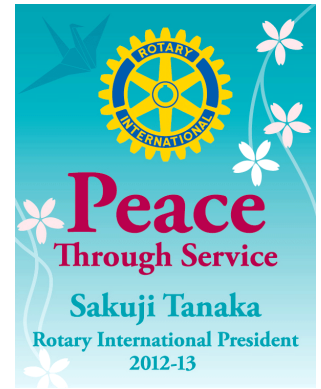


Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

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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: James Tenner
Invocation: PDG Emilio Basile

Attending Active and Honorary Members: Barbara Pampalona, Alice Gauna, Don Fetherolf, Renée D'Auria, Don Reinken, PDG Emilio Basile, Marie Valencia, Jean Mabilon, James Tenner, Elaine Bern, PDG Eli Gauna, Bob Reimann, Carlos Menjivar, PDG Les Grossman, Zoraida Suarez, Judy Coates, Mauricio Aranda, Mike Quiroga, Robin Kellogg, Ron Wolf, Marc Tapper, Steve Bertolino, Wynne Ritch, Wayne Slappy, Lawrence Pleet, Tom Harris; Beth Ullman

Guests: Paul Korb, past president of the NSFV club and owner of Korb Realty (818-996-3303)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rotarian

Jim asked how many of us could name all our grandparents, and most hands went up. Then he asked how many could name all 8 great-grandparents, and only two raised their hands. He told us that statistically very few people can name their great-grandparents – they, and their achievements, fade from memory. But what we do in Rotary lasts for generations. Possibly the best story about that is in this month's Rotarian, covering the long road we have taken to eliminate polio and the many challenges the effort still faces, including the murders of volunteers distributing the vaccine.

Club Billing Clarification

As reported last week, the cash-basis meal price will stay \$20. Those paying in advance will also now pay \$20 (50 meals/year). To cover our speakers' meals, that fee will increase to \$15 (from \$10) per month for those paying on a cash basis, but stay at \$10 for those paying in advance. Please contact PDG Emilio Basile if you have any questions about our billing.

Did You Know...

Our club has a "shop and contribute" link on our website? If you are buying online, many retailers, including Amazon, Kohl's, See's and Macy's, will give the club a small percentage of your total purchase price if you buy through this service. It's very easy, and helps the club get funding – try it! (Please note the retailers are not listed in alphabetic order.)

Calendar

- 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

Special Meeting May 16

PDG Emilio announced that May 13 will be our club's 88th birthday, so we are honoring all past presidents of all our original clubs at our May 16 meeting. There are still a few he hasn't been able to locate. If you have contact information for those who have moved out of the area, please let Emilio know by phone at 818-634-4043, or email to emilio@embasile.com.

June 1 Fundraiser

If you are buying tickets as part of a group as well as for yourself, after you get your tickets please let Les know which number(s) have been assigned to which people. You may also want to write the names on the tickets themselves. This will avoid any confusion or problems if one of your tickets is the winner. (Tickets will be given to buyers after the money has been received by Les, who will keep a list of ticket numbers and their owners.)

District Conference Update

PDG Les Grossman announced our club has been selected to make a presentation at the District Conference on our Harvest Festival, which received a district matching grant. Come cheer Les on, and take this 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. Room reservations have to be made through the hotel. Conference registration forms are on the website.

Speaker: Wayne Slappy, craft talk

Member Wayne Slappy told us some fascinating stories about his background, and what brought him into Rotary. He was raised in New Jersey (adding to our large east coast contingent), where both his grandfathers were pastors, imbuing him with their concern for community and the concept of "build to serve". Because his mom is white and his dad is black, his mom's grandfather was concerned about how Wayne would be treated in school in their rough area of Newark. A concern they had for their son, Wayne's uncle, when he was born a year after the Newark riots, the same day Martin Luther King was shot. They had built a church next door to their home (65 years ago) so 40 years ago they built a school!

Wayne got to spend a lot of time with his grandparents, gaining a lot of understanding of both people and organization as he did. One grandfather was especially organized, starting the day with a to-do list of over 100 items, which he always completed. Whew!

For high school Wayne attended a "microcosm of the world" preparatory boarding school in Princeton, where he was on the varsity rowing team. He says crew is the quintessential team sport: if anyone rows too hard, or out-of-sync, the boat will go in the wrong direction or falter.

Being in the northeast, Wayne looked for colleges there. The weather was as one might expect: cold and wet. His dad, who had moved to Culver City when Wayne was 16, convinced him to check out west coast schools, and Wayne fell in love with San Diego and USD. He wouldn't have to break the ice first to row! He graduated from USD with a business major, then interned at a brokerage house.

Moving to LA after his internship, Wayne lived with his dad for the first time since he was 9. A bit of a challenge for them both. But once he moved out they became good friends.



Wayne Slappy and James Tenner

He tried his hand at banking, thinking that he wanted to develop relationships with clients, not just sell products. He enjoys the consultative aspects of being an advisor,

which banking didn't offer as much as he wanted, so he left that and went into financial consulting. His focus is on asset management for an individual's or family's particular goals and needs, without taking excessive risk.

Talking about his family, Wayne said his maternal grandparents became missionaries in Uganda upon retiring from church they built. (One of the children who had grown up in it became the church's new pastor.) Wayne visited them in Uganda and loved working there with them. Much of their work was with political prisoners who managed to keep the most amazing, positive outlook in spite of their circumstance. They remind him that no matter how dark a situation is, we still choose how to respond to it, and we can still find reasons for joy.

One area that obviously brings Wayne a lot of joy is his family. He was introduced to his future wife, Solangel, by a friend at 2:00 one afternoon, and they talked until finally saying goodnight at 11:00 p.m.! He was completely smitten. And she must have been, too. When she was offered a promotion in San Diego, she said she wouldn't take it unless he went with her.

Without actually proposing, they just started talking about when they would be married, even to the wedding planning! When Solangel went back to New York to look for a wedding dress, he made special plans to make the engagement official. As he explains it, "Angel had just gotten off a "red-eye" flight from California and was hoping to get to her brother's house in Queens to just get some sleep. I, having secretly set up the breakfast, insisted that she not rest and meet me for breakfast. Having taken the train from NJ, I had to walk about 25 'New York blocks' to the hotel. I stopped at the florist for a bouquet of flowers, this being difficult because it was 6 a.m. on Christmas Eve in downtown Manhattan. The restaurant, being the world famous Plaza Hotel, provided an elaborate silver-plated enclosed butter dish with an orchid display. There actually was no butter in the dish, just the orchid with the ring gently placed in its center. Gotta love a ritzy spot like that." The waiter held the camera to catch her reaction. Now they just had to make sure she ordered something that needed butter!

Others in the restaurant, knowing what was afoot, lingered long after they were finished to see the results. Solangel ordered pancakes, then started to eat without using butter! The waiter suggested she would like them better if she added it, so she obliged him, then found the ring. She was so emotional she just cried, and Wayne never did actually get to propose! They've now been married well over three years and have a just-turned three-year-old and soon to be two-year-old sons.

Wayne can be reached at 818-465-0210 x118 or by email to wtslappy@wradvisors.com.

REMINDERS:

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. Prizes include the \$10,000 first prize, a \$500 second, and a large screen TV third. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win the \$10,000, but they do for the other prizes. The money raised will fund many of our major projects and scholarships. 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. The next game is May 22.

No Happy Bucks or PolioPlus collection today

Opportunity Drawing

Congratulations to Elaine, who won half the \$95 pot.

Notable Quotables

"Because the heart beats under a covering of hair, of fur, feathers, or wings, it is, for that reason, to be of no account?" Jean Paul Richter, writer (1763-1825)

"Out of the quarrel with others we make rhetoric; out of the quarrel with ourselves we make poetry." William Butler Yeats, writer, Nobel laureate (1865-1939)

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.
Woodland Hills, CA 91364

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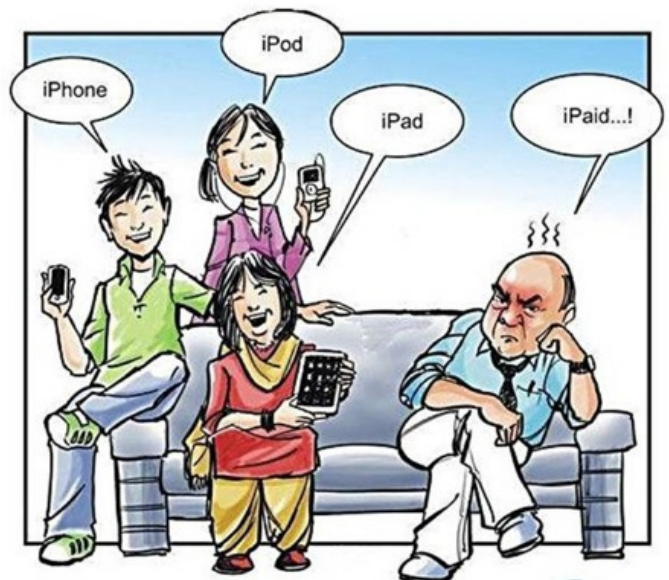
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