

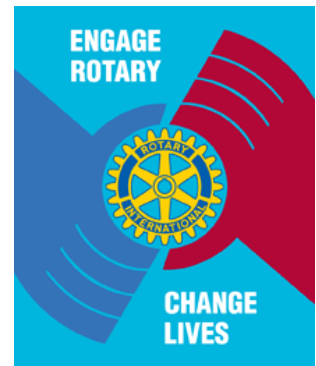
Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

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Service Above Self

Meeting at 94th Aero Squadron
Thursdays, 12:10 p.m.

16320 Raymer St., Van Nuys, CA 91406



August 15, 2013

Flag Salute: Robert Ramirez
Invocation: Jim Tanner

Guests: Wynn introduced his friends and fellow Boy Scout leaders, Jeff Prata (Guest of the Club) and Hamlet Shirvani (a member of North Hollywood Rotary.) Mauricio introduced Maria Rodriguez and Veronica and the two honorees.

Announcements

Rich passed out the Polio Plus can for donations for that raffle.

Barbara told of going to the Literacy Breakfast last Friday. The Salvation Army does a lot of work in literacy. She brought 3 books by Chris Palzis who is willing to go to a school for the cost of the books, if we put together a project with any school or organization. Clubs told of exciting projects in Literacy – many partnering with organizations like the Molina Foundation. And several “Vision to Learn” projects to get glasses for kids were done. But our project last spring was outstanding and gave vision to kids and adults.

Mike reported that his committee working on the August 31 fundraiser is on time and on budget. GVN Rotary will be selling Hamburgers and Hot Dogs at the Van Nuys Airport. We enter the parking lot from Gloria. All Rotarians were asked to sign up for the hours they will work that day.

Mauricio reported several projects are beginning. Wayne will get a sign-up sheet for work in October on the food drive for the Valley pantry. We are getting an opportunity to volunteer for work with Ride-On, a therapeutic horse riding project in the west valley. And Les is working with a grant from the District on the Harvest Festival that will add an eye clinic this year.

Wayne, Membership Chair thanked the Rotarians who have brought guests, and will be publishing the names so we can induct Jeff Prada soon.

Jim told us of an opportunity for “work” as a member

Calendar

- 8/22 Karen Page, **True Psychic Experiences**
- 8/29 District Governor Doug Baker's official visit – *please make sure you attend*
- 8/31, Sat. Van Nuys Airport Community Day, **7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9/5 Stacy Gerlich, Capt. LAFD, "**First Responders**"
- 9/18, Wed. Board meeting, **6:00, Rich Miller's office, 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave.**
- 9/12 Denise Fejtek, "**Steps to the Summit**"
- 9/19 **Craft Talk**
- 10/6, District Picnic, **8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
- 10/17 Club Assembly
- 10/24 **Razi Sheikh, Trip to Pakistan**
- 10/31 Harvest Festival at night (*no regular meeting*)
- 11/21 Unity Luncheon
- 11/28 DARK – Happy Thanksgiving!

of the Grand Jury – for \$300.00 a day – about full-time – for a year.

Rich reminded us that 2 weeks from today the District Governor Nominee D. J. Sun will be visiting our club representing Governor Baker.

BINGO permits from the state are being requested for every 4th Wednesday at Birmingham High School. Rich has tickets for us to sell for August 28th, the next event. This is turning out to be a good fund raiser at this location; please spread the word to your friends and come enjoy the evening.

Happy Bucks:

Wayne asked for confession and Rich reported he not only flew UP out of Van Nuys Airport, but also landed back safely. Bill reported his wife is now employed! Wayne confessed he got a vacation and Les has settled a court case. **Marie announced a FUN Fund Raiser: she has created a Super Bowl sign-up sheet where we can gamble at \$50.00 per square to win a big prize of \$ 2,000.00. You can see the available squares on our website by clicking on the “Super Bowl” Link on the left side of the page. You can write a check pay cash or call Emilio and have the donation**

billed to your account or placed on a Credit Card. Jim is celebrating that his granddaughter is entering law school – following the family tradition.

Honorees:

Mauricio introduced Veronica who told us that Vanessa and Augusta are part of the group of clients that she has in class. They have shown great progress in learning the skills to navigate around town and take a job.

SPEAKER: *Gina Low and Pablo Guerra from APECA*

Barbara introduced her friends, Gina and Pablo. Gina was treated to a trip over 20 years ago by her daughter, and she has been working ever since to improve the lives of the indigenous groups that live in the rainforest of Peru along the headwaters of the Amazon River. Pablo explained that part of his work is teaching the youth to plant trees so that they will have building materials to make a home when they get older. He raises the saplings, and teaches them how to reforest the area instead of just cutting down the old forest.

Gina presented a film that showed a Rotary project that takes the rainwater that falls on the tin roofs of the local schools to conserve it for drinking and cooking. The river is polluted and many health problems occur because of the use of the polluted water. With clean rainwater collected with eaves troughs installed by APECA carrying the rain water to the Reservoirs APECA builds, the children are sent to school to learn – and to bring home clean drinking water.

APECA also works to teach first aid and other medical skills to local representatives, and the Peruvian Government routes local aid like immunizations through APECA.

The plumbing and construction costs for three more schools to have clean water in their villages will cost about \$45,000.00. There are Rotary Clubs in Peru that Gina can work with if several clubs in our district will create an International Vision Project to provide the funds for this important work. Rotarian Andy Campbell from the City of Industry has helped with these projects in the past, and can help put together another project.

Reminders:

Mark Tapper will be creating the bulletin next week. Thank you to Emilio who carefully corrects the names and edits the bulletin each week.

Mike will host a Fireside Chat the end of September for the last 6-7 inductees, We will need the help of the Club Directors and Committee Chairs to explain all the things the club does and get the new members

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involved.

Opportunity Drawing
Congratulations to Bill Parks who won \$40.00, half of the \$80.00 pot.

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
4th Sunday of every month 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. at Denny's
5525 Sepulveda Blvd.
Sherman Oaks, CA 91411

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