



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 29, 2013

Flag Salute: Robin Kellogg

Invocation: Eli Gauna

Guests: Rich introduced District Governor Nominee D.J. Sun. Tom introduced his wife Lynn Harris. Alice introduced PDG Eli Gauna and a Friend, Pat Moreno. Elaine introduced her husband Shelly who seems already to be a working Rotarian. Robin introduced Clement Arejo, A Rotarian from Ojo, Legos, Nigeria. Wynne introduced third time visitor Prospective Rotarian Jeff Prada. And, later we met David Antique, and Iranian who has worked many years her in nuclear physics and aviation and hold a commercial pilot's license.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mauricio told us that Mike will have information on Saturday's work at the airport and asked we wear Rotary T-Shirts or hats to identify us as Rotarians. Mark pointed out that this airport is the busiest commercial airport.

Eli is going to Columbia with District 5280's trip this fall as is Les Grossman.

The new brochures about our club are out and were again distributed.

Mauricio read his "I have a Dream" inspiration that combined Dr. Martin Luther King's dream with that of John Lennon's "Imagine" – and we all realized how that is what we crazy idealists work for.

I have a Dream
that my four little children
will one day live in a nation where they will not be
judged by the color
of their skin
but by the content of their character.

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for

CALENDAR

- 8/31, Sat. **Van Nuys Airport Community Day**, 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 9/5 **Stacy Gerlich, Capt. LAFD**, "First Responders"
- 9/11, 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!**

And no religion too
Imagine all the people
Living life in peace...

When we allow freedom to ring-
when we let it ring from every city and every hamlet,
from every state and every city,
we will be able to speed up that day
when all of God's children, black men and white
men,
Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics,
will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the
old Negro spiritual,
"Free at last, Free at last, Great God a-mighty, We
are
free at last."
You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Clement told us that in Nigeria they have "ancient" past officers and "modern" ones. One becomes "ancient" in only 5 years, but can stay "modern" by being in office or only out of office for less than 5 years. So, Rich is an "ancient" Past President 2 times and a "modern" one 2 times..... Clement

also brought a printout showing that we meet on Wednesday – Maybe the District website is now “ancient”?

Happy Bucks:

Wynne offers us to be happy about giving bucks, or we will be sad. Robin is profiled on the front page of the North Valley Chamber Business Times, and paid her happy bucks. Paul Davis is also featured on the front page, but was not in the room at that time. Shelly Bern paid for winning at BINGO. At that point Wynne appointed Jeff Prada to collect the many offerings, and Bill Parks also confessed to winning, but nothing like Jim Tanner getting the win of the last game. Jim also told about continuing contact with his young friend Holly, from Australia, who is coming to L.A. again soon, but mostly to see another male friend. Rich contributed in honor of having D. J. Sun visiting our club, and Wynne fined himself sad bucks for missing BINGO for a Scout party. Emilio is celebrating his 2 girls return home from their cooking class in Italy.

SPEAKER:

District Gov. Nominee D. J. Sun explained that our district now has 64 clubs and is part of Zone 26. International President Ron Burton’s theme is: “Engage Rotary, Change Lives.” Past RI President D. K. Lee is the Foundation Trustee and the goals this year are to (1) Eradicate polio (2) Get members to “own” the Foundation (3) Launch the new grants process through Future Vision with minimum grants now to be \$30,000 and (4) to engage Rotarians in innovative projects and partnerships. Rotarians are to work on Strategic Planning. Future Vision is to simplify the grants by making the districts more responsible in 6 Focus areas. They are (1) Peace, (2) Education (3) Disease control and Health (4) Maternal and child care (5) Water and Sanitation and (6) Economic and Community Development. The district is preparing a big Future Vision Project. Patterning with Home Boy Project, with funds from clubs, our district, a district in Korea, and matched by Rotary International a baking Machine is being purchased for \$59,000.00 to improve the services of the Home Boy Project. Last year the project, “South Park Renewal” was done also with Reverse Matching funds from a Korean club and district, and matched by RI. Also the City of Los Angeles, simulated by what Rotary was doing, dedicated and additional \$35,000.00 to the renovation of the city park. We saw a video of work on the baseball diamonds and sanding and

painting of the bleachers and even the curbs. The preschool cubbies were repainted as well as at least parts of the building and clean-up (not shown of the kitchen and rooms inside was done by a quantity of volunteers from the district. It was inspiring to see so many Rotarians at work – Eli got stuck in the heat of the baseball field, but Barbara didn’t. (We both encourage other Rotarians next year to participate in these very well-organized work days.) Mike gave out a map for parking on Saturday and assignments of hours to work at the food booth at the airport. Over 700 people are scheduled to come for tours, and more are expected. This is our first big fun fund raiser of the year as we celebrate with the airport the widening of one of the runways.

Opportunity Drawing:

Congratulations to Renee who won the raffle.

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.rotaryclubgreaterfsv.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.
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Woodland Hills, Wednesdays at noon
Woodland Hills Country Club
21150 Dumetz Rd.
Woodland Hills, CA 91364