

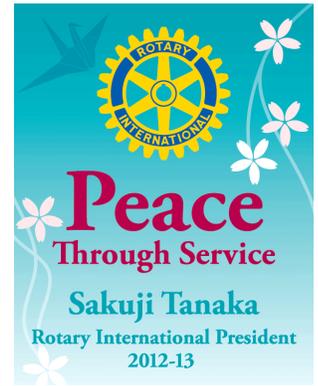
# Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

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**Service Above Self**

Meeting at 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron  
Thursdays, 12:10 p.m.

16320 Raymer St., Van Nuys, CA 91406



## February 7, 2013

**Flag Salute:** Wynne Ritch

**Invocation:** Ken Worthen

**Attending Members:** Barbara Pampalone, Clinton Jones, Diana Sanchez, Don Fetherolf, Don Reinken, Elaine Bern, Frank Santucci, Guy Mangia, Judy Coates, Ken Worthen, PDG Les Grossman, Marc Tapper, Mauricio Aranda, Pete Satuloff, Martha Stulman, Mike Quiroga, Robert Ramirez, Renée D'Auria (welcome back!), Rich Miller, Ron Wolf, Wayne Slappy, Robin Kellogg, Roz Kogler, Tom Harris, Wynne Ritch; Beth Ullman

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Jeff Hayne, President of Springer & Daly, a collection service in Northridge (818-493-6419), and guest of the club at Rich's invitation; Steve Bertolino; Jan Goforth; Dave Friedman, Sandra Santucci; and Coach Scott King from Birmingham Charter High School with student honorees Louis Solano and Vanessa Brahas

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Member Updates – Get Well Soon!

PDG Emilio Basile is back in the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

Rich told us Jim Tenner called him this morning to say he wouldn't be at today's meeting "because he opened a window when he got up and in-flu-enza." Double groan!

Marc let us know Jean Mabilon had planned to attend today but had to stay home for Antoinette. He really misses everyone, and no doubt would be appreciative of calls – he doesn't use email. If you know Jean, please give him a call. You can reach him at 818-360-6968.

#### Membership Subcommittee

Marc told us his Membership Retention subcommittee has two openings and he's looking for volunteers to help call absentees. If you'd like one of these coveted spots, send Marc an email to [marctap@aol.com](mailto:marctap@aol.com) or give him a call at 818-425-6667.

#### Fundraiser

PDG Les also told us about the beginning plans for a fundraiser that would include a reverse raffle, tentatively scheduled for June 1. There will be a planning meeting this coming Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 7:00 p.m. in his office, 18663 Ventura Blvd. If you are willing to help, please come and share your ideas!

### Calendar

2/14	TBA	<b>Happy Valentine's Day!</b>
2/21	Pete Satuloff, Cuba	<b>Recognition:</b> New Horizons
2/27, Wed.	Bingo, 6:30 p.m. at Union Hall, 14800 Devonshire St. (SW corner at Woodman)	
2/28	Dan Donlian, Braille Institute	<b>Recognition:</b> Tierra Del Sol
3/7	TBA	
3/14	TBA	
4/13, Sat.,	Van Nuys Track Meet, Birmingham H.S.	
5/2 – 5/5, Thurs. – Sun.	District Conference, Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort, Santa Barbara	

#### Bingo

Rich and Marco have tickets for our next Bingo game, February 27 – bring your friends and sell lots of tickets! Each is just \$20. If everyone sells just 2 tickets each, we can fill the hall.

#### Demotion Party

Marie Valencia has graciously offered her home for this year's demotion party. Tentative dates are June 30 and July 14. If you'd like to help plan and organize this event, please email Marie at [marieyvalencia@gmail.com](mailto:marieyvalencia@gmail.com).

#### District Awards Submissions

PDG Les reminded us today is the last day to submit projects for this year's awards. He's done two and Martha is putting together several, but there are many projects that should be submitted, preferably by those heading them and he asked everyone to do their part.

#### Track Meet

Don Reinken suggested we consider putting PolioPlus information and money collection points at our up-coming track meet, at the registration and refreshment tables. We could even have a running video about the program and make announcements between meets. This meet is a great way to remind people this disease still prevents many young people from even walking, must less competing in track events. The idea got an almost unanimous endorsement from the group. Ken and Robin volunteered to co-chair this aspect of the event. Please give them and Don any help you can.

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Mauricio introduced our program for outstanding students in the Birmingham Charter H.S. track program, and Coach Scott King. Scott told us the two students being recognized today are actually at the Daniel Pearl Journalism Magnet next to Birmingham, but still are part of the regular school's P.E. program. Both of their families are very involved and help cheer the kids on.

(This magnet program separated from Birmingham when the latter went charter. It is named in honor of Wall Street Journalist Daniel Pearl, who was a graduate of Birmingham H.S., and murdered by terrorists in Pakistan February 1, 2002.

Scott predicted senior Louis Solano will be in the Hall of Fame. He just got a full tuition scholarship to Syracuse University – sparking cries from the floor of “Do you know how *cold* it gets there?!” The foundation giving the scholarship had over 2500 applicants; Louis was one of only 10 recipients. That honor was only in part due to his skill on the field – his 4+ GPA helped. He'll be studying mechanical engineering, and eventually the foundation will help him find both internships and a full-time job.

Vanessa Brahas also has impressive scholarship credentials, with a 3.8 GPA now in the middle of her sophomore year, She told us how much she appreciates the chance to participate in sports, and that she plans to attend UCLA, specializing in pediatric medicine.

Congratulations to both our honorees!



L-R Vanessa Brahas, Coach Scott King, Louis Solano and Mauricio Aranda

## **SPEAKER: Wynne Ritch, Boy Scouts of America**

Newest member Wynne Ritch retired from the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) last year after 40 years of service, having started with them in 1972. But as he explained, he *really* started with them in 1952 – as a cub scout. He went on to become an eagle scout, earning 46 merit badges along the way (almost half of all those offered). He just loved scouting, and he learned a lot, including how to set goals for himself. His first goal was to become a Marine, which he did.

Having earned eagle scout status also helped him as a Marine in Viet Nam. Wynne told us that when he was a corporal his master sergeant assigned him to do some reconnaissance near camp, rather than some lower sergeants as would be the norm, because as an eagle scout “he knew how to use a compass”. The sergeant had

seen it in his file. While they were out and only a mile from camp, it was hit by the enemy. They were told to stay away until they were radioed the “all clear”. Two days later they were able to return, totally unscathed.

Wynne also shared some of the history of BSA with us, from its founding in England by Lord Baden Powell in 1907 and subsequent import to the U.S. in 1910, to its growth to a high of 5.5 million boys. Currently at 3.7 million, the percentage of eagle scouts has risen from just about 1% to almost 3%, proving how valuable those boys who stay in the program find that challenge. (It looks great on a résumé, too.) Well-known eagle scouts include President Ford, Steven Spielberg and Ozzie Nelson, and 90% of the cadets in military academies are eagles.

BSA used to be headquartered in New Jersey, but moved to Texas when Ross Perot headed the organization – he didn't like New Jersey and wanted it in his home state, so he offered them a free building if they would move. They did, selling the original building and using the funds for an endowment of which only the interest gets spent. The new facilities in Texas include the BSA collection of Norman Rockwell paintings.

The Jamboree site, which had been in Virginia for 25 years, was moved to West Virginia thanks to a \$25 million donation, allowing them to buy 20,000 acres of steeply rolling hills that had belonged to a local BSA council. The location was so isolated it needed roads, and buildings as basic as rest rooms. It was so steep a Bechtel engineer recommended a bridge be built across one of the dales rather than a very windy road. \$5.5 million later, the bridge is ready for this first year in the new location.

While the Boy Scouts is an international organization, it is handled differently in each country. The U.S. and Japan, for example, are the only two to require the boys wear their uniforms at all meetings. Though the spiffiest group in uniform Wynne said he's ever seen were a group of 17 - 20 year-olds from Alsace Lorraine, visiting Ste. Michelle. In Indonesia, which has the second largest number of troops, all boys enrolled in school must also join the Scouts.

If you'd like to know more, Wynne can be reached at warhmb@aol.com or 818 360 6045.



Wynne Ritch and Don Reinken with a book Wynne signed for Casa Esperanza

## Happy Bucks

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Happy Bucks this week, including PDG Les for having settled 3 cases which now won't require him to be gone a long time; Barbara for the Chatsworth Evening club voting to keep meeting, Wayne because his youngest just started preschool, Beth for the jewelry class at The Salvation Army on Sunday going well, and Wynne in thanks for his three-year-old granddaughter, Sara Rosemary, coming home after three weeks in the hospital with a collapsed lung and pneumonia, caused by her Type 2 SMA disease. Please add Sara Rosemary to your prayers.

## PolioPlus

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Priscilla Pig for PolioPlus this week, and to Robin for explaining to our visitors what PolioPlus is and how close we are to eradicating polio, now endemic in just three countries: Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

## Opportunity Drawing

Congratulations to Renée D'Auria, who won half the \$105 pot.

## Notable Quotables

"Nothing is so firmly believed as what is least known."  
Michel de Montaigne, essayist (1533-1592)

"The more sand that has escaped from the hourglass of our life, the clearer we should see through it." Jean-Paul Sartre, writer and philosopher (1905-1980)

## Just for Fun



"THIS COMPUTER IS EQUIPPED WITH AN AIRBAG IN CASE YOU FALL ASLEEP!"

## 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

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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.

**Coco's – now closed, new location not yet known**  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Woodland Hills, Wednesdays at noon

Woodland Hills Country Club  
21150 Dumetz Rd.  
Woodland Hills, CA 91364



*Happy Valentine's Day!*

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