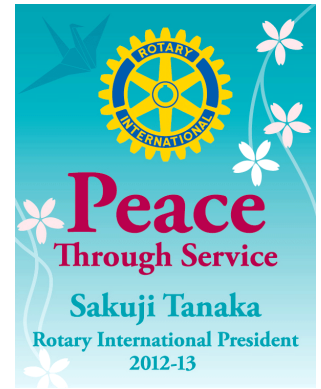


Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

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Service Above Self

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



January 17, 2013

Flag Salute: Don Reinken
Invocation: PDG Eli Gauna

Attending Members: Barbara Pampalone, Don Fetherolf, Carlos Menjivar, Don Reinken, Bill Parker, PDG Eli Gauna, PDG Les Grossman, Judy Coates, Marco Padilla, Elaine Bern, Mauricio Aranda, Alice Gauna, Guy Mangia, Richard Miller, Frank Santucci, Raul Castillo, Razi Sheikh, Marie Valencia, Marina Martinez, Zoraida Suarez, Robin Kellogg, Tom Harris, Wynne Ritch, Ron Wolf, Beth Ullman

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: former Mid SFV member Brenda Manke, who will be re-inducted next week (welcome back!); Steve Bertolino, guest of the club; Dave Friedman, guest of the club; David Martinyan of All e-Waste, guest of the club; Laura Levinsky, guest of Robin's; Jocelyn Hernandez of New Horizons with clients and honorees Lucretia Casano and Felicia Clofer; Kirk Harney, Senior Account Executive at Pegasus Interprint, former Rotarian and guest of the club at Rich's invitation (818-989-3600); and Jonas Corona, our speaker, with his mom, Renée Corona

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fundraiser Success

David Martinyan of All e-Waste presented the club with a check for \$210, our portion of our last e-waste fundraiser and hopefully the first of many this year.

Bingo!

Rich Miller reported on the successful Bingo game held last night, which brought in 48 players, including a few who saw the sign and dropped in, plus there were another dozen or so who had bought tickets but didn't make it. They and you will get another chance – come to our next game, February 27, and bring your friends! The goal is to get 100 players next time, so think about who you can sell tickets to.

Van Nuys Track Meet

Don Reinken, chair of the Van Nuys Track Meet committee, announced the officials for the April 13 event are all confirmed, Ed Viramontes has gotten the metals for the winners, and club members are starting to volunteer for various assignments. Guy Mangia will be monitoring

Calendar

- 1/23, Wed., Presidents' Dinner**, Oakmont Country Club
3100 Country Club Dr., Glendale. Cost \$35,
open to all, RSVP by 1/21 to 310-670-9792
or office@rotary5280.org
- 1/24 TBA**
- 1/31 Jewel Price and Alen Andriassian**, GSE
Team Japan
- 2/8, Fri., MAPS Charities Community Service Awards**
luncheon honoring Paul Davis and Alberta
Bellasario, Sherman Oaks Marriott, doors
open at 11:00 a.m. Tickets: \$75/person •
Courtyard by Marriott of Sherman
Oaks, 15433 Ventura Blvd. for more
information, an invitation or online donation
go to: www.mapscharities.org
- 2/27, Wed. Bingo**, 6:30 p.m. at Union Hall, 14800
Devonshire St. (SW corner at Woodman)
- 4/13, Sat., Van Nuys Track Meet**, Birmingham H.S.

the pole vault. Don also gave some of the background of this annual event, now in its 33rd year, which was started thanks to the vision of the late Flip Smith.

Every year students who don't qualify for the standard school track and field events find themselves in the winners' circles at this very special meet. Club members check the athletes in, rake sand, compile scores and announce winners – everything except time races, which is done by electronic systems, and feed attendants, which the booster club does. We also give every participant a T-shirt and the school a donation for use of the field. Students pay \$3 each to participate.

Birmingham High Principal Bill Parks added his thanks for our support and this event, noting that because of it and Coach Scott, who is the Track Coach of the Year, the school has 358 students participating in track.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Mauricio Aranda told the assembly about our special program to acknowledge those working to improve themselves who normally would receive no recognition. We focus on the clients of New Horizons, which teaches and supports those with mental and physical development problems. Today we recognized Lucretia Casano and Felicia Clofer. Jocelyn Hernandez told us a little about

them, including how hard they work to complete the challenging assignments New Horizons sets for them. Each was giving a certificate and \$50 gift certificate.



L-R Jocelyn Hernandez, Lucretia Casano and Felicia Clofer

New DGE Selected

January 22, 2013

Dear Rotarians of D-5280,

This is to announce to the Rotarians of D-5280 that PDG, Doug Baker has graciously accepted the appointment to serve as DG for the Rotary year 2013-2014. This appointment was made as a result of the untimely passing of DGE, Jim Dyer. The protocol and rules of Rotary International were adhered to in making this appointment.

Please join me in acknowledging Doug Baker as DG for 2013-2014 and extending our utmost support.

Sincerely,
Lew Bertrand,
District Governor,
Rotary International District 5280

SPEAKER: Jonas Corona, Love in the Mirror

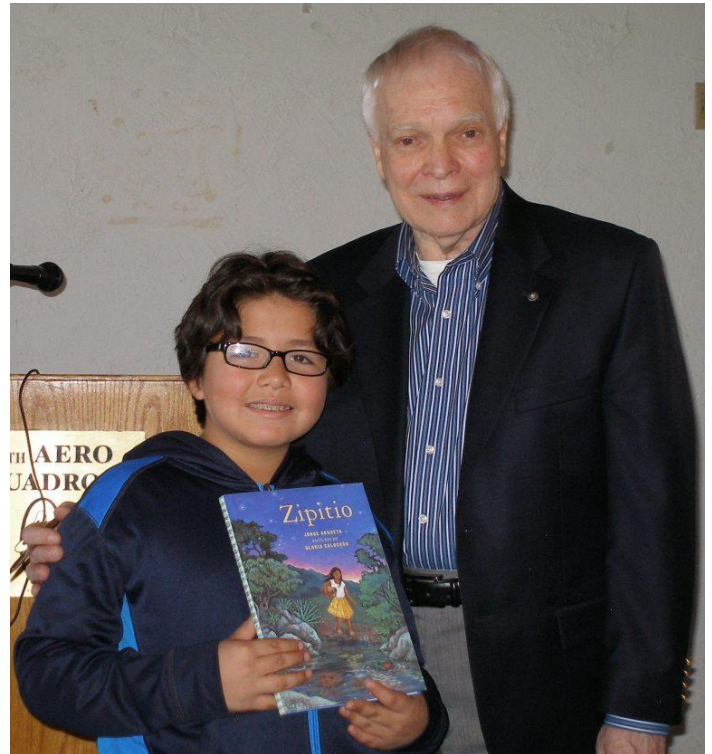
At the ripe old age of nine, Jonas is already a non-profit veteran, having founded Love in the Mirror when he was just six. At that early age he was helping his mom feed the homeless downtown Los Angeles and noticed how many of them were just children, like him. He wanted to do more to help, but when his mom contacted various charities they all said he had to be older – at least 10. So they started their own non-profit.

As noted in the Ricki Lake show interview with Jonah, which they shared with us, Love in the Mirror does more than just provide food. They collect and distribute clothing, toys and toiletries as well, focusing on kids. They also work to educate children about volunteer work and give them the opportunity to participate. Just recently Jonah spoke at a workshop to a group of kids from 5 to 15 years old who are looking to get involved and give back to their

community. (Guest Laura Levinsky was one of the invited speakers telling them how to help.)

Already Love in the Mirror has helped over 2,000 kids. Last summer alone they donated over 8,000 pairs of socks, 6,000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and 5,000 toys. They are having a collection drive in March to help even more. They are also hoping to expand into the Valley with their services. Within five years they hope to even go international. Several club members made contributions to help in their efforts.

To contact Jonas or Renée Corona, or to make a contribution, visit www.loveinthemirror.org or call 562-433-5100.



Jonas Corona with book for Casa Esperanza and Past President Don Reinken

Did you know about these projects?

Besides those already reported, over the holidays a number of other projects were undertaken by members of our club, including: serving Christmas Eve dinner to the men at the Salvation Army in Canoga Park, headed by Brenda Manke with help from Robin Kellogg and her son Max; helping the men at the same facility make jewelry for gifts, with Robin, Martha Stulman, Barbara Pampalone and Beth Ullman; and several food collections were donated to SOVA and other food banks.

Do you have a favorite project that the club may not be aware of? Let me know and we'll write it up for the bulletin. Beth, bethullman@yahoo.com; 818-701-6889

REMINDERS

The Club Needs You!

We still have open positions for 2013-14: New Generations Chair, Club Service Chair, and Bulletin Editor. Please contact Mauricio or Emilio if you are able to take one of these. jobs

Opportunity Drawing

Congratulations to Alice, who won half the \$90 pot.

Priscilla for Polio Plus

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Priscilla Pig for PolioPlus this week.

Happy Bucks

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Happy Bucks this week, including Rich in thanks to everyone who helped with bingo, Brenda for it being her second meeting back with the club, and Beth for Barbara Pampalone's giving great dental care to six men at the Salvation Army ARC in Canoga Park using equipment our club and others helped buy.

Notable Quotables

"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals." Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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, <http://www.rotaryclubgreatersfv.org>

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

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W 818-634-4043

Vocational Chair: *Open*

Sgt. at Arms: *Open*

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
21844 Victory Blvd.
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

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