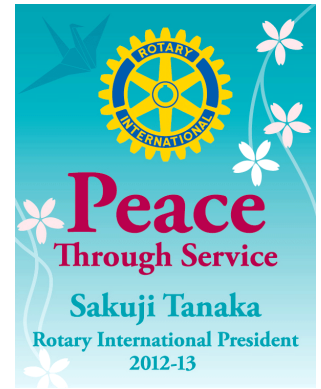


# Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

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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



## June 13, 2013

**Flag Salute:** Wynne Ritch

**Thought for Flag Day:** Wynne Ritch

**Attending Active and Honorary Members:** Barbara Pampalone, Bill Parks, Don Fetherolf, Judy Coates, Dave Friedman, Renée D'Auria, James Tenner, Ron Wolf, Don Reinken, Mauricio Aranda, Alice Gauna, Zoraida Suarez, Marco Padilla, Marie Valencia, Pete Satuloff, Elaine Bern, Wynne Ritch, Rich Miller, PDG Les Grossman, Roz Kogler, Don Reinken, Renée D'Auria, PDG Emilio Basile, Razi Sheikh; Tom Harris

**Guests:** Maria Korling; Paul Korb, Mike Kreps, Department Manager of Joseph A. Bank in Sherman Oaks, (818-907-1008); Tom Gilt, a retired exercise equipment manufacturer and Judy's guest, and Vincent Aranda, Maurico's son. In addition, former member Capt. Van Young and his wife Nathalie popped in for a quick visit before the meeting! They are now stationed in Victorville and hope to visit us again soon.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mauricio started us off with an elephant joke and the comment that "I think I need to make some "Laugh", "Applause" and "Boo" signs to help the members along."

### 2013 – 2014 Board Meeting

Jim thanked PDG Emilio for hosting the board retreat on Saturday and all his hard work putting the materials together. Rich reported that about 20 projects were submitted for the board to consider, 18 were approved and the other 2 are under consideration. PDG Emilio noted we will have to raise about \$18,000 to do the approved projects and an additional \$12,000 if we want to do more.

### RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)

Vincent Aranda gave reported on his recent RYLA camp experience, which he enjoyed very much.

### Demotion Party July 11

Are you ready to celebrate? Stand up and be counted! We need to know how many plan to attend our upcoming demotion party so we make sure the right amount of food and wine is ordered. This year's party will be extra-special, with a private tour of the Galpin classic

### Calendar

6/20 **Open**  
6/27 **Kelly Mathews**  
7/4 **Dark**  
7/11, Thu. **Demotion Party** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (no regular meeting) Galpin Ford, 15505 Roscoe Blvd., second floor, Van Nuys

car collection in addition to everything else. You can register for the party on our website, or just let Emilio know, if you don't have internet access. At just \$35 per person we hope this is affordable for everyone, and hope to see you all there.

### Bulletin Editor(s) Needed!

Steve Bertolino has offered to do 2 bulletins a month – can you help by doing one or more as well? We need people to write the bulletin starting July 1. If you are interested in helping, please let Rich know. Be creative and provide some great club service!

**SPEAKER: Wynne Ritch**, In Honor of Flag Day (with additional information)

The flag was first authorized by the Continental Congress June 14th 1777 with the resolution "Resolved: that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.". Our flag is the third oldest in the world, just behind England's Union Jack and France's tri color. We are a rare breed of people because we say the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag at every major event and usually meeting that takes place. Our colors, red, white and blue, are meaningful in that red is for valor, zeal and fervency. White is for hope, purity, and cleanliness, and blue for the heavens, reverence, justice and truth.

Our star is an ancient symbol from India, Persia and Egypt which symbolizes dominion, sovereignty, and lofty aspirations. General Washington asked Betsy Ross to make six pointed stars for the flag, thinking a five-pointed one was too difficult to cut. She quickly showed the group it wasn't by folding a piece of paper and with just one cut making a five-pointed star.

Putting the stars on a blue background represented our union. Separating the red areas, representing our

mother country, with white stripes showed that we separated from her. It represents our liberty. In 1795 Vermont (admitted in 1791) and Kentucky (admitted in 1792) showed up in our flag, giving us 15 stars and 15 stripes. In 1818 Congress enacted a law that only stars shall be added to the flag to represent each state thereafter, and changing the number of stripes back to 13. Starting in 1819, the updated flag becomes legal on the Fourth of July following the date of a new state's admission. (Those first 13 stars represent Delaware (ratified December 7, 1787), Pennsylvania (December 12, 1787), New Jersey (December 18, 1787), Georgia (January 2, 1788), Connecticut (January 9, 1788), Massachusetts (February 6, 1788), Maryland (April 28, 1788), South Carolina (May 23, 1788), New Hampshire (June 21, 1788), Virginia (June 25, 1788), New York (July 26, 1788), North Carolina (November 21, 1789), and Rhode Island (May 29, 1790))

What is a flag expert called? A vexillologist. The first flag flown over foreign soil was taken to Nassau, Bahamas by the Marines in 1778. The largest flag ever made is 104 feet wide and 235 feet long, with stars that are 6 feet tall. It is currently in Hudson Hall Company in Detroit. Annin & Company in Roseland, New Jersey makes the most American flags in the country, and supplies the White House with its flags, which are flown briefly and then given out to individuals or groups to honor them. The first time a flag was shown on a postage stamp was 1869, after the Civil War, emphasizing the unity of the country. This was also when we changed from calling the U.S. "these united states" to "the united states". The Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America is an expression of loyalty to the federal flag and the republic composed by Francis Bellamy in 1892 and formally adopted by Congress in 1942. The Pledge has been modified four times since its composition. Interestingly, although Bellamy was a minister, the phrase "under God" was not officially added until 1954, after a six year campaign to make the change, based on reported version of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Bernard J. Cigrand has the honor to be deemed the father of Flag Day. On June 14th, 1885, as a 19 year-old schoolteacher in a one-room schoolhouse, he instructed his students to write essays about what the flag meant to them. Born to parents who were immigrants from Luxembourg, he was born and reared in Waubesa, Wisconsin. He wanted folks to understand the importance of the flag and what it represents to every one. The next year he moved to Chicago to attend dental school and, in June 1886, first publicly proposed an annual observance of the birth of the United States flag in an article titled "The Fourteenth of June," published in the Chicago "Argus" newspaper. In June 1888 Cigrand advocated establishing the holiday in a speech before the Sons of America, a Chicago group. The organization founded a magazine, American Standard, in order to promote reverence for American emblems. Cigrand was appointed editor-in-chief and wrote articles in the magazine as well as in other magazines and newspapers to promote the holiday.

On the third Saturday in June 1894, a public school children's celebration of Flag Day took place in Chicago at Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington

Parks. More than 300,000 children participated, and the celebration was repeated the next year. Cigrand continued his pursuit to establish June 14 as Flag Day. He had allies helping him, one being the Elks Club. He wrote articles, gave speeches, attended meetings and pounded the pavement. After 30 years of Cigrand's advocacy, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day in 1916 and celebrated the official first flag day by carrying the U.S. flag at the head of a parade of over sixty thousand marchers. (The United States Congress formally made the proclamation law in August 1949 under Harry S Truman, an Elks member.)

Wynne showed us a variety of flags that were flown in various places, including one that he was supposed to destroy from his Marine Corps unit in Vietnam. After 20 years he came across it and returned it to Camp Pendleton MC base in Oceanside where it now flies over the mess hall. He also shared one that his mother made for a 300 year centennial in his home town

So, what do you see when you see the flag? How do you feel? And what do you know about our great flag?



*Wynne Ritch*

**No PolioPlus or Happy Bucks** today.

### **Opportunity Drawing**

Congratulations to Barbra Pampalone, who won half the \$85 pot.

### **Notable Quotables**

"A hungry man is not a free man." Adlai Stevenson, statesman (1900-1965)

"Having been unable to strengthen justice, we have justified strength." Blaise Pascal, philosopher and mathematician (1623-1662)

## Just for Fun

Crabby Road

1-14-10

**Greatest Hits**

My boss asked me to take an anger management class this year.

I told him I'm angry enough with management as it is.



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## 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](http://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.

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