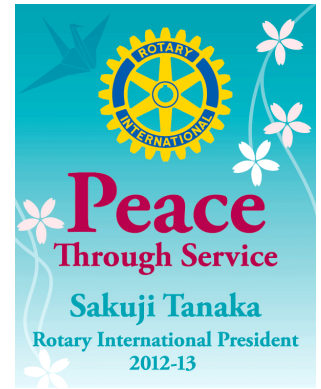


Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

www.greatervannuysrotary.org

Service Above Self

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



June 6, 2013

Flag Salute: James Tenner

Thought for the day: Diana Sanchez

Attending Active and Honorary Members: Barbara Pampalone, Diana Sanchez, Bill Parks, Don Fetherolf, Judy Coates, Renée D'Auria, James Tenner, Ron Wolf, Frank Santucci, Don Reinken, Mauricio Aranda, Alice Gauna, Zoraida Suarez, Pete Satuloff, Elaine Bern, Marc Tapper, Wynne Ritch, Rich Miller, PDG Les Grossman, Roz Kogler, Don Reinken, Renée D'Auria, PDG Emilio Basile, Francisco Arrizon, Robin Kellogg, Razi Sheikh, Tom Harris; Beth Ullman

Guests: Maria Korling; Tom's guest James Nicholas from Merrill Lynch (619-985-0015); Gianni Cardenas, certified optician working with our speaker, Dr. Barry Leonard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary on the Air

For some great stories of what Rotary does in our world, listen to KFWB – they've been featuring a series of announcements highlighting some of our many projects.

Planning for Next Year

This Saturday, June 8, there will be a retreat for next year's board at PDG Emilio's house. So far only 3 people have submitted projects to be considered for next year, and the Track Meet was not among them. Rich reminded us any projects must be formally submitted to the board for consideration and budget planning.

Lunch Payments

Tom let us know that everyone paying cash for lunch needs to line up and pay prior to finding a seat so that we can keep track of our finances. If it continues to be a problem to collect payment by the week, we'll have to go to everyone pre-paying for meals monthly.

It's a Small World

Barbara told us about a patient Renée took her to last week, Joe Garcia. He is a polio quadriplegic, and has been since he was paralyzed in 1960. Since then his brother, and now his brother's widow and 5 children, have taken care of him. In spite of his inability to move or take care of himself, and a recent tracheotomy, Mr. Garcia is remarkably cheerful and engaged, his intelligence and

Calendar

- 6/13 **Wynne Ritch**, In Honor of Flag Day
6/17, **Mon. Current Board meeting**, 6:00 p.m., Rich Miller's office, 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave. #108, Van Nuys
6/20 **Open**
6/27 **Kelly Mathews**
7/11, **Thu. Demotion Party** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (no regular meeting) Galpin Ford, 15505 Roscoe Blvd., second floor, Van Nuys

good humor showing through in spite of everything. When Barbara met him she also learned about his late brother, who died when an emergency intubation forced a partial dental plate (the kind she was taught, she told us, never to make) down his throat. That's when she realized she had heard this family's difficult story before. She hopes Rotary will make a video of them to use in our drive to eliminate polio at last.

Congratulations!

Van Nuys Rotary Foundation was made a member of the Fernando Award Foundation at their recent board of directors meeting. The Fernando Foundation oversees the process of awarding the Fernando Award, the highest award for volunteerism in the San Fernando Valley and is supported by the Valley Chambers of Commerce, other civic and philanthropic organizations, along with private individuals and corporations located in the San Fernando Valley. The emphasis is on recognizing and rewarding individuals who have dedicated their lives to community service and volunteerism. The Foundation also gives at least 11 college scholarships a year to local high school students.

Our club is invited to participate in and support the Foundation's activities, which can be found on the website www.fernandoawards.org. We will be listed as a member on both the website and LinkedIn page. Plus we're invited to the annual dinner honoring this year's volunteers, currently scheduled for September 21, 2013.

Bingo Change Coming

Rich announced that we've had marginal success with bingo at the Union Hall, and are looking to move it, with help from Principal Bill Parks, to Birmingham Charter High

School, effective with the next event. As part of this plan, the July bingo game is being postponed from the 10th to the 24th. The forms are being filed with the city to get their approval, which is expected without any problem because the school is a public site.

Boys & Girls Club Project

Marc is submitting a proposal to the board for our club to work more closely with the Boys & Girls Club of the Valley, and he's looking for two volunteers to help get things rolling. If you'd like to work on this, please contact him at marctap@aol.com or 818-425-6667.

June 1 Fundraiser

Pete reported that after expenses and winnings, our big event raised about \$6900 for projects. Interestingly, 9 of the 25 winning tickets, including the big prize, were sold by Zoraida, who earned a big round of applause for all her hard work.

SPEAKER: Dr. Barry Leonard

Mauricio introduced Dr. Barry Leonard, a former member of the Van Nuys club, and gave him a check to help support VOSH – Volunteer Optometry Services to Humanity, the group he now heads, and which held the eye clinic April 7 that many of us worked. There were also 15 wonderful optometry students from Pomona helping out, most of them students from other countries.

Barry thanked us again for our help with the clinic – more than 300 people of all ages were evaluated and given glasses, or referrals to physicians for disease, as needed. (there were 6 with conditions ranging from diabetes that had affected the eyes to glaucoma.) Those who needed prescriptions got their new glasses, in the frames of their choice, May 14.

Those 100 pairs of glasses were the hard work of Gianni Cardenas, a certified optician, and the only one on site that could properly measure where the focal points of the glasses needed to be. (Gianny is certified both with the American Board of Optometry and the Medical Board of California.) He works with Barry in Van Nuys making both glasses and contacts. He also made us laugh with his wry comments. Gianni and Barry enjoy putting their state-of-the-art facilities to use – they love technology!

Through many cost-cutting measures and donations from labs, costs were kept to a minimum, which donations covered most of.

Thanks to the wonderful help and support of Mauricio and Ed (Viramontes), the clinic should be a semi-annual event at the New Economics for Women Center. PDG Les also asked if it might be set up in conjunction with the annual Health & Harvest Festival, held each October 31. They agreed to research the possibility.

Originally an east coast organization, VOSH came to California in 1983, working primarily in areas of Baja in Mexico, in conjunction with Lions and Rotary clubs there. About 10 years ago they started serving domestic needs, after Barry attended a Remote Area Medical event at an arena in Inglewood. He was astonished at the thousands of people waiting for the free clinic, and realized there is a great need for medical services of all kinds in our own communities.

In addition to VOSH, Barry is chair of the Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce, a job he'll be turning over to Maria Sanchez next year. To contact Barry, call 818-891-6711, or visit www.drbleonard.com.



President Jim Tenner and Barry Leonard

REMINDERS:

Bulletin Editor Needed!

Are you a reporter at heart? Or like to write? You can make our weekly newsletter your vehicle of expression. Starting July 1 we need a new bulletin editor. If you are interested in the job, or helping with it, please let Rich know. You can create your own format, use the existing one, or borrow one from another club. This is your chance to be creative and provide some great club service!

No PolioPlus today.

Happy Bucks

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Happy Bucks today, including Bill Parks, who said 94% of his senior class is graduating now, and another 4% this summer – a rewardingly high percentage, and he gave more for a new grandchild – congratulations for both! Zoraida and PDG Les also contributed double, for their 9th wedding anniversary and her birthday June 2.

Opportunity Drawing

Congratulations to Marc Tapper, who won half the \$80 pot.

Notable Quotables

"What is to give light must endure burning." Viktor Frankl, author, neurologist and psychiatrist, Holocaust survivor (1905-1997)

"A sect or party is an elegant incognito devised to save a man from the vexation of thinking." Ralph Waldo Emerson, satirical definition, Journals, 1831

Just for Fun

The great thing about eating barbecue is that when you get hungry again three hours later you can just lick your fingers.



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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

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
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Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Woodland Hills, Wednesdays at noon
Woodland Hills Country Club
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