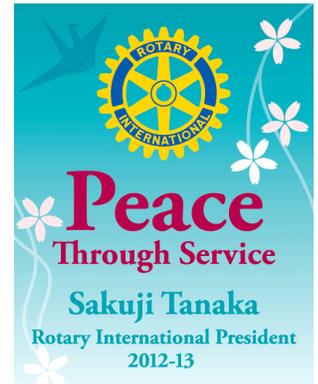


Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

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Service Above Self

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



May 2, 2013

Flag Salute: James Tenner

Invocation: Ken Worthen

Attending Active and Honorary Members: Barbara Pampalona, Don Fetherolf, Renée D'Auria, Don Reinken, Marie Valencia, James Tenner, Carlos Menjivar, PDG Les Grossman, Zoraida Suarez, Judy Coates, Bill Parks, Guy Mangia, Frank Santucci, Mauricio Aranda, Robin Kellogg, Ron Wolf, Marc Tapper, Steve Bertolino, Rosielee Jones, Marco Padilla, Robert Ramirez, Wynne Ritch, Rich Miller, Ken Worthen, Dave Friedman, Tom Harris; Beth Ullman

Guests: Paul Korb, past president of the NSFV club and owner of Korb Realty (818-996-3303); Adrianna Boldish, a landscape artist (818-754-0749); Zully Roman, President and Founder of Expediente Rojo (323-793-8437); Maritza de Artan, Director of Casa Esperanza; and Sonia Garza, instructor at New Horizons with honorees José Arias and Dulce Tecuatepla, with Dulce's husband Douglas Covic

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be My Guest

Rich passed out new Be My Guest cards to use when inviting prospective members to our meetings. There are lots, so please contact him when you need more.

June 1 Fundraiser

PDG Les showed us a flyer for our use when talking to friends about our reverse raffle fundraiser. It lists the prizes, among other things, but he alerted us to a typo – the TV is 32 inches, not 37. So far 30 tickets have been sold – just 220 to go! Remember, if you are buying tickets as part of a group as well as for yourself, after you get your tickets please let Les know which number(s) have been assigned to which people. You may also want to write the names on the tickets themselves. This will avoid any confusion or problems if one of your tickets is the winner. (Tickets will be given to buyers after the money has been received by Les, who will keep a list of ticket numbers and their owners.) You can list multiple ticket sales on a single form, which you can download from our website or get from Les. For anything except the \$10,000 grand prize, the ticket must be presented at the event.

Bulletin Editor Needed

Marc Tapper graciously agreed to do the bulletin next week when Beth is out of town, but we still need someone

Calendar

- 5/2 – 5/5, Thurs. – Sun. **District Conference**, Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort, Santa Barbara
- 5/9 **Open**
- 5/16 **Honoring Past Presidents**
5:00 p.m. **Expediente Rojo Bullying and the Internet Forum**, Masonic Lodge, 14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, RSVP to 818-786-1076 or rsvp@casaesperanzaihm.org
- 5/18, Sat. **7:00 – 11:50 a.m. District Assembly**, Carson Community Center, 3 Civic Plaza Dr., Carson; \$35 by 5/4, \$45 after 5/4
- 5/21 **Open**
- 5/22, Wed. **Bingo**, 6:30 p.m. at Union Hall, 14800 Devonshire St. (SW corner at Woodman)
- 5/29 **Open**
- 6/1, Sat. **Reverse Raffle Fundraiser**, 6-10 p.m., Union Hall, 14800 Devonshire St. (SW corner at Woodman) \$15/person for buffet

willing to do the job on a regular basis starting July 1 – Beth and Robin need to step down from this job for health and time constraint reasons. 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. You choose!

Casa Esperanza and Expediente Rojo Bullying and the Internet Seminar

Frequent visitor, Director of Casa Esperanza and former Rotarian Maritza de Artan started by lauding Barbara Pampalona, who is now her dentist. For the first time in her life she's no longer afraid to get dental work done. She then recapped the work of Casa Esperanza, which has been at the Blythe Street location for 20 years.

In those years they have seen major changes and improvements to the community, and Maritza thanked our Rotary clubs for helping make that happen. But they've also gotten more resources from the city and better police patrolling.

Maritza's introduction to Rotary was about 13 years ago, at a meeting at the Odyssey. She mentioned to one of the Rotarians that the kids at Casa Esperanza had never been to summer camp. That Rotarian said it's important every child have that opportunity, and set about

making it happen. He started a collection of change every week and his club gave “her” kids scholarships to the YMCA summer camp program. He believed the \$400 per child a great investment to keep them out of gangs and doing something wholesome. Maritza encouraged each of us to buy and sell the reverse raffle tickets – the proceeds will help fund our projects at Casa Esperanza, among others. As she put it, “Buy a ticket; help change a life.”

100% of the kids in her program stay out of gangs, avoid pregnancy and continue their education past high school, whether in a university, community college or trade school. She told us of her invitation to the Arizona State University graduation this year, from a young man who was part of the program and whose mother collected recyclables on the street to try and make ends meet. His life and that of his family now hold so much promise!

The program now stay open later than it used to, and includes active adult classes, such as literacy, health, English as a second language and computer basics.

Domestic Violence; Bullying and the Internet Forum

Maritza and Zully Roman, of Expediente Rojo, were invited by Deputy Chief George Viegas to help them help the community deal with domestic violence, saying by the time police hear about it, it's too late. He wanted to do something to prevent it, through forums and seminars. They accepted the challenge and expanded it to address bullying, both in school and on the internet, which Zully has dealt with extensively in South Central. They invited us to join them Thursday, May 16, at the Masonic Lodge (14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys) from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. for a special educational event on these topics. There will be two panels of specialists, with representatives from the FBI, LA Family Services, the LAPD and others. The LAPD Explorers will even baby-sit. To help get community members there, they are looking for funding to cover, among other things, the cost of busing in families. Jim will address the issue with our board.



Maritza de Artan and Zully Roman

Recognition

Mauricio introduce our recognition programs for those who succeed in overcoming adversity to forge ahead, and New Horizons instructor Sonia Garza, who then introduced our honorees.



L-R Sonia Garza, Dulce Tecuatepla, José Arias and Mauricio Aranda

Both Dulce and José have shown a lot of improvement since they arrived at New Horizons. Dulce, who helps out in the classroom, now speaks a significant amount of English and has improved her reading and writing skills. José is much more social, co-operative and studious, with improved grades as well. Mauricio gave each of them a certificate of recognition and a \$50 gift certificate.

REMINDERS:

District Assembly May 18

All incoming club officers, board members and committee chairs should attend the District Assembly May 18. It will be at Carson Community Center, 3 Civic Plaza Dr., in Carson. Admission is \$35 if we register by May 4 and \$45 after that. This is a great opportunity to learn more about your job for next year and get to know the incoming district leadership team.

June 1 Fundraiser

Forms to sign up raffle ticket buyers are now on the website. Prizes include the \$10,000 first prize, a \$500 second, and a 32" screen TV third. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win the \$10,000, but they do for the other prizes. The money raised will fund many of our major projects and scholarships. In addition to the reverse raffle, entertainment and buffet, the event will also have a silent auction and a “Chinese” auction. Please note the event is open only to friends, family and other Rotarians, not the general public, for legal reasons.

Bingo

Please contact Rich or Marco at 818-994-8234 to volunteer or get tickets. The next game is **May 22**.

Happy Bucks

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Happy Bucks today, including Rich for a successful trip to New York and Bill Parks for two of his students (juniors) going to RYLA.

No PolioPlus collection today

Opportunity Drawing

Congratulations to Ron Wolf, who won half the \$105 pot.

Notable Quotables

"Few are the giants of the soul who actually feel that the human race is their family circle." Freya Stark, explorer and writer (1893-1993)

"In order that people may be happy in their work, these three things are needed: they must be fit for it; they must not do too much of it; and they must have a sense of success in it." John Ruskin, author, art critic, and social reformer (1819-1900)

Just for Fun



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
20920 Ventura Blvd.
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Woodland Hills, Wednesdays at noon
Woodland Hills Country Club
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