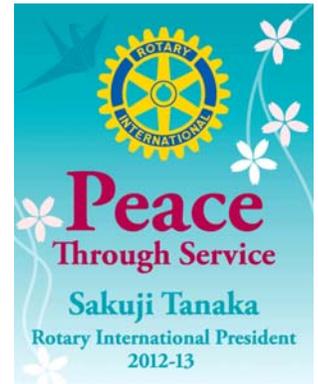


# Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

[www.greatervannuysrotary.org](http://www.greatervannuysrotary.org)

**Service Above Self**

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



## October 11, 2012

**Flag Salute:** Jim Tenner

**Invocation:** PDG Emilio Basile

**Attending Members:** Alice Gauna, Barbara Pampalone, Carlos Menjivar, Don Fetherolf, Don Reinken, Elaine Bern, PDG Eli Gauna, PDG Emilio Basile, Frank Santucci, Judy Coates, Renée D'Auria, Raul Castillo, James Tenner, Leo O'Biecunas, Mac Shamieh, Rosielee Jones, Marc Tapper, Rich Miller, Robin Kellogg, Ron Wolf, Roz Kogler, Tom Harris, Mauricio Aranda, Zoraida Suarez; Beth Ullman

**Guests:** Lynne Harris; Dr. Marta Pacheco, an ob-gyn friend of Zoraida's; and our speakers from New Horizons: Holly Rasey, Destry Walker and Connie Matthews of Providence Tarzana Hospital

### PROGRAM

After giving the background for our recognition program, and its goal of highlighting good things in the community rather than bad news, Mauricio introduced Holly Rasey, Vice President of Development and Marketing at New Horizons.

Holly told us about Destry Walker, our honoree. A client of New Horizons (NH) for 20 years, he is also an outstanding volunteer there, always ready to lend a hand or give a tour. He lives on his own and commutes to NH for work every day, always arriving on time.

### Calendar

- 10/13 & 14, Sat. & Sun., Annual Arts and Crafts Show**, Studio City/Sherman Oaks Rotary, NE corner of Laurel Canyon and Moorpark 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 10/18 Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield**
- 10/25 Club Assembly – bring your ideas!**
- 10/27, Sat. District Foundation Masquerade Ball**, Westin Bonaventure Hotel 404 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles
- 10/31, Wed. Harvest Festival**, 5:00, Victory Outreach Church in Arleta, 13580 Osborne St.
- 11/1 DG Lew Bertrand, Governor's visit SFV Chapter Association of Fundraising Professionals Awards Luncheon** honoring Mike Quiroga and Rotary Club of GVN
- 11/8 TBA**
- 11/15 Joint Service Club Luncheon** *downstairs*



*Holly Rasey and Destry Walker*



*Destry Walker*

Destry proceeded to tell us more about himself. He is a member of the NH Toastmasters group, belongs to a bowling league at Corbin Bowl, where he was thrilled to get a watch commemorating his first 200 game. Destry also really enjoyed the golf tournaments the Mid SFV club used to put on every year for NH clients. He's been working for Global Messenger since 2006, participating in the Special Olympics since 2000, and is a member of the Self Advocacy Board of Los Angeles County, a group that focuses on supporting people with developmental disabilities on how to exercise their rights, influence legislation and interact with local leaders to help them understand the viewpoints of people with developmental disabilities.

Mauricio presented Destry with a special certificate of recognition and a gift certificate, in honor of all he has achieved. Destry asked to be called if anyone would like to donate to or help the Special Olympics. He can be reached at 818-342-0017. The organization's website is [www.sosc.org](http://www.sosc.org).



*Destry Walker, Mauricio Aranda and James Tenner*

Holly then introduced Connie Matthews of Providence Tarzana Hospital. Connie is a volunteer who got "hooked" when she was given a tour of NH. She was awed by both the clients and the amazing things being accomplished with them. She hired a NH client and became a volunteer, currently doing community outreach while working on the NH Diamond Project, for their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

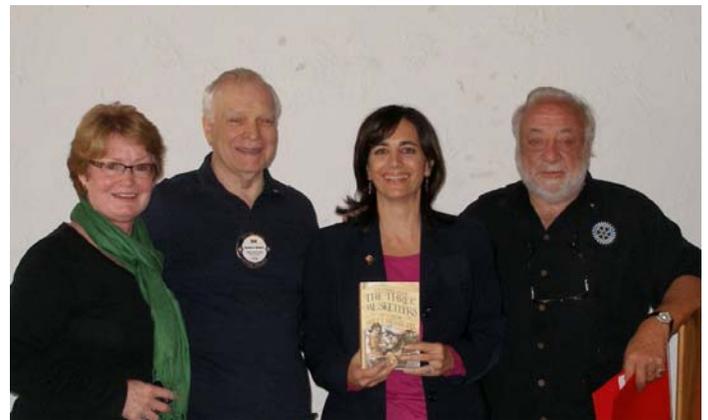
Connie showed us a video about NH which quickly covered everything from their many group homes, housing 6 clients each along with staff, to their 220 client/employee workshop, which handles more than \$2 million in goods and services for over 100 local, national and international businesses every year. Clients learn about workplace environments and expectations, are taught interviewing skills and helped to get jobs. Parents and guardians are grateful for all that NH does, but the clients are even more so – they blossom, often feeling worthwhile and "normal" for the first time.

Holly suggested that if any of us have work that needs to be done, in our office or outside, that we consider hiring NH clients. In their workshop they do assembly of many things, including mailers. "When you hire one of our workers, New Horizons will also provide an experienced

job coach at no cost. This professional coach will work at the job site alongside your new employee and provide whatever training and assistance he or she might need in order to learn the job and perform up to your standards of quality." For more information about hiring NH clients as employees, contact Anna Eskandarian at 818-894-9301 X304, or [aeskandarian@newhorizons-sfv.org](mailto:aeskandarian@newhorizons-sfv.org).

Connie also reminded us Sam's Café is available for events and catering. (This is where we used to hold our District 5260 monthly meetings, as well as many other events.)

On Saturday, October 20, NH will hold their annual Holiday Boutique fundraiser, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a variety of vendors, from Hoops to Castlewood Pottery to local artisans, plus raffle prizes (tickets are just \$1, or 12 for \$10). It will be held in Sam's Café. New Horizon is at 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills. For more information, visit [www.newhorizons-sfv.org](http://www.newhorizons-sfv.org).



*Don Reinken and James Tenner present Connie Matthews (center) with a book to sign for Tierra del Sol and Holly Rasey (far left) with a certificate of thanks*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS / REMINDERS**

October 13 & 14 the Studio City/Sherman Oaks club will hold their annual **Arts and Crafts Show** on the NE corner of Laurel Canyon and Moorpark, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Select artisans in a wide variety of fields will be featured – a terrific opportunity to start your holiday shopping! For more information, call Norm at 818-705-1770, or visit [www.rotaryartshow.org](http://www.rotaryartshow.org).

### **Harvest Festival October 31**

If you haven't yet done so and are available, please sign up to volunteer for our Halloween event. Volunteers will be needed to man things such as the corn, dental and Rotary booths; petting zoo; costume judging; slide, etc., starting around 5:00 p.m. to set up. Wear a costume if you have one! Contact PDG Les Grossman to sign up. He can be reached at 818-757-0157 (home) or by email to [les\\_gman@yahoo.com](mailto:les_gman@yahoo.com).

**November 1** will be our **official Governor's visit** from District Governor Lew Bertrand. Please make every possible effort to attend! We look forward to hearing what he has to share about 5280, and his vision of where he wants it to go.

**Major Honors to be Awarded November 1** Mike Quiroga will be honored as Philanthropist of the Year and

our club as the top organization by the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals at a special luncheon on November 1. Unfortunately that conflicts with the Governor's visit, so we cannot all be at both, but we will have one bulletin editor at each to report back.

The **October 27 RI Foundation fundraiser** is a masquerade ball, with auctions. Tickets are \$125 each, but the club will contribute \$25/member or \$50/couple to encourage every one to attend. Let Jim know if you are going – we may end up buying a table or two. Jim has the opportunity drawing tickets – you could win \$500, \$1,500 or \$3,000! Those tickets are just \$10.

**Joint Service Club Luncheon** November 15. Our club will be hosting the annual Thanksgiving Joint Service Club Luncheon this year, so we need volunteers to check people in and be greeters that day. Please be sure to attend this special, once-a-year event!

We are supporting the North Valley Y program providing 2000 **Thanksgiving Baskets** to needy families. The Y needs volunteers November 13 and 14 to assemble and distribute these, in addition to donations of money so the Y can buy the food. For more information, contact Maithili Patil at 818-489-4762 or maithilipatil@yahoo.com.

**Donation Collections:** Please bring old **eyeglasses**, and unused **greeting cards**, especially holiday cards, to donate to different charities. Beth will be collecting them through December 13.

**Hope of the Valley Mission** is in need of clean socks, underwear and suitcases for their homeless daily shower guests. Razors and razor blades are also needed. If you can help provide some of these essentials, please contact Jonathan Leeper at 818-392-0020, or by email to jonathan.leeper@hopeofthevalley.org. Items can also be delivered to the First Presbyterian Church in Northridge, 10400 Zelzah Ave. (between Devonshire and Chatsworth). Their phone number is 818-360-1831.

We need a **new club logo**, both for our bulletin and our new flag. If you have a great idea of what that should look like, please bring a sketch to a meeting or give it to a board member. There may even be a prize in it for you.

### Happy Bucks

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Happy Bucks this week.

### PolioPlus

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

### Opportunity Drawing

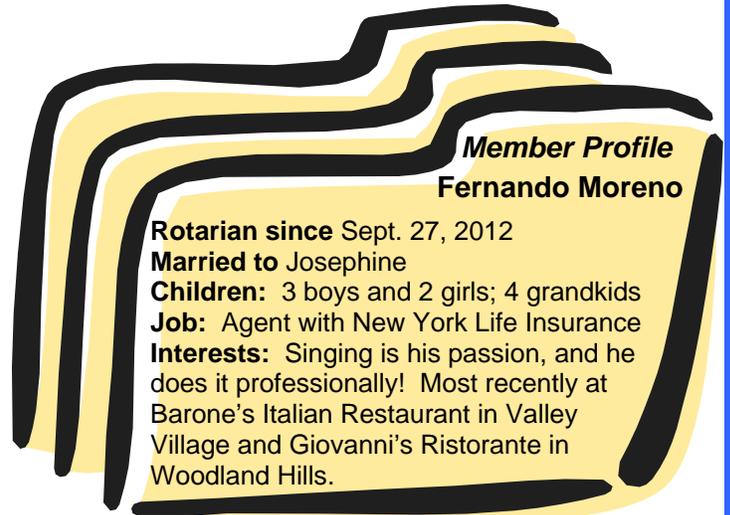
Congrats to Mauricio, who won half the \$100 pot.

### Notable Quotables

"At least one way of measuring the freedom of any society is the amount of comedy that is permitted, and clearly a healthy society permits more satirical comment than a repressive, so that if comedy is to function in some way as a safety release then it must obviously deal with these taboo areas. This is part of the responsibility we accord our licensed jesters, that nothing be excused the searching light of comedy. If anything can survive the probe of

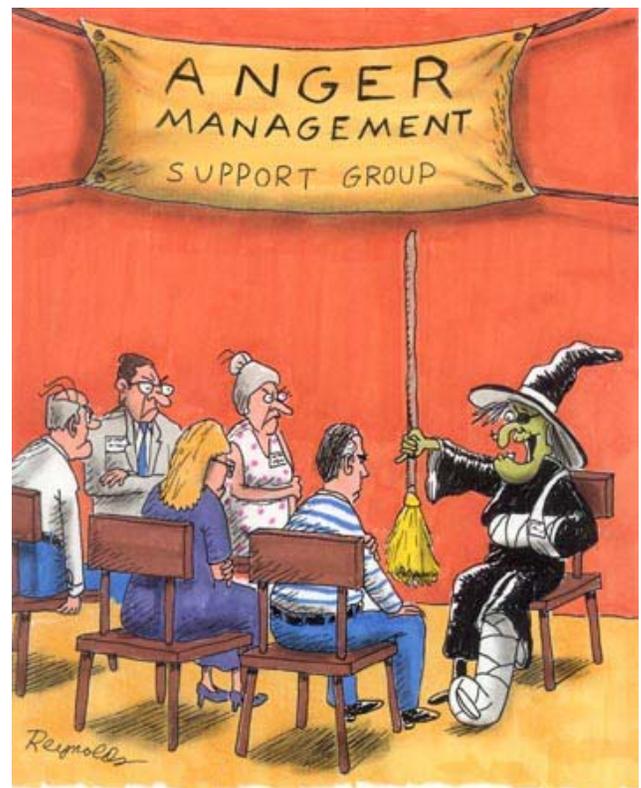
humour it is clearly of value, and conversely all groups who claim immunity from laughter are claiming special privileges which should not be granted." Eric Idle, comedian, actor, and author (b. 1943)

"We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people." John F. Kennedy, 35th US president (1917-1963)



**Member Profile**  
**Fernando Moreno**

Rotarian since Sept. 27, 2012  
Married to Josephine  
Children: 3 boys and 2 girls; 4 grandkids  
Job: Agent with New York Life Insurance  
Interests: Singing is his passion, and he does it professionally! Most recently at Barone's Italian Restaurant in Valley Village and Giovanni's Ristorante in Woodland Hills.



"My name is Helda, and I have a tendency to fly off the handle."

## 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

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.  
Woodland Hills, CA 91364

*Beth Ullman*  
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