



# Mid San Fernando Valley

**Service Above Self**

Meeting at Denny's restaurant  
Thursdays, 12:10 p.m.  
16575 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA



## October 20, 2011

**Flag Salute:** Bub Pickup  
**Invocation:** Barbara Pampalone

**Attending Members:** Sara Vasquez, PDG Emilio Basile, Martha Stulman, Bub Pickup, Renée D'Auria, Barbara Pampalone, Frank Santucci, Rich Miller, Marc Tapper, Jean Mabilon, Beth Ullman, Robin Kellogg and our newest member, Lisa Long

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Morgan Greenwald Robin's niece; RK Chetty from the Northeast LA club, Sheri Polak and Matt Schaaf of the Woodland Hills club; Scott Pafford from the Glendale Sunrise club, and Lew Bertrand, DGE of District 5280, Palos Verdes Sunset club

### Announcements:

#### District Holiday and Foundation Party

Our annual district gala will be at The Castaways in Burbank this year, on December 10, and Frank has tickets! For just \$45 you can socialize, have a fabulous meal, and get some awesome auction wins. Speaking of which, we are also looking for items to donate. Join the rest of the your club and district in this last 5260 celebration.

#### New Member Inducted

DGE Lew Bertrand did the honors and inducted our newest member, Lisa Long, eliciting a promise from her to immediately jump into some projects *and* have fun.



*DGE Lew Bertrand, Lisa Long, sponsor Renée D'Auria, and Club President Barbara Pampalone*

### Calendar

- 10/27** Jan Sobel, Boys & Girls Club
- 11/3** TBD
- 11/10** **Joint Meeting** with the Van Nuys and North SFV clubs, 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, 16320 Raymer St. Van Nuys
- 11/12 & 11/13** **Sat. & Sun. Fundraiser at St. John Eudes church**, Fr. Grill Hall, 9901 Mason Ave., Chatsworth
- 11/17** **PDG Emilio Basile**, Foundation
- 11/20 Sun.**, **Salvation Army** holiday crafting 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 11/24** **No meeting – Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 12/6** **Fundraiser for Nobel Early Childhood Program.** Denny's, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- 12/10 Sat.**, **District Holiday & Foundation party** at The Castaways, 1250 E. Harvard Rd., Burbank, **11:30 a.m. registration**
- 12/15** **Alice Muntean**, on her trip to Fiji
- 12/17 Sat.**, **Holiday Party** at Les Grossman's home

Lisa is active in a number of community and charity organizations, but is particularly dedicated to her work for Mission Circle Ministry at St. John Eudes Parish. As she told us in her talk September 15, this group helps support education, clean water and many other projects in the village of Egbelu in Nigeria.

Welcome to our family, Lisa! We look forward to seeing your wonderful smile every week, and learning more about you, your family and what your favorite Rotary projects will be. There are lots to choose from!

#### Register to Attend Joint Luncheon and Holiday Party

Emilio announced that, as of today, we can register online to attend the joint luncheon with the Van Nuys and North SFV clubs on November 10 and the joint holiday party on December 17. Ask Emilio if you need more information. Remember, we will be incorporating our annual gift wrap for a local charity into the joint holiday party.

#### District Community Grant

Emilio also announced that we have received the \$1000 check from the district for our community service grant to start an entrepreneurial program at a local high school. We are adding \$500 to cover the total cost of \$1500. The program we will use is basically the one developed by

Junior Achievement and modified by Altadena Rotarian C. Ray Carlson. Ray will provide three hours of training to our members who have volunteered for the program, and Emilio will determine the best dates based on everyone's availability.

### **Members Honored**

Robin Kellogg was given the prestigious Community Woman of Achievement Award on Saturday, October 15, by the Business and Professional Women's organization. The event was wonderful, but hearing about all of Robin's community work was truly impressive. She easily does at least twice what the other, very accomplished, honorees have done. No surprise to those of us who have enjoyed the benefit of working with her in Rotary. Congratulations, Robin – it is well deserved.

Coming soon, another of our hard-working club members will also be honored. Robin announced that on November 9, Barbara Pampalone will be recognized as one of 5 "Legends of Chatsworth" for her enormous contributions to the community. We will include details for attending the event in the next newsletter, and a report afterward.

### **Portable Dental Equipment**

Beth asked the members of the Salvation Army Advisory Council (including other Rotarians) today if they could help fund the portable dental chair and equipment needed to serve both beneficiaries and others in the community, and immediately got several suggestions, plus an invitation to submit a letter of request to the Granada Hills Rotary Club Foundation. So far our club and the Northeast LA club have each pledged \$500 toward the total \$6,000 needed. If we can raise \$3,000 before November 28, we can apply for a matching district grant.

### **St. John Eudes Fundraiser**

Emilio will have a sign-up schedule for us at the next meeting. For more information, contact Lisa Long at outreachkidz@aol.com, by phone at 818-666-5450, or go to <http://sjemissioncircle.org>.

### **Rotary Minute: Sara Vasquez**

Sara, who had the good fortune of being both a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and a GSE team member, spoke of how the Rotarians she met changed her life. In 1989 Sara was chosen as an Ambassadorial scholar to Spain. Her sponsor that year was Colonel Bill Burla, now deceased, of the North Hollywood club. In 1992 Sara was chosen as a GSE team member to Argentina. Her spot on the team was sponsored by the Tarzana club. She worked closely with PDG John Alexander (deceased) and Al Gutierrez (deceased) from the Van Nuys club who served as the Team leader. Sara remembers them with great appreciation and fondness, "Although they're gone, I carry them with me through my Rotary work"

### **Speaker: Lew Bertrand, DGE, District 5280**

Lew Bertrand, DGE of Rotary District 5280, visited our club to welcome us into his district (effective July 2012) and to talk to us about we can all experience in Rotary through service projects. "Service Above Self is more than just a

motto," said Lew. "It's ingrained in our soul. Rotarians help others."

He noted that Paul Harris used the word, "jocularity" to describe Rotary meeting. "We still have a lot of fun doing projects and serving others."



*DGE Lew Bertrand and Barbara Pampalone*

He told us about some upcoming events in 5280, including their May 2013 Foundation Dinner to be held at the Fess Parker Santa Barbara Doubletree Resort. Lew emphasized that the meeting would not include a speaker and explained why: Years before he attended a Foundation meeting. The speaker had just gotten off a plane from the Orient and fell asleep while the program was going on. In fact, in the middle of his own presentation! It was then that Lew decided if he ever had to make the call, there would not be a speaker at a Foundation Dinner.

Lew also mentioned that 5280 has been organizing an annual international trip for the last 10 or 11 years. He explained that they coordinate projects with the district in the area they are going. The take about 100 people on each trip to accomplish about 10 to 15 projects in five days. Last year they went to the Dominican Republic. Puerto Rico is on the schedule for February 2012. He extended an invitation to anyone in our district interested in joining them.

District 5280 will also host a picnic in September 2012 at Redondo Beach Seaside Lagoon. The event features a cardboard boat race—not mini boats, but full size boats constructed of cardboard holding 4 oarsmen. Some make it to the finish line while others disintegrate if the makers forgot to waterproof the cardboard. Luckily not much of a hazard as the water is just waist-high.

Also on the agenda are quarterly district breakfasts, which are generally held along Century Blvd. near LAX from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and a President's Dinner which will rotate throughout the district.

To emphasize the importance of bringing younger people into our fold, Lew told us a story about visiting a VA hospital with a young woman who had just become a Rotarian. They visited with an older man who appreciated

Lew's presence, but was really excited that a young person was interested in public service. He said he always questioned whether he made the right decision in going into the armed forces and her presence gave him the answer. It was the right decision.

Lew wound his talk up with a story about J.P. Getty, who was once asked what the secret to his success was. He said, "rise early, work hard and strike oil."

For more information about our future district, visit [www.rotary5280.org](http://www.rotary5280.org).

#### Reminders:

##### Possible Club Merger

The Van Nuys club has officially changed their meeting time to evening get-togethers at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, 16320 Raymer St. in Van Nuys from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. For \$10 you are treated to delicious hors d'oeuvres and great company. These meetings are good opportunities for us to get to know the members of that club, so please try and stop in one Wednesday.

**PolioPlus:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to Polio Plus this week.

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

**Opportunity Drawing:** *No raffle this week.*

#### Nearby Clubs and Meeting Information

Granada Hills, Thursdays at 12:10 p.m.  
Porter Valley Country Club  
19216 Singing Hills Dr  
Northridge CA 91326-1716

North San Fernando Valley, Thursdays at 12:10 p.m.  
IHOP  
1225 Truman St.  
San Fernando CA 91340

Northridge/Chatsworth, Tuesdays at 12:10 p.m.  
Porter Valley Country Club  
19216 Singing Hills Dr.  
Northridge CA 91325

Sherman Oaks Sunset, Mondays at 6:15 p.m.  
Marmalade Cafe (Ventura Blvd. & Kester Ave..)  
14910 Ventura Blvd.  
Sherman Oaks CA 91403

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 12:00 p.m.  
Canoga Park Bowl  
20122 Vanowen Street  
Winnetka CA 91306

Woodland Hills, Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.  
Woodland Hills Country Club  
21150 Dumetz Road  
Woodland Hills CA 91364

Greater San Fernando Valley **E-Club**, Mondays at 12:00 p.m., Online, 24/7, <http://www.rotaryclubgreaterfv.org>

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