

Mid San Fernando Valley

Service Above Self

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



October 6, 2011

Flag Salute: Roz Dubrow
Invocation: PDG Emilio Basile

Attending Members: Renée D'Auria, Bub Pickup, Roz Dubrow, Barbara Pampalone, Frank Santucci, Rosielee Jones, Rich Miller, Clinton Jones, Marc Tapper, Carlos Menjivar, Judy Rockey, Jean Mabilon, Beth Ullman and Robin Kellogg

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Lisa Long and Jim O'Conner

Announcements

St. John Eudes Fundraiser

The Mid San Fernando Valley Rotary Club's Board of Directors has voted to participate in St. John Eudes fundraiser, November 12 and 13 at 9901 Mason Ave. in Chatsworth in Fr. Grill Hall. The church has waived the \$300 table fee and will allow us to keep 80% of the funds we raise. A committee was formed to handle all the details. Emilio will chair the committee, and both Clinton and Irene volunteered to serve on it.

The following charities will benefit from the proceeds of the fair: Homeboy, Good Shepherd Sisters, St. Andrew's Abbey and SJE's Hispanic Ministry. Go to <http://sjemissioncircle.org> for more information, or email Lisa at outreachkidz@aol.com or Melissa at mizbizevents@gmail.com. You can also reach Lisa by phone at 818-666-5450.

Race for Literacy

The Sunland/Tujunga club is holding a race for Literacy, which ends October 15. The event is being held at the MB2 Raceway in Sylmar. Proceeds will be used for educational purposes in Sri Lanka. For more information contact Ellis Robertson at oktrophly@verizon.net.

CERT Training

Mel Powell is organizing CERT training for Rotarians, starting on October 20 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Denny's on Sepulveda and Burbank. For more information contact Mel at rotarymel@aol.com.

Rotary Knitting Communities Together Deliveries

Roz Dubrow, our angel of mercy, recently delivered 40 scarves to Operation Gratitude for our overseas troops

Calendar

10/13	Club Assembly
10/20	Lew Bertrand, DGE, District 5280
10/27	Jan Sobel, Boys & Girls Club
11/10	Joint Meeting with the Van Nuys and North SFV clubs, 94 th Aero Squadron, 16320 Raymer St. Van Nuys
12/10 Sat. 11:30 a.m.	District Holiday & Foundation party at The Castaways, 1250 E. Harvard Rd., Burbank
12/17	Holiday Party at Les Grossman's home

and eight baby afghans with matching hats to Newborns in Need. Our Knitting Communities Together project is now in its 4th year.

Club Updates:

- Clinton met with a young graduate of Loyola Marymount who belonged to a Rotaract club in college and wants to get involved in Rotary. Barbara suggested she might be good fit for our Associate Program.
- Barbara has been offering free dental work at New Horizons since Medi-Cal has stopped paying for dentistry. Right now she's using lawn chairs as examination chairs, but hopes to change this. RK Chetty, a dentist from the Eagle Rock club gave her some ideas.
- Carlos is working with Marc on Membership. He asked us all to fill out a form with names of people we think would make good Rotarians. He and Marc will contact them if we so choose, or we can make the first approach and they will follow up.
- Robin, Beth and Rosielee volunteered to be on the club's nominating committee for a president elect.
- Barbara Pampalone, our dentist, suggested the idea of selling See's Candy as a club fundraiser. No, Barbara isn't suggesting we rebel against years of proven dental warnings about sugar, but has suggested we consider selling their sugar-free candies.

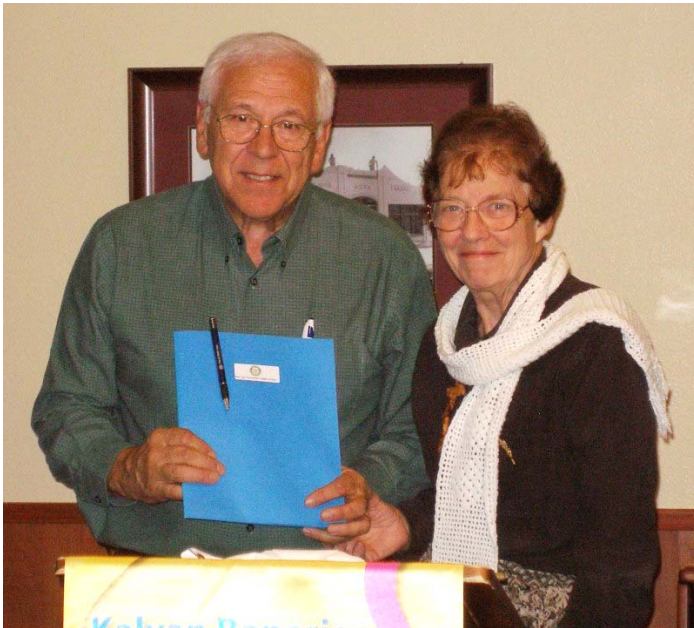
Speaker: Bub Pickup, Genealogy

Bub Pickup, our newest member and owner of Visiting Angels in Van Nuys, shared with us his passion for

genealogy.

"We all have eight great grandparents," said Bub, "but how many of you can name them?" He explained genealogy is like conducting an investigation—one piece of information leads to another. Through his investigations, Bub has found he is descended from such well-known historical figures as William the Conqueror, several kings and queens of England, and Longshanks (King Edward I of England).

One relative (John) landed in the U.S. from England in 1809, at the age of 14, with just enough money to buy a loaf of bread. Others, including 24 sets of grandparents, came much earlier, all arriving in New England before 1630. Several were the original founders of Connecticut. Another relative, Joe Prince (1750 to 1827), served in the Cambridge Militia in the Battle of Saratoga. Bub explained that at the time all able-bodied men between 16 and 55 years of age had to be part of the militia. Only half of the militia would be called up for any one battle, so they wouldn't lose everyone at once.



Bub Pickup and Barbara Pampalone

How can you find out who you are related to? Bub suggests using sites like www.Ancestry.com and www.FamilySearch.com (from the Mormon Church), plus tools like Family Tree Maker. In addition, census reports have been conducted every 10 years since 1790. At first they were basic, asking for head of household, women, men 15 and younger, men 16 on up, and slaves. By 1860, the census listed everyone in the household, as well as where they were born and where their parents were born. In 1890, a huge fire destroyed most of the census documents collected that year. The 1900 census began asking for the month and year you were born. The 1930 census is the last one available for online viewing. The census records are held for 72 years before they are publicly released. One of the questions the 1930 census asked was: "Is there a radio in the your home?" According to Bub, the government was trying to determine if the new fangled invention called radio would make a good means

of communication. Next year the 1940 census will become available for viewing.

"There are some great stories out there," said Bub. He shared one of his favorites about a young couple in West New York. She was kidnapped by Indians and he married someone else two years later. She returned the following year and eventually married. Years later, after both their spouses had died, they reunited and married. Bub also did a quick search for John Alexander to show us how to get started just by using the census.

Bub's search began 15 years ago. He has since found 7,850 people on his family tree.

Bub can be reached at 818-855-1263. To find out more about his company, Visiting Angels, and the wonderful work they do, go to www.visitingangels.com/vannuys.

Reminders:

Possible Club Merger

Beginning in October, the Van Nuys club will hold evening get-togethers at the 94th Aero Squadron, 16320 Raymer St. in Van Nuys from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. This special meeting time will take place every Wednesday in October in lieu of their regular luncheon meeting. This is a great opportunity for us to get to know the members of that club.

New Horizons Golf Tournament

Our annual New Horizon's Miniature Gold Tournament was held on Monday, October 10 at Sherman Oaks Castle. Barbara, Jean Mabilon and his wife, Antoinette, Rosielee, Emilio, Richard, Robin, Beth and Martha all helped make the event a success for the 40 New Horizon clients who participated. Below are some of Beth's photos.



The Grand Prize winner



1st Place, Women's Division



Trophies and a Few Participants



1st Place, Men's Division



Part of the Expectant Crowd



2nd Place, Women's Division (and a few of the pumpkins filled with treat for all the participants)



2nd Place, Men's Division

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: Robin won the \$5 and Roz won the chance to pick the joker out of an ever-decreasing deck of cards, but pulled the 2 of diamonds. The pot is now \$477.

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