



# Mid San Fernando Valley

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Service Above Self

Meeting at Denny's restaurant  
Thursdays, 12:10 p.m.

16575 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

## March 29, 2012

**Flag Salute:** Rich Miller

**Invocation:** Rich Miller

**Attending Members:** Barbara Pampalone, PDG Emilio Basile, Rich Miller, Jean Mabilon, Robin Kellogg, Rosielee Jones, Clinton Jones, Sara Vasquez, Frank Santucci; Beth Ullman

**Guests and Other Rotarians:** Max Kellogg

### Announcements:

#### Congratulations!

Robin invited us to her April 18 installation as president of the Greater SFV Chapter of Business and Professional Women, at Sportsman's Lodge in the Greenhouse Room, starting at 6:30 p.m. Cost is just \$30. RSVP To Rosemary Enzer at 818-884-7204 or renzer3335@aol.com. Betty Jo Moore introduced Robin to the group a few years ago, and got her so hooked she took on different offices and now has moved up to president – for two years. Mazel tov and congratulations, Robin!

#### RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)

Rosielee reported the 4 Interact students at Chaminade H.S. want to attend RYLA but still have not turned in their paperwork. She will continue to follow up. This year's RYLA camp weekend will be in April, so all interested students must submit their applications no later than March 31.

#### Food Needed – Please Bring Items to Meetings

So far we've donated about 170 pounds of food to North Valley Caring Services, a food pantry in North Hills. Keep up the good work! They still need items for both their food pantry and breakfast program until May – just 5 more weeks. They prefer non-perishable food but do take fresh fruit and vegetables.

#### Book Sorting Saturday

Barbara reminded everyone that Debbie Navarro is in need of volunteers for book sorting this Saturday at her storage facility in Granada Hills. All the information was emailed to the club earlier in the week. Please give her a call if you can participate.

#### Calabasas Blood Drive

Also this Saturday is the Calabasas Club's blood drive. If you are available and can donate, please do! It will be at

### Calendar

- 4/5 **4 Way Test** Video Essays from Monroe HS
- 4/12 **Bob Phillips**, Captain and Safety Officer, Civil Air Patrol U.S Air Force Auxiliary
- 4/19 **TBA**
- 4/26 **TBA**
- 4/28 Sat., **Van Nuys Track Meet**, Birmingham H.S.  
*Rotarians at Work Day*
- 5/3 **4 Way Test Essay Awards**
- 5/26 Sat., **Van Nuys Rotary Car Show**, Valley College
- 6/2 Sat., **District 5280 Assembly**, Carson Community Center, 3 Civic Plaza Dr., Carson
- 6/8 & 9 Fri. & Sat., **District Conference** at the Beverly Garland Hotel, 4222 Vineland Ave., North Hollywood, \$20 + meals

the Agoura Hills-Calabasas Community Center, 27040 Malibu Hills Road, Calabasas.

#### Bingo

Rich announced we finally have our letter of non-profit status from the State! He has been assured by the fire and police departments that we should get our permanent permit very quickly. Now we can start planning for our first public game.

#### Project Reports Due by June 30

PDG Emilio reminded the group that we need to turn in at least interim reports to the district on our entrepreneurial training for young people and the portable dental clinic by June 30. Ray is available to train the teachers for the entrepreneurial class any Saturday in May – please let Emilio know which days you can attend.

Barbara reported she has started purchasing supplies for the dental project, including 500 toothbrushes for just \$145.72. Dentist R.K. Chetty is due back to the area mid April, and will hopefully agree they can employ a used X-ray machine, rather than buy new. Rosielee will contact a potential source for that. Barbara is also expecting to get donations from other dentists, but her appeal was not printed in the January edition of the quarterly dental magazine so she won't see any results until after the May edition is received by practitioners.

#### 4 Way Test Essay Contest

Sara reported Frost Middle School opted out of the contest this year because of internal problems. Sepulveda Middle School held their contest, with the deadline for

submission yesterday, 3/28. Sara expects to receive their essays tomorrow. Monroe High School held their contest and already did the preliminary screening, coming up with the top 3 junior submissions, top 11 senior essays, and the only 2 video essays.

Since there were just 2 video essays and no sophomore entries, we will award just 1 prize to a video and 3 total essays at the school. The extra money will be used instead to host the winners at our May 3 lunch, where the students will be given their awards this year, at the school's suggestion, rather than at their awards assembly. We'll screen the video submissions next week as our program. Sara will scan the written submissions and email them to the volunteer judges: Emilio, Rosielee, Beth, Robin, Clinton and Jean. She will also let us know how many 4 Way Test coins we need for all the entrants.

### **Earthquake Kits and Hero Bears**

Rich let us know he sold two more earthquake kits, and Barbara said she sold another Hero Bear. Hopefully we will soon have sold all our stock.

### **No Speaker – Club Assembly**

### **Merger to Move Forward**

PDG Emilio moved that we start meeting with the Van Nuys and North San Fernando Valley club and appoint a committee to start making the decisions needed to merge. Rich seconded the motion. After significant discussion of the pros and cons, and a review of the estimated finances (forms were emailed to everyone who has email), the motion to proceed with the merger with the VN and NSFV clubs passed.

It looks like dues will increase to about \$352/person after the merger, vs. \$270 if we were not to merge. Those increases include the higher dues in our new district and, as a merged group, funding major projects such as the Van Nuys club's annual track meet. The \$352 estimate may decrease, depending on other sources of funding in the VN and NSFV clubs we may not be aware of.

Emilio, Rosielee, Robin and Frank will be on the implementation committee with members of the other clubs to work out the many details entailed in the process. Thank you to all who gave your vote or proxy to someone in time to be counted.

### **Reminders:**

### **District Conference June 8 & 9**

Remember to register for this year's 5260 District Conference – our last. It will be held at the Beverly Garland Hotel, 4222 Vineland Ave., North Hollywood. It is close by and just a day and a half, so it should be easy for all of us to attend at least part of this celebration and transition. You can register online or download the form from the district website: [www.rotary5260.org](http://www.rotary5260.org). Cost is just \$20 plus meals.

**PolioPlus:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to PolioPlus today.

**Happy Bucks:** Thank you to everyone who contributed today, including **Rich** as he announced his office now offers **notary services**. Nice! These contributions go into our general fund for expenses and projects that aren't self-supporting.

### **No Raffle Today**

### **Notable Quotable:**

"There is a foolish corner in the brain of the wisest man."  
Aristotle, philosopher (384-322 BCE)

"A superior man is modest in his speech, but exceeds in his actions". Confucius, philosopher and teacher (c. 551-478 BCE)

### **Meeting Information for Nearby Clubs**

Calabasas, Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m.  
Wolf Creek Restaurant  
26787 Agoura Rd.  
Calabasas, 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>

North San Fernando Valley, Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.  
94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron (with the Van Nuys club)  
16320 Raymer St.  
Van Nuys

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

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

Van Nuys, Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.  
94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron  
16320 Raymer St.  
Van Nuys

West San Fernando Valley, Thursdays at 7:15 a.m.  
Coco's on Victory and Topanga  
Topanga

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