



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

April 12, 2012

Invocation: Marc Tapper

Flag Salute: Bub Pickup

4 Way Test: Barbara Pampalone

Attending Members: Martha Stulman, Rosielee Jones, PDG Emilio Basile, Rich Miller, Jean Mabilon, Roz Dubrow, Renée D'Auria, Robin Kellogg, Sara Vasquez, Marc Tapper, Carlos Menjivar, Bub Pickup, Barbara Pampalone; Beth Ullman

Guests and Other Rotarians: Doug Riseall, owner of OxiFresh carpet cleaning (818-804-3131); Jim Micelli, District Foundation Chair and member of the Universal City Sunrise club; and Bob Phillips, member of the Westlake Village Rotary club and our speaker

Announcements:

Please Bring Food Items

So far we've donated about 170 pounds of food to North Valley Caring Services, a food pantry in North Hills. But they still need items for both their food pantry and breakfast program until May. They prefer non-perishable food but do take fresh fruit and vegetables. If you can't (or forget to) bring items to a meeting, you can deliver them to the church: Sepulveda United Methodist, across the street from Green Arrow, is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Office Manager Jennifer Rodriguez is at 818-891-0481 x23, and Yvette Pineda, Executive Director, x24. Because of the locked gates it is helpful to call before going or when you are close.

Entrepreneurial Training

Are you going to help teach students how to be good business people? Join us Saturday, May 12, at Rich's office for a half day of training for the instructors.

Dental Project

Barbara reported that she has now gone to 10 of the 11 New Horizons houses to evaluate the residents' dental status. She is still looking for some items of equipment and acquiring supplies for this outreach project.

Rotary Knitting Communities Together

Roz is keeping up with some prolific knitters and crocheters! She delivered another 14 baby afghans with matching caps to Newborns in Need, made by her friends, and 32 chemo and preemie caps, made by Barbara's patient, to Northridge Hospital. Fantastic! We also need

Calendar

- 4/19 **Toastmasters**, Sample Meeting
- 4/21 & 22 **Sat. & Sun., Woodland Hills Arts & Crafts Faire**, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Warner Center Park (at Topanga and Oxnard)
- 4/26 **Roberto Ayala**, CFY-LA Education Project
- 4/28 **Sat., Van Nuys Track Meet**, Birmingham H.S. and Haskell Creek Clean-up with Audubon Society – *Rotarians at Work Day*
- 5/3 **4 Way Test Essay Awards**, presentations to Monroe High School winners
- 5/12, **Sat., Entrepreneurial Training**, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Rich's office, 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave. #108, Van Nuys
- 5/26, **Sat., Van Nuys Rotary Car Show**, Valley College
- 6/2 **Sat., District 5280 Assembly**, Carson Community Center, 3 Civic Plaza Dr., Carson
- 6/6, **Wed., Bingo Event** at Union Hall (tentative date)
- 6/6 – 6/9, **Wed. – Sat., Rotary International Convention**
- 6/8 & 9, **Fri. & Sat., District Conference** at the Beverly Garland Hotel, 4222 Vineland Ave., North Hollywood, \$20 + meals

to collect items from our other crafters around the community, but Roz's friends have been amazing in their generosity and level of production.

Merger Report

Volunteers are still needed for a variety of positions. Please talk to Sara or Emilio if you are interested in either a board or committee chair slot. Or the Sergeant-at-Arms position – you get to be fine-master!

Operation Gratitude

Many of you may not be aware that the Salvation Army has been receiving a lot of Beanie Babies in the last 6 months. So many, in fact, they can't all be sold in the stores. But thanks to Capt. Judy, those adorable toys (most brand new) are not going to waste, they're being put to a very good use by Operation Gratitude. In each box Operation Gratitude sends a member of our armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan (over 500,000 so far!), they try to include a Beanie Baby. Those toys are then given to the local children, who thank our service people by telling them where the IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices) are hidden. Few toys can save lives, but these truly do. So far our own small collection and those from the Salvation

Army have totaled almost 1,000. Thank you, Judy, for giving this project such an impact!

The Rotary Foundation

Jim Micelli, our District Foundation Chair, told us we are on track for meeting our annual Foundation giving goal and close to getting not just one but two awards: we have met the amount for the award recognizing contributions to the general fund averaging at least \$100/member, but are still shy of getting one for 100% member participation. So if you haven't yet given anything to the Foundation this year, expect a call from Barbara or Emilio!

Speaker – Bob Phillips, Captain and Safety Officer, Civil Air Patrol U.S Air Force Auxiliary

A Westlake Rotarian since 1976 and owner of Bob Phillips Insurance since 1973, Bob has a vast number of honors he has earned, including the Cy Johnson Service above Self Award. He is a Master PRLS Graduate, which became obvious as he quickly enthralled us with his talk, as well as a member of his District Group Study Exchange Selection Committee for 9 years, and President of his club 2009-2010, earning 5 District Club Awards. He was a Captain and pilot in the Navy, a Gold Seal Instrument and Multi-engine Flight Instructor, and soloed for the first time on Orville Wright's birthday. At one point he worked for aviation pioneers Bill Barnes (Pancho) and Eddie Martin, founder of John Wayne Orange County Airport. Currently he is Captain Safety Officer of Camarillo CAP, with 41 Cadets and 40 Seniors (adults), and was designated Mission Safety Officer this February. Honors include Group 4 Commander Achievement Award 2009, California Wing Commanders Commendation Award 2011, Generals Benjamin Davis and Chuck Yeager Awards, and Squadron Accident and Incident Free Awards for 2 years.

Bob started by telling us about his first time as a flight instructor, in 1972 at Orange County Airport, with his own record-holding flight instructor looking on. Bob approached the fellow he thought was his first student, trying to put him at ease, and wondered why his instructor was laughing so hard. Seems Bob had just offered his services and guidance to John Wayne's personal pilot!

Civil Air Patrol was founded in December 1941, one week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, by the 138,000 active pilots and 14,000 aircraft mechanics concerned about the defense of America's coastline. Gil Robert Wilson was the instigator, concerned and motivated by what he had seen in civilian air readiness in Nazi Germany. The first group was authorized by Governor La Guardia of New York just 4 days before Pearl Harbor.

Flying under the jurisdiction of the Army Air Forces, CAP pilots flew over one-half million hours, attacked 57 of the 143 enemy submarines they found (sinking two), and rescued hundreds of crash survivors during World War II. They became a second air force protecting our country in ways many of us never realized – 52 ships were sunk off our coasts and more enemy attacks would have been felt if they had not existed. Pilots were needed to quickly assess threats and find survivors. Volunteers included actor Robert Cummings, a studio head and many others from Hollywood.

On July 1, 1946, President Truman established CAP as a federally chartered benevolent civilian corporation, and Congress passed Public Law 557 on May 26, 1948, which made CAP the auxiliary of the new U.S. Air Force. CAP was charged with three primary missions: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services.

Education includes both students and the general public. Cadet programs include pilot training, of course, but also public speaking and conduct. Top cadets as well as students of all ages can win scholarships from CAP to attend a number of colleges and flight schools. Cadets also get to ride along on missions, including on Air Force planes – Bob wished he'd been able to go with them on one recent flight halfway to Hawaii and back.

Bob shared some of his emergency services missions, such as the week-long search in 2007 for Steve Fossett near Bishop, California. That was such a high-profile mission, because it was possibly connected to terrorism, that then-President Bush had a 4 star general checking regularly on their progress.

Bob has 5 ELT (Emergency Locator Transponder) or Beacon finds, though unfortunately not one for a Rotarian friend and his family whose small plane crashed. They were not located for a year. Two of those located were false alarms – one on board a Navy ship, and the other a fellow who had bought the unit at a garage sale and didn't realize when he dumped his finds in his pickup truck that he had set it off. The most rewarding searches are like one his friends were on, finding two people still alive in their plane – though hanging upside down – after it crashed in a snow storm.



Capt. Bob Phillips and Barbara

Last year Bob flew on the tsunami photo mission, working with others to identify what the impact of Japan's earthquake was going to be on our shores. Luckily here in Southern California the effects were mild; ships in Crescent City (Northern California) harbors took a lot of damage. Other CAP missions were more difficult, such as after Hurricane Katrina, or the first flights over 9/11 Ground Zero.

With 525 active planes, the U.S. Civil Air Patrol is the world's largest private air force. Averaging 8 missions each day, through rescues they save over 100 lives every year. At a cost of just \$110/hour, this is vastly lower than the price for other flying organizations because all their people are volunteers, except the two star generals they work under and the four star general he reports to. They also fly very safely. The Steve Fossett mission required 1,100 flight hours in the high Sierras – very dangerous terrain with strong winds – and they did it without a single accident. Bob's own pilot on that flight was an LA Fire Department pilot, who really understood winds, allowing them to search areas others couldn't. As a result, they found 3 other crash sites, undiscovered for 30+ years.

Bob graciously answered a dozen questions and took time to share some of the CAP video with us. He can be reached at 805-492-5922 or by email at 70015@msn.com.

Reminders:

Arts and Crafts Faire

On April 21 and 22, 2012 The Woodland Hills club is holding their semi-annual Arts & Crafts Faire. It runs from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days at Warner Center Park (at the corner of Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Oxnard Street), and is always full of wonderful things. Don't miss it!

April 28 Van Nuys Track Meet, Rotarians at Work Day

Join the Van Nuys and North SFV club members at the 33rd annual track meet for high-schoolers from all over the area at Birmingham H.S. on Saturday, April 28. Leo O'Biecunas is co-ordinating times and events for all the volunteers, but Barbara noted it's important to be there early for your assigned time to have some overlap and allow a smooth transition. Judy volunteered to bring three fellows from the ARC to help. Leo can be reached at 818-891-1160 (H), 818-988-0180 (W) or leo_ob@zolaw.com.

May 6 Prom Prep for Girls in Foster Care

Valley Beth Shalom is holding a special event on May 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to help girls in foster care go to their high school proms. They will be given dresses, makeup and makeup advice, hair care and jewelry so that they can share in this coming of age ritual. If you would like to volunteer to help for an hour or two, from hanging up dresses to helping the girls make their selections, please email Shelley Margulies at shelleyfara@att.net.

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. Cost is just \$20 plus meals.

Priscilla Pig for PolioPlus: Thank you to everyone who contributed to PolioPlus today. Priscilla's nest is getting quite deep!

Happy Bucks: Thank you to everyone who contributed today.

Raffle: Roz won the \$5, and Bub won the chance to try for the joker, but pulled the 10 of clubs. There are just 13 cards left, and \$920 in the pot!

Notable Quotable:

"Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not forget you." William Arthur Ward, college administrator, writer (1921-1994)

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.rotaryclubgreaterfv.org>

North San Fernando Valley, Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.
94th 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.
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Coco's on Victory and Topanga
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