



# 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

## May 10, 2012

**Invocation:** Marina Martinez

**Flag Salute:** PDG Eli Gauna

**4 Way Test:** PDG Eli Gauna

**Attending Members:** Frank Santucci, Rich Miller, Lisa Long, Jean Mabilon, Roz Dubrow, Sara Vasquez, Renée D'Auria, Barbara Pampalone, Robin Kellogg, PDG Emilio Basile; Beth Ullman

**Fellow Rotarians:** PDG Jay Saltzman; Carey Bruff, a retired contractor and former member of the Simi Valley club now with the Rotary Club of Cedar City, Utah, who presented Razi with a flag from his club; Tom Harris; Jim Tenner; Marina Martinez of the Salvation Army, who was inducted today; Judy Coates; Pete Satuloff; Mauricio Aranda; Francisco Arrozon; Roz Kogler; Ron Wolfe, an orthodontist; Diana Sanchez, PR person at the V.N. Airport, Don Featheroff; PDG Eli Gauna, attorney; Alice Gauna; Mac Shamia, technical sales; Ken Wurthen; Raul Castillo, Executive Director of Los Angeles Valley College Foundation; Don Reiken, retired computer and software professional; Guy Mangia, DDS; Razi Sheikh

**Guests:** Tony Quiroga (Mike's son); Scott King, a teacher at Birmingham HS, and student cheerleaders Arely De Leon and Kimberly Lobos

### No Speaker – Club Assembly

#### Getting to Know Each Other:

In addition to introducing ourselves with our names, professions and length of membership in Rotary, we shared what we love about Rotary. Fellowship and service were definitely the top two!

### New Member Induction

As Razi observed, one of the most beneficial things we do in Rotary is inducting new members, and he asked PDG Eli to do the honors for inducting Marina Martinez, of the Salvation Army Van Nuys center, into the Van Nuys club. Eli started by acknowledging that Razi is right, one of the most beneficial things we do in Rotary is inducting new members to join our fellowship of service. He then teasingly warned Marina that if she doesn't remember what he was about to tell her in two weeks, we're going to unpin her. He also alerted her that "this is a unique organization: we bring you in, insult you, and ask you to pay for the insult."

Eli then gave her a bit of Rotary history. "In 1905 Paul Harris, an attorney in Chicago, started Rotary. The

### Calendar

- 5/12, Sat., **Entrepreneurial Training**, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Rich's office, 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave. #108, Van Nuys
- 5/17 **GSE Team from Peru**, 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron
- 5/24 **TBA**
- 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
- 6/7 **4-Way Test Essay Awards**, presentations to Sepulveda Middle School winners
- 6/8 & 9, Fri. & Sat., **District Conference** at the Beverly Garland Hotel, 4222 Vineland Ave., North Hollywood, \$20 + meals
- 6/14 **TBA**
- 6/24, Sun., **Farewell Party** for Judy & Tim Rockey, at the Salvation Army ARC, 21375 Roscoe Blvd., Canoga Park
- 7/8, Sun., **Demotion Party**, 4:30 p.m. at Beth's house
- 7/11, Wed., **Bingo Event** at Union Hall

second club was formed in San Francisco, the third in Oakland, fourth in Seattle and fifth in LA. Then NY, St. Louis and Winnipeg, which made Rotary an international organization." He asked if anyone knew where the first



*PDG Eli and Tom induct Marina*

Spanish-speaking club was formed, and got a chorus of "Cuba". Eli continued, "Today there are more than 1.250 million members worldwide. Welcome aboard to a fellowship of service. Don said it best – together we can do better than we can do alone." Eli swore Marina in and asked her to promise to follow the dictates of RI... including obeying all PDGs. Hmm...

Marina was presented with the 4 Way Test, a new member certificate and the red badge, which Mac gave up in addition to the position of greeter, which now goes to Marina. Razi invited everyone up to shake Marina's hand.

### Van Nuys Track Meet Honorees

Scott King, a teacher at Birmingham HS who has been the lead on the track meet since its inception 33 years ago, and students Arely De Leon and Kimberly Lobos, were recognized for all their hard work on this wonderful project.



*L-R Scott King, Arely De Leon and Kimberly Lobos*



*L-R Arely De Leon, Kimberly Lobos and Mauricio*

Scott told us it was because of Rotary he was invited to the White House and met Presidents Reagan and Bush. As an agriculture teacher he was very involved in a project with the Sun Valley club planting oleanders from Sylmar to Burbank along the railroad tracks, and other efforts earned

him two honorary Paul Harris Fellows. But he has been truly dedicated to the track meet. "You have to see the look on the faces of these kids who have never won a medal before" to truly appreciate its impact.

Scott introduced Arely and Kimberly, two hard-working cheerleaders who helped make this year's event a success. Arely was at the finish line and Kimberly worked with the record keepers. "Cheerleaders are a whole lot different than when we grew up. They are involved in all school activities." That day cheerleaders got drinks and food for the players and others on the field. Arely wants to be an RN. Kimberly wants to be a psychologist. Both are currently juniors, so we expect to see them again next year. Mauricio then presented each with a \$50 gift card to Target and a big hug.

### Announcements:

#### District Conference

PDG Jay first noted that when he looks back at what Rotary has accomplished he first thinks of the 2.5 billion children immunized against polio – and that is an enormous accomplishment. Jay then talked about the District Conference, which he and Ferne are co-chairing. There will be fewer awards, but lots of fun. Friday night is the dinner honoring all the PDGs and outgoing presidents. Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Paul Netzel, Past RI Director, will be speaking. Conference cost is \$155, including all meals, and the Beverly Garland Hotel has agreed to extend their \$139 room charge for a few days more. To make a reservation, call 818-255-7492. An updated application is available online, or you can use the prior version. The last day to register by mail for the conference is 5/25/12.

#### Entrepreneurial Training

PDG Emilio told the group about our grant for teaching entrepreneurial skills to young people, and invited any who might be interested to join the 6 of us already signed up for our training Saturday, May 12, at Rich's office from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

#### Van Nuys Events

Tom talked about the Pancake Breakfast planned for the Car Show at Valley College on May 26. He asked that each member try to sell at least 10 tickets to the event. Don told us we could spend the whole weekend at Rotary events – on both May 26 and 27 the **Simi Club** will hold their annual **Cajun and Blues Festival**. PDG Jay noted they make about \$100,000 from this event. Admission is \$20 for adults, \$15 for children aged 5 – 12 (under 5 are free). If you go, you might even get to hear Sara's son play in his band!

The Van Nuys club will be dark June 21 because their demotion party will be June 22 at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron. Menu yet to be determined.

#### Dental Project

Razi introduced Barbara, who gave an overview of the dental clinic at New Horizons and plans to work at the Salvation Army, and asked to speak with the other dentists after the meeting.



### **GSE Team to Present May 17**

Barbara reported our visitors from Mexico will be our program May 17, but we also need to take care of them that afternoon. There are two teachers, a dentist and a chemical engineer. All but the chemical engineer have been accommodated. If you have an idea for him, please let Barbara know ASAP.

### **Bingo**

Rich announced we have a bingo license and dates: June 6 will be the first game, the second will be July 11; after that they'll be quarterly. All will be at Union Hall. Admission and the first 15 games is \$20. It's time to start promoting! So far the committee includes Les Grossman, Zoraida Suarez, Lisa, Emilio, Martha, Beth and Rich. If you'd like to participate, please contact Rich at his office: 818-994-8234.

### **4-Way Test Essay Contest**

Sara told everyone about the 4 Way Test Essay contest initiated by John Alexander last year, and how we honored the winning students from Monroe H.S. at our May 3 meeting. It was a great program and proved very attractive to potential members. She said she'd like to set a date in June to honor the winning students from Sepulveda Middle School

### **Merger Discussion**

Razi passed around ballots for people to indicate their preferred new club name to be used after the merger. Choices, including those added during the discussion, are Greater San Fernando Valley or Greater Valley, Van Nuys Metro, San Fernando Valley Central, Van Nuys, Central Valley and one other, plus any new suggestions that are made soon. The three presidents will appoint a committee to make a final recommendation.

Sara mentioned we are also looking at a venue change, for which a committee was already formed. It was decided to modify its makeup t, and it now consists of PDG Les Grossman, PDG Eli, Jim, PDG Emilio and either Marc or Rosielee. Sara suggested and all agreed that the committee should report back to the club with a location recommendation by June 15.

**Happy Bucks:** Razi donated \$50 in honor of his son's acceptance to UCLA. Congratulations!

**Raffle:** The 50-50 raffle winner was Carey Bruff, who won \$50, fittingly.

### **Reminders:**

#### **GSE Team Needs Housing**

Our visitors from Mexico are coming this month and need places to stay. For the last two weeks of May they'll be in the east valley areas, then the first two weeks of June in the west valley. If you have a spare room and can handle the excitement of getting to know an energetic young professional from our neighbor to the south for two or three days, please let Jim Miceli know, 818-395-7473 or jimmiceli@aol.com.

### **District 5280 Assembly**

The Assembly for our new district will be held June 2 at Carson Community Center. This is a great opportunity to meet people in our new district, as well as offering the training all our chairs need for the coming year. Hope to see you there!

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

This last District 5260 Conference will celebrate not just this year, but our entire district history, with lots of activities, photos and more. Be there! It will be at the Beverly Garland Hotel, 4222 Vineland Ave., North Hollywood. Register online or go to [www.rotary5260.org](http://www.rotary5260.org) and download the form. If you don't have internet access, just ask one of the club officers for a paper copy. Cost is just \$20 plus meals.

### **The Rotary Foundation**

PDG Emilio shows we are now just 4 people shy of 100% participation in our donations to TRF annual fund this Rotary year. We have already achieved \$100+ / member average, so we need just \$5 or \$10 dollars from those 6 to reach the second milestone, and award. Have you made your contribution yet? If not, please consider doing so, and help us reach 100% member participation. If you have not yet received your first PHF, remember that if you contribute at least \$100, every dollar will be matched by the club. Contact Emilio for more information, or contribute online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

### **Spring Concert May 19**

Community Choir's Spring Concert will be Saturday, May 19. There will be two shows, at 4:00 and 7:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, 10400 Zelzah Ave. in Granada Hills. Cost is just \$20/ticket. Visit [www.coacc.net](http://www.coacc.net) or email [coaccinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:coaccinfo@yahoo.com) for information or reservations.

### **Merger**

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.

### **Notable Quotable:**

"It is our choices... that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." J.K. Rowling

"It's not enough we do our best; sometimes we have to do what's required." Sir Winston Churchill

"A good exercise for the heart is to bend down and help another up." Anonymous

## 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

*Beth Ullman*  
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