

Mid San Fernando Valley

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Service Above Self

Meeting at 94th Aero Squadron
Thursdays, 12:10 p.m.

16320 Raymer St., Van Nuys, CA 91406



June 14, 2012

Invocation: Jim Tenner

Flag Salute: Robert Ramirez

Attending Members: Barbara Pampalone, PDG Emilio Basile, Martha Stulman, Carlos Menjivar, Frank Santucci, Sara Vasquez, Renée D'Auria, Bub Pickup, Rich Miller, Jean Mabilon, Judy Rockey; Beth Ullman

Fellow Rotarians: Marie Valencia, Robert Ramirez, Tom Harris, Jim Tenner, Judy Coates, Alice Gauna, Ron Wolf, Don Featheroff, PDG Eli Gauna, Mac Shamia, Don Reinken, Guy Mangia, Razi Sheikh, Patrick Fahey, PDG Les Grossman, Roz Kogler, Ed Veramontes, Zoraida Suarez, Marina Martinez, Ken Worthen, Mauricio Aranda, Mike Quiroga, Javier Nuñez and Diana Sanchez

Guests: Sandra Santucci; Ken Aubens, retired LAUSD educator and friend of Sara's; and the Sepulveda Middle School Counselor, Lorna Milman, students Helen Ruiz, José Morales and Quamar Hall, and their parents and siblings

Announcements:

Member Surprises

Before giving his very thoughtful invocation, Jim called Beth to the front and surprised her with a bouquet of carnations from the group as thanks for the bulletin. Jim added that he hopes the merger goes through and the name on the top of the bulletin becomes Greater Van Nuys – good choice!

Judy Coates was then brought up to receive another bouquet, of flowers that happened to match her colorful outfit. It was her birthday, so we all sang Happy Birthday to her and wished her many more "29ths".

Judy Rockey Honored

Judy has been a member of the Mid SFV club for almost two years (and in spite of seeing how we depose our outgoing presidents at her very first Rotary event), but is having to leave, as she and her husband are being transferred to the Seattle ARC next week. As her sponsor, Beth talked about some of the many of the ways our club and The Salvation Army have helped each other, thanks in large part to Judy's enthusiastic club participation and project ideas. Beth then presented Judy with a District 5260 California pin, so she will always have a reminder of her time here.

PDG Emilio, our Foundation VP, then presented Judy with a Paul Harris Fellow certificate and pin, explaining

Calendar

- 6/21 **Mid SFV Club Assembly;** Denny's; VN/NSFV dark
- 6/22, Fri., **Van Nuys Demotion Party,** 94th Aero Squadron
- 6/28 **Karen Kenney, Ph.D.**
- 7/5 **TBA**
- 7/8, Sun., **Mid MFV Demotion Party,** 4:30 p.m.
- 7/11, Wed., **Bingo Event** at Union Hall

that it is in honor of all her great work in Rotary, and so her new club will know the caliber of Rotarian they are lucky enough to be gaining. But *we'll* miss you! Best of luck, Judy. Remember you always have a home here with us.



Beth, PDG Emilio and Capt. Judy

Bingo

Martha announced she has tickets for sale for the next bingo event, July 11, and asked that all Rotarians take some to sell. She and Emilio will be keeping track of the numbers, so we will each be responsible for either turning in \$20/ticket we sell or returning those unsold. Barbara handed out flyers and has more we can distribute wherever we might find players. Rich reported we are getting a banner to hang outside the Union Hall, but we need everyone's support and help to get more people there to play. So spread the word, bring your family and friends, and play yourself! (Contact numbers for all three are in the list of Club Officers in the yellow box at the end

of the bulletin.)

Van Nuys Demotion Party

Tom reminded everyone the VN club's demotion party will be next Friday, so they will be dark. The party will be at the 94th Aero Squadron in the evening. Please see Tom or Don R. for more information.

Speaker – 4-Way Test Essay Awards, Sepulveda M.S.

Sara credited the late John Alexander for our sponsoring the 4 Way Test essay contest held at Sepulveda Middle School, as well as Monroe High School this year. It became a major part of Rotary just 10 years after it was first written exactly 80 years ago. As the code of conduct Rotarians have used to guide our behavior for 70 years, we know it is also an excellent standard for young adults to learn and follow. As she introduced each student, Sara told us something about each of them and what impact the test has had.

Helen Ruiz was our first place winner. An eighth grader, Helen's essay showed a maturity far beyond her years. She gave examples of using the test with her younger sister to fairly allocate time on their shared computer, and when taking tests in school. She explained that, "When I am taking a test I don't cheat. That way I am being truthful to myself and fair to the person next to me. If someone in the class needs help on a problem, I will gladly help the. Then we build a better relationship, and if I need help on a problem they will help me too, so being helpful will actually be beneficial to all the people involved.



Sara Vasquez with Helen Ruiz

"The point is I have realized that using truth, using fairness, building better friendships and being beneficial, is very useful in one's life. It is the way all things should be done. In my opinion, the 4 Way Test is an excellent set of criteria that should be known to more people because that will help make a better, kinder society. The Four Way Test can help make a difference in not just your life, but the

people around you, too."

Our second place winner was José Morales, another eighth grader. He read his essay, in which he admitted he had been lying to his teachers about his homework, but found the story of Herbert Taylor and the 4 Way Test so compelling he started telling his teachers the truth, and taking the consequences. He sees the test as a tool which will help him succeed in school and in life, as he prepares for college and a medical career.



Sara and José Morales

Seventh grader Quamar Hall was our third place winner. He explained how the 4 Way Test elements are all interlinked, and when applied, create strong friendships. He uses it in his life more and more. He concluded his essay with, "By following it you can even develop a life of high moral values and good character. The 4 Way Test helps me in my life and I hope to be a Rotarian one day." Another big round of applause!



Sara and Quamar Hall

Sara introduced the family members proudly looking on when each student came forward, and after all the awards were given she then introduced Lorna Milman, the Sepulveda Middle School Counselor who helped make the contest possible. Lorna thanked us for giving the kids this thoughtful challenge, and showing them we support them; they are important to the community.



Sara and Lorna

and work together to always make what you do beneficial to all.” Thanks for all your great work, Sara. We hope you’ll soon be able to at least visit for some meetings.



Sara and Lorna with two of the student winners and their families

50/50 Raffle: Judy Coates won \$58.

Reminders

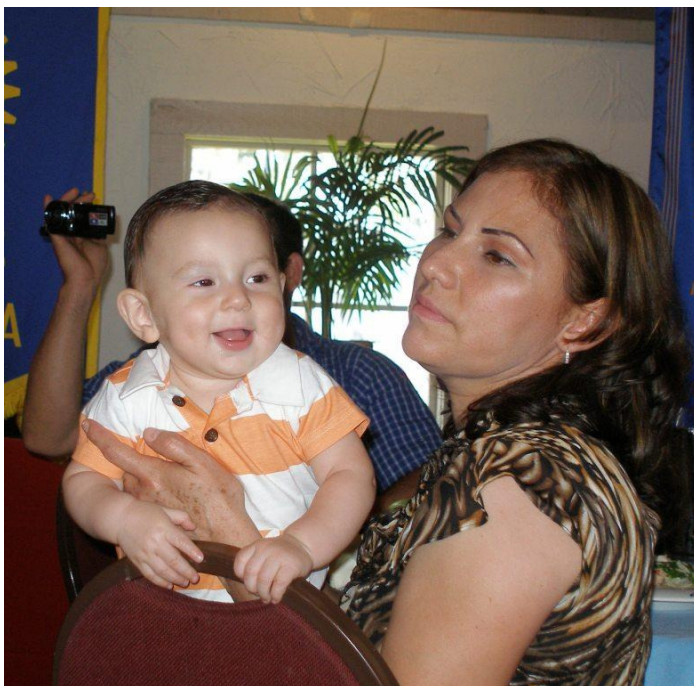
Cops and Cowboys

On July 14 the Mid Valley Community Police Council will hold its 15th annual Cops And Cowboys event, with an auction, dinner (BBQ by Larsen's Grill Restaurant), live music, and dancing (an old-fashion hoedown), to support VFW Post 6885. It will be held at 16208 Sierra Hwy. in Canyon Country. All tickets must be purchased in advance; no tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information, go to their website: <http://www.midvalleypolicecouncil.org/events/cops-and-cowboys-2012>.

Notable Quotables:

“Only mediocrity can be trusted to be always at its best. Genius must always have lapses proportionate to its triumphs.” Max Beerbohm, essayist, parodist, and caricaturist (1872-1956)

“All the art of living lies in a fine mingling of letting go and holding on.” Henry Ellis



Helen's baby brother – a future Rotarian! – and Mom

Sara passed around photos taken when last year's awards were given, both by and of John Alexander. She will be changing clubs because her new job in Downey for the LA County Education Department won't allow her to join us, but she asked us to keep the 4 Way Test in mind as we merge: “Be truthful to each other, be fair to each other, remember to build good will and better friendships,

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.
94th Aero Squadron (with the Van Nuys club)
16320 Raymer St.
Van Nuys

Northridge/Chatsworth, Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.
The Olive Garden
19724 Nordhoff Pl.
Chatsworth, CA 91311

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.
94th Aero Squadron
16320 Raymer St.
Van Nuys

Beth Ullman
17426 Napa St.
Northridge, CA 91325

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

Woodland Hills, Wednesdays at noon
Woodland Hills Country Club
21150 Dumetz Rd.
Woodland Hills

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