



# Mid San Fernando Valley

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**Service Above Self**

Meeting at 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron  
Thursdays, 12:10 p.m.  
16320 Raymer St., Van Nuys, CA 91406



## June 21, 2012

**Invocation:** PDG Emilio Basile

**Flag Salute:** Jean Mabilon

**4 Way Test:** Clinton Jones

**Attending Members:** Barbara Pampalone, PDG Emilio Basile, Rosie Jones, Clinton Jones, Carlos Menjivar, Frank Santucci, Renée D'Auria, Bub Pickup, Rich Miller, Jean Mabilon, Robin Kellogg; Beth Ullman

**Fellow Rotarians:** PDG and honorary member Jay Saltzman of Woodland Hills Rotary, and Jim Tenner, President-elect of the Van Nuys club

**Guests:** Max Kellogg

**Club Assembly – No Speaker**

### Bingo

Rich announced the Union Local 300 is taking 25 tickets to sell for the next bingo event, July 11, and reminded us we should each have or get some to sell. Emilio is keeping track of the numbers, so we will each be responsible for either turning in \$20/ticket we sell or returning those unsold. Remember – give the entire ticket to the buyer. They'll be given their stub back at the event so they can prove they paid.

Rich also reported we now have a banner to hang outside the Union Hall and their permission to hang it, on the fence, so the building doesn't need to have holes drilled. Robin got us lots of publicity. She may expand the number of media next time, so let her know of any that should be considered.

### Entrepreneurial Training

Barbara will email the trainers the PowerPoint file sent to her by Ray. Beth will make copies of the instructor's manual so we can each have our own. We are considering a number of different groups for our first class, including young adults who were or are attending the various Occupational Centers.

### Meeting Venue

Rosie let us know the Masonic Lodge, thanks to her negotiating skills, may be able to offer us the best location and meal package. It can handle up to 120 people and, of the 6 so far considered, is the only one with a package price less than the 94<sup>th</sup>. She'll be discussing it with that committee the next time they meet.

### Calendar

6/28	Karen Kenney, Ph.D.
7/5	TBA
7/8, Sun.,	Mid MFV Demotion Party, 4:30 p.m., Beth's house
7/11, Wed.,	Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Union Hall
7/12	TBA

### Afghanistan Dental Clinic Fundraiser

Barbara told us the UN group we've partnered with in the past is willing to help raise funds again for ADRP, and she's gotten the Chatsworth Sunset provisional club to agree to work with them on this. They'll be holding a dinner, with Afghan food, sometime in August, which she invited us to help with.

### Demotion Party

With our demotion party for Barbara just two weeks away, there's a lot to finalize. Beth passed around the draft formal invitation for comments as well as the food sign-up list. She asked if the group is still happy with tri-tip and chicken or would like something different (no change), and who will track RSVPs and co-ordinate extra tables and chairs (Robin volunteered). Unless we get some nice items volunteered, it looks like we'll forego the silent auction this year, but continue with the 50/50 raffle.

### Merger

After reminding the group that we are down to 18 members total and 15 active members because of personal demands and work transfers, including our President-elect, Sara, Beth outlined many of the pros and cons of merging. Among them: by merging we would have more people to work on projects, provide a pool of officers and committee members and help raise funds, but that would also mean more personalities to deal with, the need for a bigger restaurant, and some projects we may not be interested in. We might lose our close-knit feel, but with the openness of our group and welcoming attitude of many in the other, perhaps we could just expand that feeling to encompass everyone.

The merged group would have lots of experienced Rotarians, some of whom might be very resistant to change, and raise our average age overall, but there are also a number of new members with new ideas to work with, and our group has several members with less than 5 years in Rotary. There are also some very welcoming and open-to-change long-time Rotarians in the other group.

Thanks to a lot of hard work by Emilio and Martha, many items the clubs handle quite differently were resolved, and dues next year would be the same \$200 we paid this year. If we were not to merge, dues would go up to at least \$270. Unless we find a reasonable lunch venue, though, we could end up spending lots more for food. Or choose not to eat.

The merger would give us a great President-elect, Jim Tenner, where we would need to draft someone who had been president before (they have to have attended PETS) because of losing Sara.

Beth summarized by repeating what she'd said initially: next year will be a change no matter which way we vote, but "Life is change. Personally I think each person has to vote for what they think is best for both themselves as individual Rotarians and the club as a whole."

Barbara then asked for a motion. Rosie moved "we merge with the Van Nuys and NSFV clubs." Rich seconded. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of merging, to the point Barbara didn't ask for "no" votes or abstentions. There were some email / phone votes on both sides.

PDG Jay teased it might be tough to get things done with 3 PDGs in the merged group, which PDG Emilio laughingly agreed with. Emilio then told the prank that gets pulled at PETS every year, labeling the air hand dryer in the men's room with "Press to hear a PDG speech."

#### **Chatsworth Sunset Club**

Barbara asked if our club bell, originally from the Chatsworth club her husband belonged to, could be given to the provisional Chatsworth Sunset Club, since the Van Nuys club has a bell. Beth so moved, Jean seconded, and we unanimously approved.

#### **Our Status with The Rotary Foundation (TRF)**

Emilio reported that we achieved three outstanding goals with our Foundation giving this year: we met the number Barbara had set as her presidency's goal for the club; thanks to contributions from each of us, we became an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) club, AND we achieved TRF's high goal of averaging at least \$100 per member. We'll be receiving a banner soon from TRF in recognition of these achievements.

*Beth Ullman*  
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#### **Priscilla Pig for PolioPlus**

Usually we "raffle off" the honor of credit for the money collected each quarter by Priscilla making her rounds. For logistical reasons, we ended up with about 4½ months of contributions this time – \$184.04 – making the winner extra lucky. We drew the name and... Marc Tapper was the lucky member. Congratulations! That \$184.04 was sent in to The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus fund in your name.

#### **Happy Bucks**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Happy Bucks this week.

**50/50 Raffle:** Jean won, and got \$15.50.

#### **Notable Quotables:**

"Without the freedom to criticize, there is no true praise."  
Pierre Beaumarchais, playwright (1732-1799)

#### **2011-2012 Club Officers:**

<b>President:</b> Barbara Pampalone	H 818-882-2395
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	
Martha Stulman	H 818-708-8947
<b>Administrator &amp; Club Chair:</b>	
Beth Ullman	H 818-701-6889
<b>Secretary:</b> Rosielee Jones	C 818-703-3201
<b>Treasurer:</b> Frank Santucci	C 818-652-7529
<b>Membership VP:</b> Marc Tapper	H 818-425-6667
<b>Projects VP:</b> Rich Miller	W 818-994-8234
<b>Foundation VP:</b> PDG Emilio Basile	H 818-886-4142
Sara Vasquez	H 818-368-6682
<b>Public Relations VP</b>	
Robin Kellogg	H 818-993-5378
<b>Bulletin Editor <i>pro tem</i>:</b>	
Beth Ullman	H 818-701-6889
<b>Community Chair:</b> Judy Rockey	C 818-683-3510
<b>Int'l Chair:</b> Sara Vasquez	H 818-368-6682
<b>New Generations Chairs:</b>	
Clinton & Rosielee Jones	C 818-609-7105
<b>Vocational Chair:</b> Carlos Menjivar	818-620-2569
<b>Programs Chair:</b> Robin Kellogg	H 818-993-5378
<b>Sgt. at Arms:</b> Renée D'Auria	H 818-882-1659