



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 7, 2012

Invocation: Jean Mabilon
Flag Salute: Ken Worthen
4 Way Test: Patrick Fahey

Attending Members: Barbara Pampalone, Marc Tapper, Frank Santucci, Robin Kellogg, Martha Stulman, Renée D'Auria, Bub Pickup, Rich Miller, Clinton Jones (welcome back!), Rosielee Jones, PDG Emilio Basile, Jean Mabilon; Beth Ullman

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

Announcements:

Member Update

Leo O'Biecunas was not with us today because his father-in-law just had a heart attack. He seems to be doing well, but please keep him and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Bingo

Rich reported the bingo fundraiser last night just broke even, and asked that members of the Van Nuys clubs give it more support. We really need more people to play! We also need to increase our advertising. Many thanks to Marie, who took flyers to senior centers and brought

Calendar

- 6/14 **4-Way Test Essay Awards**, Sepulveda
- 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

guests. Don R. expressed his thanks and acknowledged Robin's work in getting a promotional article in the paper. Barbara noted we need to do more to get the community involved and attending on a regular basis. We expect this to raise at least the \$1000 per event we did last year as a private party, and soon to earn \$2000 or more each time.

Many thanks to all the members who helped or came to play, and their guests: PDG Emilio, PDG Les, Renée, Rich, Frank, Zoraida, Marie, Don R., Jim, Martha, Barbara, Beth, Sara, Robin, Razi, Francisco, Clinton and Rosielee.

Cops and Cowboys

Don F. explained the flyers he'd put on all the tables: 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>.

Rotary Minute

PDG Eli, as any very good, knowledgeable PDG should, gave us much more than just 60 seconds of information. He told us about Rotary's history, the friends he's made through Rotary, and his own view of small versus large clubs: that while small clubs can have good projects and lots of good fellowship, they are missing the excitement he feels comes only with a full room.

Jim added his own Rotary minute, telling us how he'd been at the dentist a few days ago and was asked would he mind if a visitor from Mexico looked on as his dentist worked – it was our visiting GSE dentist, Jessi Salazar!



A few of the many volunteers. L-R PDG Emilio, Martha, Beth, Sara and Rosielee, photo taken by Renée

No Speaker – Club Assembly

Budget

PDG Emilio again went over the proposed budget for next year if all three clubs merge. To keep dues down to \$200 per person for the year and still do all the projects that were the most popular, \$17,000 would need to be raised. Some of that could come from the two existing club foundations. While projects should be independently supported, the budget does include \$3,600 for the Van Nuys track meet. PDG Les said their club's reverse raffle has raised \$10,000 in the past, with half of that going to the Union Local 300 Scholarship Fund, in part because of their help in raising the money through their 28,000 members.

In discussion of recognition events, both the number of the events (currently Van Nuys does at least 3/month and often more for Tierra del Sol or New Horizons) and the dollar amounts given were discussed. One point was to open the recognition to other worthy groups or to do fewer so there could be more opportunities to do other things as meetings. It might also be necessary to reduce the number to keep the meetings a more reasonable length. Jim Tenner, President-Elect, plans to start meetings promptly at noon and end them at 1:15 p.m.

Les also reported that the NSFV foundation can be used for recognition and other projects; the VN foundation has several restrictions in that regard. Currently the VN foundation has approximately \$126,000 and their general fund \$28,000.

There was additional discussion of fundraisers, events at meetings and the time frames involved in those.

Rich explained the desire to get and keep new members with reasonable dues, which Martha echoed. He said the venue committee is still looking for a new location that could hold a large group and offer a good menu. Martha asked what the geographic boundaries are and we learned some members come from as far away as Valencia and North Hollywood, in addition to Chatsworth and Woodland Hills in our group.

Les reviewed the list of **proposed club officers** with the assembly, which includes Jim as President, Robin as Secretary, Razi as Treasurer, Rich as Director of Membership, Emilio as Director of Administration, Frank as Club Service Chair, Marina Martinez as Hospitality Chair, Carlos and Zoraida as International Co-chairs, Lisa and Marie as Community Co-chairs, Rosielee and Mauricio as New Generations Co-chairs, Les as Foundation and Projects Director, Raul as PR Director and Tom as Housing Chair. There were a few others added during the meeting, but not announced. We will need a president-elect by about October.

Marie and Beth shared the idea that whether we end up one, two or three clubs, we look forward to sharing projects and focusing on Service Above Self.

Proposed Merged Club Name

While we did not have time to vote on it because we opted to extend the discussion of other items, we did learn the name committee proposes The Rotary Club of Van Nuys San Fernando Valley be the name of the merged club.

Our President-Elect

Sara Vasquez, as most of us know, is now working for the County of Los Angeles Education Department in Downey. Because of the distance and job requirements, she will not be able to serve as club president next year. We hope that the job will at least allow her to occasionally attend our meetings.

Training Manual Found

Barbara was looking for the leader's manual for our entrepreneurial training, and luckily it has turned up since our meeting!

District 5280 Assembly

Last weekend the District 5280 Assembly was held in Carson. Several members, including Barbara, attended. It was a good chance to meet people in the new district and get a feel for what the new Rotary year holds in store for all of us.

Jazz Concert

Last Sunday's jazz concert with Cathy Segal-Garcia at The Salvation Army ARC was terrific. It's too bad it was the same weekend as the Assembly and other events, and so few of our members attended. Those who did enjoyed it tremendously. Thank you for including us, Judy!

iPad Raffle

Diana made sure everyone got their tickets in for the iPad raffle, and then the lucky winner was drawn – Ken! Congratulations. Emilio, upon seeing Ken's uncertainty with it, immediately offered, for a fee, to program it for him, getting a good laugh from the room. Diana reported the raffle raised between \$900 and \$1000 – congratulations on that, too!

Opportunity Drawing

This week's 50/50 pot went to Eli, who won \$53.

District Conference Report

The District Conference (June 8 and 9) was a wonderful, emotional and fellowship-filled event. This was be the final time 5260 got together as a District, so we had a lot of laughs and tears as we reviewed not just the past year but the many past decades of what was originally District 526. Governor Tom presented plaques to his team and recognized a number of others, including one of our favorite people, Sheri Polak, who became a Major Donor.

Although there were no project awards this year, there were still a number of great projects presented. Several of us were particularly fascinated with the WAPIs, a simple wax and plastic thermometer that can be quickly made by almost anyone using small PVC tubes, powdered wax and a heat sealing device. It's a great hands-on international project that we may just have to try. Mel Powell presented the international language project with help from RI Representative PRID Peter Bundgaard of Denmark, the GSE team (Spanish and Portuguese) and several others in the district, including our very own Jean Mabilon, who was the last and absolutely stole the show with his last translation, of love to "l'amour", said with a smile, wink and drawl Maurice Chevalier would have envied.

Governor Tom presented the governor's banner, which hangs in his home club during his year in office, to the home club of our one Past RI Director, Elmer Jordan – The Rotary Club of Calabasas. They were thrilled. Club President Annmarie Flaherty gave a beautiful acceptance speech, promising they would always treasure and care for this repository of history for *all* the clubs of 5260.

The big question this year was "What will happen to the silver bells?" The criteria for winning them this year was almost entirely meeting President Banerjee's citation goals and club donation levels to The Rotary Foundation, which was the main criteria for also becoming the permanent trustees of the bells. This year's winners were:

Small Clubs – Burbank Sunrise (they gave \$15,000!)

Medium Clubs – Lancaster

Large Clubs – Lancaster West

The permanent winners were:

Small Clubs – Burbank Sunrise

Medium Clubs – Studio City / Sherman Oaks

Large Clubs – Lancaster West

Notable Quotables:

"The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life." Muhammad Ali

"Your expression is the most important thing you can wear." Sid Ascher

"Smart is when you believe only half of what you hear. Brilliant is when you know which half to believe." Orben's Current Comedy

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.

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Van Nuys

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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