



Mid San Fernando Valley

Service Above Self

Meeting at Denny's restaurant
Thursdays, 12:10 p.m.
16575 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA



July 28, 2011

Flag Salute: Rosielee Jones
Invocation: Beth Ullman

Attending Members: Renie D'Auria, Judy Rockey, Sara Vasquez, Barbara Pampalone, Rosielee Jones, Clinton Jones, Frank Santucci, Rich Miller, Jean Mabilon, Marc Tapper, Robin Kellogg and Beth Ullman.

Guests: Bubba Pickup of Visiting Angels (4th time visiting our club) and Sandra Santucci, Frank's wife

Visiting Rotarians: our Assistant District Governor Phil Johnson, of the Granada Hills club, and Assistant District Governor Mike Thomas, of the Santa Clarita Valley club, who brought us our new brochures and bookmarks

Announcements

Rose Parade Float

The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee needs volunteers to decorate the Rotary Float and another float for the Rose Parade on New Year's Day. The float you work on will depend on when you arrive for your sessions. A maximum of 90 decorators are required per session. You can only volunteer for one session. A maximum of 45 members of a club can sign up for any session.

The dates the committee will need volunteers include:

- December 3, 10, and 17 (lunch will be from noon to 12:30 p.m.)
- December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31.
- (Lunch will be from noon to 12:30 p.m. and dinner will be from 7:00 pm to 7:30 p.m.)
- January 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Once you have signed up your club for a session you will receive confirmation from the Decorating Committee and your Club's name will appear on the Rotary Rose Parade Float website (www.rotaryfloat.org/schedule.html). The minimum age for decorators is 13. Sign up today! Invite your friends and show them what Rotary is all about. Let's see if we can get our Interactors involved again. Bring your children. Beth said decorating the Rotary float was the one thing in Rotary her son enjoyed as a youngster and wanted to do again.

Calendar

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| 8/4 | Judi Lirman , "Let's do "Life, Slow Down for a Minute!" |
| 8/11 | Mel Powell , Rotary Communities of Interest |
| 8/18 | Lawrence McLaughlin , Philippines Water Project |
| 9/22 | District Governor Tom Hardy |

Bingo License

Rich is still pursuing the bingo license, so our club and North San Fernando Valley can hold quarterly bingo games. He'll keep us posted.

Associate Members

We are still sorting through the requirements of the Associate Member program and what events we might have to promote it.

Red Badge

Beth Ullman asked Captain Judy Rockey to step up to the podium, where she proceeded to remove the red badge from her nametag after naming many of the things she's done as a member. Judy joined our club August 30, 2010. Wow, it's almost been a year. We've really enjoyed having you as a member, Judy.



Beth removes the red new member sticker from Judy's badge.

Rotary Minute

Jean Mabilon gave this week's Rotary Minute. He told a story of going down to Mexico with his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Joseph and Barbara Pampalone, to help with dental exams and delivering clothes to an orphanage. Every time a child left the dental exam, Jean put a piece of candy in their hand. Laughing he said: "I was destroying all their good work". He said this introduction to Rotary is why he's a Rotarian today.

Salvation Army Donates Beanie Babies to Operation Gratitude

Captain Judy is donating two large totes of Beanie Babies to Operation Gratitude, which sends packages to our soldiers overseas. The soldiers give the stuffed animals to the children in exchange for information on insurgents and bombs. Operation Gratitude will start accepting donations on September 5. If you have scarves, hats, note cards or other items you would like to donate, please gather them together and hold them until that date.

No Speaker: Club Assembly

Barbara Pampalone passed handouts to each member asking them to rate the projects we did last year and add on any new projects they would like to do this coming Rotary year.

One of the projects we discussed was our Interact club, which sadly due to inconsistency in faculty leadership and lack of support at Birmingham High School is off to a slow start this year. Rosielee Jones asked if we might start another Interact club at a different high school, such as Taft. Phil Johnson, our Assistant Governor, who was visiting our club said he would speak with Camille Levee to see if Taft already has an Interact club.

The GSE Team, which is going to Ghana this year, was also discussed. We haven't sponsored a GSE team member in a while, so put on your thinking caps now and come up with some names. Phil added that GSE was an ambassadorial as well as a vocational program.

Clinton and Rosielee Jones are working with the Salvation Army on a health and physical fitness program for the beneficiaries. If this is something you are interested in helping with, speak with Rosielee, Clinton or Judy.

We want to get more involved in international projects, especially in places like the Philippines. Barbara asked Phil to talk about the Granada Hills Club's involvement in nutritional project in that country. We would like to have a more hands-on approach to international projects this year. As we get more details, we will publish them in the newsletter. If you're interested in an international project you won't want to miss Lawrence McLaughlin's talk on a water pump project in the Philippines, August 18.

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PolioPlus

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Priscilla Pig for PolioPlus this week.

Happy Bucks

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Happy Bucks this week. A special Happy Anniversary to Sara and Brett Vasquez on their 21st anniversary today, and to Robin and Ken Kellogg on their 23rd anniversary Saturday!

Opportunity Drawing

Barbara won the \$5 – again! – and Jean got the chance to draw for the joker, but pulled the 7 of spades.

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