

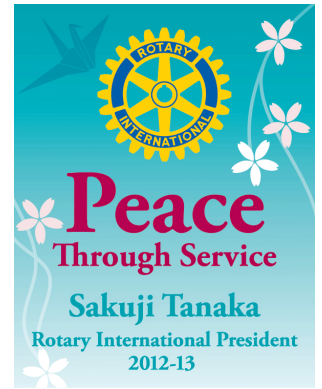
Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

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Service Above Self

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

16320 Raymer St., Van Nuys, CA 91406



July 5, 2012

Invocation: Les Grossman

Flag Salute: Mauricio Aranda

Song: Judy Coates

Attending Members: Mauricio Aranda, Renée D'Auria, PDG Emilio Basile, Judy Coates, Les Grossman, Tom Harris, Robin Kellogg, Jean Mabilon, Rich Miller, Barbara Pampalone, Bub Pickup, Mike Quiroga, Robert Ramirez, Don Reinken, Frank Santucci, Razi Sheikh, Zoraida Suarez, Jim Tenner, Ron Wolf; Peter Satuloff

Guests: Sandra Santucci (guest of the club, Frank's guest), Max Kellogg (Robin's son), Patrick Meherin, Avanta Garde (guest of the club, Robert's guest), Jan Goforth, Van Nuys Airport PR standing in for Diana Sanchez

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Club, New Vision

Jim welcomed everyone to the newly merged Greater Van Nuys Rotary club, calling it a "bigger and better Rotary club". He will serve as co-president this year with Martha Stulman, a past president of the Mid-SFV Rotary club, which has merged with Van Nuys and North San Fernando to form the Greater Van Nuys Rotary club.

We wish Jim and Martha much luck in their Rotary year together.

A Little Note Can Make a Difference

While reading the April Rotarian, Jim came across a picture of young Rotarian in Australia. Her story intrigued him and he wrote a letter to her. She emailed him back mentioning that she was coming to Los Angeles at the end of July to participate in a program at UCLA. Jim is arranging for her to speak to our club and tell us about Rotary in Australia. Just goes to show that sometimes it's worth the effort to extend a hand in friendship.

Bulletin Name Change

Jim announced that the bulletin the club had been receiving prior to the merger vote put out by the Mid-SFV Rotary club will now be known as the Greater Van Nuys Rotary Club bulletin. The name change, as you can see on the masthead, is effective with this issue.

Calendar

7/11, Wed., Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Union Hall

7/12 Club Assembly

8/18, Sat., E-Waste Collection Fundraiser

8/25, Sat. Afghanistan Dental Clinic Fundraiser

dinner at Barbara's house (tentative date)

10/10, Wed., Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Union Hall

The Weekly District 5280 Newsletter is a Good Read

If you haven't been reading the weekly news update sent out by District 5280, start taking the time to do. There are 67 clubs in our new district, all doing worthwhile projects.

"It's amazing what some of the clubs do," Jim commented. "If we can pick up on some projects, that would be great," he added.

New Club Website

PDG Emilio Basile, former Webmaster of the Mid SFV Rotary Club website, announced that he will be purchasing a new URL for the club's website, which can currently be reached at midsanfernandovalleyrotary.org. The new name, which will reflect the combined club, is GreaterVanNuysRotary.org. Emilio will keep us posted as to when the name change takes effect.

Board Meeting

The Greater Van Nuys Rotary Board of Directors for 2012-2013 will hold their first meeting at 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 9th at Denny's, 16575 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA.

New Roster on Its Way

PDG Emilio Basile and Secretary Robin Kellogg are working on updating the combined club roster. Emilio has a preliminary roster on the website which will be updated as we receive information from members. We would also like to include a photo of each member to help visitors put a face to a name.

The Rotary Pin and Its Significance

"The way we identify ourselves as Rotarians" said Jim, "is to put on our Rotary pin." Wear it to all our meetings, if not on a daily basis. Think of the great conversations you can have about Rotary.

Cops/Cowboys Fundraiser Auction and Dance

Don Fetherolf announced the upcoming 15th Annual Cops and Cowboys fundraiser planned for July 14th, 6:30 p.m. at VFW Post 6885 hall in Canyon Country. He urged everyone to attend this event which provides much needed safety equipment and other necessities to the Van Nuys Area Police Station.

Chief meteorologist for CBS2 and KCLA9 Josh Rubenstein, who is also a member of the Board, will be the auctioneer for the evening. Greater Van Nuys club member Peter Satuloff also sits on the police council.

The event will include music from the "Cover-Alls" classic rock band, Whoa Nellie Raffle, competitive roping and pony rides. Catering will be provided by Larsen's Grill.

Join the fun by purchasing dinner tickets (\$50 each for adults and \$15 for kids 12 and under). Purchase tickets online at www.midvalleypolicecouncil.org. For additional information contact Jean Sinatra, MVCPC President at 818-988-8202 or jeansinatra@earthlink.net.

Santa Anita—A Day at the Races

Jim proposed a club event at the Santa Anita Racetrack, which has been done by other Rotary clubs in the area. The race track has special deals for service groups and non profits which includes parking, lunch, clubhouse seats. The season is from September 28 through November 4. Camptown races here we come.

BINGO!

Don't forget to join us for BINGO on the evening of Wednesday, July 11, 6:30 p.m. at the Local 300 Union hall, 14800 Devonshire St. in Mission Hills. For \$20 you receive 15 game cards with the option of purchasing extra ones. Bring the flyer with you and receive three free game cards. We even set up a snack bar to take care of those munchies you may have during the evening. Plan on being there – where else can you spend \$20 for an evening out?

New Horizons Yard Sale

Robin told the club about a yard sale New Horizons has scheduled for Saturday, July 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The fundraising event will take place in the parking area in front of Sam's Café, 15725 Parthenia St, North Hills. Those attending are being asked to park on Parthenia and enter the yard sale through the gates.

If you have any items to donate (they CANNOT accept furniture, appliances or computers and are unable to pick up items), bring them to New Horizons Reception area (in the Annex Building) the week of July 23-26 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or on Friday, July 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Proceeds will go toward programs and services for nearly 1,000 individuals with special needs.

For more information about the yard sale contact New Horizons at 818-894-9306.

Speaker – Peter Satuloff

Peter regaled us with stories from his month-long vacation on two back-to-back cruises – one to the British Isles and one which included Norway and north.

First stop, Britain and the British Isles. He and his wife Mari were in England to witness Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee celebration, something that hasn't happened since Queen Victoria, Elizabeth's great-grandmother, celebrated hers. According to Pete, "it was quite an event." There was a big concert at Buckingham Palace, which he and Mari watched at a local pub as the crowd around the palace was just too intense.

On his trip through the British Isles, Pete was surprised to find such major differences between Northern Ireland and the southern part known as Ireland. "Remember the days of the IRA?", he asked the group, well, it still exists at least in Northern Ireland. When they went to visit Belfast they found the area to be very segregated between the Protestant and Catholic neighborhoods. On some residential streets the right side was Protestant, the left Catholic. He tells of one tour guide he hired whose tax bore a sign saying "Catholic Company". The driver began driving into a Protestant area, got nervous and turned the car around.

Even the currency is different between the two Irelands. The 20 counties in Ireland use the Euro, while the six counties in Northern Ireland are still on the British pound. He and Mari discovered this when they stocked up on Euros in Dublin, hoping to use them on their trip up North. No such luck.

The second leg of Pete and Mari's journey took them first by train and then by boat on a Zodiac trip out of Flem along the east coast of Norway, past fjords, snow-capped mountains and tiny villages. "it was an amazing train ride," noted Pete, who explained that the scenery was so beautiful there were actually stops to take pictures – and this was a commuter train!

Going northward they ventured into an area that was the farthest point north on land that you could go and still be in Europe. The area, well above the Arctic Circle, was actually warmer than the British Isles. He and Mari wore short sleeves in this no man's land, compared to having to wear jackets and carry umbrellas in England. Apparently, being south of the Arctic Circle doesn't guarantee warmer temperatures. Pete noted that although it was beautiful, he couldn't get used to having sunset at 11:30 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. sunrise. He said he couldn't imagine what the long winter nights would be like. There really is no place like home.

Pete is a partner at Anderson, Satuloff, Machado & Mendelsohn. He can be reached at 818-710-06322 or peter.satuloff@ammcpa.com.

Mid SFV Demotion Party

President Barbara Pampalone was officially demoted in the club's usual style on Sunday, July 8, with food, fun and a good drenching in the pool to wash away the year and give her a clean start as a past president. About 45 people attended the backyard event and enjoyed themselves in spite of the heat. Below are a few photos. (Embarrassing ones will be emailed to the subjects.)



Barbara Pampalone and PDG Jay Saltzman



Barbara thanks her officers, including Robin Kellogg



and Renee D'Auria



Barbara Pampalone taking the dip



PDG Jay swears in Martha Stulman



Some of this year's new board, L-R: Razi, Barbara, Martha, Robin, PDG Emilio, PDG Les, Don and Rich



Rich Miller and Bette Hall



Barbara Pampalone, PDG Jay and Ferne Saltzman



Razi and Sakina Sheikh and their sons



Sara Vasquez and PDG Emilio Basile



Antoinette and Jean Mabilon



Liat Cohen



Zoraida Suarez



Mercedes Moreno



Nehru, Heidi and Shawn

Happy Bucks

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

50/50 Raffle: Mauricio won the 50/50 this week and got to take home \$42. The club received \$43.

Notable Quotables:

“The beginning and the end reach out their hands to each other”

--Chinese Proverbs quotes

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” *India Leader Mahatma Gandhi*

“For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people’s love and concern for each other.” *Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity International*

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.” *Former Heavy Weight Champion Muhammad Ali*

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