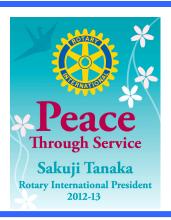


Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

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Service Above Self

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



January 24, 2013

Flag Salute: Tony Quiroga Invocation: PDG Eli Gauna

Attending Members: Barbara Pampalone, Don Fetherolf, Don Reinken, PDG Eli Gauna, PDG Les Grossman, PDG Emilio Basile, Judy Coates, Elaine Bern, Alice Gauna, Guy Mangia, Richard Miller, Frank Santucci, Raul Castillo, Mac Shamieh, Jean Mabilon (welcome back!), Zoraida Suarez, Mauricio Aranda, Robin Kellogg, Tom Harris, Wynne Ritch, Roz Kogler, Ron Wolf, Beth Ullman

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Steve Bertolino, guest of the club; Dave Friedman, guest of the club; Kevin Luperchio and honoree Kit Carson from Tierra del Sol; Kirk Harney, guest of the club; Jan Goforth, Tony Quiroga (Mike's youngest), and Max Kellogg, Robin's son, celebrating his high school graduation today with us

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members Proposed

Steve Bertolino, a former Rotarian, has been proposed for Active membership in our club. His potential classification is Children's Medical Charity. In addition, Dave Friedman has been proposed for Active membership under the Real Estate Sales classification. If no objections are presented to the board within seven days of the publication of this newsletter, Steve and Dave will be accepted for membership.

Bingo

PDG Emilio Basile reported the Bingo game last week netted about \$300 (tallying is still in progress), which is very good. Our break-even point is about 45 players, so we do need to boost attendance, but the good news is many of those playing were not club-affiliated. The word is getting out to the neighborhood, so next month's game should be even better – if we keep up our end by selling tickets and letting everyone know about the games. Our next game will be February 27 – bring your friends!

President's Citation and District Project Awards

PDG Les Grossman asked if we are all getting the District's weekly bulletin (if you aren't, go to the website, www.rotary5280.org, to sign up or leave a message), because it announced this year's Presidential Citation. We

Calendar

1/31 Jewel Price and Alen Andriassian, GSE Team Japan 2/5, Tues. Wynne Ritch, Norman Rockwell, at the Calabasas club (see list of nearby clubs at end for location and time) 2/7: Wynn Ritch, Boy Scouts of America **Recognition:** Birmingham H.S. 2/8, Fri., MAPS Charities Community Service Awards luncheon honoring Paul Davis and Alberta Bellasario, Sherman Oaks Marriott, tickets: \$75/person, Courtyard by Marriott in Sherman Oaks, 15433 Ventura Blvd. Visit www.mapscharities.org for information, an invitation or online donation 2/14TBA Pete Satuloff, Cuba; Recognition: New 2/21 Horizons 2/27, Wed. Bingo, 6:30 p.m. at Union Hall, 14800 Devonshire St. (SW corner at Woodman) 2/28 Dan Donlian, Braile Institute; Recognition: Tierra Del Sol 4/13, Sat., Van Nuys Track Meet, Birmingham H.S. 5/2 - 5/5, Thurs. - Sun. District Conference, Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort, Santa Barbara

need to submit our application no later than February 1. In addition, we need to submit all project reports for consideration for District awards no later than February 7. Forms for both are online. Les will write up our Harvest Festival project, and asked that anyone who spear-headed a project, or could sit in for our out-of-country members who did, get and fill in the forms before the deadline.

District Conference

PDG Les also announced that this year's District Conference will be held May 2 – 5 in Santa Barbara at Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort. Visit the District website for registration forms and more information.

Members Update

Mike Quiroga has been in Bolivia since the beginning of December, but should be home again soon. Razi Sheikh is in Pakistan through the middle of February. Happy – and safe – travels, gentlemen!

Paid Your Dues Yet? Provided Your Badge Info?

PDG Emilio will be collecting dues while Razi is out of the country, and said badges will not be ordered for members who are in arrears. Please make sure you're paid up (we have to pay RI and the District for each member) and that Emilio has your correct classification so those new badges will be right! If you would like to pay be credit card, he can swipe your card at a meeting or send you the PDF to fill out for paying your dues. Emilio can be reached at emilio@embasile.com or 818-262-6028.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Mauricio Aranda introduced our program to recognize those working to improve themselves who normally would not be in the public eye. Today we honored Kit Carson from Tierra del Sol. As Kevin Luperchio told us, Kit works at the United First Methodist Church and volunteers at the resale store of the National Jewish Women's charity. After thanking everyone very enthusiastically, Kit was given a certificate of recognition and a \$50 gift certificate.



L-R Past President Don Reinken, Kevin Luperchio, Kit Carson and Mauricio Aranda

SPEAKER: Mauricio Aranda on ShelterBox

As you know, the late DGE Jim Dyer was originally scheduled to speak today on this topic. We were hoping to link to the video of him speaking at the e-club but were unable to do so, so Mauricio filled in, and very well. (To see the video, please visit www.rotaryeclubgreatersfv.org.)

ShelterBox is a 501(c)(3) organization headquartered in the United Kingdom and started by Rotarians there. They outfit and deliver boxes equipped with all the essential items a family of 10 needs to survive immediately after a disaster, at a cost of \$1,000/box. Each ShelterBox is tailored to a disaster but typically contains a tent with privacy partitions, blankets, air mattresses, water storage and purification equipment, stove, basic tool kit, cooking utensils, children's activity pack and other vital items other than food.

These amazing emergency supplies all fit into one storage box just under three feet wide and two feet deep and high. They've been deployed to Haiti (where the Mid SFV club paid for one), Japan, Pakistan and even Louisiana, after Hurricane Katrina, as well as many other areas of the world since April 2000, when the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in Cornwall, England adopted ShelterBox as its millennium project. "Little did they know that it would become the largest Rotary club project in the world, with affiliates in countries across the globe... In 2005, ShelterBox sent out more than 22,000 boxes, almost 10 times the number delivered in the previous three years... (becoming) a major player in the field of international disaster relief."



Typical shelter box and supplies

While you usually can't designate where a box is sent, you can be certain it's going where it's most needed. Wherever responding to earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, typhoons, hurricanes, volcanoes or conflict have made people homeless and at risk.

Since ShelterBox was Jim Dyer's pet project, Mauricio is going to propose to our board that we make a donation to the organization in his memory. It would be very fitting.

For more information, visit www.shelterboxusa.org.

REMINDERS

Do You Have Any Unsung Projects?

Do you have a favorite project that the club may not be aware of? Let me know and we'll write it up for the bulletin. *Beth, bethullman@yahoo.com; 818-701-6889* **The Club Needs You!**

We still have open positions for 2013-14:

New Generations Chair, Club Service Chair, and Bulletin Editor. Please contact Mauricio or Emilio if you are able to take one of these. jobs

Opportunity Drawing

Congratulations to Mac, who won half the \$110 pot.

Priscilla for Polio Plus

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

Notable Quotables

"Words are things; and a small drop of ink / Falling like dew upon a thought, produces / That which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think." Lord Byron, 1819

"There may be times when we are powerless to prevent

injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest." Elie Wiesel, writer, Nobel laureate (b. 1928)

Just for Fun



Take a good look – this isn't what it at first seems! It's the chalk art of Julian Beever.

Meeting Information for Nearby Clubs

Calabasas, Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m. Wolf Creek Restaurant 26787 Agoura Rd. Calabasas, CA 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, www.rotaryeclubgreatersfv.org

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

West San Fernando Valley, Thursdays at 7:15 a.m. Coco's – now closed, new location not yet known Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Woodland Hills, Wednesdays at noon Woodland Hills Country Club 21150 Dumetz Rd. Woodland Hills, CA 91364

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