

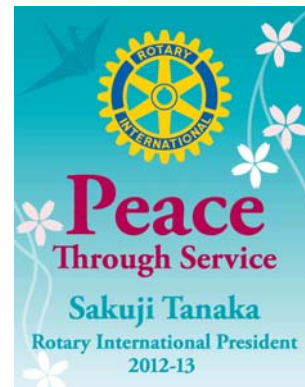
Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

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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 12, 2012

Invocation: PDG Emilio Basile

Flag Salute: Jim Tenner

Attending Members: Martha Stulman, Mauricio Aranda, Renée D'Auria, PDG Emilio Basile, Judy Coates, PDG Les Grossman, Tom Harris, Robin Kellogg, Jean Mabilon, Javier Nuñez, Barbara Pampalone, Mike Quiroga, Don Reinken, Frank Santucci, Razi Sheikh, Zoraida Suarez, Jim Tenner, Ron Wolf, Roz Kogler, Marie Valencia, Ed Veramontes, Don Fetherolf, Peter Satuloff, Mac Shamieh, Raul Castillo, Robert Reimann; Beth Ullman

Guests: PDG Drew Frohlich of the Granada Hills club; Jan Goforth, Van Nuys Airport PR, standing in for Diana Sanchez; David Martinian, owner of E-Waste, on his second visit as a guest of the club; and Larry Pleet, a former and hopefully future member

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BINGO!

Last night's bingo event went pretty well, according to PDG Emilio, who reported we had 61 paid admissions, gave out \$800 in prizes and the preliminary finances show a net profit of \$900, including after purchase of the banner, which brought in at least 6 or 7 people. The next event should be even better.

New Club Website, Roster and Sign-in Sheet

PDG Emilio announced that the new URL for the club's website, www.GreaterVanNuysRotary.org, is active as of today. He tried to get GVN.org, but it is being held, though not used, by someone in Texas. GVNRotary.org might be available and he is researching that as well as other options. The new website combines our old websites, so our login IDs and passwords remain the same. If you've forgotten your login ID, Emilio can tell you what it is, but if you've forgotten your password, you'll need to get that from the website host.

Also on the website is our club roster, with "mug shots" of most of us. Emilio passed out a paper copy for us to edit. If you don't have a photo next to your name, or want a different one, you can either email a photo to him or upload the photo of your choice directly.

Starting next week there will be a sign-in sheet at the door for attendance. Please help your bulletin editor and Secretary out by checking in! Thanks.

Calendar

7/19 Michele Morley, Haven Hills
8/18, Sat., E-Waste Collection Fundraiser
8/22, Wed., Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
8/25, Sat. Afghanistan Dental Clinic Fundraiser
dinner at Barbara's house (tentative date)
10/10, Wed., Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Union Hall

More Thanks

Don Reinken thanked Ed Veramontes for all his hard work last year and presented him with a plaque. Don also presented a plaque and his thanks to last year's Treasurer, Peter Satuloff, along with a world travel alarm clock. Sorry you both missed the demotion party, but happy to have you back.

Rotary Knitting Communities Together

Martha announced receipt of another letter from Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind, thanking us for our help and co-ordination in the donation of 8 hand knitted or crocheted afghans for their residents. This project is one that Roz Dubrow helped co-ordinate, as many of her friends are major knitters and crocheters. Since she had to leave us, we're looking for someone else to help manage deliveries to the local hospitals and other sites, as well as stay in touch with all our wonderful volunteers. And at some point we'd like to honor some of those volunteers at one of our meetings.

Club Assembly – No Speaker

New Club, New Vision

Martha Stulman welcomed everyone to the newly merged Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys. She and Jim Tenner are co-presidents this year. She started by talking about Future Visions, a systematic plan for deciding what direction we'd like our club to go, and the concept of change. As Martha pointed out, Rotary is imbued with the idea of change, change for the better. If Paul Harris hadn't envisioned change, Rotary wouldn't exist. If Past Rotary International President Dr. Carlos Canseco González hadn't believed in the power of change, PolioPlus would never have been born. To be in Rotary is to think and live change, but usually those changes are in the lives of those less fortunate than we; this year we are being asked to make some changes in our own lives and clubs, from the new district to adapting to our merger.

Some people, like Rosielee, seek out and thrive on change, others, and Martha put herself in this category, are more comfortable with inertia and stability. But a good nudge usually gets her going. Some of us need stronger nudges than others, but she hopes we can blend the best of our three different groups and make us stronger than any were alone.

Budget Items

The proposed budget presented to the club a few weeks ago was approved. The first changes the board decided on when they met this week were that dues will be billed monthly, with a \$10 addition to cover guests for those who decide to pay for their meals in advance, or we can opt to pay \$20/meal as we attend. We can pay with checks, cash or credit cards. Treasurer Razi will be sending both July's and August's bills out by July 30.

Scheduling

Another change affects the meetings themselves: **we will be starting promptly at 12:10**, and endeavor to end meetings by 1:15. This will help members who need to keep to their work schedules, and hopefully attract more young professionals who don't often get a lot of leeway in their lunch breaks.

There are so many projects the combined club has done in the past and would like to continue doing, that we need to calendar them to prevent overload some months and an empty slate others. So far we have the **bingo** games scheduled for October 10, January 9, April 10 and July 12. The Van Nuys Track Meet is always in April, and PDG Les proposed again doing a holiday party the week before Christmas, most likely December 18.

Community Grant Opportunity

Our new district has 43 grants available for community projects, but the deadline is August 15, so Martha asked the group for the projects we want to do that might qualify: in addition to being community focused, with an assessment showing the need, there needs to be a lot of hands-on involvement from members. We would also need, as a medium-sized club, to put in at least \$500. Several ideas were suggested, including the Halloween Harvest Festival event with Victory Outreach suggested by PDG Les and explained by Javier. Besides candy, the group puts together an event that includes game booths and a slide, to keep the kids from going door to door. A free service is also made available to the community. Last year it was free blood sugar testing. About 500 local area residents attended with almost 300 children. In other years there were dental check-ups, which helped the dentists network and get new patients.

Another project was suggested by Marie: adopting families for the holidays. Last year 18 were adopted by the NSFV club and each child was given a new pair of shoes and jacket. A Rotarian who also plays Santa passed out these gifts plus candy and \$30 gift certificates to a restaurant at a special event attended by both the families and their Social Services case workers. Ed suggested this project could also work in conjunction with providing backpacks and back-to-school supplies. She said Barry would also like to do an eye clinic for this group.

Robin noted the North Valley Y has a Thanksgiving food basket program every year and needs supporters (\$35/basket) and volunteers to deliver them to schools. Pete said Casa Esperanza does the same thing every year. In many cases families don't have pots big enough to cook a turkey so other food or arrangements need to be made. We could consider working with one or both groups this year.

Martha added that MSFV had done a back-to-school project for kids where we purchased clothes and shoes for a large, extended family. This is another possibility for the grant application.

Another community / vocational project not eligible for the district grant was brought up by Jim, who said he's been approached by a group training dogs to help returning veterans with PTSD. It costs about \$2500/dog for the training. A good project to consider.

It was agreed that these projects should be weighed by the Community Service committee and Mauricio, as Director of Projects, then taken to the board for final approval of those to be recommended. All the avenue of service committees should work closely with Mauricio not only on selecting projects to be taken to the board, but on calendaring events for the year.

N.B. – September is both New Generations Month and has the UN International Literacy Day, so events or projects in those areas would be especially appropriate.

Priscilla Pig for PolioPlus

Barbara started Priscilla on her rounds and explained the MSFV group had started passing this pig as part of Rotary's drive to raise more funds for PolioPlus and more awareness of the continuing need. We are so close, but we are not there yet – polio is still endemic in Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan, where the local Taliban has again put a stop to vaccination drives. Martha further explained that every quarter a club member's name was drawn and the contents of Priscilla and her "nest" donated to PolioPlus in their name. Those funds count toward Paul Harris Fellows. Considering how much was collected today, we may need to make that a monthly drawing. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Happy Bucks

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

50/50 Raffle: Raul won \$42 in the 50/50 this week.

Reminders

New Horizons Yard Sale

The New Horizons yard sale will be Saturday, July 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This fundraiser 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 clothing or any small items to donate (they can't accept furniture, appliances or computers and are unable to pick up items), please 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.

Notable Quotables:

"I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."
Edward Everett Hale, author (1822-1909)

"In the face of suffering, one has no right to turn away, not to see." Elie Wiesel, writer, Nobel laureate (b. 1928)



It's all a matter of perspective...

Chalk drawings by Julian Beever



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Sgt. at Arms:

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>

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 on Victory and Topanga
Topanga

Woodland Hills, Wednesdays at noon
Woodland Hills Country Club
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