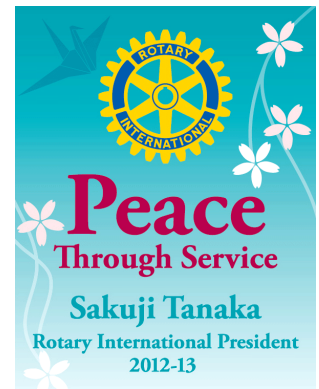


# Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

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**Service Above Self**

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



## March 21, 2013

**Flag Salute:** James Tenner

**Invocation:** Ken Worthen

**Attending Members:** PDG Emilio Basile (welcome back!), Alice Gauna, Barbara Pampalone, Don Fetherolf, PDG Les Grossman, Don Reinken, Elaine Bern, Guy Mangia, James Tenner, Ken Worthen, Frank Santucci, Rich Miller, Marie Valencia, Mauricio Aranda, Lawrence Pleet, Judy Coates, Robin Kellogg, Paul Davis, Renée D'Auria, Bob Reimann, Ed Viramontes, Jean Mabilon, Roz Kogler, Javier Nunez, Ron Wolf, Tom Harris; Beth Ullman

**Guests:** Jan Goforth; Jim Miceli, of the Universal City-Sunrise club

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 'Tis the Season

Jim Tenner told us how helping serve meals to 800 homeless at the Midnight Mission last week made him appreciate anew what he has. A particularly appropriate reminder this week of Passover and Easter, and for the work we do as Rotarians.



*Jim Miceli presents EREY banner to PDG Emilio Basile and Barbara Pampalone, 2011-12 Mid SFV Foundation Chair and President, respectively*

#### Foundation Honors

Jim Miceli, our District Foundation Chair last year, presented a banner to our combined club for Mid SFV

### Calendar

- 4/3, Wed. Bingo,** 6:30 p.m. at Union Hall, 14800 Devonshire St. (SW corner at Woodman)
- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. GSFVCC After 5-Networking at Night,** hosted by Buca di Beppo in Encino, \$10, call 818-989-0300 to RSVP
- 4/4 Tommy Gilinas; Birmingham Honorees**
- 4/7, Sun. Eye Clinic,** 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Dennis Zine Community Center, 21400 W. Saticoy, Canoga Park
- 4/11, Wolfgang Kovacek; New Horizons Honorees**
- 4/13, Sat. Van Nuys Track Meet,** Birmingham H.S.
- 4/17, Wed. 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting,** Rich Miller's office
- 4/18 Steve Bertolino; Tierra Del Sol Honorees**
- 4/25 Open**
- 4/21, Sun. Calabasas Rotary Club Canine Classic Dog Walk & Festival,** 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Juan Bautista de Anza Park, 3701 Lost Hills Rd., Calabasas; call: 818-880-2993, email [info@canineclassic.org](mailto:info@canineclassic.org); or go to [www.canineclassic.org](http://www.canineclassic.org) for more info
- 4/27, Sat. Rotarians at Work Day**
- 5/2 – 5/5, Thurs. – Sun. District Conference,** Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort, Santa Barbara
- 6/1, Sat. Reverse Raffle Fundraiser,** 6-10 p.m., Union Hall, 14800 Devonshire St. (SW corner at Woodman) \$15/person for buffet

becoming an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) club in 2011-12. That's when every club member contributes something to The Rotary Foundation and the average is at least \$100/member. Just six clubs achieved that distinction in our district last year. Jim challenged us to continue this is our expanded club and meet the next level as well: Sustaining EREY Club, where every member gives at least \$100 in the year. A goal Jim, Rich and PDG Les heartily endorsed.

#### April 7 Eye Clinic

Mauricio distributed flyers (which will be corrected to add our club information) and passed around the volunteer sign-up sheet again for our eye clinic with Dr. Barry Leonard. It will be held Saturday, April 7, from 8:00

a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Dennis Zine Community Center, 21400 W. Saticoy in Canoga Park. We still need a few volunteers to augment Barry and the optometrist students – don't worry, you won't be asked to do exams!. Please let Mauricio know if you can help: 818-634-4043.

### Bingo

This coming **Wednesday, April 3** is our next bingo game – we need your help and ticket sales! Rich has lots of tickets, just \$20 each, including several games. Please contact Rich or Marco at 818-994-8234 to volunteer or get tickets. Entrance and games can also be paid at the door.

### Track Meet April 13

Don thanked Mari and Pete Satuloff for the wonderful track meet planning dinner they hosted last night, and told us how the planning is going. We've gotten a pretty good cadre of volunteers, especially for the morning, but still need to fill a number of slots in the afternoon. If you have friends or family who can help, please sign them up! Email Don at dreinken@socal.rr.com, or call him at 818-368-3341.

### June 1 Fundraiser

PDG Les passed out the forms to sign up raffle ticket buyers, including a yellow one for their receipt. Actual tickets will not be given out until the person's payment is received by Pete, the event treasurer. Although only one name will be used on each \$100 ticket, the owner is free to sell "shares" in it if they wish. Dinner payments can be made at the same time, but if we are able to have the raffle ticket payment be a donation, the dinner portion would be noted as not tax-deductible. Les will email us the sign-up form after checking on whether or not the ticket price can be tax deductible and made out to our club foundation, but we can start selling now! Prizes include the \$10,000 first prize, a \$500 second, and a large screen TV third. In addition to the reverse raffle, entertainment and buffet, the event will also have a silent auction and a "Chinese" auction. Please note the event is open only to friends, family and other Rotarians, not the general public, for legal reasons.

### Club Assembly

Rich started off our assembly by thanking the club presidents, Jim and Martha, and everyone else for working to move our merger forward. Our focus now is to make the club work better, and that will be his focus as president next year. He passed out lists of the board and non-board positions with some volunteers names, and asked each of us to consider taking at least one position either as a committee chair, board member or committee member. He observed that we do have a structure within Rotary that sometimes we follow and sometimes ignore, but it does help us function when we use it.

Rich talked about the **Greater Van Nuys Rotary Club Survey** he sent out to those with email and its results. Of those with email, about half responded to the first set of questions and possibly a third to the second (just three questions). Each had agree (A), neutral (N) and disagree (D) options. Here are the results:

1. We should continue to invite qualified new members, especially women and younger persons. A 96%, N 4% (1 person), D 0%
2. We should continue to keep our meeting agenda 1 hour (12:15 - 1:15) With fellowship and committee. discussions encouraged before and afterwards. A 83%, N 13%, D 4%
3. We should acknowledge the flag of our country with a flag salute. We should have a short 30 second moment of silence and have a Rotary Minute in lieu of the flag salute and invocation. (This was probably supposed to e two different items.) A 43%, N 17%, D 39%
4. We should continue passing the Polio Plus Pig for voluntary drawings and make quarterly donations in a winning members name. A 58%, N 33%, D 8%
5. We should have meeting programs that align with RI monthly themes, i.e. Youth, Foundation, Literacy, etc. coördinated by the respective committee chair. A 58%, N 29%, D 13%
6. We should have monthly "craft talks" by members. A 63%, N 29%, D 8%
7. We should get as many members as possible in committee and program positions. A 92%, N 8%, D 0%
8. In order to accommodate as many members/guests as possible we should have a demotion party on a Thursday evening at the 94th( \$32.00 per plate) to cover all costs. A 50%, N 29%, D 21%
9. We should have regular "twilight" meetings (5:30 p.m.) once a month. A 25%, N 50%, D 25%
10. We should combine the 50/50 raffle and "Happy Bucks" (i.e., buy more tickets) to make pots bigger and help with meeting expenses. A 54%, N 25%, D 21%
11. We should simplify lunch payments by having all attendees pay at the door. A 28%, N 33%, D 39%
12. We should simplify lunch payments by having all members prepay for lunches with their regular monthly bill. A 28%, N 11%, D 61%
13. We should leave the lunch payment options as they are now. (Note: rate may be adjusted due to costs.) A 33%, N 22%, D 44% (all fractions less than .5)

Rich noted there was little everyone agreed on, other than bringing in more young and female members, with almost everyone agreeing we should keep meetings to one hour. Asked how some of the items would be decided, he explained these were beginning discussion points, though he would take the president's prerogative of managing the meeting agenda, possibly moving the speaker to the first item since some folks complain the announcements are boring.

In discussion, Beth asked about the intent of question 10, noting that would mean monies intended to go into the club treasury (Happy Bucks) would be cut in half, so instead of increasing the club funds doing this might actually reduce them. The thought was to increase ticket sales. Beth and others suggested we use a different price structure for tickets, so that \$1 would buy one, perhaps \$2 buy 3, etc., to draw in people who are reluctant to spend \$5 for one ticket. Judy explained that \$5 used to buy 10 tickets, but everyone bought 10 so they went to just one.



But with our combined group over half the people are new to this raffle, so she agreed perhaps we should change it.

PDG Emilio reminded us the meal charge from the restaurant has gone up (as of January 1), and our \$20 no longer covers it. He wasn't sure what the restaurant is charging in total, but we need to stop using club funds to cover the difference – our by-laws prohibit it. By the next board meeting we need to have a solution. In discussion, the \$10/month fee for guest and speaker meals does seem to be covering those. If we just do a pass-through of the restaurant charge, that will require the person collecting it to have change, so we should decide on a flat dollar amount.

PDG Emilio also noted that we are a 55 member club, but see the same 25 or so faces every week – please contact your missing friends and get them to attend more regularly so we get more complete club participation. The other aspect of membership is attracting new people. Why are we not getting more young members? We need to more aggressively use social media, and most of us are very reluctant. If we will send him write-ups of projects and event, such as the track meet, eye clinic, bingo and raffle, he'll make sure they are put on our website and FB. We need to make a concerted effort to stay active on these sites.

#### **Leadership Awards 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Both the junior high student leadership awards and mini-grants to middle school teachers were presented March 21. Students were recognized for excellence in several areas. Citlali Castillo at Madison Middle School won the prize for excellence in academics; co-winners Brian Piche at Aviley Alternative Magnet and Nancy Alanis at Vista Middle School split the prize for athletics; the arts award went to Justine Yap at Vista, and the Community Service/Leadership award was split between Nayellie Barragan-Mejia at Madison and Inkiad Ahmed at Frost.



*Citlali Castillo, Excellence in Academics winner*



*Brian Piche, Excellence in athletics co-winner*



*Nancy Alanis, Excellence in athletics co-winner*





Jim Tenner with Jess Romo, Director of Van Nuys Airport; teachers Aphrodite Antoniou, LaRue Fernandez and Janice Wald, and Adrin Nazarian, Assemblyman, 46<sup>th</sup> District

Grants for teachers are to encourage creativity in teaching, while including aviation and community service in their curricula. The winning teachers are LaRue Fernandez at Frost, third prize (\$200); Janice Wald at Nobel, second prize (\$300), and Aphrodite Antoniou at Frost, first prize (\$500).

### REMINDERS:

#### Calabasas Rotary Canine Classic Dog Walk & Festival,

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Canine Classic Dog Walk & Festival will be put on by the Calabasas Rotary club from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at Juan Bautista de Anza Park, 3701 Lost Hills Rd., Calabasas. This fun event is for dogs, their people and folks who would just like to have a good time. Go to [www.canineclassic.org](http://www.canineclassic.org) for more information or to register, or you can call: 818-880-2993 or email [info@canineclassic.org](mailto:info@canineclassic.org).

#### District Conference

This year's District Conference will be held at Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort in Santa Barbara, May 2-5. If we book by March 31 we can get rooms for just \$179; after that they go back up to \$400/night. Reservations have to be made through the hotel. Conference registration forms are on the website: [rotary5280.org](http://rotary5280.org).

#### Happy Bucks

PDG Emilio donated in thanks for his 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive day out of the hospital, and Beth for Emilio's return and the wonderful track meet planning dinner hosted by Mari and Pete Satuloff last night.

#### Priscilla Pig for PolioPlus

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Priscilla and PolioPlus today.

#### Opportunity Drawing

Congratulations to Judy Coates, who won half the \$75.

#### Notable Quotables

"Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you.

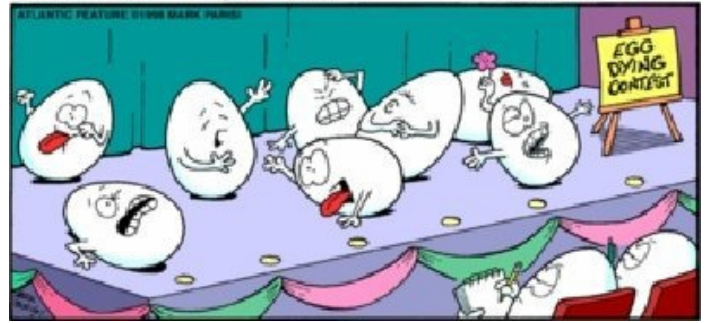
Encourage me, and I will not forget you." William Arthur Ward, college administrator, writer (1921-1994)

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### 2012-2013 Club Officers:

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| Jim Tenner     | H 818-241-9435 |

#### Immediate Past Presidents:

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| Barbara Pampalone | H 818-882-2395 |
| Don Reinken       | H 818-368-3341 |
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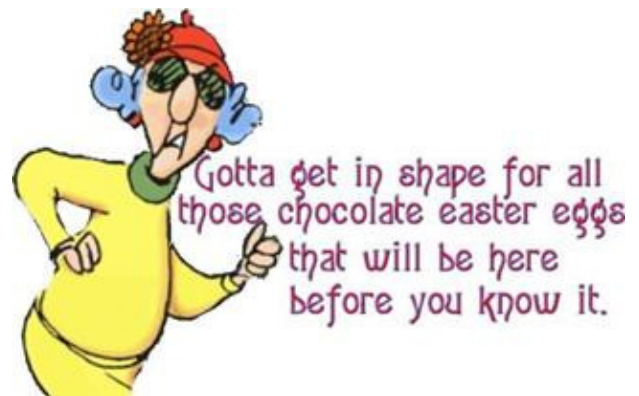
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## ***Meeting Information for Nearby Clubs***

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.rotaryclubgreaterfv.org](http://www.rotaryclubgreaterfv.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.  
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