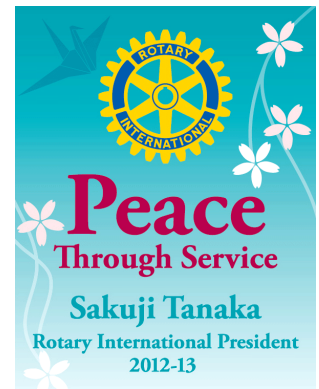


Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

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Service Above Self

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



November 1, 2012

Flag Salute: Jim Tenner

Invocation: Ken Worthen

Attending Members: Wayne Slappy, Alice Gauna, Barbara Pampalone, Clinton Jones, Diana Sanchez, Ed Viramontes, Elaine Bern, PDG Emilio Basile, Frank Santucci, Guy Mangia, Javier Nunez, James Tenner, Judy Coates, Ken Worthen, PDG Les Grossman, Marie Valencia, Razi Sheikh, Rich Miller, Ron Wolf, Roz Kogler, Tom Harris, Zoraida Suarez; Robin Kellogg, Judy Coates, Marco Padilla

Guests: District Governor Lew Bertrand, Lt. District Governor Dean Reuter, Governor's Aide Sheri Polak of the Woodland Hills club, Assistant Governor Ed Jackson, PDG Jay Saltzman of the Woodland Hills club, and Todd Kessler of Galpin Ford (guest of the club and Elaine)

Welcome, Wayne Slappy – Our Newest Member

District Governor Lew Bertrand had the pleasure of inducting the newest addition to our growing family, Wayne Slappy. Wayne, a returning Rotarian, was sponsored into the club by Robert Ramirez, who was not at the meeting. Rich Miller stood in as Robert's proxy.

Lew gave Wayne a refresher course on Rotary's history and then asked him to raise his right hand and promise to abide by the Bylaws and Constitution of the Greater Van Nuys Rotary club. He ended by asking Wayne to do four things:

1. Join a committee and work on a project
2. Do business with a Rotarian
3. Invite someone to the club
4. Learn more about the Rotary Foundation and make a donation because you recognize the good the Foundation does.

"Once you do all four things you will not only be a Rotary club member, but a true Rotarian," said Lew.

Once inducted, Jim Tenner explained to Wayne he would have to choose allegiance to either UCLA or USC. Wayne chose USC, making Jim and some others in the club very happy.

Wayne is married to Angel and has two sons, age 2½ and 14 months. He and Angel reside in Encino.

With the addition of Wayne, we now have 58 members! Let's keep the momentum going.

Calendar

- 11/5, Mon. Bingo meeting, 5:45 p.m., Rich's office
- 11/6, Tues. Election Day – vote!
- 11/8 New Economics for Women
- 11/13, Tues. Board meeting, 6:00 p.m. in the building next to Rich's office
- 11/15 Joint Service Club Luncheon *downstairs*
- 11/22 Thanksgiving – enjoy! (No meeting.)
- 11/29 Clarissa Black
- 12/6 TBA
- 12/8, Sat. The Salvation Army – WalMart Toy Drive
- 12/9, Sun. Fireside Chat for new and prospective members at the home of Andrea and Don Reinken, all members welcome
- 12/13 TBA



Wayne Slappy and District Governor Lew Bertrand

Congratulations to Carlos Menjivar, the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce's Person of the Month! We are proud to have you as a member. Please see the article about Carlos on the front page of this month's NVCN Community Connection newsletter.

REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harvest Festival

Our Halloween / Harvest Festival was a big success! Approximately 300 children and 400 adults joined the festivities, many dressed in costume. Francisco donated all the corn and fixings, our dentists – Barbara Pampalone and Guy Mangia – checked about 60 children's and adult's teeth, and passed out many toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste. Our volunteers kept the kids safe as they enjoyed games, a petting zoo (with an alpaca!) and a huge pair of slides in a triple bouncy castle. Fernando and his company fingerprinted the children for a permanent ID and everyone enjoyed the music – there was a lot going on! As Javier promised, this was a really fun event, with lots of smiling kids. Francisco Arrizon, Alice Gauna, PDG Eli Gauna, Barbara Pampalone, Guy Mangia, Javier Nunez, Fernando Moreno, Marie Valencia, Martha Stulman, Mauricio Aranda, Robin Kellogg, Zoraida Suarez, PDG Les Grossman and Beth Ullman all participated, most of them in costume even. (More photos below).



In front, Fernando Moreno and PDG Eli Gauna; back row L-R Marie Valencia, Rich Miller, Javier Nunez, Max Kellogg, Alice Gauna, Barbara Pampalone, Guy Mangia (love those fangs!) and Robin Kellogg

Major Honors Awarded

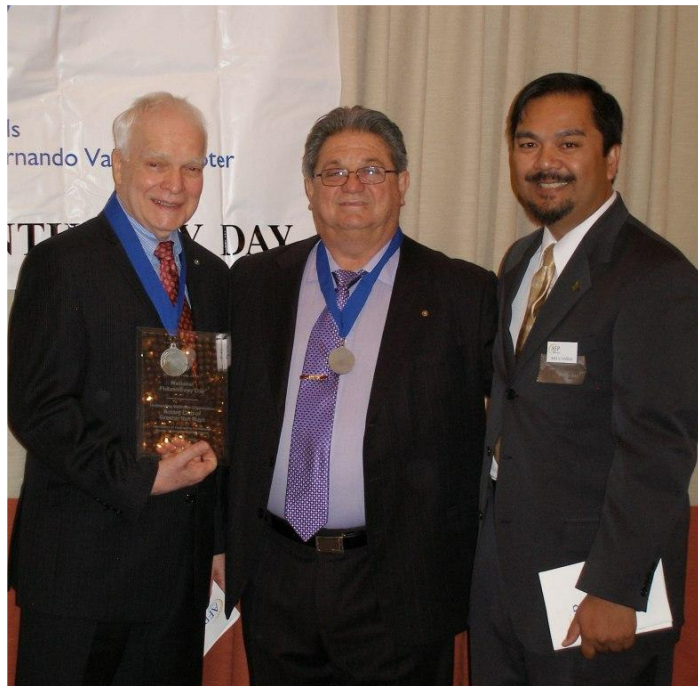
Mike Quiroga was honored as Philanthropist of the Year and our club as the top volunteer organization by the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals today, both nominated by Raul Castillo. While Mike has done a great many things for the community for which he should be honored, Raul mentioned in particular his creating the first construction Explorer (Boy Scouts) post. As many as 10 boys a month participate, learning at Mike's company both basic work skills and essential life survival skills.

An immigrant from Bolivia who started his business 40 years ago with just one truck and himself, Mike quickly found ways to give back to his new community. He has served on the boards of many non-profits, including Valley Economic Alliance, Valley Industry, Mid Valley YMCA, Los Angeles Valley College Foundation, Mid Valley Heart Association, Commerce Association, and, of course, our

own club. He has also been an active member of Chambers of Commerce and supporter of organizations such as Tierra del Sol and Learning for Life. He not only lives the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self, but his own philosophy. As he said, "I feel extremely fortunate that I had the opportunity to fulfill my dream of building a successful business and I'm grateful for the opportunity to give something back. Supporting local charities allows me to get to know our community and help create a better future for those in need."

Raul gave a second elegant speech to recognize the Van Nuys Rotary club, now Greater Van Nuys, for its many contributions, including PolioPlus, the efforts of which he described eloquently to the crowd. But it was the Van Nuys Track Meet and the club's partnering with Tierra del Sol, Casa Esperanza, Valley Village, New Horizons and Birmingham High School which were the main reason for this community-focused award. In accepting the award on behalf of the club, Immediate Past President Don Reinken told the assembly a little bit more about our club, since Raul had described Rotary International and its goals so very well.

Besides Mike and Don, PDG Eli Gauna, Raul Castillo, Mauricio Aranda and Beth Ullman were there to share this wonderful event.



Don Reinken, Mike Quiroga Raul Castillo

Board Meets with District Governor

District Governor Lew Bertrand met with the Greater Van Nuys Board of Directors prior to Thursday's meeting to discuss the state of the club. Club Administrator Emilio was extremely well prepared, providing him written reports from the Directors and other materials he compiled. Membership, attendance, RYLA, possible international projects, Future Vision, Paul Harris credits, the Rotary Leadership Institute, District Conference, the International meeting in Lisbon, Portugal and the graduate study abroad program were all discussed.

Bingo Meeting, Monday, November 5

Rich announced our next Bingo game at the Union hall is scheduled for January 9, 2013. He is holding a committee meeting in his office this Monday, November 5 at 5:45 p.m. Please come if you can and would like to be part of the committee. Rich can be reached at 818-994-8234; his office is located at 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave. #108, Van Nuys.

SPEAKER: District Governor Lew Bertrand

"It's great to be back," District Governor Lew Bertrand announced to the Greater Van Nuys club. "The last time I was here I was supposed to meet with Eli Gauna at 4:30 p.m. I left at 3:00 p.m., figuring that I had enough time to make it up here. I didn't arrive until 5:30 p.m. I had to ask Sheri to call the restaurant and ask Eli to wait." This time around Lew made it on time.

Peace Through Service

This year's theme is Peace through Service. Lew shared some of Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka's words about why he chose this theme. "The concept of peace is one that differs among people and cultures. It may mean personal tranquility, happiness in the family, and a sense of inner contentment, or it may mean a situation of safety where basic human needs are met. However we define peace, it is a goal that can be achieved through service.

"In Rotary, service is much more than a sideline or an occasional pursuit. It is a way of life. A belief in the power of service lies at the very heart of Rotary. By making service our priority, we put the needs of others above our own and transform our perspective. We empathize more deeply with the difficulties of other people; we feel a greater drive to reach out, to do what we can to help others live more happily.

"With mutual respect, we live with others in peace."

As an example of what RI President Tanaka meant, Lew referred to J.T. Waring, featured in the last Rotarian magazine. J.T. was asked by a Christian organization to help with water projects in Myanmar, a country that has expelled Rotary from their country years earlier. To date there are 24 water projects in orphanages throughout Myanmar because of this venture. When the tsunami hit Myanmar, J.T. and his team were there to help victims of the disaster. J.T. was asked by RI President Elect Banerjee to speak to the contacts he made in the government there and see if they would consider allowing Rotary back into the country. His efforts paid off. Myanmar announced that Rotary can start forming clubs in the country by the end of this Rotary year.

Said Lew, "I can't think of a better example of Peace Through Service." By allowing organizations like Rotary back into the country the "government is softening its hold on everyone."

Ignite Membership Program

When Ken Boyd created the concept for the Ignite membership program, he sent his ideas out to all the District Governors to see who would support which parts of

his plan. Lew surmised that Ken must have been a bit miffed after reading the first sentence of his email: "I will not support one idea," adding that he's sure he was relieved when he read the rest: "I don't believe one size fits all. Let all the clubs choose which parts of Ignite work best for them." Clubs who have questions or need help should contact Jerry Brown (not the governor, the Rotarian).

Getting member is easy: A-S-K. Lew shared a story with us from when he worked at the Santa Monica Bank. He was invited to join the Lions club for lunch; and it happened to be the day their District Governor was visiting. Lew said he would attend but wouldn't join because he was a Rotarian. As luck would have it, the District Governor turned out to be an old customer's of Lew's from Security Pacific. While at the meeting, he was introduced to Peter Escobar, the owner of the restaurant.

Mr. Escobar came into the bank a few days later and Lew noticed he didn't have a Lion's pin on. When Lew asked him why, he said he was never asked to join. Three weeks later, Peter was inducted into the Venice Marina Rotary Club. He now resides in Northern California.



District Governor Lew Bertrand

Leverage Our Ideas

"One of the things I've come to enjoy most about Rotary after almost 30 years is our ability to leverage our ideas. Most of you in the room know about polio. When I was a youngster, you weren't allowed to play with your friends, go to parties, practically do anything outside of

school, due to the fear of contracting polio. One day, when I was in third grade, Margaret, who sat across from me, was absent. The next day the teacher said Margaret was in the hospital with polio. The day after that the teacher was in tears as she announced that Margaret had died. The class was devastated."

A few years later Dr. Salk developed the polio vaccine and polio disappeared in the U.S. In the 1970's this feat gave one person, Dr. Barry Santos, a physician in the Philippines, an idea. If Rotary would supply the vaccine, he could get the local clubs to vaccinate the children there. Rotary took that one idea and leveraged it. Years later, a director at Rotary International decided that Rotary would eradicate polio throughout the world, and started the PolioPlus program. The initial program was paid for with Rotary Foundation funds.

"I encourage everyone to keep the Rotary International Foundation on your list of charitable contributions." Lew also suggested going to www.Charitynavigator.com, which rates major foundations. The RI Foundation has the site's highest rating.

When Rotary started PolioPlus there were 350,000 cases of polio reported yearly. Last year the number dropped to 650 cases. On January 13, 2011, India reported its last case of polio. As of October 24, 2012 there are just 175 reported cases of polio in the world for this year.

One person's idea for the Philippines has been leveraged by Rotary to effect change world-wide. If you see a need, create a plan, work with your club and make a difference. "Everyone has the power to change the world."

Lew recited a poem titled, "Anyway", an annotated version of a poem written Kent Keith.

*People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered;
Forgive them anyway.*

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish,
ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.*

*If you are successful, you will win some false friends
and some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.*

*If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.*

*What you spend years building, someone could destroy
overnight;
Build anyway.*

*If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.*

*The good you do today, people will often forget
tomorrow;
Do good anyway.*

*Give the world the best you have, and it may never be
enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.*

*You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and
your God;*

It was never between you and them anyway.

He ended his talk with a reminder about life (based on "Lessons Learned from Noah's Ark"):

- Everyone is in the same boat
- Plan ahead
- Stay fit
- Don't listen to critics
- Build your vision on high ground
- Travel in pairs
- Speed isn't always an advantage
- When stressed, float awhile
- Remember the Titanic was built by professionals, the Ark by amateurs
- There is always a rainbow after the storm.

Jim thanked Lew for visiting our club, and told him he is our rainbow.

REMINDERS

Thanksgiving Baskets

Please help support the North Valley YMCA program providing 2000 Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families. Baskets will be assembled November 11 and 12, in shifts from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. They will be distributed November 13, 14 and 19 to several key locations around the Valley. For more information, contact Robin: robin@yourwritingresource.com; 818-993-5378, or Maithili Patil: maithilipatil@yahoo.com; 818-489-4762.

The Salvation Army Toy Drive

On December 8 The Salvation Army needs a few volunteers to help them collect new toys at our four local WalMart stores. Customers will be asked to add a toy to their purchases to be given to needy families, and The Salvation Army will be there to collect and sort those toys. Call Capt. Marina at 818-781-5739 to volunteer.

Donation Collections

Please bring old **eyeglasses**, and unused **greeting cards**, especially holiday cards, to donate to different charities. (Thank you very much to those of you who already have!) Beth will be collecting them through December 13.

PolioPlus

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

Opportunity Drawing

Congrats to Tom Harris, who won half the \$80 pot.

Notable Quotables

"There are none so blind as those who will not see. The most deluded people are those who choose to ignore what they already know." John Heywood, 1546

"Be humble for you are made of Earth. Be noble for you are made of stars." Serbian proverb

"The moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life – the sick, the needy and the handicapped." Hubert Horatio Humphrey, US Vice President (1911-1978)



Zoraida Suarez and PDG Les Grossman



Barbara Pampalone (setting up) and Martha Stulman



Robin Kellogg and Marie Valencia



The Triple Bouncer



Two of our young guests in the petting zoo area

Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Awards



Holly Rasey, President of AFP, Mike Quiroga and Raul Castillo



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