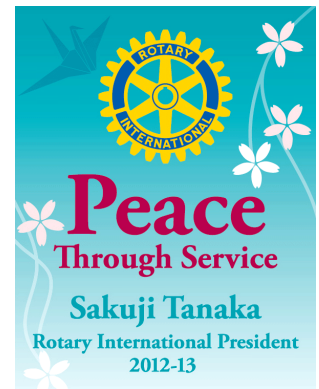


Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys

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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 15, 2012

Flag Salute: Mike Thomas

Invocation: James Tenner

Attending Members: PDG Les Grossman, Judy Coates, Barbara Pampalone, Martha Stulman, Alice Gauna, Elaine Bern, PDG Eli Gauna, PDG Emilio Basile, Raul Castillo, Marina Martinez, Leo O'Biecnas, Mauricio Aranda, Rich Miller, Robin Kellogg, Ron Wolf, Roz Kogler, Tom Harris, Don Fetherolf, James Tenner, Pete Satuloff, Zoraida Suarez; Beth Ullman

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Jan Goforth; Christopher Welch, Director of the Center for Conflict Resolution (818-705-7090); Nancy Hoffman, President of the Chamber of Commerce; Bill Parks, Principal of Birmingham High School and guest of the club; Shelly Bern and Elizabeth Rulvacaba – both Kiwanis friends of Elaine's; Mike Thomas of the Santa Clarita Valley club; Barry Leonard, Chairman of the Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber; Jenny Daniels Freese of the San Fernando Valley Jaycees and Valley Village; Marc Levinson, United Chambers of Commerce; Sue Gramacy; Dolores Zimmerman; Joan Tenner, and members of other clubs

New Member Proposed

Bill Parks, CEO/Principal of Birmingham Community Charter High School, has been proposed for membership with the potential classification of Education Administrator by sponsor Don Reinken. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Ripon (CA) from 1989 to 1992. If you have any comments, please share them with Rich Miller or another member of the board. If no objection is presented to the Board of Directors, membership will be extended to him 7 days after publication of this newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner

Tuesday, November 20, the Salvation Army will hold a special early Thanksgiving dinner for the community, and Marina needs donated food for this project plus volunteers to help prepare it and serve 250 – 500 people. Please give her a call at 818-781-5739 if you can help and haven't yet signed up. Volunteers to cook are needed starting in the morning; to serve or seat people the time is 5:30 if you can, to work from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the Salvation Army in Van Nuys, 14917 Victory Blvd., at Kester.

Calendar

- 11/19, Mon. (new date!) Board meeting**, 6:00 p.m. at 7100 Hayvenhurst, the building next to Rich's office
- 11/22 Thanksgiving – enjoy!** (No meeting)
- 11/29 Clarissa Black**
Casa Esperanza 20 Year Celebration 4:00
- 12/6 Beth Anderson**, Rotary Rose Parade Float
- 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 Susan Smith**, Valley Alternative Magnet School in Van Nuys

Woodland Hills Rotary Craft Fair

Barbara announced the semi-annual Woodland Hills Rotary Craft Fair is being held this weekend, November 17 and 18. Always a fun show, it's also a great place to shop for unusual holiday gifts.

Calabasas Rotary Thanksgiving Dinner

Robin reminded everyone the Calabasas Rotary club is holding their annual dinner for seniors at the Sagebrush Cantina, on Thanksgiving Day, and they usually need volunteers from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Give Robin a call at 818-993-5378 if you'd like to help, and she'll put you in touch with the club's project co-ordinator.

Conflict Resolution

Christopher Welch, Director of the Center for Conflict Resolution, offered his groups services to any in need of help, especially since 10 local area courts were closed as of today because of our city budget issues. He noted that in many cases arbitration rather than a lawsuit is not only preferable but less expensive. His office is at 7806 Reseda Blvd. in Reseda. Christopher can be reached at 818-705-7090, or by email to chris@cc4peace.org. Their website is www.cc4peace.org.

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Rich Miller started the special presentations off by giving Nancy Hoffman Vanyek, CEO of the Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce, a beautiful

bouquet of roses in recognition of her 25 of dedication and leadership in the Chamber.



Rich Miller and Nancy Hoffman Vanyek

PDG Emilio Basile presented a surprised Robin Kellogg with a plaque of appreciation for all her work as the District PR Chair last year under DG Tom Hardy.



PDG Emilio Basile and Robin Kellogg

Chamber of Commerce President Nancy Hoffman then made the presentations honoring Outstanding Volunteers of the Year: Dolores Zimmerman, for her outstanding work as a volunteer at Valley Village, though her efforts in the community date back to at least 1969, when she helped get the Lauterman Act passed. Sue Gramacy, for her

work at the Center for Conflict Resolution. Zoraida Suarez for being the premier fundraiser and outstanding international project co-ordinator in the Rotary Club of Greater Van Nuys.



L-R: Martha Stulman, Barry Leonard, Dolores Zimmerman, and Nancy Hoffman Vanyek



L-R: Barry Leonard, Martha Stulman, Sue Gramacy and Nancy Hoffman Vanyek



L-R: Barry Leonard, Martha Stulman, Zoraida Suarez and Nancy Hoffman Vanyek

Late Breaking News

Casa Esperanza is celebrating 20 years of success next Thursday, November 29, at 4:00 p.m. in their center at 14705 Blythe St., Panorama City. Contact Director Maritza de Artan to RSVP by phone 818-786-1076 or email maritza@casaesperanzaihm.org. Donations will be very much appreciated, but there is no charge to attend.

REMINDERS

Thanksgiving Baskets

Please help support the North Valley YMCA program providing 2000 Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families. Baskets were assembled November 11 and 12, and will still be distributed November 19 in shifts from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. to key locations around the Valley. For more information, contact Maithili Patil at 818-489-4762 or maithilipatil@yahoo.com, or Robin Kellogg at 818-993-5378 or robin@yourwritingresource.com.

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.

Opportunity Drawing

Congrats to Leo O'Biecnas, who won half the \$150 pot.

Member Profile Beth Ullman

Rotarian since November 1, 1992 (Mid SFV Sunrise), club president twice, most recently 2007 – 08; district awards chair 2010 – 11

Married to Alan for 42 years

Children: Michael, 29, who lives in Denver and recently got engaged

Job: Jewelry designer, previously sales & technical management in computing, networks and telecommunications; executive search, and non-profit grant manager

Favorite Project: teaching at the Salvation Army every week

Just for Fun

Crabby Road

11-22-07



Notable Quotables

"The sense of wishing to be known only for what one really is, is like putting on an old, easy, comfortable garment. You are no longer afraid of anybody or anything. You say to yourself, 'Here I am – just so ugly, dull, poor, beautiful, rich, interesting, amusing, ridiculous – take me or leave me.' And how absolutely beautiful it is to be doing only what lies within your own capabilities and is part of your own nature. It is like a great burden rolled off a man's back when he comes to want to appear nothing that he is not, to take out of life only what is truly his own." David Grayson, journalist and author (1870-1946)

"It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do. There is no fun in doing nothing when you have nothing to do. Wasting time is merely an occupation then, and a most exhausting one. Idleness, like kisses, to be sweet must be stolen." Jerome K. Jerome, humorist and playwright (1859-1927)

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, <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
21844 Victory Blvd.
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

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

Beth Ullman
17426 Napa St.
Northridge, CA 91325

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Sgt. at Arms: *Open*