

The Rotarygram

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This Week's Meeting

The Rotary Club Of Van Nuys, California

Rotary's "Four Way Test"

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The bell was rung by President Archie at 12:25pm (yes, 5 minutes early!). He followed up that auspicious beginning by asking Larry Winnick to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Elect Jim Tenner then came forward to offer the invocation. And by unanimous decision there was no song due to the absence of Barbara Baerg.

Our ever thoughtful President then pointed out the absence of your editor who, according to President Archie, was dining at a better place (better than Rotary???) as well as that of PDG Joe DiFatta who was out picking up an award.

Our fearless leader then asked his board to rise and the club gave them a rousing ovation for their efforts on behalf of Rotary over the past 6 months. El Presidente then asked for Viagra for the microphone and because no one knew what he was talking about the audience ignored his request.

Our CEO then started the announcements by reminding everyone of the Reverse Raffle on March 12th and hoped everyone would put forth their best efforts to help us sell all of the tickets.

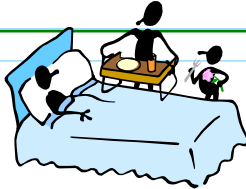
Don Fetherolf spoke of the upcoming Mid Valley

Police Council meeting scheduled for 7:30am on Tuesday, February 4th at Valley Pres. Hospital.

The king of the Channel Islands then announced that District 5260 has already exceeded the goal set for Polio fundraising.

Ruben Corona mentioned that the YMCA fund raising dinner held last Wednesday night was a huge success. If you have not yet heard from a volunteer, be ready to write a check for a good cause when the phone rings.

President Archie then asked our Secretary Cherie Spamer to stand and the club gave her a round of applause.



It is with great sorrow that we announce that Marty Rice is back in Holy Cross hospital and is in grave condition. She is not receiving visitors or calls but you may call Bob at home (818-701-7963)

and offer your support or send cards to Marty at the house-19236 Stare St., Northridge, ca. 91324). Please keep both Mary and Bob in your hearts and prayers. It is reported that Mike

Quiroga's mother (who lives in Bolivia) is holding her own as is club member Grant Lippert. Eddie Viramontes mother is reported as getting better after her stroke.

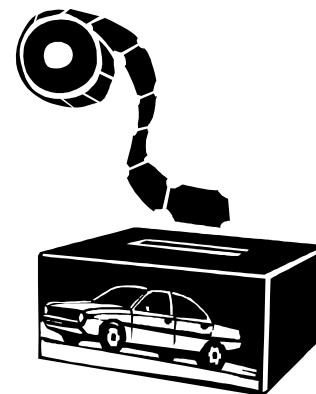
The Rotary Club Of Van Nuys, California

Presents

The Reverse Raffle and Dinner

\$\$\$\$ \$5,000 GRAND PRIZE \$\$\$\$\$

Plus other prizes



Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2003
 Time: 6:30pm social hour (no host bar)
 7:30pm dinner
 8:45pm raffle
 Cost: Raffle: \$50.00 per ticket
 Dinner: #30.00 per person
 Location: Calabasas Inn
 23500 Park Sorrento Drive, Calabasas, Ca. 91302

RAFFLE INFORMATION

\$50.00 cash prize awarded to the 20th, 40th, 60th, 80th, 120th, 140th, 160th, 180th, 220th, 240th raffle ticket drawn.

\$150.00 cash prize is awarded to the 100th and 200th raffle tickets drawn.

\$250.00 cash prize is awarded to the 249th raffle ticket drawn.

\$5,000.00 cash prize is awarded to the 250th raffle ticket drawn. (Last five ticket holders will assemble on stage)

Consolation prizes: at the completion of the raffle, all non-winning tickets will be returned to the hopper and more raffle tickets will be drawn. **(Winners must be present for this portion of the drawing.)**

Only 250 raffle tickets will be sold for this event. Donations will be refunded in full if less than 200 raffle tickets are sold. Raffle ticket holders need not be present to win (except for consolation drawing, you must be present to win during this portion of the event). Decisions of the Rotary Club of Van Nuys to all winners are final. The Rotary Club of Van Nuys is not responsible for any splitting of prizes. All raffle ticket holders not attending dinner are welcome to participate in the raffle commencing at approximately 8:45pm.

For more information please contact

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TODAY'S MEETING: CLUB ASSEMBLY

Today's meeting was focused on preparing the groundwork for the next 6 months in Rotary.

President Archie and President Elect Jim Tenner covered Club Service in two parts. Focus was on continuing to build membership as well as we did in the first half of the year. (Increased club membership from 28 to 35!) and fund raising.

Mention was made of our major fund-raising event of the year (the Reverse Raffle-see page 2) headed up by PDG Joe DiFatta and Past President Pete



Satuloff, the weekly 50/50 raffle being handled by Carlos Rivera and Don Stout, Paul Davis and his very successful efforts towards selling Entertainment books, and Flip Smith who has solved the club's age old problem of where is the *&#*#\$ by funding us a storage locker for free to keep our archives, supplies, banners, visiting Rotarian flags, etc. Thank you one and all.

Community Service was headed up by the aforementioned Paul Davis who is focusing his energies and those of the club on the Annual Van Nuys Rotary

Track Meet held at Birmingham High School. An annual event since Flip Smith was president (and that was a loooong time ago), the Track Meet is an event that allows members of track teams from the local high schools who are not the star athletes to come on out and compete with their peers. The event will be held in the spring with the date soon to be announced.

This is a very labor intensive and very satisfying event so if you have family, friends or neighbors who want to come out to help the kids and have a good time, be sure to invite them all.

Flip Smith spoke about our continuing efforts in the field of Vocational Service and announced that we will be doing a Employee Appreciation Day on April 23rd so everyone please remember to invite your staff to join us at lunch that day so that we can properly recognize them for what they do (Make sure you bring all of the ladies from your office Dr. Guy).

He also stated that we will also be doing a Career Day with Van Nuys High School students and Rotarians in the near future. It is a wonderful opportunity to share with these young people what it is that we do for a living and a great chance to interact with them on a one to one basis.

In addition to that, we will be involved in RYLA this year and will continue on with our successful student recognition program that Youth Director Don Reincken handles on a weekly basis.

Mike Quiroga laid out the plans for the International Avenue of Service in the second half with a number of projects in Rosarito Beach, visiting the Bob and Marty Rice school in Baja Norte with supplies and possibly a sister city program between our club and a Rotary club in Bolivia. He also alluded to the possibility of getting used computers to the Rotarians in Bolivia for use with students.

Program Chair Gordon Mace stepped off the golf course to tell us about some of the great programs he has planned for the club in the future.

Our next meeting on February 5th will feature guest speaker Lance Strumpf who is the managing director of Heli Helicopters who will be speaking on what it is like to be flying to and fro in a helicopter.



The February 12th meeting has not yet been announced but rumor is there could be a police officer involved in it.

February 19th will feature Selma Birk who is the manager of the Van Nuys Airport. I'm sure the members will have more than enough questions about the airport and events that go on there to keep her busy all afternoon.

As you can see, we will be quite active for the rest of this Rotary year so you won't want to miss a single meeting.

So far this year we have brought in 7 new members, raised money for Rotary International's Polio Eradication project, did community service projects at schools, malls and the 88th Fire station. We've hosted joint luncheons, participated in a fund raiser for the Mid Valley Police Council, helped New Horizons and a lot more.

The Rotary Club Of Van Nuys, California

Meets at noon every Wednesday at the 94th Aero Squadron located at 16320 Raymer Avenue, Van Nuys and is located between the Airport and the Budweiser plant.

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Rotary District 5260

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

World Understanding Month
 February 8 District Leadership Meeting, Sam’s Cafe, New Horizons, North Hills, 8:30 AM

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 March 7-9 PETS -- Presidents Elect Training Seminar, LAX Marriott

March 8 District Leadership Meeting, Sam’s Cafe, New Horizons, North Hills, 8:30 AM

March 14-16 RYLA -- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Salvation Army Camp, Malibu

April Magazine Month
 April 12 District Leadership Meeting, Sam’s Cafe, New Horizons, North Hills, 8:30 AM

April 19 District Assembly, Pierce College, Woodland Hills

- Jan. 26: Super bowl Sunday
- Jan. 29: Club Assembly
- Feb. 14: Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 19: Rotary International 98th birthday program



- Feb. 2: Marsha DiFatta’s birthday
- Feb. 2: Alison Benson’s 18th birthday
- Feb. 5: Guy Mangia’s birthday
- Feb. 20: Nancy Hoffman’s birthday
- Feb. 25: PDG Joe DiFatta’s birthday
- Feb. 27: Joint "Rotary Club" meeting with Granada Hills club, Thursday at noon

- Feb. 28: dark at 94th Aero Squadron
- March 2: Ruben Corona’s birthday
- March 4: Julie Beauchamp’s birthday
- March 7-9: P.E.T.S.
- March 10: John McDannel’s birthday
- March 12: Reverse Raffle, Calabasas Inn, 23500 Park Sorrento Drive, Calabasas Park. 6:30pm-social hour, 7:30pm dinner, 8:45pm raffle.
- March 12: dark at 94th Aero Squadron
- March 17: St. Patrick’s Day



March 19: Joe and Marsha DiFatta’s wedding anniversary.

Got an important date???
 This is the place to put it!!!