

The Rotarygram



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Meeting Highlights

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"The Power of Positive Doing"

Wayne Choate, our speaker today, was introduced by Program Chair PDG Joe DiFatta. Choate's manner and speaking skills reflect his years of training in Toastmasters and Dale Carnegie, and his many speaking engagements. His brisk presentation was sparked by frequent quotes, stories and anecdotes.

Choate is dedicated to persuading others that in life it is the **doing** rather than the **thinking** that is most important. It's not that he belittles thinking, but he says that thinking is just the beginning.

In summary:

- 1— Do what you say you will do.
- 2— Do it when you say you will.
- 3— Do it even when you don't feel like it.

A most interesting speaker and program. Thanks, Joe!



Wayne Choate

Visitors

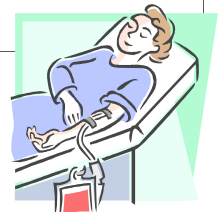
Rotarians:

- Toni and Lynn Harris, Kerry Beal and Harley Malloy from the provisional Frasier Park club.

Guests:

- Perry Beal of Coldwell Banker (12/29).
- Roger Myers of Cedars Bank (1/5).
- Guests of speaker Wayne Choate.

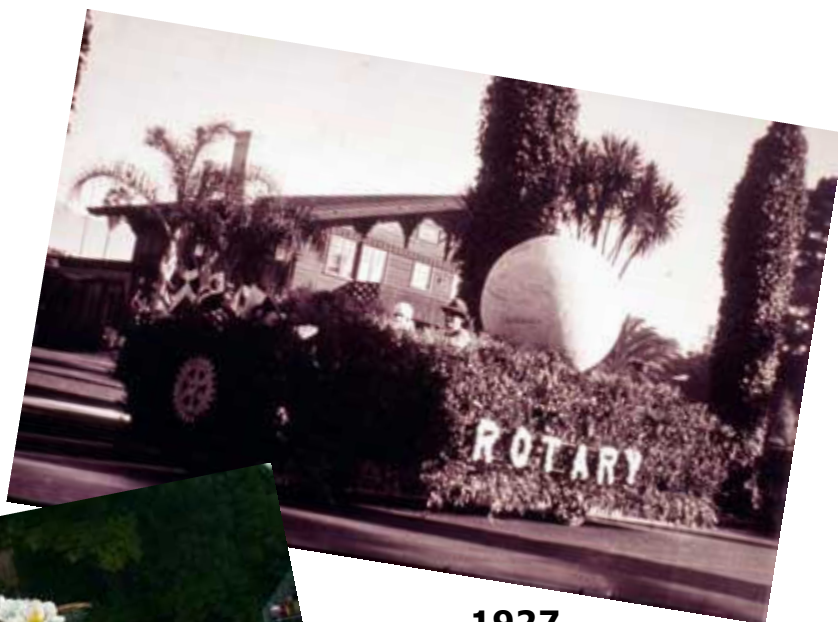
Congratulations! to Jim Sullivan for his successful Rotary Blood Drive at Mission Community Hospital on December 23rd.



"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

- Anne Frank

Rose Parade 2005



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The year was 1927, the first year that Rotary entered a float in the Rose Parade. Floats were also entered in 1942, 1946 and 1966. Rotary has entered a float in each year since 1980.

Many of Rotary's float entries have won awards:

- 1980 National Trophy
- 1988 Princess Trophy
- 1995 Fantasy Trophy
- 1999 Volunteer's Award
- 2000 Isabelle Coleman Award
- 2001 Volunteer's Trophy
- 2004 Princess Trophy

PDG John Alexander, a long time member of the Rotary Float Committee, pointed out to us that all of the volunteer work of placing the thousands of flowers on our floats is done by Rotarians, Interactors and Rotoractors. Every inch of the float must be covered with flowers or other organic material.

The Rotary Float Committee will have a booth at the Centennial Rotary Convention to be held in Chicago, Illinois next June. John encourages all who attend to visit the booth to learn the story of what it takes to put our float in the Rose Parade each January 1st.

Thanks, John, for your report...and for all your wonderful pictures!

The Spotlight's On...

Tsunami Disaster Relief — RI and District 5260 are participating in the catastrophic relief efforts being launched to save lives in the disaster areas. You can help with **your donation** directed to the District 5260 Treasurer or to our Treasurer, Pete Satuloff.



USC vs. UO

January 4th was the national championship game between University of Southern California and the University of Oklahoma...both winners in their divisions...both with records of 12/0. The final score was USC **55**, UO **19**. With well-earned pride, USC brought home the Orange Bowl Trophy — undisputed national champs!

In our club (fund-raising) pool, the champs were: Ken Benson, Victoria Castillo and Leo O'Biecnas.

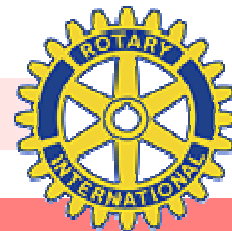
Additional Seasons Greetings from Van Nuys Club Members:
Diane Eaton, Jim Tenner and Larry Winnick

Last month Bassett Street Elementary School organized a Clean-Up Day for the school and surrounding neighborhood. Council-member Tony Cardenas was on hand inspiring all those who participated in the work. From Cardenas' office, Linda Levitan was there to cook up hot dogs for the hungry workers at lunch time.

On hand to help, but not pictured, were Van Nuys Rotary Club President, Carlos Rivera and members Victoria Castillo and Margie Hawkins, Principal of Bassett Street .

Congratulations, Margie!





"Service Above Self"

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Upcoming Programs

- Jan. 12 The History of **Van Nuys Airport** — Richard French, LA World Airports, will cover Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow at our airport.
- Jan. 19 **Recognition Luncheon** — Van Nuys Rotary will honor contributors and participants who have helped us so greatly in our recent projects.
- Jan. 26 LA Unified School District — **John Schroeder**, Director for Elementary Schools. Program chair: Cherie Spamer.
- Feb. 2 TBA
- Feb. 9 **Valentine’s Day Luncheon** — Bring your sweetheart(s) to celebrate. Joe DiFatta promises music and fun! Sign-up with Barb Baerg next week.
- Feb. 16 TBA
- Feb. 23 **Elmer Jordan, Past RI Director**, will talk about **100 Years of Rotary**. To be held at the Airtel Plaza Hotel.

BIRTHDAYS

- Jan. 25 Robin O’Biecnas
- Jan. 26 Helen Worthen
- Jan. 29 Vickie Smith
- Feb. 3 Ruben Corona
- Feb. 4 Marsha DiFatta
- Feb. 10 Dan Schlick

HOT DATES

- Jan. 15 District Leadership Meeting — 11 a.m. at Sam’s Café, New Horizons.
- May 19-23 District Conference, Doral Resort Hotel in Palm Springs.
- March 4-6 RYLA <http://www.rotary5260.org/ryla/>
- June 18-22 RI Centennial Convention, Chicago, IL Celebrating 100 years of Rotary!

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