

The Rotarygram



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Meeting Highlights

Our speaker today, Lloyd Levine, doesn't share the downbeat view of the state of affairs in the Valley recently reported in the *Daily News*. For example, he pointed out the new high school just dedicated on the CSUN campus — one of many new schools to be opened here in the next year or two. Another bright spot is the rapid development of the MTA's East-West Busway running from North Hollywood to Warner Center. The Metro Orange Line is to open for service next summer.

Levine, elected to the California Assembly in November 2002, gave us his views on local issues and conditions, and also the scene in Sacramento. In his position as Majority Whip, he's had a great deal of contact with Gov. 'Arnold' and related several observations, both positive and negative. On balance, he seemed to find that the Governor has failed to live up to the expectations created during his campaign ... citing several examples.

In order to work more closely with community leaders in the 40th District, Levine has created a cabinet of advisors, including our own Flip Smith.

Levine expressed his concern with the financial affairs of the State. We are headed, he says, into a protracted period of infighting related to the services wanted by the people and how to pay for them within the current revenues. Most people want more money to go into education, health care, public safety, better transportation, saving the environment — the list goes on and on. None of the people want to have their taxes raised in order to pay for these services. "There will be a lot of hard choices to be made in trying to balance the needs with our revenues," Levine says.

Our Assemblymember has been a key figure in bringing about the legislation that has created a separate reporting of statistical data for the SF Valley and bringing in federal funding for special education to the tune of about \$1,000,000.

Thanks for the interesting report, Lloyd!



Lloyd Levine, Assemblyman (D) for the 40th District and Majority Whip. Introduction by Flip Smith.

Visitors

Visiting Rotarians: Steve McCloud, introduced by Ed Anderson.

Guests: Darrel Guynee, V.P. of Cal National Bank in Van Nuys, introduced by Jim Sullivan. Margie Hawkins, guest of the club, introduced by Ken Benson.

Entertainment Books—2005...see Paul Davis.

Student Recognition Program



Our student honoree this week is from Tierra del Sol — an agency devoted to helping the developmentally handicapped reach their fullest potential.

From the left, Victoria Castillo, our Student Recognition Chair; Alex Marin, TDS Program Director; honoree Vidal Ohana; Juana Pena, Instructor.

Juana is holding one of Vidal's art creations, a ceramic mask.

Congratulations, Vidal, for reaching new heights in living a full life! And thanks to Tierra del Sol for all you add to our community!

Announcements

- See HOT DATES on page 4 for upcoming club and community events.
- Our December 1st meeting will be a USC-UCLA Party...stay tuned for more fun times.
- Margie Hawkins announced a neighborhood clean-up day on November 20...more details next week.
- Ken Benson asked about interest in going to Mexico with Dr. Barry Leonard and USC students for Thanksgiving Dinner...sounds like fun.
- District 5260 Annual Conference to be held next May will have groups of clubs combining to host the fellowship rooms...talk to Ed Anderson to get involved.
- The painting project for the Van Nuys facility of Tierra del Sol needs your help...talk to Jim Sullivan to get on board.
- Saturday, November 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., we will be participating at Mission Community Hospital to provide Child ID photos with fingerprints...see Jim Tenner.
- Tuesday, November 2nd, 7:45 a.m. at Valley Presbyterian Hospital — Mid-Valley Police Council meeting with speaker on Narcotics in the Valley...see Don Fetherolf.
- Paul Davis announced the Street Fair — Reseda & Roscoe — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday...trick or treat?

The Spotlight's On...

Your Rotarygram

The weekly publication of the Rotary Club of Van Nuys newsletter, the Rotarygram, is a part of Club Service...devoted to keeping all up-to-date on what happened at the meetings and what's coming up in the way of events and projects.

We want to thank all who have contributed to the production each week!

There are a few whom we feel are worthy of special recognition for the outstanding work they do:

John Alexander PDG is our resident photographer who takes pictures at each meeting and also at many of our events.

John then uploads the photos to the Internet so that your editor can fit them into each issue.



John Alexander



Dr. Guy Mangia

Guy Mangia is Publisher — each week he prints and mails those copies going out to Rotarians who have no computer.

In addition, he is the star reporter — faithfully recording all the happenings at each meeting.

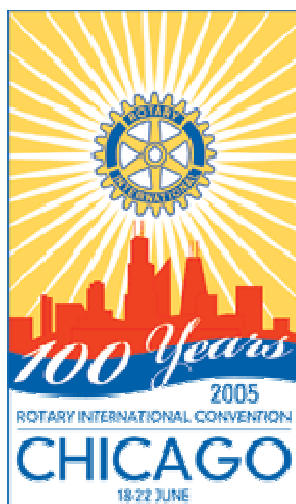


Andrea Reinken

Andrea Reinken has volunteered to interview our members and write the "Spotlight" biographies that you read from week-to-week.

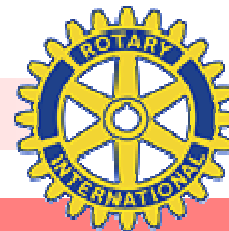
Your humble editor calls that an 'act of love.'

Thanks to you all!



"An idea in a cage is like a silver dollar buried in the ground. Both are safe, but neither produces anything."

Dr. Myron S. Allen



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Upcoming Programs

- Nov. 3 **LAPD Detective Frank Lyga.** Frank is a member of the L.A. Impact Team and his topic is Narcotics...very good, interesting speaker. Program chaired by Don Fetherolf.
- Nov. 10 **Harvey Englander** — His topic: “Now that the Election dust has settled...like, what now?”
- Nov. 17 **Economic Alliance of the SF Valley.** Mr. Kenn Phillips. Program Chair: Flip Smith.
- Nov. 24 **Joint Service Club Meeting — to be held at the Airtel Plaza.** Chaired by Nancy Hoffman.
- Dec. 15 Mark your calendar and **plan to bring a guest...**this will be our **Annual Holiday Luncheon** — with choral entertainment by the Glee Club from Mission College. Always an excellent program!

BIRTHDAYS

- October 30 George Beauchamp
- Nov. 2 Diane Eaton
- Nov. 5 Carlos Rivera
- Nov. 5 Mary McDannel
- Nov. 26 Irv Ryder

HOT DATES

- Nov. 2 ELECTION DAY — get out and vote!
- Nov. 2 Corona’s Wedding Anniversary
- Nov. 13 District Leadership Meeting — 8 a.m. at Sam’s Cafe

We’re on the web! vannuysrotary.org

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