

The Rotarygram



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Meeting Highlights



Our speaker, LAPD Detective II Debra Kane, was introduced by Don Fetherolf, program chair.

Good cop — bad cop. Maybe sometimes, but today we had two good cops! One was our speaker, Detective Debra Kane — the other was her partner, Carrie. Kane's topic was Financial Crimes and she gave us a vivid picture of how criminals invade our bank accounts, credit card accounts and mailboxes.

In a list of actions one should take to protect yourself, Kane recommends that you reconcile your bank statement every month, never use your mailbox at the curb for outgoing mail, lockup your supply of checks and consolidate investment accounts where practical to allow closer monitoring.

To combat identity theft — a fast growing crime — you should not carry your Social Security card with you. Use a cross-cut shredder to destroy papers having personal information before disposal. Never respond to an Internet or telephone query asking for personal information. It is considered safe to use the Internet for purchases where you originate the contact, and with recognized, reputable companies.

Detective Kane suggests you maintain only two credit cards, one (where you get your points or miles) for general use, and one as a back-up. That way you will not have too many to keep

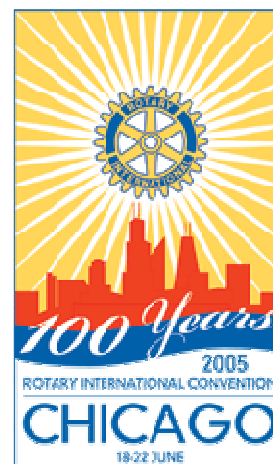
track of. She says you might also use a third card only for Internet purchasing, giving you an easier method to know where your card number may have been stolen.

A very enlightening and worthwhile program!

Visitors

Guests: Margie Hawkins, Principal of Basset Street Elementary School was introduced by Cherie Spamer. Joe DiFatta introduced Chuck Mair, a former member, and Engvar Carlson. Ken Benson introduced Roger Meyers, a guest of the club. Ed Viramontes introduced Edward Press.

Entertainment Books—2005...see Paul Davis or Ken Worthen!



Student Recognition



Our honorees today were from New Horizons. Victoria Castillo (left) introduced Wally Duncan (center), Habitation Administrator for New Horizons, who introduced each honoree with a brief report on their progress and accomplishments. Honorees Ken Gatewood (second from right) and Khachik Jalabian (right) were each awarded a certificate of commendation from the Rotary Club of Van Nuys and a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. That smiling face (second from left) is, of course, our hard-working president, Carlos Rivera.

Announcements

- See HOT DATES on page 4 for upcoming club and community events.
- Mike Quiroga reported on the recognition dinner held to honor volunteers that went on the VOSH Eye Clinic trip to Mexico — and reminded the club that we're going to put a new roof on the Red Cross building down in Rosarito Beach this weekend. Another International Project!
- Barry Leonard announced: "Tip A Cop" — where our local policemen and women will be serving as waiters on October 19, 2004 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Lulu's Restaurant, 16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406. All tips benefit the Jeopardy-Balancing the Odds Program.
- Jim Tenner spoke again about our December 1 meeting — USC vs. UCLA. There will be an auction of memorabilia and we're told that we'll have players from each team as guests.

The Godfather says, "We need your attendance...be there for every meeting!"

The Spotlight's On...

GEORGE BEAUCHAMP



The saying, "Live and let live," is a statement of tolerance or personal philosophy for many people. For George Beauchamp, that adage might be changed to "Live and *help* live."

As an ordained minister and major in the Salvation Army, George has been helping people as long as he can re-

member. He was raised in the Salvation Army and is still happy to call the organization "home" as an adult. "I like to see the lives we can change and the people we can help," he says.

The Salvation Army is a church first, he explains, and one of the larger denominations in the world. In addition to churches, the Salvation Army also runs schools, hospitals, orphanages, rehabilitation centers, homes for unwed mothers, senior living centers, Boys and Girls clubs and other agencies, as well.

Born in Hawthorne and raised in Los Angeles, George and his wife, Julie – also an ordained minister and major in the Salvation Army – move about every three or four years within the church organization. In addition to their work in California, they've also had various assignments in cities in New Mexico and Arizona. They don't mind the moving, George says, because "we're used to it."

To ease the transition when they move, George and Julie make a point of seeking out service organizations in their new towns. He joins the

local Rotary club, while Julie heads for the Kiwanis club in town. George chose the Van Nuys Club after taking his current assignment in Van Nuys two years ago, because the members "were extremely friendly and seemed very active," he says.

The Beauchamps have two married sons, four grandchildren and a fifth one on the way. Son Michael is an ordained Nazarene minister who runs an emergency shelter in Oxnard. David is a police officer in Phoenix, Arizona. George likes to mention another relative, too – ancestor Sir Thomas Beauchamp – who was imprisoned in the Tower of London. Though Sir Thomas was eventually released, the actual tower where he was held still bears his name today and is known as Beauchamp Tower.

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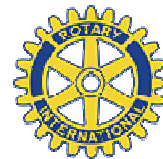
In his spare time, George likes to travel. He and Julie – a native of London – went to England last year and hope to go again next year. They have visited Israel and the Holy Land, as well.

George spends his leisure time on a few other notable hobbies. "Being in the Salvation Army," he says, "I do like brass bands and play an upright B-Flat Base when time permits." The instrument he plays costs about \$6,000, he adds, "so I only get to play it when I'm part of a band."

He also likes hiking, collecting rocks and panning for gold in New Mexico. "It's fun," he says, "to go out and look for rocks and enjoy the countryside. The only bad thing about that hobby," he adds "is carrying your collection along with you when you move. You're moving hundreds of pounds of rocks!"

"I have learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances."

Martha Washington



"Service Above Self"

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Upcoming Programs

- October 13 Kirk Kushen, Fire Captain from Kern Valley — addressing Southern California fires and safeguards to combat this menace. A "hot" topic as we enter this high-risk season.
- October 20 Pest Control — Jim Wiseman, Deputy Commissioner, L.A. County Agricultural Pest Control. With fruit flies and West Nile Virus, this is a biting topic you won't want to miss.
- October 27 TBA

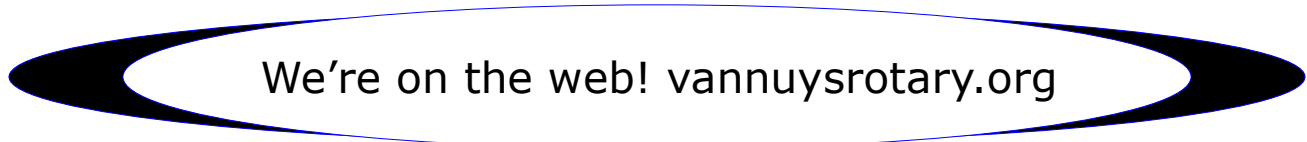
BIRTHDAYS

- October 21 Cheryl Stout
- October 28 Larry Feige
- October 30 George Beauchamp
- Nov. 2 Diane Eaton
- Nov. 5 Carlos Rivera
- Nov. 5 Mary McDannel

HOT DATES

- October 19 "Tip A Cop" — see Announcements.
- October 22 Dinner/Theater: "Late Night Catechism II — The Sequel" El Portal Theater, North Hollywood.
- October 26 Ross' Wedding Anniversary
- Nov. 2 Corona's Wedding Anniversary

**Rotary International Annual Convention
June 18-22, 2005 Chicago, Illinois — 100th year !**



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