



# THIS WEEK'S MEETING

President Archie called the meeting to order and quickly put the presence of Van Nuys Rotarian Don Stout to good use by asking him to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance which he did in classic style. With the Pledge having been



President Archie and Director of Youth Service Don Reinken discuss future club activities prior to the regular luncheon meeting at Van Nuys Rotary.

brought to a successful conclusion Mr. President then asked Ed Viramontes to offer an invocation during which he mentioned that his mom is doing better. Barbara

Baerg threw us all a curve as she lead us in singing "Take me out to the ballgame".

We did not have any visiting Rotarians with us

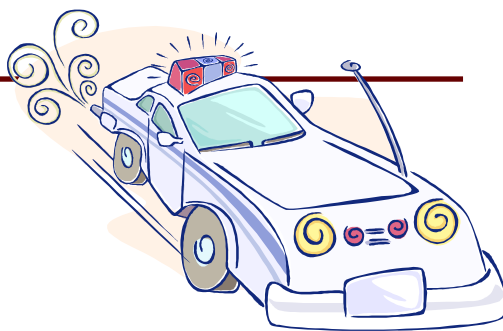
today although we made up for that quite nicely by having a visit from Joan Tenner (wife and driving force behind our president elect) and Mrs. Julie

## NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

Gordon Mace, the king of Program Chairs, does it again by bringing the California Highway Patrol to Van Nuys Rotary as the featured Speaker of the Day.

This is guaranteed to be a

highly informative and entertaining program and all club members who miss it are subject to arrest.



### Rotary at a glance

Rotarians: **1,243,431**; clubs: **31,256**; districts: **530**; countries: **163**.

Rotaractors: **169,119**; clubs: **7,353**; countries: **153**.

Interactors: **198,191**; clubs: **8,617**; countries: **110**.

Rotary Community Corps: **4,703**; countries: **68**.

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

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Our Program Chair Gordon Mace was on hand today to introduce our featured speaker Jim Ruffner with the Los Angeles Police Department.

Jim has been with the LAPD for 34 years and is currently assigned to the C.E.C.A.T.S. Like any good organization, the LAPD has its share of acronyms and this one stands for Community Effort Combat Auto Thefts. This unit's focus is the 300-400 cars stolen in the San Fernando Valley each day. While many of these auto thefts are joyriding a large amount of them are done by people who then sell them to "chop shops" for parts.

In this endeavor the LAPD works closely with the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Agency for National Crime bureau.

One of the best ways to identify stolen autos is through vehicle identification

numbers. (V.I.N.) While we usually see these numbers on the dash of the car, we should also have them etched on the chassis, engine, transmission, airbags, and/or other secret areas. C.E.C.A.T.'s can help you in getting this done.



C.E.C.A.T.'s area of jurisdiction is in the San Fernando Valley where the most popular stolen vehicles are Toyota

Camry's followed by the Honda Accord. Used models of these vehicles are usually worth more for their parts than they are whole.

If you have one of these vehicles and want to keep it in your driveway and in one piece, Jim suggests that you use the club, the Onstar system, LoJack or Tele-Track.

The officers in the C.E.C.A.T. unit do not need a search warrant if they suspect an auto is stolen or someone is in possession of stolen parts. For the person apprehended with the stolen vehicle or the stolen parts they can expect a sentence that ranges from probation to 5 years in the state penitentiary.

A great program and speaker at Van Nuys Rotary. Our thanks to Program Chair Gordon Mace.

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### NEW MEMBERS

#### Major George Beauchamp

Born in Hawthorne, California and married to Julie who was born in London, England, Major Beauchamp is an Administrator with the Salvation Army in Van Nuys running the Adult Rehabilitation program which is currently working with more than 80 men. He has been recently transferred to Van Nuys from Albuquerque, New Mexico where he was a member of the local Rotary club. He and Julie have been married 38 years and have two adult sons, one of whom is a Police Officer in Phoenix, Az. And the other is following in his dad's footsteps with the Salvation Army. He and Julie are the proud grandparents of 4 grandchildren

He has chosen [UCLA](#).

#### William Selcer

Bill "2cents plain" Selcer was in the same fraternity at USC as president elect Jim Tenner and he says "USC is my religion, the Lakers are my passion and politics are my hobby".

Bill's three adult children are employed as: a Real Estate CFO, a Real Estate Broker and in the field of Design.

While Bill lays claim to being semi-retired, he has coached soccer teams to two state championships, 2 Pacific Coast Championships and one of his protégés went on to the Olympics. He is also the Chief Executive Officer of a company called Archives LTD. Located in Beverly Hills, Ca. where he collects old maps as both a hobby and a vocation.

He has chosen [USC](#).

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## Inside Story Headline (continued from page 1)

Beauchamp (see preceding description). You can be sure that all of Van Nuys Rotary was on it's very best behavior in the presence of our charming British guests.

President Archie then made note of the fact that Mike Quiroga has tickets to the USC/UCLA game and for all those interested to give Mike a call. Speaking of Mike, reliable sources are quoted as saying that he gave an outstanding speech at the Valley College President's Dinner last Saturday night. While the dinner honored Van Nuys Rotarian Flip Smith for his many contributions to the community, many insiders feel that the speech made Mr. Quiroga someone to watch in future Valley politics. As always a Great job

by two club members.

Speaking of Rotarians at the Valley College dinner, it seems that Paul Davis was seen speaking with former club member Van Le. Unfortunately he chose to make his recruitment pitch to her while Mike was speaking. President Archie duly made note of that fact but if she rejoins I have no doubt he will recognize Paul's part in it.

Youth Director Don Reinken says Birmingham High School is looking for a few good people for their career night on November 7th. The hours are 6-9pm. Sounds like a great club project.

Speaking of great projects: yesterday was election day. A chance for everyone in this city, state and country to

weigh in with their opinion on everything that affects their day to day life as well as many things that will affect us for years to come. In spite of this it seemed that the real winner in elections was apathy. Turnout of registered voters in California was 58%. In 1958 it was 79.4%. The smallest portion of eligible voters in California history cast ballots statewide in this election-fewer people by raw number than voted three decades ago, when the state's population was about 40% smaller.

Why the big difference? Is it apathy or is it a loss of faith in the system? The only persons who can answer that question is the person who was eligible to vote but didn't.

I voted. Did you?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mid Valley Police Council meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at Valley Pres. Hospital. Yearly dues are only \$100 and you get a plaque, pin and an opportunity to have coffee and donuts with LA's finest. See Flip Smith or Pete Satuloff about membership.

November 7th: Career day at Birmingham High School. You can make a difference for these kids. Call Don Reinken to volunteer.

November 20th: Speaker of the Assembly Bob Hertzberg (huggy bear Bob) will give his farewell speech at our club.

November 21st: Mid Valley Chamber of Commerce mixer at Galpin Rental. See Chamber (and Rotary) members Nancy Hoffman or Paul Davis for further details.

On the day before Thanksgiving (Nov. 27th) Van Nuys Rotary will be hosting a Joint Service Luncheon and we are de-

lighted to hear that the Reverend Larry Stamper will be our featured speaker on that day. We also will have the honor of hearing the music of our friend Steve Hall on that day. Thanks to Joe DiFatta (a Past District Governor who can talk the talk and walk the walk) for making these great arrangements for us and our guests.

Rotary International will be holding their 100th Anniversary Celebration in Chicago (where else?), Illinois in the year 2005.

At that time Rotary would like to announce that it has eradicated polio worldwide, that it has increased membership to 1 million 500 thousand members, and that every Rotarian is contributing to the Rotary International Foundation as a way of showing their support for the ideals that Rotary stands for. Go to Chicago in

### Quote of the Day

**Where a calculator on the ENIAC is equipped with 19,999 vacuum tubes and weighs 30 tons, computers in the future may have only 1,000 vacuum tubes and perhaps only weigh 1.5 tons.**

- Popular Mechanics, 1949

2005 and Brisbane, Australia on 2003.

You are cordially invited the District 5260 Holiday Brunch to be held at the Castaways Restaurant in Burbank on December 8th. More details to come in the November issue of the District "Good Newspaper".

The Governor's message in the latest issue of the "Good Newspaper" says Membership is up, Polio

Eradication activity is moving forward and already annual giving shows increases. District 5260 continues to shine.

Rumor has it Paul Davis, Larry Feige and Ed Viramontes were the big winners at the Mid Valley Chamber Golf Tournament held at Woodland Hills Country Club recently. Van Nuys Rotary had two foursomes in the tournament.

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## BITS AND PIECES

Which school holds the Pacific 10 record for consecutive victories?

Carson Palmer of USC has emerged as a Heisman Trophy candidate. What is the highest finish for a USC quarterback in Heisman voting?

(Answers below right.)

Quotes from the UCLA campus:

“Winning has a great deal to do with successful recruiting. Guys want to play for a team that looks like it is going to win, now and in the future.”

Randy Taylor, head of Bruin recruiting after UCLA won their second game in a row.

“That’s what I really want to do, maybe in 20 years. I have some definite ideas. I think you’ll see me run for office.”

Cory Paus, UCLA Bruins injured quarterback

Ruben Corona helps new Rotarian Carlos Rivera find his way around the club.

On this day in 1921, UCLA, in its third season of football, lost to Whittier, 62-0. That was an improvement over the previous season, when Whittier routed the Bruins, 103-0.

This weekends games include UCLA at Arizona and USC at Stanford.. USC has lost three times in a row and last one in Palo Alto in 1998. It is also the third time this season that USC has been the visiting opponent for homecoming.

UCLA is looking for a big performance from left defensive end Mat Ball. His twin brother, Dave Ball, has 10 defensive sacks from right end to his twin’s 1.



USC, 25, 1931 to 1933, when the streak ended in a 0-0 tie with Oregon State. The Beavers played the entire game without a substitution.

Rodney Peete was runner-up to tailback Barry Sanders of Oklahoma in 1988.

**Literature is mostly about having sex and not much about having children. Life is the other way around.**

- David Lodge