

The Rotarygram



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Meeting Highlights



Kenn Phillips, our speaker, was introduced by Flip Smith.

Director of Education and Workforce Investment, Kenn Phillips is a tireless force bringing together resources to improve education and workforce preparedness in our Valley. In his job with the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, Kenn serves on many local boards and committees.

Citing several studies, Kenn took us through a litany 'troubles' in our educational system and then pointed to the consensus view that we need more technical

training, more emphasis on literacy and more occupational training programs.

Where do you focus your resources? Kenn says we need to prioritize based on how many students will benefit, how easy the program will be to accomplish and how much it will cost.

A successful environment to help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible needs to have 30 or more of 40 identifiable Developmental Assets. With enough of the right assets, our youth will grow into a productive and enjoyable adult life.

Hailing Rotary as one of the leading forces that can help bring about significant improvement in our educational system, Kenn suggested participation in the "Vision 2020 Education Dialogue" to be held Friday, December 10, 2004 at CSUN.

Thanks for a great presentation, Kenn!

Visitors

Guests:

Charles Bloomquist, guest of the club and Sam's Café Manager at New Horizons, was introduced by Ed Anderson. Roger Meyer, former Rotarian, was introduced by Joe DiFatta.



Ask President Carlos about his experience with the swordfish...or is it a marlin?



Student Recognition

This week we honored students from Birmingham High School. These outstanding students have made high marks in personal development and service to the community and are truly fine examples of "Service Above Self." Melinda McKee and Erick Serrano are members of the Theater Troop that has provided entertainment at convalescent homes, to challenged adults and other venues. Each honoree received a Commendation Certificate from the Rotary Club of Van Nuys and a \$50 US Savings Bond.



From left, President Carlos Rivera; Amanda Swann, Performing Arts Department Chair; honoree Erick Serrano; honoree Melinda McKee; Victoria Castillo, Youth Service Chair.

Announcements

- See **HOT DATES** on page 4 for upcoming club and community events.
- The painting project for the Van Nuys facility of Tierra del Sol needs your help...talk to Jim Sullivan to get on board...we expect to have a date soon.
- Mike Quiroga confirmed November 20-22 for the trip to Mexico for VOSH Eye Clinic...sign up with Victoria Castillo. A second trip will be made the following weekend.
- Barbara Baerg revised to December 14th the date for our annual Holiday Party — to be held at the home of Paul Davis, 7:00 p.m. Save this date! For more details call Barbara: 818-601-0192.
- Barb reaffirmed our Holiday Luncheon: December 22nd, regular time and place. You are encouraged to bring children or grandchildren...**Santa will be there!**
- Leo O'Bieunas needs to fill his pool...the USC/UCLA pool, that is. Call Leo: 818-988-0180.

The Spotlight's On...

New Members



Margie Hawkins

November 17, 2004! This is the day that Margie Hawkins, Principal of Bassett Street School, was inducted into Van Nuys Rotary.

Over the past several months we've enjoyed getting to know Margie as she joined us for our Wednesday luncheon meetings. Now that she's officially a Rotarian we'll look forward to her attendance and participation in our meetings and service projects.

Welcome aboard!

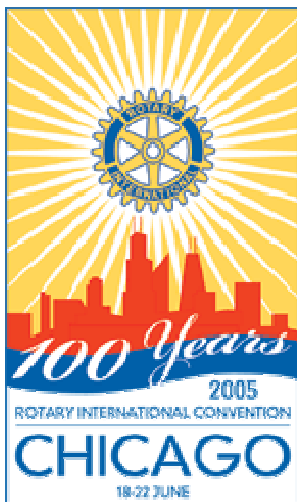


Margie, center, with her sponsor, Cherie Spamer, left, and President Carlos

President Carlos has the honor of presenting Margie with her new Rotary pin.

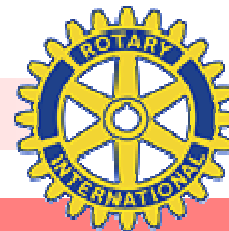


New members add greatly to our ability to provide service.



"Let no one be deluded that knowledge of a path can be substituted for putting one foot in front of the other."

— M. C. Richards



"Service Above Self"

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Upcoming Programs

- Nov. 24 **Joint Service Club Meeting — to be held at the Airtel Plaza.**
Chaired by Nancy Hoffman Vanyek. **11:30 a.m.**
- Dec. 1 **UCLA vs. USC —** wear your school colors...today's meeting will center on the big game (12/4). Decorations, raffles, celebrity guests, rivalry and fun. Chair: Jim Tenner.
- Dec. 8 **Robert Garcia —** principal of Fulton Middle School speaking on the new changes in this level of schooling. Program chair: Ken Benson.
- Dec. 15 Mark your calendar and **plan to bring a guest...**this will be our **Annual Holiday Luncheon —** with choral entertainment by the choir from LA Valley College under the direction of Jennifer Kelly. Always an excellent program!

BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 20 Marilyn Fetherolf
- Nov. 26 Irv Ryder
- Dec. 2 Andrea Reinken
- Dec. 26 Gonzalo Tejada

HOT DATES

- Nov. 20 Assembly of gift packs for our service men and women — at Mike Quiroga's home — 10 a.m.
- Nov. 20 Community Clean-Up Day at Bassett Street Elementary School - 8 a.m.
- Nov. 21 Cunials' Wedding Anniversary
- Nov. 21 Satuloffs' Wedding Anniversary
- Nov. 28 Riveras' Wedding Anniversary
- Dec. 12 District Holiday Brunch — 10 a.m. to noon at the Castaways Restaurant.

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