

# The Rotarygram

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### Meeting Highlights....



**Left:** Mayor Villaraigosa speaking to us.  
**Right:** Mayor with President Barbara Baerg, Joe Di Fatta preparing to give a gift to the Mayor.



**Today's Program—Mayor of Los Angeles, "What Thanksgiving Means To Me:"** Today, we enjoyed Mayor, In 2005, Antonio Villaraigosa. The Mayor spoke to us his heartfelt thoughts of Los Angeles, children, public schools, education, economy driven by small businesses, hope, reflection of mutual responsibilities, old fashioned values, civic involvement from the 1840's, inter-dependence, and so much more. We all experienced an emotive moving experience. Thank you Mayor! We look forward to meeting with you again.

Thank you everyone for a fantastic Program today & John Alexander for taking photos!

The Joint Service Luncheon has been a tradition for over 50 years. The event is held every year on the eve of Thanksgiving to honor the various organizations in the community and to celebrate the good work that is done.

### Quote for the day....

**"Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born."**

- The Diary of Anais Nin, II, March 1937, Anais Nin 1903-1977

## Announcements/Highlights Continued....

### **Updates/Comments:**

- Paul reminded everyone about the Entertainment Books. They are available from Ken Worthen, Paul Davis and Barbara Mack. They are \$25.00 a piece, except for Orange County, which is \$35.00.
- President Barbara announced that for the District Christmas party each Club will host 10 children. Cherie Spamer and Margie Hawkins will choose five deserving children from their schools. Cost for food per plate will be \$5.00 and a \$10.00 Gift will be given to each child.
- President Barbara announced to everyone that cookbooks are still available -- \$10 per book. These will make a fantastic gift for someone due to the Holidays coming up. This is a suggestion of course.
- The UCLA/USC football pool has been organized by Leo O'Biecunas We will have a UCLA/USC celebration at our lunch meeting on November 30.
- December 21 is the Rotary Children's Holiday Party at the YMCA. Rotarians are invited to bring their children, grandchildren to have lunch and visit Santa. Rotarians are asked to bring a \$10 gift for their children for Santa to give to their child.
- Our theme for January lunch programs will be "Health."
- December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, a Holiday Party at Paul's house is being planned. This will be our traditional potluck for women, and dinner out for the men. Afterwards, we all get together for desert and coffee. Mark your Calendars now! E-mail or call Rev. Harley Malloy, Tom Harris or Barbara Baerg.
- November 12 is our Annual Holiday Outreach. We will be purchasing food for 40 large families and delivering the food to Cohasset and Bassett Street Elementary Schools. This is a fabulous event and will need many volunteers. Please plan on being part of the fun.
- 12/6/05 is the Mid Valley Community Police Council meeting at 8am at the LAPD Van Nuys station. There will be a tour of the station and the renovation work that has been started.
- Thanks to Joe Di Fatta, Archie Kidwell, Lynne and Tom Harris and all those who helped make our Joint Service Club Luncheon a huge success. We had close to 130 people.
- As always, much appreciation and gratitude to everyone for all that they do!

*"Service Above Self"*



## Recognition/Acknowledgements...

### Family Thanksgiving Prayer:

Dear precious God, We bow our heads in heartfelt, thankful prayer; For all the ways You've blessed our lives and for Your loving care. We thank You for the hands that have prepared this special meal And pray that You will bless all those who have no food to eat. We're thankful for Salvation's plan and for Your Holy Word; And pray we'll help to spread Your love to those who've never heard. We're thankful for our freedom and for churches that are near; Where, we can meet to praise Your Name and worship without fear. We thank You for heroic troops who fight for liberty; And daily risk their lives and limbs to keep our country free. Forgive us of our many sins and keep us close today; And bless this food-- You've given us, In God's Name, we pray. Amen

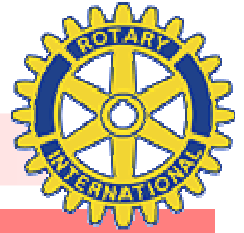
Prayer shared to us from Dorothy Black of Studio City/Sherman Oaks Rotary Club at the Joint Service Club Luncheon.



**Above:** District Governor Leslie Grossman with Mayor



Photos of additional participants' we welcomed are Studio City/Sherman Oaks Rotary Club, Mid-San Fernando Valley Sunrise Rotary Club, Van Nuys Kiwanis, Northridge Kiwanis, Warner Center Rotary Club, Mid-valley Chamber of Commerce in addition to our Van Nuys Rotary Club Members.



## "Service Above Self"

### Rotary Club of Van Nuys

## Upcoming Programs

Robert Rodine of the Polaris Group will be speaking on

"The Current State of the Economy."

UCLA/USC Party including prizes.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Nov. 26 Irv Ryder

Dec. 17 Tom Harris

Dec. 24 Fred Rabban

Dec. 26 Gonzalo Tejada

### **HOT DATES**

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party at the home of Paul Davis

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> **District Christmas Party** at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> **Holiday Outreach Program** Bassett & Cohasset Street Schools

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> **Rotary Children's Party** YMCA – bring children & grandchildren

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