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Meeting Highlights....



Left: Robert Rodine speaking to us. **Right:** Robert with Principal Cherie Spamer signing children's' book. Thank You!



Today's Program—Robert Rodine of The Polaris Group, "Current State of the Econom."

Today, we learned from Robert how our Economy is doing. Robert educated us with a variety of information from the producer price index, Federal Funds, retail sales, consumer confidence, etc.... We all experienced a learning moment. Thank you Robert! We look forward to meeting with you again.

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

Visitors....

Guests:

- Patsy Clevenger, introduced by Rev. Harley Malloy.
- Norma Vega & Paul Hernandez of the Mayor's office were introduced by John Alexander.

Rotarians:

- Joel Volk, introduced by Rev. Harley Malloy

"We naturally associate democracy...with freedom of action, but freedom of action without freed capacity of thought behind it is only chaos."

- Democracy in Education, in The Elementary School Teacher [Dec. 1903], J. Dewey, 1859-1952

Announcements/Highlights Continued....

Updates/Comments:

- Barbara Mack 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.
- December 21st is the annual Rotary Children's Holiday Party at the YMCA. Rotarians are invited to bring their children and grandchildren to have lunch and visit with Santa Claus. Rotarians are asked to bring a \$10 gift for Santa to give to their child.
- Our theme for January lunch programs will be "Health."
- December 9th, 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! Call or e-mail Rev. Harley, Tom Harris or Barbara Baerg with your rsvp.
- 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 renovation work that has been started. Start time is 8am.
- Ken Benson announced that at next luncheon meeting, 12/7, we will hold our 2006/7 Board of Directors elections. There is still time to nominate for vacant positions.
- President Barbara thanked Archie Kidwell, Tom & Lynne Harris, Joe Di Fatta, and others for all the help given to make our Joint Services Club meeting a success.
- As always, much appreciation and gratitude to everyone for all that they do!



Recognition/Acknowledgements...



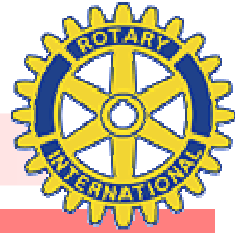
Left: Honorees Riel Palis & Teresa Rolan with Counselor Steve Johnson from Fulton Preparatory School. President Barbara Baerg and Charles Bloomquist are also present. US Savings Bonds of \$50 and Certificates are shown.



Left: Norma Vega & Paul Hernandez visiting from Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's office.

Today we had our annual UCLA /USC party. Leo O'Biecunas completed the Football Pool Board and numbers were chosen. Victoria Davidson and Jim Tenner held a raffle. Thank you Victoria, Jim, and Leo for your hard work on this event.





"Service Above Self"

Rotary Club of Van Nuys

Upcoming Programs

Program for December 7, 2005-12-01

Mark Kellam of the Daily News will tell us about the new "Valley News Section" of the Daily News.

Who will win the Football Pool?

BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 26 Irv Ryder
- Dec. 17 Tom Harris
- Dec. 24 Fred Rabban
- Dec. 26 Gonzalo Tejada

HOT DATES

- Dec. 9th Holiday Party at the home of Paul Davis
- Dec. 10th **District Christmas Party** at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church
- Dec. 16th **Holiday Outreach Program** Bassett & Cohasset Street Schools
- Dec. 21st **Rotary Children's Party** YMCA – bring children & grandchildren

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