

The Rotarygram



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Meeting Highlights



"It's the Holiday Season!"

We enjoyed another exciting performance of the LA Valley College Choir under the vibrant direction of Jennifer Kelly. The choir program included traditional and contemporary holiday songs plus a few jazz numbers they had prepared for a recent collegiate competition. This annual holiday concert has been a part of Van Nuys Rotary tradition for some 50 years! Thanks to all for a wonderful show!



LA Valley College Choir in the background.

From left, Program Chair Joe DiFatta, President Carlos, Choir Director Jennifer Kelly and Cherie Spamer.



"But baby it's cold outside..."

Visitors

Rotarians:

- John Alexander introduced Ann Hilbert from Atwater-Silverlake-Sunrise.
- Ken Benson introduced Toni and Lynn Harris, Kerry Beal and Harley Malloy from the provisional Frasier Park Club.
- Mike Quiroga introduced Allan Clair, president of Studio City-Sherman Oaks.

Guests:

- Don Reinken introduced his 'child bride,' Andrea and his sister, Janet Bowes.
- Leo O'Biecunas introduced his 'first wife,' Robin.
- Archie Kidwell introduced Charlie Bergrin, USMC (Ret.).



Honoring Frank Micale



Barbara Baerg, Joe DiFatta and Ken Benson gave tributes to our member Frank Micale, who has served Rotary for 40 years. In that time, Frank has been president of two Rotary clubs and been active in numerous projects. Frank, his wife, Lena, and their daughter were on hand to receive a Commendation certificate and a lovely bouquet.

The Micales will be moving to a new home in Temecula to be nearer to their son's home.

Pictured from left, Frank Micale, his daughter, his wife, Lena and Joe DiFatta.

Election: 2005-2006

PP Jim Tenner reported on the nominating committee's slate of officers for the coming Rotary year starting July 1, 2005:

President:	Barbara Baerg	Vocational:	Leo O'Biecunas
Pres. Elect:	Ed Anderson	Community:	Victoria Davidson-Castillo
Vice Pres.:	Jim Sullivan	International:	Gonzalo Tejada
Secretary:	Ken Benson	Family of Rotary:	Jim Tenner
Treasurer:	Pete Satuloff	Dir. At Large:	Joe DiFatta

The slate was accepted by the membership and a unanimous vote was cast for the election of all. Congratulations to our new incoming officers!

Announcements

- See **HOT DATES** on page 4 for upcoming club and community events.
- Our holiday food basket project gets going at 8 a.m. Friday, 12/17 at Costco Wholesale on Tampa (south of Parthenia) to pick up turkeys and other food. Baskets will be assembled at Co-hasset Street Elementary School for distribution to families in urgent need of help. Thanks, Jamie and Cherie, for your vital help on this project.
- Van Nuys Rotary-sponsored blood drive program at Mission Community Hospital on December 23rd. Call Jim Sullivan at 818-904-3545 to set your time for this crucial need!

The Spotlight's On...

Pete Satuloff



Pete Satuloff feels strongly about his life and work in the San Fernando Valley. "The Valley has been my home since I was eight," he recalls. "I've watched the Valley grow a lot over the years, and I've made a lot of friends. The Valley's been good to me," he adds.

Pete's family had moved to Los Angeles and then the Valley

from Buffalo, New York. He attended North Hollywood High School and went on to UCLA to study accounting. The military was next, he recalls, adding that he spent six months of active duty in the Army and six years in the Army Reserves.

When it came time for Pete to find a civilian job, he thought again about accounting, picked up the telephone book and started with the A's. The second listing was Anderson & Ferguson. He then picked up the phone and the rest is history, as they say. Forty years later, Pete is president of the company in Encino that grew into Anderson, Satuloff, Machado and Mendelsohn.

Mari came into Pete's life when they were both students at UCLA. It was "love at first sight," he recalls. Pete and Mari have two children: Wendy, a trust officer for Wells Fargo Bank who is married and living in Orange County, and Matt, a computer systems designer – also married and living in Venice Beach. Now that their family is grown, the Satuloffs (Mari's a travel agent) are frequently out of town on one excursion or another. Pete's favorite was their trip to Africa where he fell in love with a camel (writer's editorial comment). Beautiful pictures from their safari now grace the walls of their home in Chatsworth.

Pete joined the Rotary Club of Van Nuys in 1974 at the invitation of a then-active member, Robert Gibson, who was president of Valley Federal Savings & Loan. He and Pete had met each other and become friends because they worked in the same building at Vanowen Street and Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys.

Now a 30-year Rotary veteran, Pete has been through all of the club chairs, is a past president and still serves Van Nuys Rotary as treasurer – a post he's held for more than 15 years. He's also treasurer of the Van Nuys Rotary Foundation.

Pete says his years in Rotary and the many friends he's made have been good for him. "When I joined Rotary, there were a lot of young people my age," he recalls. "We grew up together, our families grew up together and we grew our businesses together." And Rotary has been – and still is – an important part of the community, he adds.

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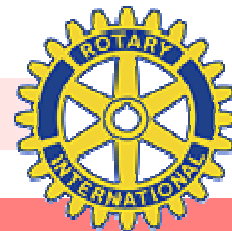
Rotary is not the only organization to benefit from Pete's volunteer efforts. He's been the treasurer for the Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA) for more than 15 years and will be installed January 4, 2005 as president of the Mid-Valley Community Police Council. He's also a past president and board member of the Mid-Valley YMCA and is supportive of other organizations, as well.

When pressed for advice to new members of Rotary – or any organization in the San Fernando Valley – this consummate volunteer doesn't hesitate to answer. "Get involved! You only get out of it what you put into it," he says.

Contributed by Andrea Reinken

"Well done is better than well said."

- Benjamin Franklin



“Service Above Self”

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Upcoming Programs

- Dec. 22 Ho, Ho, Ho! Santa Claus will visit our meeting today — you’re invited to bring guests, especially children and/or grandchildren. **Please let Barb Baerg know how many guests you are bringing. This meeting will be held off-site at the YMCA — 6901 Lennox Ave., Van Nuys. Hot Dog lunch by Chef DiFatta. Y’all come.**
- Dec. 29 **Year-End Tax Assistance** from Archie Kidwell and Paul Davis — you’ll get a chance to “brag” or “complain” about the holidays! Great fun! Bring your wallet...
- Jan. 5, 2005 A humorous message on attitudes — **“The Power Positive of Doing.”** Wayne Choate will be our speaker.

BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 26 Gonzalo Tejada
- Jan. 25 Robin O’Biecnas
- Jan. 26 Helen Worthen
- Jan. 29 Vickie Smith

HOT DATES

- Jan. 15 District Leadership Meeting — 11 a.m. at Sam’s Café, New Horizons.
- May 19-23 District Conference, Doral Resort Hotel in Palm Springs.
- March 4-6 RYLA <http://www.rotary5260.org/ryla/>
- June 18-22 RI Centennial Convention, Chicago, IL Celebrating 100 years of Rotary!

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