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Meeting Highlights....



Today's Program—"Rotary Children's' Party at the YMCA:" Today, we all enjoyed an exciting time with Santa and many, many children. Everyone enjoyed much happiness and gifts.

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

Visitors....

Rotarian:

- Eli Gauna, Past District Governor

Message from the President -

What a busy Holiday Season for Van Nuys Rotary! We started with our annual Joint Service Luncheon. What a beautiful and thankful way to start the Season. Following this event was our wonderful Holiday Party at the home of Paul Davis - a wonderful chance for Rotarians and significant others to share the Holidays together. Our Holiday Outreach for Cohasset and Bassett Elementary Schools was bigger and better than ever with Rotarians giving and raising approximately \$3,000 to help feed 40 families through the two to three week holiday vacation. As Principal Cherie Spamer says so well, "children who eat regularly get better grades." How nice for us to know these children and their families will be eating well for the next few weeks. What better way for Rotarians to say, "Service Before Self" and to demonstrate it in such a generous way. In addition to the financial donations, so many Rotarians rolled up their sleeves and went to work collecting boxes, arranging for turkeys from UPS, arranging for Costco to let us in early and avoid the crowds, arranging for the recipient families, meeting at Costco at 8am in the morning, loading, transporting, unloading, packing the boxes and finally handing out three boxes and a turkey to each family. Whew, that is a lot of work and a job well done! Many thanks to UPS for the turkeys, and donations from Jim Potter of D & G Escrow, Jay Belson of RE/MAX OTB, Stephanie Kane of Southland Title, Helen and Jerry Meyerson, Pearl Fuller and Tracy Rosenfeld. Our final beautiful event was the Rotary Children's Holiday Party at the YNCA. I happily welcomed two new future Rotarians into the family – Isabella Faith Bloomquist, daughter of Charles Bloomquist; and Victoria Hope Anderson, my great-granddaughter. Thank you Past President Carlos Rivera, Victoria Davidson and Charles Bloomquist for sharing your beautiful children with us. What fun to see these amazing Rotary children playing and visiting with Santa Claus, and a wonderful way to end our Holiday Season. As we approach my half year mark as President of Van Nuys Rotary, I want you all to know how grateful I am for the incredible support you have given me. Whether it be treasured advice, participation, enthusiasm, volunteering or financial support; I know that everyone has participated in their own special way. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. Wishing you all a Wonderful Holiday season, and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

Love, Barbara Baerg

Announcements/Highlights Continued....

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Happy Holidays

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from

Revs. Bill & Harley Malloy

Victoria Davidson

Vicki & Flip Smith

Leslie & Jaime Cordaro

Cherie Spamer

Joan & James Tenner

Teresa & Mike Quiroga

Diane Eaton

Robin & Leo O'Biecunas

Ed Viramontes

Barbara Mack

Barbara Baerg

Paul Davis

Margie Hawkins

Barbara & Jim Sullivan

John Alexander

Zhila & Fred Rabban

Mari & Pete Satuloff

Lynn & Tom Harris

Magdalena & Carlos Rivera

Marifyn & Don Jetheroff

Archie Kidwell

Jeanne & Dan Schlick

Marsha & Joe Di Fatta

Molly & Larry Winnick

Guy Mangia

Laura & Charles Bloomquist

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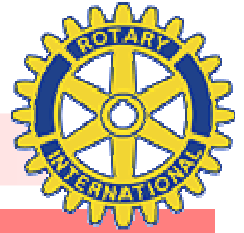
Recognition/Acknowledgements...



Above: District 5620 Holiday Party with Principal Margie Hawkins and children from Bassett Street Elementary School. Approximately 300 underprivileged children were hosted to a beautiful lunch, visit with Santa and a gift. Participants above are District Governor Les Grossman, Past District Governor Eli Gauna, Santa Claus and the children from Bassett Street. **elow** Santa is Howard Messer of Mike's Roofing. Fred Rabban was our enthusiastic Santa's Helper.

AlsoBelow: Sandra Gonzales presented a Certificate to the Rotary Club of Van Nuys for all the good work we do on behalf of Assemblywoman Cindy Montenez. Also, thank you to Fred Rabban, Tom Harris, Ruben Corona and the YMCA staff for their work on this project.





"Service Above Self"

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Upcoming Programs

Program for January 4th –
 The Fabulous Paul Davis will speak on
 "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Health Care
 But Were Afraid to Ask!"
 Paul will field questions on Medicare Part 1 and other concerns about health
 insurance issues.

January Programs will concern Health issues.

February we will hear from Volunteers who give of their time in the community.

Call Barbara Baerg for topics you would like to hear about in the upcoming months.

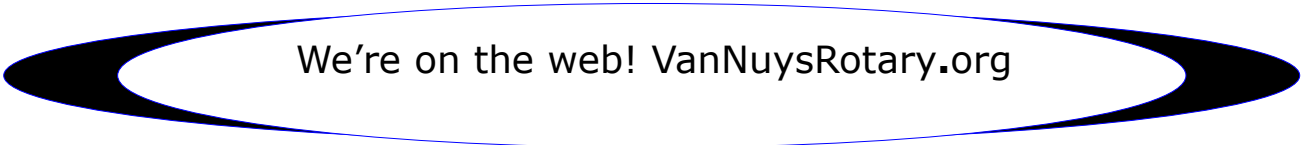
HOT DATES

Jan. 13th **Rotary Fireside Chat**
 Start time @ 6:30/7pm
 More information to come

Feb. 8th **Valentine Lunch & Community**
 Appreciation Day at the 94th

Mar. 18th **Pancake Breakfast** for Homeless on the Avenue Of Service

Apr. 22nd **Track Meet**



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