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Meeting Highlights....



Right: Children's book signed for library.

Left: Ed Viramontes
With President-Elect
Jim Sullivan.



Today's Program— **Rotary Member Ed Viramontes, Director of El Centro de Amistad, gave an amazing presentation of his organization. ECDA provides mental health therapy and case management for the acute and chronically mentally ill population of the greater San Fernando Valley. The main goal of ECDA is to reduce risk factors that lead to violence, school failure, gang affiliation and child abuse. ECDA is the lead agency for the City of Los Angeles' Community Development Dept. Bridges Program at Fulton Preparatory School.**

Please Note

Save the Date! "Creating Success Through Service" a fundraising opportunity with Van Nuys Rotary and El Centro de Amistad will be held on May 18 at the Sheraton Universal Hotel. Please support our fundraiser with your attendance. We also need silent auction items. Advertising opportunities are also available. See Jim Sullivan for more details.

**"I have a predilection for painting
that lends joyousness to a wall."**

- Jean Renoir, Renoir My Father [1958], Pierre Auguste Renoir 1841-1919

Announcements/Highlights Continued....

Updates/Comments:

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- Jim announced our Joint Fundraiser with El Centro de Amistad on May 18th. Mark your calendars as this will be an amazing event.
- Leo announced that there are now 5 functioning computers with full internet access along with anti-virus software. Further, there are two laser printers, a color printer, and flat bed scanner. Please contact Leo O'Biecnas if you have any carpentry skills! Thank you!
- Mark your calendars for March 18th – Rotary will host a pancake breakfast. This will be held at the YMCA. All proceeds will go to the Computer Lab. Please sell all of your tickets, and we will need many volunteers to help with this event. Jim Sullivan announced that he was able to get sausage and orange juice donated by McDonalds. Thank you Jim! This will really increase our profit.
- Mid Valley Police Council will be meeting Tuesday, March 7, 7:45am at Valley Presbyterian Hospital. This monthly event educates the members on the good work that the police do in the community. It is also an opportunity to meet other people in the community and to support our policemen.



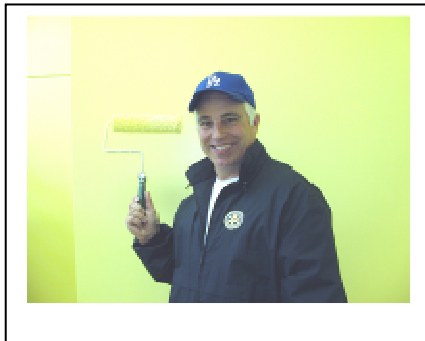
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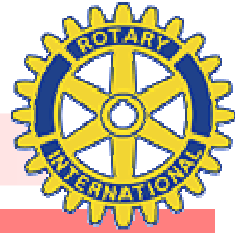


Left: Charles Bloomquist, & President Barbara Baerg with Honorees. Both received a Certificate and \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. Congratulations & Thank you for coming today!

Below: Leo O’Biecunas, Jim Sullivan & Barbara Baerg spent Saturday morning painting the Mid Valley YMCA Computer Lab.

With new computers many children and adults will have an opportunity to learn new skills to improve their lives. Thank you for your hard work!





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Upcoming Programs

Program for February 22nd –
Eli Gauna, Past District Governor will speak on Rotary history. Rotary International will be 101 on February 23rd. Happy Birthday Rotary!

BIRTHDAYS

- Feb. 20th Nancy Hoffman-Vanyek
- Feb. 25th Joe DiFatta
- Mar. 10th John McDannel
- Mar. 13th Ed Viramontes
- Mar. 18th Charles Bloomquist

HOT DATES

- Mar. 18th **Pancake Breakfast** for The Computer Lab
- Apr. 22nd **Track Meet**
- May 4-7th **District Conference** in Laughlin
- May 5th **Terra Del Sol Gala** Honoring Van Nuys Rotary
- May 18th **Van Nuys Rotary/EI Centro De Amistad Gala Dinner and Fundraiser**

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