

The Rotarygram



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Meeting Highlights

Pete Satuloff introduced our speaker, Mike Dutton, an officer in the LAPD. Mike was accompanied by a fellow officer, Chris Tanner...his back-up, no doubt.

Mike is currently assigned in Facilities Management at the Ed Davis Police Training Facility in Granada Hills. This is one of three training facilities maintained by the LAPD, used for tactical, firearms and emergency vehicle operations training.

LAPD recruits receive about seven months of training before graduating from the Police Academy, with the final three months being at the Granada Hills facility. They are trained to operate their vehicle under adverse conditions while multi-tasking — driving and operating radios and computers.

In the tactical training, recruits are instructed in a broad range of procedures: how to deal with people in all situations: how to stop a car; search a car, suspect or building; what options to apply under various conditions, etc.

The recruit will get about 126 hours of firearms training and fire about 1,000 rounds of ammunition. Four hours are dedicated to just learning the shooting policies of the department.

After graduating from the Academy, the new officer will spend one year on the job with a training officer.

Mike invited us to call him at 818-832-3702 if we have more questions or would like to visit the Grenada Hills facility. Thanks, Mike, for an interesting talk!



Visitors



Hal Sturgeon Dale Ayers Jim Swiston

Guests:

- Joe DiFatta introduced Jim Swiston, former VN member; Hal Sturgeon, PP of 2 clubs and Dale Ayers, all friends of the late Bob Rice.
- Ed Anderson introduced "Bo" Lebo.

Rotarians:

- District Governor Kermit Floyd of Burbank.
- PDG Ken Banks of North Hollywood.

Student Recognition



Our honorees today, chosen for outstanding service to the community and personal development, were from US Grant High School. Each honoree was awarded a Commendation Certificate from the Rotary Club of Van Nuys and a \$50 US Savings Bond.

Pictured from left, are Recognition Chair Victoria Davidson-Castillo, Counselor Trudy Goldberg, honorees Anna Benzakarya and Karman Vardanyan, and Club President Carlos Rivera.

Congratulations, Anna and Karman, for providing 'Service Above Self!'

Announcements

- Jim Sullivan announced our upcoming painting project for Tierra del Sol on Feb. 26, our Blood Drive on Feb. 17 and the committee meeting for our "Avenue of Service project.
- Leo O'Biecnas announced winners in the fund-raiser Super Bowl Pool — Thanks, Leo, for your great effort!

"The biggest mistake people make in life is not making a living at doing what they most enjoy."

- Malcolm S. Forbes

New Members

A great day in Rotary is when we induct a new member. Today, Ken Benson and President Carlos inducted **three** new members!

On the list were: Perry Beal, a Realtor; Tom Harris, with Pre-paid Legal Services and Harley Malloy, a loan officer.

Ken Benson gave the group a warm and inspirational instruction on the benefits and responsibilities of being a Rotarian. Each was given his new Rotary pin by President Carlos.

The new members were pleasantly surprised when Governor Kermit Floyd decorated each with a golden medallion signifying their joining Rotary in this Centennial year.

Welcome, Perry, Tom and Harley!



From the left: Harley Malloy, Governor Kermit, Perry Beal, Tom Harris and President Carlos.

President's Note:



My fellow Rotarians,
It has been a wonderful and exciting seven months since I was given the honor to serve as your president. Thank you for your support, time and help. Thank you, thank you!

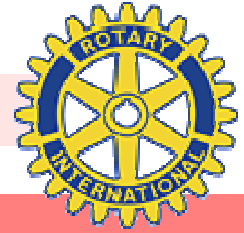
- I wish that I could truly say that everything has been joyous and exciting, but the loss of one of our dear and beloved members has brought sorrow to the lives of many of us. God bless Bob Rice and his lovely wife, Marty; now, they have joined their lives for eternity.
- We have continued the great project of

recruitment. Thanks to all those that have put forth the effort, we now have three more new members!

- Reminder to all members: special meeting Wednesday, Feb. 23. Celebrating Rotary's Centennial. I hope to see you all there at the Airtel Plaza Hotel.
- Check your "Hot Dates" for another wonderful project for the community Saturday, Feb. 26. when we paint the building for Tierra de Sol.

Again, we have had seven months of great work. Without our unity, we would not have been able to accomplish everything that we have thus far.

Your President,
Carlos



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Upcoming Programs

- Feb. 23 **Elmer Jordan, Past RI Director**, will talk about **100 Years of Rotary**. Joint meeting to be held at the Airtel Plaza Hotel. Elmer Jordan is an outstanding speaker...it will be the celebration of a milestone!
- March 2 A Virtual Tour of the **Skirball Museum**. You'll get to see an important, great museum that is only minutes away from the Valley.
- March 9 **Craft talks** — Charles Bloomquist of New Horizons and Andrea Reinken.
- March 16 **Angel's Flight** — Jim Weaver tells the stories of how plane owners donate their time and plane to provide transportation for people in medical need.

BIRTHDAYS

- Feb. 20 Nancy Hoffman
- Feb. 25 Joe DiFatta
- March 4 Julie Beauchamp
- March 10 John McDannel
- March 12 Ed Viramontes
- April 9 Lauren Ross
- April 19 Sharma Sherbank
- April 26 Melva Schlick

HOT DATES

- Feb. 26 **Community Service Project** — Painting the building for Tierra del Sol. See Jim Sullivan.
- March 4-6 **RYLA** — get all the info on the web at <http://www.rotary5260.org/ryla/>
- April 23 **25th Annual Van Nuys Invitational Track Meet** at Birmingham High School. Victory Blvd. at Woodley.
- May 11 **President's Day** — mark your calendar to hear Dennis McCarthy, *Daily News* reporter.
- May 19-23 District Conference, Doral Resort Hotel in Palm Springs.
- June 18-22 RI Centennial Convention, Chicago, IL Celebrating 100 years of Rotary!

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