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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

More than half way through my term of office I can only wonder where the time has gone.

The first time I stood at the podium I found myself wondering how I was going to make it though the year. As I look back now and reflect on my year to date I realize that I had nothing to worry about that first day because Rotary isn't about me but rather it's about all of us together doing what's best for our community both at home and around the world.

I look back and realize that it is the club that has brought in 7 new members, it is the club that has gathered at Fire Station #88 to pay our respects to the victims of 9-11, it is our club that has fingerprinted children at the Panorama City mall, prepared food baskets for needy families at the holidays, read to children at Cohasset School, presented awards



The meeting was officially called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance being lead by Don Fetherolf. Ken Benson presented the Invocation and Carlos Rivera was present to lead us in singing "God Bless America."

President Archie noted that we had no visiting Rotarians or guests with us today. He also noted the bottles of sparkling Apple cider on the tables

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

to students who represent the Rotary ideal and so much more.

It is the club that has made me a successful president and from the bottom of my heart I thank you for all you have done in our community.

This Week's Meeting

and asked us all to raise our glasses in a toast to Rotary International's 98th birthday.

After we all had a drink he asked our Treasurer Pete Satuloff to stand and update us on the Reverse Raffle. Pete reminded us that the raffle is coming up March 12th at the Calabasas Inn and is the club's major fundraiser and urged that we get all ticket sales in to him ASAP.

Bob Rice was recognized for all of his efforts on behalf of the RI Polio Eradication project and he took advantage of it to

give us an update of the progress being made and urged those who have not yet filled out a card to do so.

Gary Cunial was asked to give details of the Joint Rotary Luncheon next Thursday at Porter Ranch and in what turned out sounding like an Abbott and Costello routine he told us that we would be dark next Wednesday but would meet at noon on Thursday at the Porter valley Country Club to lunch with members of Granada Hills, Woodland Hills, North San Fernando Valley and the North East Valley Rotary Clubs.

THE ROTARY PEACE MOVEMENT

1914: Houston convention adopts resolution calling for an international peace conference.

1922: Los Angeles Convention approved addition of peace to Object of Rotary.

1932: Chaco War between Bolivia and Paraguay begins; Rotarians stage large effort to help prisoners.

1939: The Rotarian publishes first of 160 peace articles by notable personalities such as Mohandas K. Gandhi and George Bernard Shaw.

1942: Rotary peace-planning conference in London serves as precursor to UNESCO.

(con't. next week)

The Rotary Club Of Van Nuys, California

Presents

The Reverse Raffle and Dinner

\$\$\$\$ \$5,000 GRAND PRIZE \$\$\$\$\$

Plus many other cash prizes

Why are Eddie and Paul smiling?

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2003
 Time: 6:30pm social hour (no host bar)
 7:30pm dinner
 8:45pm raffle
 Cost: Raffle: \$50.00 per ticket
 Dinner: #30.00 per person
 Location: Calabasas Inn 23500 Park Sorrento Drive,
 Calabasas, Ca. 91302



They bought their tickets for the Van Nuys Rotary Reverse Raffle Reverse Raffle.

RAFFLE INFORMATION

\$50.00 cash prize awarded to the 20th, 40th, 60th, 80th, 120th, 140th, 160th, 180th, 220th, 240th raffle ticket drawn.

\$150.00 cash prize is awarded to the 100th and 200th raffle tickets drawn.

\$250.00 cash prize is awarded to the 249th raffle ticket drawn.

\$5,000.00 cash prize is awarded to the 250th raffle ticket drawn. (Last five ticket holders will assemble on stage)

Consolation prizes: at the completion of the raffle, all non-winning tickets will be returned to the hopper and more raffle tickets will be drawn. **(Winners must be present for this portion of the drawing.)**

Only 250 raffle tickets will be sold for this event. Donations will be refunded in full if less than 200 raffle tickets are sold. Raffle ticket holders need not be present to win (except for consolation drawing, you must be present to win during this portion of the event). Decisions of the Rotary Club of Van Nuys to all winners are final. The Rotary Club of Van Nuys is not responsible for any splitting of prizes. All raffle ticket holders not attending dinner are welcome to participate in the raffle commencing at approximately 8:45pm.

For more information please contact:

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TODAY'S MEETING:

Today's Program Chair was PDG Joe DiFatta who introduced us to Celine Birk who is the General Manager of the Van Nuys Airport. Ms. Birk has been at Van Nuys Airport for the last three years and before that was at World Airport Headquarter for thirteen years.

A 3rd generation Californian, Ms. Birk also manages the Palmdale Airport, the Ride-a-way facilities which service 900,000 passengers yearly on their way to Los Angeles Airport and directly oversees security, public affairs, maintenance and the two fire facilities at the airport.

She told us that Van Nuys Airport is a 24 hour operation although flights are subject to curfews and since 9-11 there has been increased security throughout the facility.

The airport was established in 1929 under the name of the Metro-

politan Airport and was bought by the US Government in the early 40's. In the late 40's it was taken over by the City of Los Angeles and is now one of 4 airports that the city runs.

Van Nuys Airport is the home to privately owned aircraft, non-public commercial jets and is also a reliever airport for LAX. Besides having their own on-site Fire Department, the airport also houses the airplanes and helicopters used to fight wildfires in the dry season.

The airport is about to undergo major changes and renovations with the new General Plan calling for a shift towards more private jets and a complete makeover of the Fly-A-Way facilities which will be rebuilt to double the available parking with a five floor parking structure and a new departure and ticketing facility that will 50,000 Square feet in size.



President Archie Kidwell, our Speaker of the Day Celina Birk and Secretary Cherie Spamer.

Ms. Birk also told us that the Air Expo will return June 21-22 and will feature a replica of the original Wright Flier as well as a display featuring the Wright Brothers. Ford will be a sponsor of the air show as they celebrate their 100th anniversary and it is also the 75th anniversary of the Los Angeles Airport system.

Van Nuys Rotary expects to be one of the Non-profits at the show.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE/YOUTH SERVICE

Each week throughout the school year the Rotary Club of Van Nuys awards Certificates of Commendation and a United States savings bond to students from Birmingham, Grant and Monroe High School as well as students at New Horizons and Tierra Del Sol. The award is based on citizenship, community service and personal development. In other words, these students are selected based upon their exhibiting and achieving the ideals of Rotary in their lives.

This weeks honorees are from New Horizons where they are

very active in the

Services department and were accompanied by New Horizons Marketing Associate Nancy Banks.



Everybody is all smiles as Youth Director Don Reinken presents Manuel and Juanita their Certificates of Commendation.

The Rotary Club Of Van Nuys, California

Meets at noon every Wednesday at the 94th Aero Squadron located at 16320 Raymer Avenue, Van Nuys and is located between the Airport the Budweiser plant.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Rotary District 5260

World Understanding Month

February 8 District Leadership Meeting, Sam's Cafe, New Horizons, North Hills, 8:30 AM

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March 7-9 PETS -- Presidents Elect Training Seminar, LAX Marriott
 March 8 District Leadership Meeting, Sam's Cafe, New Horizons, North Hills, 8:30 AM

March 14-16 RYLA -- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Salvation Army Camp, Malibu

April Magazine Month

April 12 District Leadership Meeting, Sam's Cafe, New Horizons, North Hills, 8:30 AM
 April 19 District Assembly, Pierce College, Woodland Hills

Feb. 19: Van Nuys Airport General Manager Selma Birk will be our guest speaker.

Feb. 20: Nancy Hoffman's birthday

Feb. 25: PDG Joe DiFatta's birthday

Feb 26: Dark at 94th Aero Squadron

Feb. 27: Joint "Rotary Club" meeting at Porter Ranch at noon with Dennis McCarthy of the Los Angeles Daily News as guest Speaker



March 2: Ruben Corona's birthday

March 4: Julie Beauchamp's birthday

March 7-9: P.E.T.S.

March 10: John McDaniel's birthday

March 12: Dark at 94th Aero Squadron. Van Nuys Rotary Reverse Raffle at the Calabasas Inn. 6:30pm

March 19: Julie Hennessey who is the Director of the Los Angeles Export Assistance Center will be our speaker.



Please remember in your hearts and prayers Irv Ryder who is still hospitalized at Tarzana Medical Center (818)708-5427.

Also remember Rotarian Grant Lipfert, Ken Worthen's daughter, Mike Quiroga's mother, Eddie Viramontes mother who is recovering after her stroke.

Our deepest sympathies go out to fellow Rotarian Carlos Rivera who's father passed away recently.