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Meeting Highlights



Colonel Buhl has served in the Marine Corps since 1981 and recently returned from a seven-month tour in Iraq where he was in command of the 3rd Battalion of the 1st Marines. His Battalion operated in and around the city of Al Fallujah, an area about three-quarters of the size of Los Angeles, and ultimately participated in the capture of that terrorist stronghold.

Col. Buhl presented a slideshow reviewing the preparation his unit had before deployment including language and weapons training, and showed the areas of activity they covered in Iraq. In his presentation, he was assisted by four of his fellow Marines: Capt. Jeff McCormack, Capt. Brad Adams, LCpl. Chris Shore and Sgt. James Haslip.

Lt. Col. Willy Buhl, USMC

During the Iraq tour, the Battalion lost 33 Marines and earned 400 purple hearts. On average, they encountered ten roadside bombs each week that were planted by insurgents.

Prior to Buhl's deployment in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II, he served in Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM, and the United Nations Operations in Somalia.

Our thanks to Joe DiFatta for engineering this **outstanding** program!

Visitors

GUESTS:

- Mexican Airforce General Jose Luis Irineo and his wife, Lupita, introduced by Mike Quiroga
- Maury Starr, former Van Nuys member
- Charlie Bergrin, USMC (Ret.) introduced a group of five distinguished former Marines
- Harley Malloy introduced Dr. William Malloy, Frieda Nolisi, Jason Riley, Mary Feldner and Em Roberts
- Jerry Fox, introduced by Don Reinken
- Sherri Cunial, introduced by Gary
- Alicia Seaman, Field Rep. For Assemblyman Lloyd Levine

ROTARIANS:

- Steven Matthews, President of Alexandria, VA club
- Victoria Burke from Calabasas introduced by Ed Anderson
- Richard Diradourian, President of Glendale Sunrise

Iraqi Freedom II...



From left, Lt. Col. Willy Buhl, Alicia Seaman, Capt. Brad Adams, Pres. Carlos, LCpl. Chris Shore, Sgt. James Haslip, Capt. Jeff McCormack



Pres. Carlos, left, Col. Buhl and Joe DiFatta.



From left, Col. Buhl, Alicia Seaman, Joe DiFatta, Pres. Carlos and Charlie Bergrin.

The Spotlight's on...

Centennial Service Above Self Volunteer Month April 2005

Start planning now for our club's contribution to Rotary's **momentous birthday gift of service to communities worldwide**

To highlight the volunteer spirit at the core of Rotary service, April 2005 has been designated Centennial Service Above Self Volunteer Month. Join this massive worldwide effort by committing to volunteer at least 10 hours of personal time in service to others in April.

Clubs should identify meaningful volunteer opportunities in the community in which members can participate during April 2005, with a focus on meeting community needs, lending vocational expertise, or assisting a community abroad.

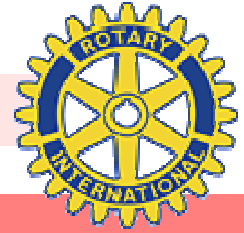
At the end of the month, clubs are asked to report the number of volunteer hours contributed by their members via the Member Access section of the Rotary International Web site (the reporting tool will be available in April 2005). The total number of volunteer hours reported by all clubs will be announced at the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago, 18-22 June.

For more information or to share your club's volunteer success story, please contact the [RI Programs Division](#), Rotary International, One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, 60201-3698, USA; phone: 847-866-3361, fax: 847-866-6116.

Announcements

- Career Day at Fulton Preparatory School (Kester & Saticoy) — April 6; share your business and life with students — lunch at 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant.
- April 16th — District Assembly at Pierce College Performing Arts Center — 8 a.m.
- Barbara Baerg confirmed our Dinner/Theater Party on May 6 to see Gary Cunial in "The Pleasure of His Company" in Agoura Hills at the Stage Door.
- ...also see HOT DATES, page 4.

**"Think not those faithful who praise all thy words,
but those who kindly reprove thy faults."
- Socrates**



"Service Above Self"

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Upcoming Programs

- March 30 **Leo O’Biecnas** will tell us about his experiences as a court mediator and all the things that happen on that job. Chair of the day: Jim Sullivan.
- April 6 **Career Day** — Fulton Preparatory School — get details from Leo O’Biecnas or Ken Benson.
- April 13 **RI Foundation** — report from PDG Ken Banks — “Why and Where.”

BIRTHDAYS

- April 9 Lauren Ross
- April 19 Sharma Sherbank
- April 26 Melva Schlick
- April 27 Jim Sullivan
- April 28 Pete Satuloff

HOT DATES

- April 16 **District Assembly** 8 a.m.—1:30 p.m. at the Pierce College Performing Arts Center.
- 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 9-12 **SF Valley Fair**, Rotary beer booth, see Flip Smith.
- June 18-22 **RI Centennial Convention**, Chicago, IL, Celebrating 100 years of Rotary!

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