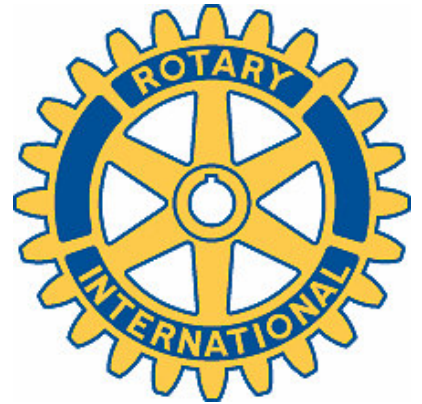


# THE ROTARYGRAM

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## THIS WEEK'S MEETING

was called to order by President Jim Tenner with a big smile and the assistance of an actual working microphone and P.A. system. He put the microphone to good use by reminding us that Rotary is 1,211,723 people in 31,603 clubs in 166 countries working to be of service in the communities in which they live and worldwide.

Major George Beauchamp then offered the prayer for the day, visiting Rotarian and PDG John Alexander led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and president nominee Barbara Baerg was there to lead us in a rousing version of "Take me out to the ballgame".

President Jim then called upon PP Don Fetherolf for an update on the health of his daughter Lorilyn and he was pleased to report that her condition is steadily improving and doctors has said that she will be able to return to work in the next couple of weeks.

Before he had a chance to sit down Don was also asked to mention the upcoming Mid Valley Police

Council event. Don mentioned that the Mid Valley Police Council will be having a gathering at the Ed Davis training center on April 6th at 8am. The center is located right next to the Odyssey Restaurant. He also suggested a coat in as much as it is a bit chilly up there at that time of the morning.

Jim asked president elect Carlos to tell us what April 17th is and Carlos promptly replied that would be the day of the District Assembly at Pierce college and that all of the newer members of his board would be attending along with a few of the older ones.

He then invited Ed Viramontes to talk about the plans for the club's Track Meet at Birmingham High on April 24th from 9am to 5pm and asked all members to sign up for times that they would be willing to work, and then went on to add that the District Conference to be held at the Bahia Resort in San Diego the weekend of April 29-May 2.

Carlos took advantage of Jim catching his breath to announce that the Demotion Party for President Jim would be held on Friday, June 26th. He asked that all of the male members of the club wore neckties and we don't think that he was clowning around. Perhaps a necktie party is in the future for our fearless leader???

He was followed by Jim Sullivan who is spearheading a Rotary blood drive at Mission Hospital on May 11th from 10am to 4pm and is looking for Rotarians to help out. The purpose is to increase the blood supplies in Southern California which have been seriously strained with all of the emergencies and disasters of the past year. If you can help by giving blood give Jim a call at 818-904-3545 to schedule an appointment.

PDG Joe DiFatta was next to speak as he talked about the club organizing a day at the ballpark for

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about fifty underprivileged youngsters on June 30th. The game will be the Dodgers vs. the Giants at 7pm and tickets for the blue section are \$12 each. This is a terrific opportunity for you and your friends to attend a Dodger game and to help some youngsters who might not ever get to experience a ballgame. If you can't make it, please consider donating the price of tickets for the kids. We will also treat them to a soda and "dodger dog".

The YMCA is providing buses for the kids from the "Y" and Cohasset Elementary School and club members and their families and guests will be car pooling. The club has done this in the past and everyone who attended always said it was the best trip to the stadium ever. Call Joe DiFatta to participate.

Although PP Flip Smith was not there today, all of the club members wanted to thank him for his efforts in arraigning for the club to be involved with The Valley Fair to be held June 3, 4, 5, and 6 at Hanson Dam. Do to the efforts of PP Flip Smith the club has been awarded the **ONLY** beer both available and the club will get half of the proceeds. PP Kidwell said that we will need approximately 28 club members to man the booth and in spite of President Jim's suggestion, we will be there to **sell** the beer and not **consume** it.

Club Secretary Cheri Spamer noted that Van Nuys

Rotary had been honored in the New Horizons newsletter with a photo of their members that we have honored and a write-up about the Vocational service program that we do.

Barbara Baerg mentioned that plans have been completed for the club's Progressive dinner to be held on April 17th. This looks to be a terrific Club service project that will allow members spouses and significant others to get to know each other better.



A soulful Barbara Baerg leads the club in song.

## STUDENT HONOREES/AWARDS



The smiles say it all as Youth Director Don Reinken poses with Bruce and Cindy from the residential program at New Horizons.

They both were determined by the staff at New Horizons as most deserving to win the award for citizenship most exemplary of the ideals of Rotary. For the award they both received a Certificate of Commendation and a \$50 United States savings bond.

The award is given each week throughout the school year to students at the three local high schools and the residents at Tierra Del Sol and New Horizons, (both learning centers for the developmentally disabled) who best exemplify the ideals of Rotary in their everyday lives.

## OUR SPEAKER OF THE DAY

President Jim introduced past club president Ken Benson as our speaker for the day. His chosen subject was the very broad ranging topic of club membership and how you get it, how you utilize it and how you keep it. The talk ranged far and wide as his notes were forgotten on his desk at home.

Rotary club members are part of a diverse group of professional leaders working to address various community and international service needs. Through community service and other means, Rotary club members help promote peace and understanding throughout the world. Our members are our most important asset. They are the force that allows Rotary to carry out its many humanitarian efforts and achieve its mission.



Rotarians are business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. A Rotary club contains a diverse group of professional leaders from the community that the club serves.

**Membership in a Rotary club offers a number of [benefits](#), including:**

- Effecting change within the community.
- Developing leadership skills.
- Gaining an understanding of — and having an impact on — international humanitarian issues.
- Developing relationships with community and business leaders.

Through Rotary's service programs, a Rotary club can have a significant effect on the quality of life in its community. Rotary Foundation programs offer opportunities to form international partnerships that help people in need worldwide.

Some 1.2 million Rotarians in 30,000 clubs in more than 160 countries make significant contributions to the quality of life at home and around the globe.

**Rotary club membership carries with it certain responsibilities.**

- Members are expected to attend weekly programs of the club. Opportunities to make up attendance include attending the regular meeting of another Rotary club, attending various other Rotary meetings, or attending a club service project authorized by the club board of directors.
- Members are required to pay annual dues to their clubs, their districts, and to Rotary International.
- Members are expected to participate in local or international activities or projects of the Rotary club.
- Clubs encourage members to aspire to leadership or committee roles within their clubs.

[In nearly 100 years, Rotary has grown from a small club of four members to a worldwide network of men and women who share a common vision for a better world. The world's first service organization, Rotary has a long history of helping those in need and uniting people of different cultures and beliefs. Through the work of individual Rotary clubs, and through the programs of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, Rotary is making the world a better place.](#)



CELEBRATE  
ROTARY



## DAYTIME NUMBERS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

George Beauchamp	818-778-1177	Fred Rabban	818-345-3278
Barbara Baerg	818-601-0192	Don Reinken	818-363-8355
Ken Benson	818-715-1815	Bob Rice	661-252-4518
Joe Chu	818-894-9301	Carlos Rivera	626-443-2310
Jamie Cordaro	818-787-2737	Lauren Ross	818-972-1532
Ruben Corona	818-989-3800	Irv Ryder	818-349-0959
Gary Cunial	818-654-0396	Pete Satuloff	818-710-0622
Paul Davis	818-888-0880	Dan Schlick	818-894-6031
Joe DiFatta	818-700-1939	Flip Smith	818-786-8686
Diane Eaton	818-760-0897	Cherie Spamer	818-787-2113
Don Fetherolf	818-986-1460	Don Stout	818-998-7054
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## IMPORTANT DATES

### BIRTHDAYS

Apr 9	Lauren Ross Hugh Hefner
Apr 10	Joe Chu
Apr 10	Elizabeth Chu William Booth
Apr 19	Sharma Sherbank Ole Evinrude
Apr 26	Melva Schlick "Ma" Rainey
Apr 27	Jim Sullivan U.S. Grant
Apr 28	Pete Satuloff Jay Leno
Apr 6	Police Council

	meeting Ed Davis Training Center	May 11	Community blood drive at Mission Com munity Hospital; 10am-4pm
Apr 17	District Assem- bly; Pierce Col lege		
Apr 24	Van Nuys Rotary Track Meet; Birmingham HS	May 23-26	95th Rotary In ternational Con vention, Osaka, Japan
Apr 29-May 2	District Con- ference Bahia Resort, San Diego		
May 22-26	2004 Rotary International Convention, Osaka, Japan		

### **JUNE-LEADERSHIP**

June 26 President Jim's  
Demotion Party

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