



# The Rotarygram



## Rotary Club of Van Nuys

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### Meeting Highlights



**CAREER DAY** — Fulton College Preparatory School hosted Rotarians from our club to talk to ninth grade students about their potential careers.

Robert Garcia, Principal; Michael McConahey, Asst. Principal and Steve Johnson, Counselor, guided us through the campus and into the classrooms where Rotarians took turns giving the young people a view of what it's like to get a job and how they might get ready for the time when they will be job hunting.

On hand to participate were: Ed Anderson, Barbara Baerg, Victoria Burke, Victoria Castillo, Margie Hawkins, Robin and Leo O'Biecunas, Don Reinken, Carlos Rivera and Flip Smith.

*From left, Leo O'Biecunas, Pres. Carlos, Raul Bacilio, Lidia Choxon and Steve Johnson, Fulton CPS Counselor.*

Steve Johnson joined us for lunch, bringing two outstanding students with him. Lidia Choxon and Raul Balcilio both gave short talks about their backgrounds and aspirations for the future.

Congratulations to Leo O'Biecunas and Ken Benson for spearheading this Career Day! This is just the beginning of many cooperative ventures we may have with Fulton School and these young people who will be our future leaders.

### Visitors

#### **GUESTS:**

- Lynne Harris, introduced by Tom Harris
- Jason Ridle, Northwestern Mutual, introduced by Pete Satuloff
- Em Roberts, Homestead Financial, guest of the club

#### **ROTARIANS:**

- Victoria Burke, Calabasas , guest of the club

**"We judge a man's wisdom by his hope."  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson**

## Student Recognition

Our weekly program honoring outstanding young people featured students from Van Nuys High School. This program honors those who have made great strides in per-

sonal development and service to the community. Each honoree is awarded a certificate of commendation from the Van Nuys Rotary Club and a \$50 US Savings Bond.

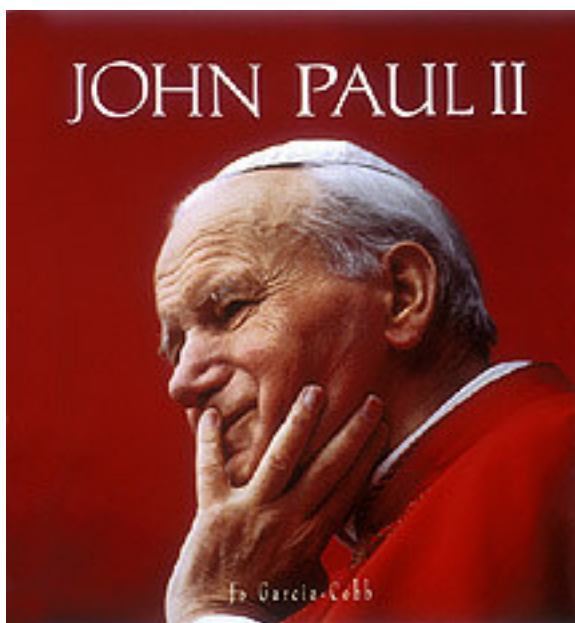


*From left, Pres. Carlos, honoree Braian Espana, teacher Robbie Wedeen, honoree Benita Humildad and Recognition Chair Victoria Castillo.*

## Announcements

- Carlos announced a District Leadership Meeting, 9 a.m., Saturday, 4/9 at New Horizons.
- April 16th — District Assembly at Pierce College Performing Arts Center — 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There is NO charge to individual Rotarians.
- Ed Anderson suggested hosting a hospitality room at the May 19-23 District Conference in Palm Springs at the luxurious Doral Resort Hotel. This will be an **outstanding** event in this Centennial year...rooms are going fast — you can call Sondra at 760/322-6824 to make your reservations. The Van Nuys Club will be vying for several District awards this year. Be there to support President Carlos and your club! See Barbara Baerg for registration forms.
- Track Meet, April 23...sign up now with Ed Viramontes or Paul Davis.
- Jim Sullivan announced our upcoming blood drive, Thursday, April 14th at Mission Community Hospital, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and reminded us of our project to paint the Tierra del Sol building in Van Nuys.
- Cherie Spamer announced the tragic murder of the father of one of the students in her school...leaving the family destitute. On the spot, Club members decided to donate our entire raffle pot plus additional contributions totaling \$228.00 for Cherie to purchase food for the family...this is an addition to the \$300.00 that the Cohasset Street School staff had already donated.
- Barbara Baerg asked that members wishing to attend the dinner/theater party on May 6th starring Gary Cunial, bring checks for \$15 each to our meeting next week.

## The Spotlight's on...



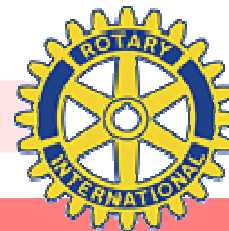
“Because of this solicitude of the Church for man in his concrete reality, permit me to add a word of particular encouragement for your current programme encompassing your concern for "Health, Hunger, Humanity". It is meant to be your specific means of cooperating in the spiritual and material progress of society, in defending human dignity, in applying principles of upright conduct, and in exemplifying fraternal love. May this programme, so conceived, be a lasting contribution to man on the part of Rotary International.”

— John Paul II, 14 June 1979 at RI Convention, Rome, Italy.

[Note: *Your Editor recalls being among those Rotarians at the Rome Convention in 1979 when the Pontiff addressed the plenary session.*]

Today, our member, Rev. Harley Malloy, left, displayed two certificates received from Pope John Paul II. President Carlos, right.





# "Service Above Self"

## Rotary Club of Van Nuys

### Upcoming Programs

- April 13 **RI Foundation** — report from PDG Ken Banks — "Why and Where." The Foundation is the life blood of our worldwide charities and scholarships. Chair: John Alexander.
- April 20 **Cuba, the Old and the New** — Speaker: Richard Treflick, member of NELA Rotary Club. Chair: Mike Quiroga.
- April 27 **Meet at the YMCA** — 6901 Lennox, Van Nuys. Ruben Corona and his staff will show us all the new things going on at the "Y". Chair: Mike Quiroga.

#### BIRTHDAYS

- April 9 Lauren Ross
- April 19 Sharma Sherbank
- April 26 Melva Schlick
- April 27 Jim Sullivan
- April 28 Pete Satuloff
- May 5 Magdalena Rivera
- May 17 Larry Sunderlind

#### 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 Balboa.
- 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 **San Fernando 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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