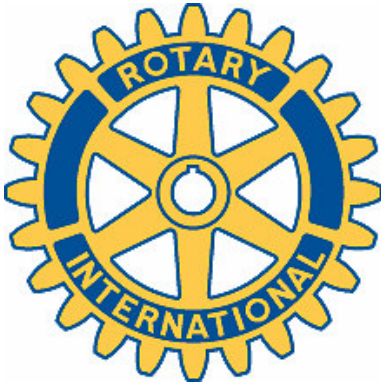


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# THE ROTARYGRAM

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Often mistaken for Elvis behind those sunglasses this is actually Van Nuys Rotarian Larry Winnick meditating on the words of President Archie Kidwell at a recent meeting.

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOOD-WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## THIS WEEK'S MEETING

With a melodically subtle ringing of the Rotary bell, President Archie Kidwell brought the meeting to order at the prescribed time of 12:30pm.

The first order of business was to show off the beautifully designed Van Nuys Rotary banner on the wall behind the podium. Older club members are sure to recognize it as the one that disappeared when the club moved from the Masonic Temple years ago.

Among his other accomplishments this year, President Archie has gone on a mission to find mementos of club history that has disappeared behind a veil of time.

Flip Smith has procured a free storage

locker and Paul Davis, President Archie and others have been rediscovering items from the club's past archiving them for future use.

Youth Service Director Don Reinken was then asked to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and he was followed by George Beauchamp who offered prayers of the day. Stepping into the breach, Program Chair Gordon Mace then conducted the group in singing "God Bless America".

We were delighted to have with us today visiting Rotarian (and two time past president) Roz Kogler of the North San Fernando Valley Rotary Club.



### This week's meeting (continued from page 1)

Also visiting was longtime friend of the club Commander Val Pannica of the Los Angeles Police Department who is now the new Commander of the Devonshire Division and Jim Sull

The Mid Valley Police Council meeting will be at Valley Pres. Hospital on Tuesday, June 3 and the Mid Valley Chamber of Commerce Clean Up Day will be on June 7th starting with breakfast at Delano Park and continuing

until noon.. The Air Expo at Van Nuys Airport will be held on the weekend on June 21 and 22. Everybody please be reminded that June 15th is Father's Day and June 29th is the day will all have an opportunity to show President Archie what we thought of his leadership this year by being present at his Demotion Party. Sunday, 10am at Encino Glen. Bring your clubs and we may get in a round afterwards.

President Archie receiving instruction on the proper technique for stuffing envelopes from Youth Director Don Reinken.



Thousands of Rotarians from more than 100 countries will convene in Brisbane June 1-4. (Golfers will arrive a day early to play the Greg Norman designed Brookwater Golf Course on May 30.

Brisbane is a warm, welcoming place easy to navigate and filled with friendly faces. It is a city rich in natural beauty, modern architecture, and top-notch dining and entertainment options.

Make sure you are there a day early to enjoy a free afternoon and evening at Brisbane's South Bank Parklands, courtesy of the Host Organization Committee. It will be a time to reflect and to prepare for the year ahead—to renew old friendships and to cultivate new ones.

Rotarians will be able to meet others with similar interests at the many fellowship booths in the House of Friendship and learn about service opportunities around the globe.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Bob Hope is 100	May 29
Stacy Keach	June 2
Don Fetherolf	June 5
Don Stout	June 6
Dean Martin	June 7
Larry Winnick's Birthday	June 20
Jane Russell	June 21
Bob Rice's Birthday	June 24

May 29: Mid Valley Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Pan American Bank in Panorama City.

June 3: Mid Valley Police Council, 7:45am, Valley Pres Hospital

June 4: George and Julie Beauchamp's wedding anniversary

June 6: Flip and Vickie Smith's wedding anniversary.

June 7: Mid Valley Chamber of Com-

merce 20th annual clean-up day

June 15: Father's Day

June 21-22: Van Nuys Airport Aviation Expo 2003-featuring high-energy aerial demonstrations, World-class Military and Civilian Aircraft Displays. Free Admission, free parking and shuttle bus service.

Top Gun Fighter Jets, Warbirds, Flyovers by the F-117/A Stealth Fighter and the F-15E Strike Eagle.

## TODAY'S SPEAKER OF THE DAY

President Archie invited Program Chair Gordon Mace to the podium to introduce our Speaker of the Day.

Principal Herman Clay of Van Nuys High School is a native Southern Californian having grown up and attended high school in Venice. He then went on to attend Cal. State at Long Beach, received his Masters from Mount St. Mary's with additional education at UCLA.

He started teaching Math at Van Nuys HS in 1980, has been an advisor, Dean and an Assistant Principal. He went to Milikin High School as Assistant Principal from 1995-1999 and then returned

to Van Nuys as Principal.

He was also a member of Rotary Interact while in high school.

He told us that Van Nuys HS was founded in 1915 and currently has a student enrollment of approximately 3,600 students and staff of another 400.

The school is currently going through a major facelift and they will have a new baseball field next year for the boys and a new softball facility for the girls.

## TODAY'S YOUTH HONOREES

Youth Director Don Reinken with U.S. Grant High School Honoree Luz Parada, Career Counselor Ellen Brown, honoree Daniel Martin and President Archie.

During the school year, Van Nuys Rotary honors students for personal improvement and activities that reflect the higher ideals and goals of Rotary .



Speaker of the Day Principal Clay signs a book for Cohasset School as President Archie and Secretary (and Cohasset School Principal) Cherie Spamer looks on.

The school has just completed wiring every classroom for computers and will start offering education via the Internet in the fall.

In addition to the normal high school curriculum, Van Nuys HS also is the home of Magnet schools in the Performing Arts, Math, Science and Pre-Med. 10% of the students in the mag-

net program are from the immediate area and the rest live throughout the city.

80% of Van Nuys HS students go on to college and 95% of the students in the magnet program do the same. The school has had band members perform in the Rose Parade and has also produced 12 National Merit Semi-finalists.



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# **HOW TO SAVE A LIFE IN** **THREE HOURS**

This is a reminder that you can save a life by volunteering to have stem cells extracted from your blood.

Sherri Cunial, wife of long time Van Nuys Rotarian Gary Cunial, has been stricken with Leukemia and a stem cell transplant is the only thing between her living and dying.

The name Leukemia comes from the Greek meaning, "white blood". It is often referred to as a cancer of the blood. It is characterized by the widespread uncontrolled proliferation of large numbers of abnormal blood cells, usually of the white cell lineages, which take over the bone marrow and often spill out into the blood stream. Other organs that may also be affected include lymph nodes, spleen, and liver.

If you are between 18 and 60 and are reasonably healthy, you can help by volunteering to become a stem cell donor. Today most bone marrow transplants, to treat diseases like Leukemia and other forms of cancer, are a thing of the past. Today it is done by Stem Cell Transplant. It is easy, safe and virtually painless for the donor.

The first step is being tested and typed. Once you are typed you are entered into a national registry. If and when a patient matches your type you will be called on for additional testing.

If you are a match for a patient, you will be asked to be a donor for that patient.

Once you agree to donate, arrangements are made for you to get a series of 3 to 4 shots, one per day. These shots stimulate the growth of stem cells so you have more in your blood for donation.

After completion of the shots you go into the designated hospital as an outpatient. An IV is put into one arm and your blood is drawn out into an Apheresis machine that separates out the stem cells. Then your blood is returned to you via another IV in your other arm. This takes about three hours.

The stem cells you donated are then transfused into the blood of the recipient to begin the process of building healthy bone marrow and blood.

**That is all there is to saving a life!**

If you live in the Greater Los Angeles/Orange/Ventura County areas you should call the Donor Coordinator at the American Red Cross, Maria Garcia, at 1-800-246-7877. Make sure to tell her that you are interested in registering to become a Stem Cell Transplant Donor.

Gary Cunial has said that he will pick up the cost of testing for anyone in the club.

You can reach Gary at 818-379-9494 or 818-879-8120.

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