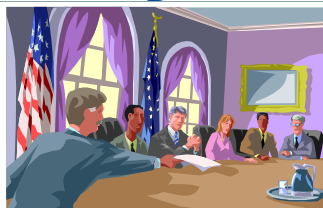


The Rotary Club of Van Nuys, California

THE ROTARYGRAM

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Where to Make Up

Monday

6:30pm-San Fernando-Sylmar, Denny's, 13201 Gladstone, Sylmar.

Tuesday

8am-Warner Center Sunrise, Dilbeck Realtors, 21747 Erwin Street, Woodland Hills.

Wednesday

5:45pm-West San Fernando Valley Twilight, Henri's Restaurant, 21601 Sherman Way, Canoga Park

Thursday

7:30am-Calabasas Country Club, 4515 Park Entrada, Calabasas

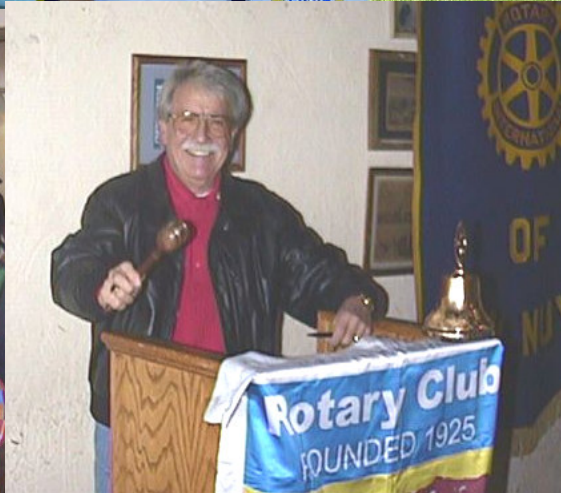
12:10pm-N. San Fernando Valley, Odyssey Restaurant, 15600 Odyssey Drive, Mission Hills.

Friday

7am-Glendale Sunrise, Hilton Hotel, 2200 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale

OR: You can make-up at any one of 31,314 clubs worldwide.

THIS WEEK'S MEETING



For reasons beknownst to only himself, President Archie Kidwell struck the bell 10 times to start today's meeting. He then started speaking but none could hear for the ringing in their ears.

It would appear that he was welcoming us to Rotary for the last time while bidding a fond farewell to our lunch server Arturo. The first words that we could make out were those of almost president Jim Tenner who lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance as well as offering the Invocation. The song was an adventure as Carlos, Archie and Jim led us in singing "God Bless America".

President Archie then introduced visiting Rotarian Steve McLoud from the Studio City/Sherman Oaks club who was with us today. Nancy Hoffman then introduced her guest who was Ilene from the Chamber of office. days.

Our President started the announcements with this coming weekend's Air show at the Van Nuys Airports. He stated that the club would be working two booths that would be selling commemorative Tee Shirts to raise funds and that everyone should arrive on time for their shifts.

Rotary District 5260

JUNE-LEADERSHIP TRAINING

16th Burbank Golf Tournament, Cascades Golf Club, Sylmar.

19th Lancaster Sunrise Charter Party.

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JULY-LITERACY MONTH

13th District Leadership Meeting, Sam's Club, North Hills, 8:30AM.

19th Rotary International Presidential Celebration, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

AUGUST-MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

6th Governor visits Santa Clarita Sunrise Club.

7th Governor visits Atwater Silver Lake Club.

8th Governor visits North San Fernando Valley Club.

10th District Leadership Meeting, Sam's Club, North Hills, 8:30am.

11th Governor visits Rosamond Club.

12th Governor visits Antelope Valley Sunrise Club.

13th Governor visits Palmdale Club.

14th Governor visits Granada Hills Club.

15th Governor visits Glendale Sunrise Club.

18th Governor visits San Fernando Valley Northwest Club.

19th Governor visits Studio City/Sherman Oaks club.

20th Governor visits Santa Clarita club.

This Week's Meeting

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The Expo will be one of only 10 venues in the nation selected to host a full-scale replica of the original Wright Flyer.

The free weekend air show is an important San Fernando Valley tradition. After missing last year for security reasons, the Expo returns as the city's largest, free family event and, it also raises thousands of dollars for local non-profit youth and service organizations. Our thanks to Flip Smith, Paul Davis and others who worked so hard to help make Van Nuys Rotary a part of this great event.

The club will be experiencing another significant event in the near

future as the Demotion Party for President Kidwell draws near.

The date is Sunday, June 29th from 10am to 2pm at The Encino Glen and we hope everyone will be in attendance as you have already been billed for attending.

We will be celebrating the tenure of our esteemed president as we relive his Rotary year and welcome distinguished notables from our community who have also come to honor and lay praise at his feet.

Of course no "Toast" would be complete without a little "Roast" and we look forward to seeing what our event planners have in mind.

THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

It was a relieved Gordon Mace who stepped to the podium to introduce our Speaker of the Day.

After a years worth of scrambling for the wonderful programs we have every week he was about to complete his tour of duty as Program Chair and his last speaker of the year had shown up on time and was ready to go.

Gordon introduced us to Mr. Bert Seneca who is the general manager of the AirTel Plaza and this years president of the Mid Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Bert graduated from Louisiana State University with an Accounting Degree but soon found his way into the Hospitality Industry. He is married with two daughters, both of which are too old for Gordon.

He started at the AirTel Plaza in 1991 when it still carried the name of Best Western and worked his way up to being the Food and Beverages Manager and in 1998 was named General Manager for the

entire facility.

Bert said the hotel, which is 20 years old, employs 220 people with about half of that full time staff.

Theirs is primarily a Monday through Friday business traveler hotel with tourists on the weekend and has suffered a huge drop in tourism since 9-11-02.

The hotel is actually on airport property and since 9-11 has made numerous changes to it's operational policy for security reasons.

The hotel is locally owned and, as Bert said, "The best thing about the job is that the owners are right down the hall. The worst thing is that the owners are right down the hall."

50% of Bert's job is in the area of Community outreach. Besides being President of the Chamber, he is also involved in the Police Council and numerous other community organizations working to improve the greater Van Nuys area.

Taken from the HEALTH section of FORTUNE magazine

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

By Carol J. Loomis

(thanks to Don Reinken for finding this article)

Rotary vs. Polio

The gang that comics joke about is kayoing a killer disease.

In the past year members of the Rotary Club in Sedalia, Mo. (pop: 20,339), honored a student of the month at Smith-Cotton High School, read to first-graders, delivered valentines to patients at Bothwell Regional Hospital, and helped the city's Hispanics celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Also, they kept working to eradicate polio worldwide.

Well, the Sedalia club isn't eradicating polio all by itself--30,000 Rotary Clubs all over the world are helping--and the job's not quite done. Polio still exists in seven countries: Afghanistan, Egypt, India, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Somalia. But the incredible fact is that Rotary International, the butt of stand-up comedians forever, has since the mid-1980s all but wiped out the disease. When Bill Gates, whose Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has given billions to advance world health, is asked what medical projects he respects, he often starts with Rotary and "the remarkable job it has done with polio."

Years ago every Rotary Club was an island that carried out service projects on its own. It would have been "close to heresy," says Bill Sergeant of Knoxville, Tenn., now Rotary's polio-meister, for anyone to suggest any other form of operating. But in the late 1970s a visionary Rotary president, Australian Clem Renouf, persuaded the organization's hierarchy that the clubs were wasting their talents by not uniting to attack a major problem. Polio was chosen, and ultimately, in 1986, Rotary announced a drive to raise the unimaginable amount of \$120 million to eradicate the disease. With that start--and with the \$247 million that was actually raised--PolioPlus was off the ground.

Rotary has now put more than \$500 million into PolioPlus and has gathered billions more from such partners as the World Health Organization, Unicef, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Gates Foundation itself. Vaccines are the first cost, of course. Every child under the age of 5--there are 607 million in the world--needs to receive at least six doses, at a per-dose cost of around 10 cents. Beyond that expense is the logistical challenge of delivering the vaccines. The difficulty of getting desperately poor mothers and children to an immunization center six or more times can't be underestimated. Rotary takes on much of that work: In war-ravaged Sudan, for example, it has chartered planes to airlift vaccines and staff to the inaccessible southern part of the country.

The seven countries where polio still exists each must pass several tests before they can be declared free of the disease, including having no cases for three years. (In case you're wondering, the U.S. has been polio-free since 1993.) Rotarians would love to see some of the seven graduate by 2005, the organization's 100th birthday. Meanwhile, Renouf is now Sir Clem, knighted for his humanitarian work in connection with Rotary.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA

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IMPORTANT DATES

BIRTHDAYS

Larry Winnick	June 20
Jane Russell	June 21
Bob Rice	June 24
Frank Micale	July 1
Cherie Spamer	July 11
Nancy Hoffman's spouse	July 20

June 19th	Mid Valley Chamber of Commerce at Bucca Di Beppo
June 21-22	Van Nuys Airport Aviation Expo
June 26th	President Kennedy visits Berlin and

June 29th	declares "Ich bin ein Berliner".
June 29th	Demotion Party for President Archie Kidwell at Encino Glen. 10am-2pm.
July 5th	US Secret Service established
July 19th	9th annual "Cops and Cowboys" auction and dinner at the DiFatta farm.
August 1st	Formal signing of the Declaration of Independence
August 15th	Woodstock Music and Art fair opens in New York state.
Sep 26-28th	46th Annual Sierra

Oct 11-12	Safari in Bishop. Studio City Sherman Oaks Art Show, Moorpark Park, Studio City.
Oct. 15th	District Governor visits Van Nuys Rotary.
Jan 1st	Rotary Float in the Rose Parade.
February 23rd	99th anniversary of the founding of Rotary.
April 29-May 2nd	District 5260 Conference, Bahia Resort, San Diego.
May 23-26th	Rotary International Convention, Osaka, Japan.