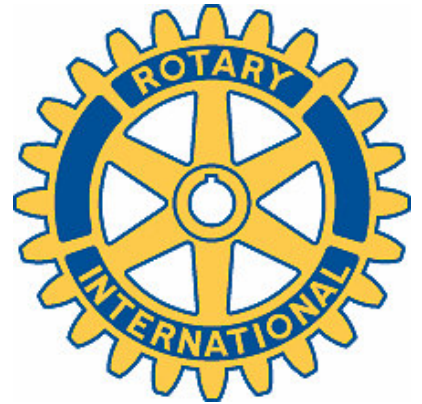


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Remembering D Day : 6th June 1944 - 2004



The **Normandy American Cemetery, Colleville-sur-mer** covers 172.5 acres and has 9,387 burials of US service men and women. Of this number, some 307 are unknowns, three are Medal of Honour winners and four are women. In addition there are 33 pairs of brothers buried side by side. It is the largest American Cemetery from WW2.

"This operation is not being planned with any alternatives. This operation is planned as a victory, and that's the way it's going to be. We're going down there, and we're throwing everything we have into it, and we're going to make it a success."

--General Dwight D. Eisenhower

The operation was code-named "Overlord." The outcome of the war rested upon its success.

The plan for Operation Overlord entailed landing nine divisions of sea and airborne troops, over 150,000 men, along a 50-mile stretch of coast in just 24 hours.

On D-Day, three airborne divisions, one British and two American, would drop behind the landing beaches. Their job, seize beach exits, capture key transportation and communication points, and block German counterattacks.

Six divisions would assault the five landing beaches. Each beach had a code name. Utah Beach was assigned to the U.S. 4th Division. The US 29th and 1st Divisions would land at Omaha Beach. Further east, the British 50th Division would assault Gold Beach and the Canadian 3rd Division would attack at Juno Beach. The British 3rd Division would take Sword Beach.

This publication pays homage to those young men and women who served during World War II to insure and protect freedom for all people, particularly those who fought at Omaha Beach, Utah Beach, and the Pointe du Hoc, places responsible for changing the course of history.

**Take up our quarrel with the foe.
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow**



STUDENT HONOREES

Joe Chu was the Rotarian in charge today as we recognized outstanding student-citizens from our local area schools.

Rebecca Morales from Tierra Del Sol told us about Kenny Valivia and Curtis Wang and the outstanding personal progress they are making as a result of the programs they are involved with at Tierra. They have both gained independence and are employed at area businesses.

Rebecca Valladares is our outstanding student from Grant High School. An honors student who is involved in virtually every student activity at Grant that works for the common good of all students, Rebecca also volunteers with the seniors food program in her neighborhood.



President Jim with today's student honorees from Tierra Del Sol and Grant High School.

10th Annual "Cops and

Cowboys" Auction



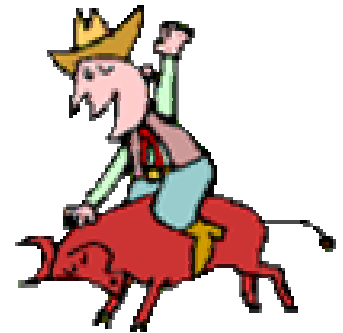
Presented by the Mid-Valley Community Police Council

Saturday July 10, 2004

Rancho Del Norte

9051 Wilbur Avenue

Northridge, Ca.



Kids area

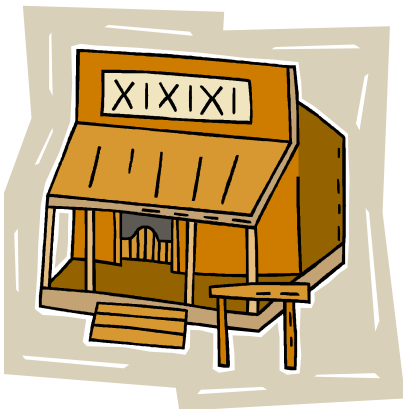
Games and fun

Western or Casual Attire

Prize for best western outfit

*Celebrities*Live Band*

Dinner*Dancing*Family Fun



OUR SPEAKER OF THE DAY

President Jim introduced our Speaker of the Day by asking if anyone in the room has ever had tea with the Queen of England. Retired Air Force Colonel Bill Perkins has and he told us how it came about.

He was in England as a distributor of car wax in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East when he was able to convince the Queen's chauffeur to use the product. The chauffeur was so impressed he helped Mr. Perkins receive a Royal Warrant from the Queen.

From earliest times tradesmen and women have served their sovereign by providing goods and services – from making robes and regalia to repairing roofs and painting walls. The first rewards for this loyal service came in the form of Royal Charters which were granted to the trade guilds, later known as livery companies. The earliest recorded Royal Charter was granted to the Weavers' Company in 1155 by Henry II. In 1394 Dick Whittington helped obtain a Royal Charter for his own Company, the Mercers, who traded in luxury fabrics.

By the 15th century Royal tradesmen were recognised by means of a Royal Warrant of Appointment - a practice that continues to this day. An early recipient was William Caxton, the first English printer, who was appointed King's printer in 1476 after setting up his press at Westminster.

As years passed Royal life and tastes changed. Henry VIII appointed Thomas Hewytt to 'Serve the Court with Swannes and Cranes' and 'all kinds of Wildfoule'. Charles II's list of Royal tradesmen in 1684 included a Sword Cutter, an Operator for the Teeth, and a Goffe-club Maker, whilst among the tradesmen supplying the Royal Household in 1789



Our Speaker of the Day Bill Perkins autographs a book for the Cohasset Street School Library as club secretary and school principal Cherie Spamer looks on.

were a pin maker, a mole taker, a card maker and a rat catcher.

In the late 18th century Warrant Holders began displaying the Royal Arms on their premises and stationery. However, it was Queen Victoria who ensured Royal Warrants gained the prestige they enjoy today. During her 64 year reign the Queen and her family were responsible for granting more Royal Warrants than ever before – more than 2000, eight times as many as the Queen's uncle, George IV. They included companies such as Fortnum & Mason, Schweppes, and Twinings, all of whom still hold Warrants today. A number of women were granted Warrants including a Modeller of Wax Flowers, a Chronometer Maker and a Silversmith.

TODAY'S MEETING: President Jim called the meeting to order and reminded us all that the new issue of the Rotarian magazine is available and full of great articles about Rotary life.

He then called upon District 5260 Governor Erich Moreno to give the invocation. The pledge was handled by past president Flip Smith and the 4-Way Test was led by President Jim.

Today's guests included the Governor and Judy Coats who has visited previously.

The Governor was called upon for a few brief comments and he thanked the club for all of their good work over the past year. He also mentioned that the District is putting together another trip to Spain and if anyone is interested in going they can contact him. He also spoke about membership in light of the upcoming centennial of Rotary and hoped to see us all in Chicago next year.



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Flip Smith was called upon to give an update on our participation at the San Fernando Valley Fair which will be held at Hansen Dam this weekend. Flip said that they had acquired the only shady spot at the fair for a beer booth which the club will be running and will split the profits with the fair.

President elect Carlos Rivera announced that the Board of Directors for the 2004-2005 year will have a meeting at Mission Hospital on June 23rd at noon. It is extremely important that all board members attend and plans will be laid for the club's direction in the coming year.

Get well cards were circulated for Bob Rice and Archie Kidwell. Bob is back in the hospital and Archie is recovering nicely.

Joe DiFatta is handling sign-ups for the Demotion party. Hopefully you will all be able to attend to help give President Jim the send off that he so rightly deserves.

BOB RICE was the recipient of the "Golden Helmet" award given to him recently by a representative of the U.S. Marine Corp association. Bob was recognized for his military service in the Marine Corp during World War II and his ongoing service to the community ever since. After leaving the service Bob served as a Police Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department and then after retiring, started a construction business.

He joined Van Nuys Rotary in 1970 and served as President for the 1978-1979 Rotary year. He also served as Director of International Service for a number of years. He helped the club build their first school in Mexico in 1975, a soccer field in 1976, repaired another school in 1980, built a school in Tecate in 1985, oversaw construction of a fourth school in 1986-1988. The last school is named after Bob and his wife Marti.

Give Bob a call at Northridge Hospital and say: **"thanks for a job well done."**