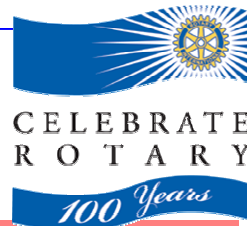


The Rotarygram



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Meeting Highlights



Barbara Mack

Today's program, craft talks by two of our newer members, lived up to the tradition of being a truly interesting program. Introductions were made by our chair of the day, Paul Davis.

Barbara Mack is an Enrolled Agent, with a small accounting practice providing tax returns, accounting services and does training for those using Quicken accounting software.

Growing up in the Napa Valley, Barbara moved to Los Angeles when she was in high school. Her college degree is in accounting. Additional training and experience has given her expertise in depreciation rules and business management practices for small-to-medium businesses.

Barbara volunteers with the Mid-Valley Police Council and other community organizations. She is an accomplished cook, enjoys entertaining, the theater and is a collector of cook books.

Em Roberts, the youngest of eight children, is a native of the Philippines and has recently become a naturalized US citizen. She earned her college degree in business management, is a real estate agent and provider of financial services.

Em's fired up to help people understand and make money a tool for financial success and a rewarding retirement. She and her husband have — through their church — had a hand in providing water wells and other facilities in countries where these are vitally needed.

Let's all give our new members a rousing welcome!



Em Roberts

Visitors

Guests:

- Husband, Danny Roberts and other guests, introduced by Em Roberts

"The public is wonderfully tolerant. It forgives everything except genius."

— Oscar Wilde

Be Noticed...

RECOGNITION...Let it not be said that our deeds (or birthdays) go unrecognized! Archie Kidwell, Don Fetherolf and Pres, Carlos 'canned' those Rotarians with birthdays in May and June: Barbara Mack, Jamie Cordaro, Larry Sunderlin, Don Reinken, Larry Winnick, Margie Hawkins and Don Fetherolf.

Catch-up time for fines? Well, the club's coffers were expanded by almost \$300 in recognition of members' activities: Paul Davis and Flip Smith, each with a recent hole-in-one on the golf course; Pete Satuloff and

Don Reinken, each on separate vacation cruises; Jamie Cordaro, late; Guy Mangia, for no reason; Flip Smith, grandfather of twins; Leo O'Biecunas, his son graded 4.0; Jim Sullivan, the hospital's "Spring Affair" fundraiser; Mike Quiroga, \$0, nothing to share.



From left, Archie Kidwell, Flip Smith, Paul Davis and Jim Sullivan.

Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** I extend my warm and sincere appreciation to Rev. Harley Malloy for standing in for me as newsletter editor over the last several weeks during my absence. Thanks, Harley!
- Barbara Baerg updated the information on our Demotion Party, dinner and evening at the Air-Tel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys on June 29 starting at 6:30 p.m. to honor our outgoing President Carlos, his leadership, officers and committees for the year 2004-2005.
- Van Nuys Rotary will be dark (no meeting at noon) on Wednesday, June 29.
- Van Nuys will be manning the beer booth at the San Fernando Valley Fair, 6/9—6/12.
- Jim Sullivan announced our next Blood Drive at Mission Community Hospital, June 23; and they're hosting the Mid-Valley Chamber Mixer, Thursday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m.
- Victoria Castillo thanked those club members who worked so hard on the clean-up of our "Avenue," Lennox Avenue, a part of our ongoing service project to help improve the community. (See story on page 3.)

...Follow Rotary's Four-Way Test!...

The Spotlight's On...

"Avenue" of Service

By Barbara Baerg, President Elect

A year ago at a Van Nuys Rotary Board of Director's meeting, Jim Sullivan presented his idea of adopting a street... literally an "Avenue" of service. I remember thinking it was a great idea and at the same time wondered what it would look like. Having spent some time on our "Avenue" this past week, I can tell you exactly what it looks like - HOPE!

Last Saturday, Rotarians and other organizations joined the Mid Valley Chamber in their annual clean-up day. Victoria Castillo arranged for Rotarians to clean up our Avenue: Lennox Street between Vanowen and Sherman Way. Early in the morning, the street was littered with trash and old couches and mattresses. By ten o'clock the street was clean and tidy.

Two weeks earlier, there had been a killing on our Avenue at the recycling center next to the YMCA. The LAPD decided to do a Neighborhood Watch Meeting at one of the apartment buildings. After the clean up on Saturday, Rotarians Victoria Castillo, Ken Benson, Nancy Hoffman and Jim Sullivan helped to hand out flyers inviting neighbors to the Neighborhood Watch Meeting. The residents were excited that the community was getting together to help them with their problems.

Wednesday night, I showed up at the meeting wanting to give support to our Avenue. Officer Davis, along with three other police officers, Rev. Shelly of the

Church on the Way, and your President-Elect lead the meeting.

Officer Davis talked about the crime on the street. He discussed the importance of keeping the street clean, making sure doors and windows stay locked, keeping the buildings well lighted and in general making the street look like the people who live there care. He also discussed the importance of looking out after each other and reporting any problems to the police. He then told them that the Van Nuys Rotary had decided to adopt the street.

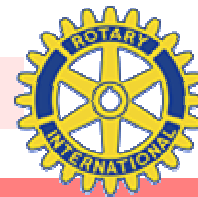
There were ninety faces looking at us with hope. I could see they were happy and proud that the community cared about them. I told them a little about Rotary and about our club. Finally I told them that we had helped with the clean up on Saturday and that we had some plans in the works to offer special programs for the children: specifically, our tennis program and the computer lab at the YMCA. Rev. Shelly spoke about how the Church on the Way wanted to support them as well. We all emphasized how they needed to be responsible for themselves and for their street.

Officer Davis and the group agreed that it would be beneficial to have speed bumps and additional lighting to help protect the citizens of this Avenue.

Thank you to Jim Sullivan, your Avenue committee who chose the street, and all who helped with the clean up. Thank you, Leo O'Biecunas, for coming up with the programs for the kids. We have a great start on our "Avenue" of service!



"Service Above Self"



Rotary Club of Van Nuys

Upcoming Programs

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| June 15 | The Braille Institute — Carmen Applegren; chair, Ken Benson. |
| June 22 | Historical (or hysterical) stories shared by VN Rotary members. Chair, Joe DiFatta. |
| June 29 | Dark, no noon meeting at 94th Aero Squad. Restaurant. Demotion Party, 6:30 p.m. at Air-Tel Plaza Hotel. |
| July 6 | TBA |

BIRTHDAYS

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| June 20 | Larry Winnick |
| July 11 | Cherie Spamer |
| July 16 | Leo O'Biecunas |
| July 17 | Mari Satuloff |
| July 20 | Jim Vanyck |
| July 21 | Gian Carla Tejada |
| August 3 | Mike Quiroga |

HOT DATES

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| June 18-22 | Rotary International Convention , Chicago, Illinois. 100 years of Rotary! |
| June 23 | Blood Drive at Mission Comm. Hospital. |
| June 29 | Demotion Party — Air-Tel Plaza Hotel, 6:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 16-18 | Sierra Safari in Bishop! Try it, you'll like it! |

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