

The Rotarygram

ROTARY CLUB OF VAN NUYS
JULY 14, 2009
CLUB 724 - DISTRICT 5260



President's Message

Fellow Rotarians-

I have always enjoyed getting and reading the "Rotarygram". I also think it is an important tool in the recruitment and retention of the most valuable asset our club has - its members. Having a little time on my hands at the moment, I was able to assemble this issue. Naturally, I am confident that there will be a couple members that would like to contribute to their club by helping to put together a newsletter, if not every week than perhaps once a month or even quarterly.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

**Wednesday, July 15 at 11:00AM at 94th
Aero Squadron**
RCVN Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 04
Mid Valley Police Council
7:45 am Valley Pres. Hospital

Wednesday, September 5
District Governor Visit

**Friday, September 25 – Sunday,
September 27**
Sierra Safari in Bishop, CA

RAFFLE WINNER Shoshanna

**Visiting Rotarians &
Guests** Rick Feldman, guest of Robert Ramirez
Shoshanna, guest of Jim Tenner

Presidential address to club on July 08, 2009:

"Fellow Rotarians, I am honored to have been chosen to help lead this historic and dynamic organization. Our club is rich in tradition and we span nearly a century of performing examples service above self.

If you have helped out with a project or participated in Rotary Club events this past year, I want to thank you and encourage you to continue to put your shoulder to the wheel - perhaps even more so now than in the past.

If you have had limited participation in Rotary Club of Van Nuys projects or events during the last year, I would like to suggest to you that now is an ideal time for you to reflect upon the many reasons why you joined the Rotary Club in the first place. I invite you to re-commit yourself to this fine organization during this next Rotary year.

It is my personal goal that one year from now every member in this room will have invited a guest - not necessarily to "grow membership" but rather because you are proud of the many fine accomplishments of this club and that you want others to share this experience.

During my time as President, you will no doubt come to know that there are some Rotary events or traditions that I embrace dearly and will seek to maintain. Doing so is critical to bring value to our club and meaning to the contribution we make to our community.

An example of this is The Annual Invitational Track Meet - a time-honored event that demonstrates the extraordinary capability of our club and our commitment to the community to whom we are so dedicated.

There are some items that I would like to see become a part of our club.

An example is really not new to the club at all: "Doing Business with Rotarians is Good Business". In these challenging economic times, I think it is critical that rely on each other as a significant means of business leads. And why wouldn't we? We are an ethical group with a common bond.

If I need tires, where the Hell do you think I am going to go? (Flip's!) If I need to see a dentist (and I really do) don't you think Guy Mangia is going to be on the short list of candidates?

What also might be new to some of you is the use of what is being called "social networking" - that is using vehicles like LinkedIn, FaceBook, YouTube and the like. The technology around us has changed and grown, and although I am not particularly good at it, I intend for our club to embrace it. We will use this technology to grow the membership of our club.

Again, I am honored to not only be a part of this club, but I view participation in it as a privilege that I am proud to share with my wife and children.

You people are some of the greatest friends, colleagues and mentors I could have ever hoped for. I intend to repay your meaningful encouragement, generosity and warm fellowship the only way I know how: with the leadership our club so deserves. Because if it is true that Rotary is indeed in our hands, I will seek to lead our club to toil tirelessly in the work that I know means so damn much to each of us.

I look forward to growing personally, professionally and spiritually as our club gives back to our community through the dividends of our dedication and hard work. I look forward to working with each of you, to getting to know you and those important to you better as we forge onward.

May God bless you and The Rotary Club of Van Nuys."

Each year members are requested to suggest the amount of financial support they wish to give the club in the form of "fines." Please use this form (or another, of your choice) to let the President and Finemaster know how you wish to participate.

Please recognized me for this Rotary year in the amount of: \$_____.

Name:_____