



## Rotary Club of Van Nuys

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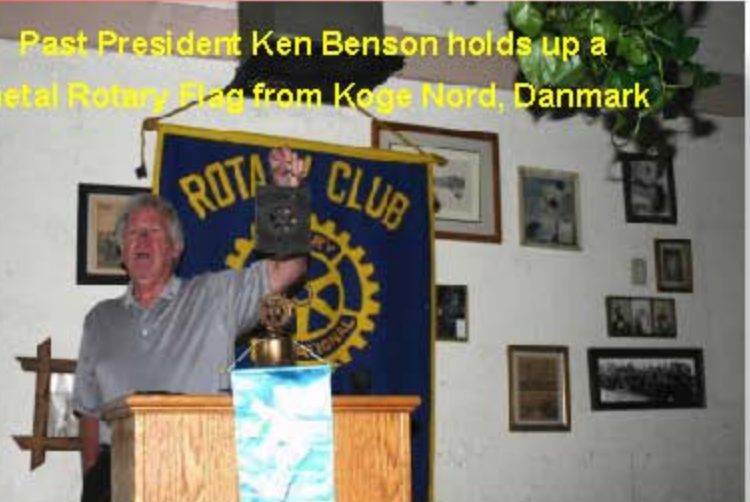
Club 1470 - District 5260

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### Meeting Highlights..

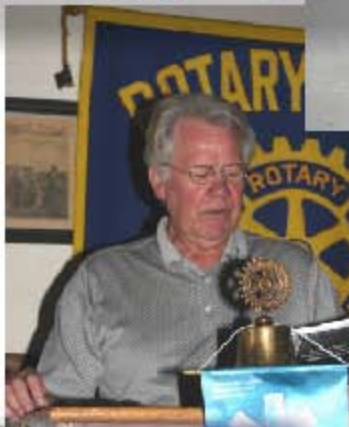


Past President Ken Benson holds up a metal Rotary Flag from Kege Nord, Denmark



This week, past President Ken Benson spoke about his three week voyage to the RI Convention in Copenhagen, Denmark and Sweden. This is the first time in Rotary's history the conference has been held in two countries at the same time. Ken spoke about how well the convention was attended by club members from all over the world. The RI Convention is the time to make the transition from outgoing president (Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar) to bring in the president elect. (William B. Boyd). The theme this year, Lead the Way, sets the tone for taking one step, one project at a time. Ken spoke about the need to take a moment to put yourself in someone else's situation to truly understand how to come up with lasting solutions.

Above,  
President Jim Sullivan and  
Past President  
Ken Benson  
Hold up a Rotary  
Flag from Puerto  
Vallarta, Mexico



### Visitors

#### GUESTS

- "Tory" - granddaughter of Past President Barbara Baerg. "What a smile"

#### ROTARIANS:

- Susan Farnworth, member of the Covina Rotary.



## Upcoming Events

- August 5th**      **YMCA - Van Nuys.** The 5260 District is having a training session to show what the new district website has to offer and to discuss the efforts that are being made to make the website a better tool for communication.
- August 6th**      **Concerts in the Park** are presented free, each Sunday, June through Labor Day weekend, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lou Bredlow Pavilion in Warner Center Park in Woodland Hills. For info -- [www.valleycultural.org](http://www.valleycultural.org)
- August 12th**      **District Leadership Conference** - Sams Cafe/New Horizons. See President Jim Sullivan for more info.
- August 26th**      **Afghanistan Dental Relief Project** - Belly Dancers, Awards, Auctions, Food, Etc. 5pm at 22811 Plummer St., Chatsworth CA 91311. Sponsored by Mid-SFV Rotary and United Nations Association-SFV Chapter. Call Barbara Mack before August 20th to R.S.V.P.

## Announcements

President Jim Sullivan announced that the Board Meeting held on Tuesday went very well. The board meeting was in session for over 2hrs!! Out of the meeting came the discussion of supporting the Rotary Foundation and the Van Nuys Rotary Foundation. In future meetings we will be discussing both Foundations purposes.

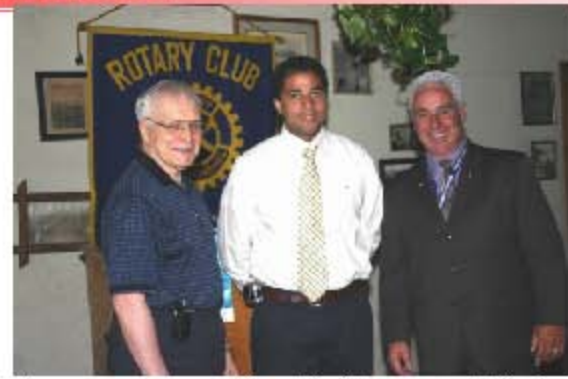
Fred Rabban announced the Frontline Foundations need for volunteers and light tuna. Frontline Foundation is a program that works directly with "Feed The Homeless." They go downtown Tuesday and Saturday mornings. Call Fred for more info. In Wednesdays meeting the Van Nuys Rotary Club donated \$200.00 to the Frontline Foundation to help them purchase canned tuna.

**"In the middle of difficulty  
lies opportunity" - Albert Einstein**

## Announcements continued



Here's the skinny on Don's knees. Kneed I say more.....



Left to right, Past President Don Reinken, Kevin Clayton and President Jim Sullivan.

Rotary members Don Reinken and Kevin Clayton were acknowledged by President Jim Sullivan for their work on the Rotarygram.

## Rotary Moment....

### Good Club Projects Help Attract New Members

When a Rotarian approaches a prospective member, he must convince them that the membership in Rotary is of value. A Rotary club must project an image that will make qualified people want to join Rotary. A variety of service projects will attract new members who have divergent personalities and interests. Some prospective members will admire a club's work with the handicapped. Others will view Rotary as an effective channel for working with youth. Still others will be attracted by the internationality of Rotary. Activities of the club must be balanced among all avenues of service

More members mean increased manpower for greater service, and greater service creates a greater community awareness of Rotary. This awareness in turn, attracts more prospective members to the club, resulting in further service potential. The cycle benefits the club and the community it serves.

Younger people, with vitality and fresh viewpoints, must be included in this cycle to perpetuate Rotary. With their keen interpretations of today's needs, they help to insure the future Rotary and its purpose.

- PDG John D. Alexander.



## Upcoming programs

### Lead the Way in Community Service:

**Fred Rabban**

- Supporting and feeding the homeless at the Frontline Foundation
- Halloween Festival
- Clean drinking water project
- Reading to the students- supporting the grand opening of the reading program at Bassett Street Elementary
- Renovating the garden at Bassett Street Elementary
- Serving on the Avenue of Service - Lennox Avenue
- Serving at Tarzana Rehabilitation Center

### Lead the Way in Youth Service:

**Charles Bloomquist**

- Citizen Recognition program
- Taking kids to the Dodgers game
- Van Nuys Track meet

### Lead the Way in Club Service: Tom Harris

- Help find interesting speakers for programs
- Promoting and creating exciting events
- Developing brochures to attract the business community and future Rotarians

### Lead the Way in Vocational Service:

**Don Reinken**

- Student Recognition Program
- Career day at Fulton and Van Nuys High
- Computer Lab

### Lead the Way in International Service:

**Ed Viramontes**

- Explore new opportunities in Rosarito, Mexico
- Eye Clinic
- A big project - Spring 2007 - In Rosarito

Please join a committee - get involved - Lead the Way

### Birthdays

- July 11** Cherie Spamer
- July 16** Leo O'Biecunas
- July 17** Marie Satuloff
- July 20** Jim Vanyek
- July 24** Harley Malloy
- August 3** Mike Quiroga

**August 6**

### Hot Date

**Van Nuys Rotary Social 5:30pm**  
concert in the park with the Platters  
call Barbara Baerg for info (818) 601-0192

Were on the Web! [VanNuysRotary.org](http://VanNuysRotary.org)

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