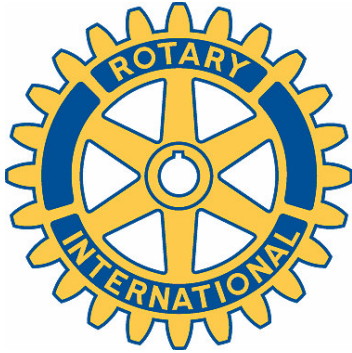


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# *Van Nuys Rotary Members in the News*

## AREA BUSINESSES HONORED AT VICA GALA

UNIVERSAL CITY, CA – Last night, more than 400 business and civic leaders, including State Senators Richard Alarcon and Jack Scott, State Assembly members Dario Frommer and Keith Richman, and Los Angeles City Council members Wendy Greuel, Tom LaBonge, Alejandro Padilla, and Dennis Zine applauded the recipients of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) Robert E. Gibson Award for Excellence and the presentation of VICA’s Second Annual “Excellence in Business Awards” at a black-tie Awards Dinner and Gala at the Universal Sheraton Hotel in Universal City.

Recipients of VICA’s Second Annual “Excellence in Business Awards” were:

### **Mike’s Roofing, Inc., Achievement Award for Small Business**



# A Message from President Bhichai Rattakul

## 'Sow the Seeds of Love' throughout the world

Dear fellow Rotarians,



I am looking forward with great anticipation to our year of service in 2002-03. Rotarians at the grass-roots level are the inspiration and strength behind our distinguished organization. Their dreams and tireless dedication have helped transform communities and countries for nearly a century.

I am a firm believer in working from the bottom up, rather than the top down. Rotarians themselves are in the best position to know what is important to their clubs and communities. In the past, too many new programs have been introduced at the beginning of each Rotary year. This year, I will not implement any new programs, goals, or quotas. It is important to focus on those projects and those programs that are already in place, rather than diffuse our efforts.



A Message from  
RI President  
Bhichai Rattakul

The 2002-03 Presidential Citation reflects this philosophy. I encourage club leaders to set their own goals and initiate their own ideas. Each club should determine how it will carry out activities in all of the four Avenues of Service (Club, Vocational, Community, and International). Similarly, each club will set its own membership and fundraising goals, consistent with the bottom-up approach.

I invite clubs to focus on the following areas:

- Increasing membership based on specific club goals (consistent with RI's overall goal to increase net membership to 1.5 million members by 2005)
- Participating in or financially supporting at least one project or program of The Rotary Foundation
- Initiating or continuing at least one activity within each of the four Avenues of Service

One major focus of the 2002-03 year will be supporting PolioPlus. The Rotary Foundation of RI has launched a new campaign, Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio, to raise US\$80 million to help achieve our goal of eradicating polio by the year 2005. The funds raised by Rotarians will be matched or surpassed by the World Bank and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. We must commit ourselves fully to this noble effort; otherwise, 20 years of progress may be lost.

I also invite Rotarians to begin preparations for Rotary's milestone centennial in 2005. One way to commemorate this historic event is to implement a Rotary Club Centennial Community Project. It might take the form of a park for children, a shelter for the homeless, or a vocational center for the unemployed —whatever is most needed in your community. This project will serve as a lasting reminder of Rotary's contributions and mission of service.

This year's RI theme is *Sow the Seeds of Love*, based on my belief that meaningful service comes from the heart. I encourage all Rotarians to *Sow the Seeds of Love* in their clubs, in their vocations, in their communities, and throughout the world. As Dr. Jonas Salk once said, "The greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more."

I believe we can change the world, one life at a time. No project is too small or insignificant, especially to those it benefits. My hope is that these seeds of service will blossom and live on for countless generations to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'B. Rattakul'.

Bhichai Rattakul  
President, Rotary International

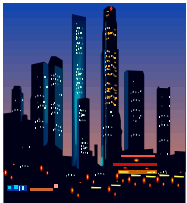
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## **RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW**

This past Wednesday saw the annual changing of the guard at **Van Nuys Rotary**. Following a very respectful and very subdued demotion party for James Cordaro (2001-2002) which saw a number of presentations from local and regional dignitaries (including Val Panaccia, Wendy Gruel and Dennis Zine-Police Department, City Council and City Council respectively) the Rotary pin of President was pinned on Archie Kidwell (2002-2003) and wouldn't you know it he showed up the following Wednesday to take over the office when Jamie surrendered it. I am very sorry to say that a number of our members were missing on President Archie's first day but **District 5260 Governor Ken Banks** stop by to visit and lend moral support. I hope all of the club membership will be there to support our new president.



**NEXT WEEKS PROGRAM: SINGAPORE CULTURE**  
**Chairperson of the Day: Gordon Mace**



## **FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE VAN NUYS ROTARY CLUB

To serve the needs of local and International communities through projects...programs and activities to better the lives of those in need.

Promote the ideal of Rotary in our professional and personal lives.  
And...to honor the principles of Rotary...

**“Service above self”**