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THE ROTARY CLUB OF VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA

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Acting President Archie Kidwell rang the bell to start our meeting and announced that President Jamie was out of town for the week.

He then asked Pete Satuloff to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Jim Tenner followed with an insightful Invocation and his lovely bride Joan honored us by giving us hope in singing "America, the Beautiful".

Our visitor of the week was Joan Tenner and our visiting Rotarians were Kermit Floyd who was representing the district on behalf of Community Service and Cheryl, who was our speaker of the day as well as being the president of the Corona club.

Glad to see many of our members present but missed Grant Lippert.

We express our sympathy to Ed Viramontes and his family on the passing of Ed's father.

Announcements

Kermit Floyd representing District 5260 took the podium to speak of the Community and Youth Services that we all participate in and the need to publicize these activities.

Paul Davis announced that he had no announcements.

September 4th Mid Valley Police Council-8am-Valley Pres. Hospital
Topic will be the Police Dept. Consent Decree.

September 28-30 Bishop Safari

October 10 th	Official visit from District Governor Nancy Schmidt
October 11 th	22 nd Annual Citizens Recognition Luncheon 11:45am-Airtel Plaza-\$40 per person
October 27 th	Van Nuys Rotary Black Tie Masquerade Party and fundraiser \$45 per couple; \$25 single
November 3 rd	Van Nuys Rotary Wheelchair Clinic-Valley Pres. Hospital See Rocky Star for details
January 1 st	Rose Bowl Parade featuring the Rotary International float
Spring 2002	Group Study Exchange with Brazil
June 23rd-26 th	International Convention, Barcelona, Spain

Van Nuys Rotary has a website up and running thanks to club member Don Reinken. Thanks to Don for all of his hard work and to Lauren Ross for hosting the website. The address is:

WWW.VanNuysRotary.org

Next up on the agenda was Archie recognizing himself for failing to follow proper procedure while conducting a meeting. He then introduced Paul Davis as person in charge of assisting with recognitions while he has his senior moments.

Paul then started a dialogue with Flip in which we learned he has a newly wed daughter (congratulations to all involved), a new cottage, travel plans and memories of a recent trip to Pebble Beach. We think Switzerland was mentioned but I'm not sure if that was a vacation or a safe haven for his bank account.

It was at that point that Archie retook control and introduced Jim Tenner who shared some background with us on how he met our Speaker of the Day. It seems that Jim and his lovely wife Joan were on their way back from the Rotary International Convention in San Antonio, Texas when they noticed this young lady wearing a rotary pin. Naturally a conversation ensued. She was the president of the Rotary Club of Corona, California and felt that Rotary was one of the great forces in the world for helping others. It was at that point that Jim asked her for her phone number and once back in town, called her and asked if she would come speak at our club.

He then introduced Cheryl (he never did tell us her last name) who had a very difficult childhood, being bounced from parent to parent and then being forced out on her own

while still a teenager. Fortunately, she made the right choices and is now a wife, mother, co-owner of a publishing business, active church member *and* president of her local Rotary Club.

She was first invited to a Rotary meeting when her local club had a membership drive. No one invited her back the next week so she went on her own. The same thing happened the following week. By the 4th week the person who had originally invited her had left the club moving out of town but she was so inspired by what she heard about Rotary that she came back again. The club president came up to her and said “I don’t know how you got here but would you be interested in joining?” She said **YES!**

When weeks went by and no one asked her to be on a committee or gave her anything to do, she went to the president and said, “How can I help?” He told her to put together a senior prom for the elderly and when she asked who else was on the committee he replied “no one.” Needless to say, the prom was a success because of her initiative and her willingness to ask others for help on the project.

Cheryl has since taken in foreign students, traveled to Russia with her club and others to do Dental Surgery and become the president of her club at the tender age of 30 something.

We sincerely thank Cheryl for coming and speaking with us today and we thank her for exemplifying the spirit of Rotary in every thought, word and deed.

Future programs

September 5 th	Eq. Insurance
September 12 th	Adventures of a Private Eye
September 19 th	Surviving Bankruptcy with Lauren Ross
September 26 th	World War II and the B-17 Bomber

District 5260 Calendar

September	New Generations Month
Sep. 8 th	District Leadership Meeting; Sam’s Café, New Horizons; 8:30am
Sep. 19 th -22 nd	Zone Institute, Reno, Nv.

Sep. 28 th -30 th	Bishop Safari, Bishop, Ca.
October	Vocational Service Month
Oct. 6th	Alzheimer's Walk-Hollywood Race Track
Oct. 10 th	District Governor's official visit to Van Nuys Rotary
Oct. 13 th	Multi District Foundation Workshop-Simi Valley Grand View Hotel

District 5260 Governor Nancy Schmidt was born in Los Angeles, is a resident of Chatsworth, and has made false teeth in her father's dental lab. She also assisted with the opening of Magic Mountain, is a fifth generation native daughter of Los Angeles, taught in the elementary grades in the Los Angeles Unified School District, is a founder of the San Fernando Valley Charitable Foundation and spent 25 years in the community banking field.

She was President of the Universal City-North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, graduated from the Valley Leadership Institute, received the Fernando Award in 1996 and her grandfather bought Angel's Flight Railroad in downtown Los Angeles in 1952 only to sell it ten years later to the CRA who tore it down to redevelop Bunker Hill.

Good to see Frank Micale, Henry Steenackers, Cheri Spamer, Don Reinken, Lauren Ross, Jim and Joan Tenner, Archie Kidwell, Gary Cunial, Paul Davis, Don Fetherolf, Pete Satuloff, Ruben Corona, Guy Mangia, Ken Worthen, Arnold Clomera and Flip Smith at our meeting this week as well as our distinguished visitors and guests.

While on a three-day visit to District 1360, Rotary International President Richard D. King met with the president of Iceland and many of the island nation's 1,100 Rotarians. With a population of 280,000, Iceland has one of the world's highest ratios of Rotarians per capita.

"President Rick's visit has been very valuable for Icelandic Rotarians and it ties us more closely to Rotary International," said Past District Governor Jon Hakon Magnusson. "The last RI president who came here was Bill Huntley in '94."

