

The Rotarygram



Rotary Club of Van Nuys

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Meeting Highlights

“Take me out to the ballgame...” This was the song-of-the-day in honor of our speaker, Vince Bonsignore, a sports writer covering events and players in the local area.

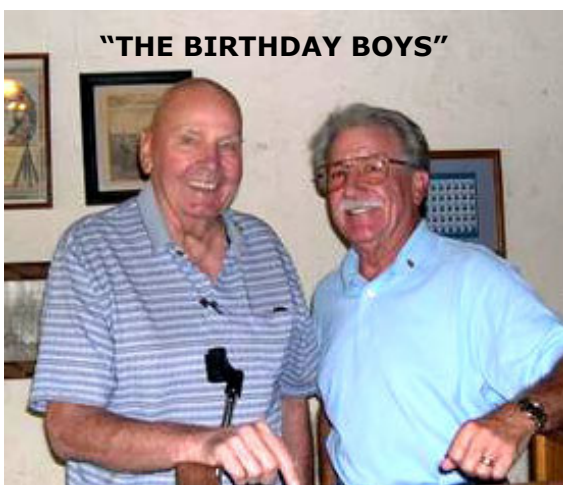
In his 10 years reporting for the *Daily News*, Vince has treated his loyal readers to insightful coverage of both amateur and pro sports — making sports fans especially happy to have local news of high school and collegiate teams.

One great series of stories covered the exciting tale of the Conejo Valley Little League Team on their almost perfect journey towards winning the world’s championship. It **was** perfect — right up to the final eliminations game when they had their only lose. The boys played with wonderful spirit and skills...almost better than the pros!

We’ll keep on watching for Vince’s columns to see how well he does now that he’s a newly married man.



PDG Joe DiFatta, left, introduced our speaker, Vince Bonsignore, sports writer for the *Daily News*.



“THE BIRTHDAY BOYS”

Bob Rice, left, gave a helping hand to Archie Kidwell as they honored Rotarians having birthdays during September and October: Gary Cunial, Ken Worthen, Barbara Baerg, Barry Leonard, Flip Smith, Ken Benson, Archie Kidwell, Victroia Castillo and George Beauchamp.

Visitors

Visiting Rotarians: Ed Anderson introduced Steve McCloud from Sherman Oaks. Ken Benson introduced Roger Meyers, a guest of Barbara Baerg. Roger is a former member of the Woodland Hills Club.

Guests: PDG John Alexander introduced Brenda Bradford from Learning for Life—Explorer Division. Brenda’s group works with youngsters in the 14 to 20 age group, providing guidance in career options. Margie Hawkins, Principal of Basset Street Elementary School was introduced by Cherie Spamer.

Entertainment Books—2005...see Paul Davis or Ken Worthen!

Student Recognition



Keeping up today's sports theme, we had a double-header — student honorees from both Grant and Birmingham High Schools. Pictured above, from left, Youth Service Director Joe Chu; honorees Yanet Munoz and Joseph Portillo; President Carlos Rivera; Grant H.S. Career Counselor Ellen Brown; honorees Emmaline Hartel and Luis Aguilar; and Birmingham H.S. Track/Cross Country Coach Scott King. Honorees receive a certificate of commendation from the Rotary Club of Van Nuys and a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

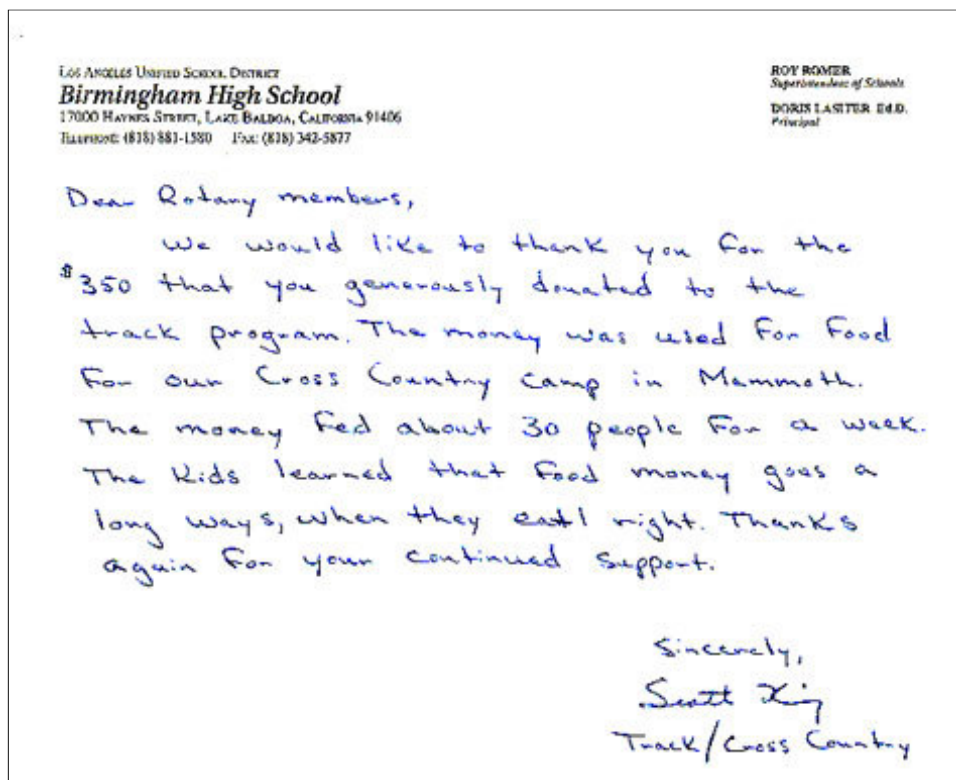
Announcements

- See HOT DATES on page 4 for upcoming club and community events.
- Joe DiFatta filled us in on more details about our project to assemble and ship 'care packages' to our servicemen and women in Iraq — 100-125 packages...probably \$1,500 to \$2,000 costs. The plan is to send "everyday gifts"...pens, t-shirts, playing cards, yo-yo's, perhaps cameras... all imprinted with VN Rotary logo. Joe needs other suggestions AND donations to help cover the costs. Checks may be made out to: Van Nuys Rotary Foundation. Get with Joe on this great project — now!

NOTICE The following four candidates for membership are presented for consideration: Shawn Sawyer, E.D. of the T. Sawyer Group (Medical Resources); Margie Hawkins, LAUSD Principal (Education, Grade School); Charles Bloomquist, Manager of Sam's Café at New Horizons (Food Service— Non-profit); Nader Soht, Manager of 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant (Restaurant Management). Members comments should be promptly directed to Club Secretary, Ken Benson.

Announcements (cont.)

This thank-you letter was received from Birmingham High School for our contribution following the last Van Nuys Rotary sponsored Invitational Track/Field Meet...



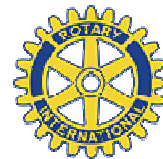
Regretfully we announce the passing of John D. Sullivan, father of our member, Jim Sullivan. John, age 90, died Monday, September 27, 2004, doing what he liked best: helping others with a project.

A former Rotarian, John enjoyed sharing the news of Jim's Rotary activities and participation in our Club and was a visitor with us on several occasions,

We extend our warmest sympathies to Jim, to his family and to all who knew and loved John.

**"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift;
that's why they call it the present."**

Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)



"Service Above Self"

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Upcoming Programs

- October 6 Financial Crimes — LAPD Detective II Debra Kane will be exposing the "Do's and Don'ts" in handling your personal affairs...a most timely topic. Maybe we'll learn how not to get caught by Identity Theft! Who do you know that might enjoy this program?
- October 13 Kirk Kushen, Fire Captain from Kern Valley — addressing Southern California fires and safeguards to combat this menace. A "hot" topic as we enter this high-risk season.
- October 20 Pest Control — Jim Wiseman, Deputy Commissioner, L.A. County Agricultural Pest Control. With fruit flies and West Nile Virus, this is a biting topic you won't want to miss.

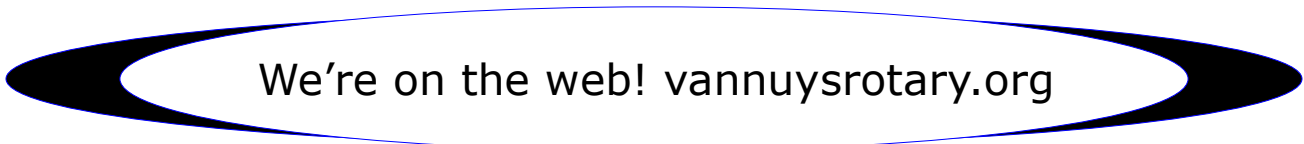
BIRTHDAYS

- October 5 Mary Mangia
- October 21 Cheryl Stout
- October 28 Larry Feige
- October 30 George Beauchamp
- Nov. 2 Diane Eaton
- Nov. 5 Carlos Rivera
- Nov. 5 Mary McDannel

HOT DATES

- October 7 Mid-Valley Comm. Police Council — Annual Citizen's Recognition Luncheon 11:45 a.m. — Airtel Plaza.
- October 22 Dinner/Theater: "Late Night Catechism II — The Sequel" El Portal Theater, North Hollywood.
- October 26 Ross' Wedding Anniversary
- Nov. 2 Corona's Wedding Anniversary

**Rotary International Annual Convention
June 18-22, 2005 Chicago, Illinois — 100th year !**



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