

Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

April 24, 2017

“President Rebecca – The War Machine Trial”

Presiding: President Rebecca Collett
Conducting: President Rebecca Collett
Invocation: Keith Thomas
Photos: Ted Henderson
Mr. Mic: Karl Maisner
Newsletter: Obadiah Dogberry

PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING – Thanks Ted!

VISITING ROTARIANS:

Debbie Harris – Assistant Governor, District 5300. Debbie is a member of the Spring Mountain Rotary Club where she is the immediate past President.

Tom Novotny – Past District Governor, District 5300. Tom is a member of the Las Vegas West Rotary Club where he has held every position known in the Rotary world.

GUESTS:

Keith Thomas’ guest was Yves Mombeleur who has been hired to take Keith’s place when he retires (this is the second week in a row that Keith has brought him to lunch, proving that, indeed, Keith can work with someone for more than one week without working said person to death!)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tom Novotny announced the passing of long time Rotarian Walt Jourdan of the North Las Vegas Club. Walt was 89.

President Rebecca thanked everyone who attended District Assembly on 4/22 in Apple Valley and singled out Bruce Pope who volunteered to drive and to take Ted Henderson’s place in the Foundation Committee sessions so that our club could continue to be eligible for grants, etc.

Jordana Lane reminded everyone about Spring Shopping on 4/29 at JC Penney’s in the Boulevard Mall. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. and will be shopping for 30-35 kids from Dean Peterson Elementary School.

Karl Maisner also reminded everyone to attend the next Satellite Club meeting on April 27 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Sierra Gold at Jones and 215. He has mailed an “evite” to everyone.

Tom Martin again announced the club social to be held at Top Golf on 5/26 in the evening. It will be the last social of President Rebecca's year, so LET'S CELEBRATE!! (Wishful thinking? Or mourning the too soon departure of our beloved leader?)

Ted Henderson (never at a loss for announcements) thanked "The Pope" effusively for his efforts in "bailing Ted" out, so Ted could attend to something much more important (I think Ted had to mow the grass or trim the petunias or something else equally as critical!)

RECOGNITIONS:

Bruce Pope was given a \$100 credit for his driving prowess and fervent promotion of Rotary through his participation at the District Assembly on 4/22 and for being an all around good guy.

Scott Baranoff (another all around good guy) was given an unremembered (Obadiah is getting old and his notes are not very clear and his memory is shot) recognition for his recent leisure activities (boating on the lake, Harley riding to various exotic locations with names so exotic that your scribe couldn't recognize them but might have been Overton and we all know how exotic Overton is. He also mentioned some place named "Topok" according to your scribe's notes. But when your scribe googled "Topok", the only place that came up was some resort in Indonesia and if that is correct then that was some long ride!) Scott, ever the proud papa, also commented on his daughter who is graduating from UCLA and will be spending the next two years in the "Teach for America" program and then will be heading off to medical school. He also will be soon welcoming his son back from his studies in Scotland. However, our esteemed President's most important comments to Scott were regarding his failure to remember that he had bid at the Gold Raffle on a huge white purse shaped like a daisy. When presented with the purse by President Rebecca, he commented that he didn't remember even bidding on a purse and besides, his fiancé (although being an all around good gal) would likely not be terribly accepting if the purse were presented to her and, since he wants to remain in her good graces, said that he would donate the purse back to the club and accept whatever he paid for it (at least I think he said he would accept whatever he paid for it...maybe that is why your scribe can't remember any fine being assessed!) Scott also regaled the club with a joke about a lucky blond dice player wearing fancy apparel (you will have to ask someone else the details inasmuch as your scribe's mind was wandering as the punch line was given!)

Wally Emery was recognized \$100 for opening another new Speedee Mart in January. He also said that they are ready to break ground on another location in the Inspirada area, and another location at the Speedway and I-15. He is being able helped by his children, including his daughter who provides valuable insight and direction despite being on paid maternity leave (going on 20 years now according to Wally...now that is being an all around good dad!) Wally also mentioned that he had been in Florida working last week (and when pressed for details said that he had actually had to spend much of the time golfing with suppliers!) Speaking of golf, he mentioned that Jack Woodcock had been golfing last week and President Rebecca (who can always pick up on a clue) thereupon called upon Jack.

Jack Woodcock was promptly recognized \$100 for his golfing exploits at the Boulder Creek course on Sunday where he was confronted with gale force winds and the presence of a

collegiate women's golf tournament that caused him to be so delayed on his final hole that his team simply called it a "par" and finished for the day (and, no, it wasn't their first par for the day!) He also ended up with a very sore knee (probably a result of climbing on the golf cart to catch a glimpse of the collegiate players to see if he could pick up some pointers.) Oh, and did I mention that Jack is an all around good guy!

Bryan Dziedziak (Jack's golfing partner) wasn't recognized for anything but should have been because he is rocking another new hairstyle and is also an all around good guy.

President Rebecca thanked the entire club for wearing Rotary pins or Rotary shirts or otherwise displaying some Rotary insignia. She wants the world to know that we are proud of our service as Rotarians. And did I mention that she is an all around good gal!

Karen Strawn again arrived at the meeting in style in her 1957 vintage Ford Thunderbird parked right outside the door (check out our club's Facebook page to see a picture.) Doesn't Karen, an all around good gal, deserve some sort of recognition for driving a vehicle that is much older than she is?

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: None today.

JOKE OF THE DAY: (See Scott's comments above about a winning dice player who apparently can't afford clothes.)

GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT: Once again, President Rebecca (an all around good gal) was ignored by the entire club. Maybe she should recognize the entire club anytime that there are no gifts for the President?

DRAWING: Adrienne (yes, she is an all around good gal) didn't win this week (she must have been absent...no, my notes say she was there!) Today's winner was the all around good guy, **Rick Colvin**.

PAY YOUR BILL! It's really easy! Reminder: It is your duty to keep up to date on invoices and up-to-date bills will be sent to all members. The Club recently instituted on-site credit card payment so any member can pay their bill at any meeting. If you don't know how much you owe, just ask Elaine (she's keeping a list and checking it twice).

SPEAKER: Our speaker was none other than President Rebecca (an all.....) who regaled us with lurid tales about her recent experience as the fore person of the jury who decided the fate of the former UFC fighter "War Machine" (not an all around good guy) who beat up his girlfriend (a former porn star) and another poor innocent fellow who happened to be staying over the night

with War Machine's girl friend. President Rebecca said that there was a mountain of evidence presented, including explicit xxx-rated tweets, texts, social media posts, videotapes, pictures, etc. The trial took two weeks and the jury deliberated for two months because they kept reviewing the evidence over and over and over and over and over... (ok, maybe it was two days). As an example of the lurid material, President Rebecca passed around copies of a formal court filing document that indeed described activities not normally discussed in polite company (by the way, whoever kept the court document is asked to return it to Rebecca!) The verdict was guilty and sentencing is in June. The entire trial was streamed live and is available on YouTube. Listen for juror number 10 when they poll the jury.