



District 5300



Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

7-17-17 (a “palindromic” day!)

“Today’s Speaker, Henderson Mayor Debra March (Of Course!)”

Presiding:	President Ron Reynolds
Conducting:	President Ron
Invocation/Pledge:	Keith Thomas
Photos:	Ted Henderson
Mr. Mic:	Also Ted Henderson
Newsletter:	Obadiah Dogberry

PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING – Thanks Ted!

VISITING ROTARIANS:

Beth Noakes, president-elect of the [Rotary Club of Innsbrook](#) (Richmond, VA). Beth is retired after 30 years with Humana.

GUESTS:

Aric Graham introduced his guest, Jeff Jarvis. Jeff is a long-time Las Vegas banker, most recently with City National Bank. Today is Jeff’s first day at [Umpqua Bank](#) (maybe Aric will now have more time to attend his weekly Rotary meetings?)

Pepe Charles’ guest today was Jeff Smith (yup, two Jeff’s today). Jeff is the business development manager at [EE Technologies, Inc.](#)

Shar Pitman – President Ron welcomed Shar (although technically not a guest as she is a member of our satellite club) and thanked her for her attendance today (and for her attendance at our service projects as well.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Ron held his first board meeting immediately prior to today's meeting and among other things discussed was the fact that not all the gold won at the gold raffle on April 6th has been claimed! Apparently Sherm Frederick hasn't appeared to collect his gold. Hmm – perhaps a weekly carrying charge should be imposed until said gold is claimed??? Remember that board meetings are held at 11:00 a.m., every second Monday of the month. All members are welcome to attend.

President Ron thanked Eric Colvin and Aric Graham for their yeomen's work on now-past-President Rebecca's debunking on Friday, June 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the horse arena at Karen Goff's.

RECOGNITIONS:

Ted Henderson was recognized for his failure to attend President Ron's inaugural meeting last week. Ted's excuse was that he had been on vacation with family at Lake Tahoe and said something about someone parasailing one thousand feet in the air (must have been his granddaughter because we know Ted has never been that high before...well, altitude-wise, anyway.) Ted suggested that he would be willing to take a recognition of one penny per foot. President Ron agreed and fined him \$100. (Wait, what? Doesn't \$.01 times 1000 equal \$10.00?)

Fred Fukumoto was recognized \$50 for missing last week's meeting and for his recent vacation to Chicago with Gwen and their children and grandchildren. Fred said they rented a three-story house; he and Gwen took the first floor, he put their daughters and spouses on the second floor and put the grandchildren on the third floor. Wise grandparents, wouldn't you say? They were celebrating Gwen's birthday in their hometown (both Fred and Gwen were raised in Chicago). Many museums were on their visitor list.

Aric Graham was fined \$125 for also missing President Ron's inaugural meeting. And for appearing in a huge tombstone "thank you" ad in a recent glossy magazine recognizing outstanding CFO's, including Umpqua Bank's. No, Aric isn't a CFO, he is actually the CEO of Umpqua Bank here in Las Vegas, but he was being properly appreciative of the Umpqua Bank CFO. After all, Aric is an all-around nice guy (and a pretty fair basketball shot – right Valpo?)

Eric Colvin was recognized \$50 for also being conspicuously absent last week. He tried to mitigate his recognition by saying that he had spent many hours getting an appropriate inscription engraved on the back of past-President Rebecca's debunking belt buckle (which he, or course, proceeded to display to the club and then to present to Rebecca). Asked about his whereabouts while he was out of town, he said that he was golfing in Park City at the Canyons Ski Resort. Sounds like tough duty to me.

Clinton Pope also missed last week but said that he was on the phone with the governor and just couldn't break away in time to get to Rotary. (Was it the governor? Or the governor's office? No matter, President Ron hit him with a \$25 recognition.

Sean Tanko, club secretary/treasurer, who not only was missing last week but who also missed the retreat, was recognized \$125 once President Ron found out he had been bike riding in Whitehorse. Whitehorse is the capital of northwest Canada's Yukon Territory.

President Ron gave himself a \$50 recognition for forgetting to bring Sean's retreat binder. A President fining himself?? Simply unheard of.

Pepe Charles, another missing Rotarian last week, said that he had also been in Chicago for 10 days visiting museums and spending time with their daughter who is working on her master's degree at Notre Dame. Pepe also said that he and Pamela will soon be celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary at a couples retreat being held at Notre Dame.

Hank Falstad, also missing last week, was recognized \$50 for not knowing the correct "recognitions" start time (said \$50 to be on top of a previously assessed \$25 for reminding President Ron of a dilatory meeting start time!) Hank said that he would have been here last week but he was in New York City looking at hotels for ADA compliance in order to make the world a better place – well, at least more accessible. Did you know that Hank's actual initials are CHHF? Anyone know what his full name is? I'll bet if you can come up with it by next week, that President Ron will give you a credit! (Well, maybe he will.)

JOKE OF THE DAY: Doctor Scott was absent. (We are missing your jokes, Scott!! Well, some of them.)

GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT: None. Remember that he is looking for "whistles".

DRAWING: A Southwest Rotarian who shall remain anonymous (mostly because your scribe forgot to write it down) won the big pot and our visiting Rotarian from Virginia was the winner at your scribe's table.

PAY YOUR BILL! It's really easy! Remember that it is your duty to keep up to date on invoices. The Club recently instituted on-site credit card payment so any member can pay their bill at any meeting. If you do not know how much you owe, just ask Elaine.

Dark Days for 2017 – 2019:

07-03-17	4th of July
09-04-17	Labor Day
10-30-17	Nevada Day
12-11-17	Christmas Party
12-25-17	Christmas Day

01-01-18	New Year's Day
01-15-18	Martin Luther King Day
02-12-18	Lincoln's Birthday
02-19-18	President's Day
04-23-18	Gold Raffle
05-28-18	Memorial Day
06-25-18	Debunking

Upcoming Speakers:

July 24:	Clark Dumont, Sr. VP/Chief of Staff, MGM Resorts International
July 31:	Steve Sebelius, Political Columnist, LVRJ
August 6:	District Governor Visit and Club Assembly
August 14:	Tina Quigley, General Manager, RTC
August 21:	Scot Rutledge, Nevada's Marijuana industry
August 28:	Mayor Carolyn Goodman (Tentative)

SPEAKER: Returning to speak to the club was **Debra March**, Mayor of the [City of Henderson](#). See her full bio [here](#). She has previously been a speaker (during her time on the Henderson City Council.)

Debra March was elected Mayor of Henderson with over 55 percent of the vote in the April 2017 primary election and assumed office June 20, 2017. As mentioned above, she served on the Henderson City Council from July 2009 through her election as Mayor. Henderson is Nevada's second largest city and has been recognized as one of the safest cities and best places to live in the nation.

Mayor March introduced the five broad priorities that she has set out for the city's long term efforts to improve on and protect what has been accomplished in Henderson. These priorities include enhancing transparency and communications, strengthening and diversifying Henderson's economy, improving public safety, continuing to provide a quality community and actively participating to improve education.

Unlike many politicians who pontificate the entire time, she laid out her vision and plans and then allowed club members to ask any questions that they wanted. Her candor and attention to detail was refreshing and welcome. The time, as always, was too short and we hope we can have her return next year.

(I'm sure President Ron will grant a major credit to the first person who can come up with the reason that there is a parenthetical "of course" in the meeting theme following the meeting date on the first page!)