



District 5300



Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

7-31-17

Presiding: President Ron Reynolds
Conducting: President Ron
Invocation/Pledge: Keith Thomas
Photos: Bruce Pope
Mr. Mic: Fred Fukumoto
Newsletter: Obadiah Dogberry

PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING – Thanks Bruce!

VISITING ROTARIANS:

Paul Workman from the Summerlin Club. Paul is a frequent and welcome guest.

GUESTS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

I think our neophyte President Ron forgot about announcements inasmuch as he immediately launched into recognitions. If he had remembered, I'm sure he would have reminded the club that there will be a satellite club meeting on Thursday, August 10th at 6:00 p.m., at Sierra Gold, 6515 South Jones Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89118.

RECOGNITIONS:

Jim Andres was assessed a \$200 recognition and welcomed back after an absence of a number of meetings. His mother-in-law has been battling stage IV cancer and he and Perye have been spending a lot of time with her. He was able to break away for a quick trip to lovely downtown Ogden, Utah for a birthday party for a good friend. President Ron thanked Jim again for the use

of the Manpower offices for the board retreat and invited him to come to the podium to retrieve two large wooden forks belonging to Manpower that he had “inadvertently” taken home after the retreat. President Ron agreed to cut the recognition to \$100 because of “...what he did with the purloined forks” before returning them.

Wally Emery was recognized \$150 for his 2 ½ month vacation – including time in Canada fishing at Lake Williston (north of Winnipeg), attending the Calgary Stampede, and visiting Jasper in the Canadian Rockies. President Ron also wondered why there were no Anderson Dairy products in any of his stores, whereupon Wally, ever the consummate gentleman, simply said that the competition offered a better deal.

Jack Woodcock was recognized \$150 for his recent trip to Iceland with his son. They visited Keflavík and Reykjavik and pretty much all of the country apparently. He said Iceland has the most diverse scenery around and the [Dettifoss waterfall](#) has the greatest volume of any waterfall in Europe. His only complaint was that at one point they were on a tour with 40 other people, all decidedly more “long in the tooth” and they were “slowing him down”. He said the country is powered “geothermally” and every house has hot water piped to it. He said since the volcano erupted in 2010 that tourism has increased 700%.

Keith Thomas was only recognized \$25 because he successfully argued that his absence from the meeting last week was caused by a very, very, very, expensive airplane trip to visit a grandson at the National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia and then another very, very, very expensive airplane trip to California to visit another grandson celebrating a birthday. When asked if he was there for President Trump’s disastrous speech to the Scouts on Monday, he demurred and said that he had been forced to make a choice between his grandson’s birthday and listening to the President and that he thanks he made a wise choice. He did present President Ron with a variety of “gifts for the President”; a key ring with a fob from the West Virginia police, a packet of sunscreen, some sort of wrist band, a Jamboree patch, and a scoutmaster’s whistle with the World Scouting Emblem (the World Jamboree is going to be held in West Virginia in 2019.)

Jordana Lane was called upon to explain her recent running activities at the Lake Mead railroad tunnels, whereupon she immediately said that another club member Joe Detenwiler, had also been present at the same event and that he should also shoulder some recognition. Whereupon President Ron immediately called on Joe and let Jordana off the hook with no recognition. Wait a minute, the first woman recognized at today’s meeting gets off scot free? Isn’t that discrimination??

Joe Detenwiler was recognized \$50 after telling the club about the run. Apparently he was running in memory of a friend who recently passed away and also to celebrate a friend’s birthday. He recommends the run which includes running through 6 abandoned railroad tunnels which are part of a great running and hiking trail near Lake Mead. When asked if Jordana should be recognized, he opined that, “oh no, she is a realtor and I am a loan officer. I need the referrals!”

Karl Maisner was recognized \$50 after being asked by President Ron about “starter websites”. Karl explained that many people don’t need anything really fancy to start out and the “starter websites” that his company offers are an economical alternative. Plus, he has been in the business for 20 years and knows how to do it.

Karen Strawn was welcomed back after a short absence and said that she had been visiting her daughter in Albuquerque, NM, and continuing to be an active part of the booming construction business in Las Vegas. President Ron said that he had a sister living in Albuquerque and, once again demonstrating his apparent (and probably wise) partiality to the women in the club, only recognized her \$25, a fine, I might add, far below that of all the men fined today.

Shawn Callahan was again recognized (this time \$50) for his predilection for the “hip” music scene. He says he goes to some music venue almost every week (even if he has to go by himself.) While being recognized by President Ron, Shawn’s phone started to ring. When asked why he didn’t have it on mute, he said that he did have it on mute but that certain people have privileges with him and their calls ring through even if the phone is on mute.

JOKE OF THE DAY: Scott was absent but we were pressed for time anyway.

GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Keith Thomas – already mentioned above.

Tom Martin – Tom presented President Ron with a whistle that he can blow anytime he wants because nobody will hear it – yup, a dog whistle.

DRAWING: Fred Fukumoto, our able Mr. Mike today, was the winner of the big drawing (a surprise because Adrienne was in attendance today and she always wins the money!)

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:

- 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)
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SPEAKER: Returning to speak to the club was **Steve Sebelius**, a columnist for the Las Vegas Review-Journal, and the political analyst for 8NewsNow. A California native, he has covered news and politics for nearly three decades in Nevada and California. He is also the co-host of 8NewsNow's weekly political show, PoliticsNOW. Follow him on Twitter at @Steve Sebelius.

Once again, we had a masterful presentation from one of the leading pundits in the valley.

He covered all the upcoming political seats that are likely to be contentious and likened the current situation to be "tribal politics" and also called it "politics by inversion" (in other words you hate the other candidate more than you like your own candidate". He feels Heller's senate seat is up in the air and thinks that Dina Titus may run against Jackie Rosen in the Democratic primary and that if she does, that Dina will win. He also thinks Danny Tarkanian is going to run in the primary against Heller. In the gubernatorial race, it looks like Adam Laxalt and Steve Sisolak. He thinks Michael Roberson will be trying for the Lt. Gov. seat now that he is termed out in the legislature. No idea what Governor Sandoval will do when his term ends. Even though he has been the most popular governor in a long time, it doesn't look like he wants to subject himself to working in DC. Steve thinks he may be angling for a seat on the Federal Appellate Court.