



(Check out our Facebook page – “Rotary Club of Las Vegas Southwest”)

## Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

9/25/17

Presiding:	President Ron Reynolds
Conducting:	President Ron Reynolds
Invocation:	Doug Malan (flag was missing, so no pledge)
Photos:	Ted Henderson
Mr. Mic:	Also Ted Henderson (President Ron forgot AGAIN to assign someone to be “Mr. or Ms. Mic” – fortunately Past President Ted picked up the ball and again performed yeoman double duty.)
Newsletter:	Obadiah Dogberry

PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING – Thanks Ted! Click [here](#).

### **VISITING ROTARIANS:**

None.

**NOTE:** to encourage visiting Rotarians to attend our weekly meetings, the board has approved a “lunch special”. The lunch special is posted on the club’s Facebook page and is good until 12/31/17. The special is that any visiting Rotarian who says they saw the post on the Facebook page will receive a 20% discount on their lunch.

### **GUESTS:**

**Rebecca Collett** brought a guest by the name of “Juan Javier Dugesse” from Argentina. With a name like that, he should be a famous Latin American singer! Alas, he is but a humble engineer (at least I think that is what he said...). Whereupon, as is President Ron’s practice (princely prerogative?), he immediately commenced with recognitions instead of announcements which is not “...the way we have always done it” according to a few of the more “OCD-oriented” members of the club.

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## **RECOGNITIONS**

**Rebecca Collette** was recognized for her recent trip to Seattle to relocate her daughter who is attending a 2 year veterinary program and who was living in an apartment that only a sultan can afford. They were apparently successful in finding a less expensive apartment that only a student can afford. Past President Rebecca tried to deflect some attention to Rotarian Fred Fukumoto who was also visiting family in Seattle at the same time, but to no avail, as President Ron imposed a \$100 recognition on Rebecca. Whereupon, as is President Ron's practice (princely prerogative?), he then proceeded with announcements (is this some fancy "lawyer's trick" to keep us all guessing about what is happening next???) and asked Rebecca to announce the upcoming Boys and Girls Club event. However, inasmuch as Rebecca has nothing to do with it (as it is Past President Aric's baby), she had to resort to reading the finely detailed announcement in the newsletter, copies of which Obadiah Dogberry had so thoughtfully placed on each table and which is again finely detailed below in the appropriate "Announcements" section.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rebecca Collett** – the aforementioned Boys and Girls Club announcement of our club's continuing sponsorship of the Boys and Girls Club "Boy's Night Out" and "Girl's Day" and the invitation to Rotarians to volunteer. BNO will be on Thursday, October 5, and GD will be Saturday, October 7. As mentioned above, the always prepared Rebecca presented all the relevant details.

**Eric Colvin** –The annual UNLV football tailgate party will be held on 9/30/17. UNLV's opponent is San Jose State. This year we are partnering with the Las Vegas Club for the tailgate party which is scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m. Kickoff is at 6:30 p.m. Past President Eric said the tailgate cost was \$10 plus the cost of your own ticket into the game (although you don't have to go to the game. You can just come for the fun and frivolity at the tailgate and then skedaddle.) The tailgate party will be on the west side of the stadium in the asphalt area so don't forget to bring chairs to sit on. You need to sign up with Eric by 9/25 so LV Rotary can get a head count for food. Unfortunately, Eric will not be there as he is headed to Detroit for baseball on Saturday (the Tigers vs. the Twins) and football on Sunday (the Lions vs the Vikings). Not only will he miss the tailgate party, but he will miss Rotary next week (no doubt sobering up from the weekend). He said he will also miss the week after that as he will be in Denver for the Imagine Dragons concerts. Eric was the lucky winner of concert and backstage passes at the Rotary Gold Raffle.

The football pool winners this week were Rebecca Collett (\$150 halftime winner) and Rick Colvin (\$150 final score winner. Wait a minute, isn't there some filial connection there? Filial connection or not, Rick was immediately assessed a \$50 recognition – once again proving that club Presidents can assess recognitions anytime they want, even in the middle of announcements!

**Karl Maisner** announce that the next Satellite meeting is 9/28 at Sierra Gold (Jones and 215). Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. He also said the website should be back up and running soon. The

web host had migrated our website to a new and updated server and promptly lost our entire website.

**Jim Andres** reminded the club that the AKMG tourney will be held Thursday, October 26, 2017, at the Rhodes Ranch Golf Course. There will be a 7:00 a.m. breakfast and an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. Check it out at [www.andykatzgolf.com](http://www.andykatzgolf.com).

**Fred Fukumoto** – reminded everyone about the Summerlin Club “Wine Raffle and Harvest Festival”. Purchase tickets online at: <http://summerlinrotary.org/>. He also invited everyone to attend and bring friends to next week’s Rotary meeting as the speaker will be Andrew Patterson, who will be talking to us about sports gaming – he is an expert in sports betting products as director of product and business development at Las Vegas Sports Consultants, which was acquired by Cantor Gaming in 2008. He spent 4 years at Cantor Gaming delivering the first In-Running product in the State of Nevada and developed risk management and analytical tools. For the last five years he has been involved in all aspects of Metric Gaming’s operations and technology development.

**Ted Henderson** announced that there were two extra pictures included with last Monday’s meeting pictures. He said he didn’t recognize them but thought that Past President **Keith Thomas** had something to do with it, whereupon Keith said that he just couldn’t help himself since his 2 year old granddaughter and his 5 week old granddaughter were just so cute that the pictures needed to be shared with the world. President Ron immediately assessed both Ted and Keith a \$50 recognition, once again breaking tradition by mixing announcements and recognitions! Hurricanes in Texas and Florida, earthquakes in Mexico, and now a change in the way “...we have always done it.” Whereupon President Ron returned to recognitions.

### **RECOGNITIONS (redux)**

**President Ron** assessed himself a \$50 recognition as his daughter (his one and only – he has about a million sons) safely delivered (at 11:30 a.m. today!!) his granddaughter, Georgia. Both are doing well even though Georgia decided to make her entrance a month early!

**Ed Guthrie** was recognized \$150 for celebrating his 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 8/23. His “honeymoon” is going to include a trip (beginning next Friday) to Boston, Nova Scotia, and Montreal. Ed was also congratulated on his recent retirement from Opportunity Village (the party was last week). OV will miss Ed. He has been primarily responsible for making OV the perennial “Best in Las Vegas” non-profit organization.

**Sean Tanko** was recognized for achieving his “golden” birthday on 9/17 (in case you don’t know what “golden” is, it is “L” in Latin.) He said he celebrated by traveling to Denver for a wedding. Even though he brought a “wolf whistle” to Pres Ron last week after returning from said wedding, he was still hit with a \$100 recognition.

**Doug Malan** was asked about his current doings whereupon he said he and Geri are celebrating their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Not only that, but Abby, their daughter who has been to RYLA, etc., just had her 5<sup>th</sup> child 2 weeks ago. Following the delivery (all her kids have been born “naturally”), she told the doctor, “I NEED A PEPSI”. Recognizing the toughness it takes to have

a child by natural childbirth (let alone 5), the doctor turned to the nurse and said “GET HER A PEPSI!” Mom and baby (Colt Douglas) are doing fine.

**Adrienne Cox** was asked about her world. “I have nothing to contribute and I haven’t had any babies!” was her response. Upon being reminded that her wedding anniversary is next Saturday, she said “Oops, I forgot”. Queried as to the number, she said “...Well, there is a definitional situation here. Elliot and I have been together for 30 years but only married for 17 years – so I guess that means we were living in sin the first 13 years!” \$30 was her recognition along with a recommendation to do five Hail Mary’s and 5 Mitzvah’s.

**Tom Martin** was asked about the state of his newly refurbished knees. “Doing good, a little golf, a little class reunion”. Apparently Past President Tom attended his “55<sup>th</sup>” high school class reunion last Friday and Saturday. Friday they celebrated at Ricardo’s and Saturday they celebrated at the Blue Diamond Convention Center (ok, it isn’t much more than a Quonset hut but, hey, it is Blue Diamond – where the burros and the antelope roam.) Weekend fun included food, dancing, and horseshoes (Tom’s knees are still recovering!) Pres. Ron assessed a \$50 recognition observing that if Tom continues to be refurbished (first his heart, then his knees, etc.) he will undoubtedly be around for his 110<sup>th</sup> class reunion.

**Jordana Lane** was thanked for her attendance at the “SOAR” event last Saturday that she attended with her business partner Francesca Gilbert from the Las Vegas Club. Our club, along with other Rotary clubs in the valley are sponsors. More than one hundred southern Nevada safety officers were recognized for outstanding service at this year’s SOAR Ceremony. This is the 17th year that Rotary Clubs of Southern Nevada have recognized the service and dedication given to their communities by area law enforcement, firefighters, the Nevada Highway Patrol, members of Nellis Air Force Base, the US Forest Service, the US Marshals, and Civil Air Patrol. “It was my honor to be recognized”, she said “and to be asked to stand and be thanked for our club’s participation.”

**Past President Bryan Dzedziak** volunteered that he had attended the birthday celebration last week for Past President **Jack Woodcock**. Apparently Jack was celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday. Both were immediately assessed a \$50 recognition.

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**JOKE OF THE DAY:** Mercifully, none.

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#### **GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT:**

**Rebecca Collett** scoured the city of Seattle while she was there but was unable to find a whistle. She did find a little toy airplane in the airport gift shop. The plane lights up (but it doesn’t whistle).

**Fred Fukumoto** scoured the city of Seattle while he was there and was able to find a whistle! Even a “victory” whistle. I’m not sure what a “victory” whistle is, but President Ron was appropriately grateful.

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**DRAWING:**

Pepe Charles was the grand prize winner. Just my luck, he was sitting at my table!

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**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.

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**Dark Days for 2017 – 2018:**

07-03-17	4th of July
09-04-17	Labor Day
10-30-17	Nevada Day
12-11-17	Christmas Party (party on the 7 <sup>th</sup> )
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

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**Upcoming Speakers:**

Oct 2: Andrew Patterson, Sports Gaming - Expert in sports betting products as director of product and business development at Las Vegas Sports Consultants, which was acquired by Cantor Gaming in 2008. Spent 4 years at Cantor Gaming delivering the first In-Running product in the state of Nevada and developing risk management and analytical tools. For the last five years has been involved in all aspects of Metric Gaming's operations and technology development.

Oct. 9: Gwen Migita, VP of Sustainability, Caesars Entertainment/Board Chair, ImpactNV

Oct 16: Brett Lashbrook, USL Las Vegas Lights Soccer Team

October 23: Jon Ralston/Elizabeth Thompson, The Nevada Independent

October 30: DARK

November 6: Carolyn Goodman, Mayor, City of Las Vegas

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**TODAY'S SPEAKER:** Michael Rosten, fraud examiner from the accounting firm of "[Piercy Bowler Taylor & Kern](#)" (yes, our own Richard Bowler is the "Bowler" of PBTk.) Richard

introduced Michael by first auctioning a PBTK polo shirt which went to Hank Falstad for the princely sum of \$10, and a PBTK coffee mug (with coffee – and which looked like it was a leftover from last year’s client Christmas gifts) which went to Karen Strawn for the princely sum of \$3.

Michael (an avid hiker, who just last weekend completed the four most challenging hikes in Zion National Park – Observation Point, Hidden Canyon, Angels Landing and the Narrows) presented a very interesting overview of detecting and preventing fraud. The “slide deck” for his presentation is attached.