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Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

10/9/17

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| Presiding: | President Ron Reynolds |
| Conducting: | President Ron Reynolds |
| Invocation and Pledge: | Keith Thomas |
| Photos: | Bruce Pope |
| Mr. /Ms. Mic: | (I don't think President Ron assigned anybody to “Mic” duty...oh, well, he is still a new president...wait a minute...he is already 33% into his presidential reign! Although I think that Eric may have stepped in at the last minute.) |
| Newsletter: | Obadiah Dogberry |

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

VISITING ROTARIANS:

Juan Javier Dugesse from Argentina returned for the third week in a row but had to leave before introductions to attend to pressing business (no, he does not work for Al Phillips!)

Melissa Copeland (past-president of our own Southwest Rotary) from the Satellite Club was in attendance and made the following announcement:

Wednesday, October 11 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, American Dream U and Nevada Benefits Corporation are teaming up to host 'Stay Safe- Personal Safety Workshop' at the Heinrich YMCA located at [4141 Meadows Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89107](#). All ages are welcome at this event. A SWAT Operator and a retired Special Operations Combat Veteran will lead this workshop focused on basic safety, crisis preparation and threat awareness and assessment. This workshop will be free, but they are asking a minimum donation amount of \$25.00 for anyone attending - payable directly to the Las Vegas Victims' Fund. Nevada Benefits Corporation will be matching the first \$5,000.00 in donations. Elaine will be sending out the details to everyone.

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:
None.

ROTARY PINS

Ignored by our neophyte president (and we were all doing so well, with our pins, shirts, and Rotary tattoos.)

RECOGNITIONS (again ignoring the "way we have always done it", President Ron ignored announcements and launched into recognitions).

Adrienne Cox was asked if she was "...up to anything" Her response was that "...I am always up to something!" (OK, I made that up, but it is true that for a retired person she is the busiest retired person on the planet). She did allow as to how she does some consulting and mediation regarding labor disputes. (Perhaps she can mediate with my bosses as there is some dispute as to whether I am actually doing any labor.) Apparently there was no fine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (apparently recognizing the errors of his ways, Pres. Ron returned to announcements.)

Fred Fukumoto reminded everyone about the Summerlin Club's invitation to their annual "Wine Raffle and Harvest Festival" You can get more information and purchase tickets online at: <http://summerlinrotary.org/>. Apparently the bottles of wine are valued around \$100 each. Six of our club oenologists have already signed up. Tickets are \$20/each or 3 for \$60. (OK, just kidding, actually if you buy three you get a \$10 discount.)

Fred also announced the board's actions today to approve \$5,000 in matching funds for PBS' "Ready to Learn" (books for kids at Ruby Thomas/Dean Peterson/Ferren Elementary schools (all schools where have been active with our Happy Feet program) and "Veterans Training

Program”. We will have the chance to raise the matching dollars by volunteering at the PBS phone bank. We will need 12 volunteers for 2 to 3 hours sometime around the end of November after Thanksgiving. More details to follow.

Fred also indicated that he has been successful in obtaining a \$2,500 grant from District 5300 for our community service programs and that he is applying for another \$1,000. Awesome job, Fred!!

Pepe Charles announced that Zappos has established a matching fund for victims of the 1 October shooting. They are matching up to \$1,000,000 and already \$245,000 has come in.

Jim Andres reminded the club (for the 20,000th time) that the Andy Katz Memorial Golf tournament 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. Our club is one of the “Gold” sponsors.

Karl Maisner reminded everyone of the next satellite club meeting on 10/12 at 6pm at Sierra Gold.

He also said that Gold Raffle tickets are available and to see him before he sees you. (I guess you know what that means...arm twisting, cajoling, pleading, threats, blackmailing, sweet talking...ok, enough of the funny phrases...get your tickets now for our annual fundraiser.)

Tom Martin didn't announce (but should have) that RYLA is coming up in March 2018 and even sooner is TLC on December 1-3, 2017. End of September is deadline to register your 8th graders for TLC.

Eric Colvin – Eric announced the Holiday Party to be held on December 7th from 7-9 at his home. The food will again be provided by Soiree's.

Eric also announced the winners of the Sunday football pool: Lynn Mosier was the \$150 halftime winner and Karen Strawn was the \$150 final score winner.

Eric said he clearly brought bad luck to Minneapolis when he visited there a couple of weekends ago. He attended the Twin's baseball game on Saturday and they lost. He attended the Viking's football game on Sunday and they lost. Pres. Ron fined him \$150 for failing to inspire winning ways in Minnesota. Factoid: The Vikings play in U.S. Bank Stadium which is patterned after a Viking sailing ship and which was designed by the same company that is designed the new Raiders stadium in Las Vegas.

RECOGNITIONS (redux)

Joanne Blystone was asked what significance 10/22 had to her. She said “...well, if you are thinking that my birthday is the 22nd, it isn't. It is the 21st.” “Oh wait”, she said “It is Jack Woodcock's birthday that is the 22nd”. For ratting out a fellow Rotarian she was fined \$150. She did say that she had been in Toronto, Canada visiting scenic locations and had taken along all her cute fall clothes...sweaters, boots, jackets, etc. Unfortunately, while she was there, Toronto was

in the midst of a heat wave and the high temperatures eclipsed a 137 year heat record. Joanne went on to say, “Thankfully, the wineries all had air conditioning!” Hmmm, scenic locations=wineries???

Keith Thomas was asked about his trip to Denver. Since Keith never goes anywhere, it took a minute to figure out where the reference came from. Turns out his nephew was visiting in Denver and Keith had told him to go to a concert in Denver featuring a world famous rock band called The Moth and The Flame (coincidentally Keith’s son-in-law is the band’s keyboardist). They are not quite Imagine Dragon caliber but their drummer did play the drums for ID years ago. Mercifully, there was no fine because Keith would not have been able to afford it anyway, what with his huge and mounting expenses resulting from supporting almost all of his children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and a whole bunch of sad looking dogs on TV.

Scott Baranoff escaped with no fine after telling a joke about four teenagers who skipped school and who, upon their return, said that they were absent because of a flat tire. Apparently the teacher promptly gave them each a test with just one question...”Which tire was flat?”

Jack Woodcock was asked what the recent “DSA” recognition was all about, that Pres. Ron had been hearing about. Jack, never one to toot his own horn, modestly said “Oh, nothing much...just the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Realtors...it was announced a long time ago and they are going to present the award in Chicago on 11/5 at the national NAR conference.” Folks, that is the NATIONAL Association of Realtors, meaning out of all the realtors in the US, Jack is the best! But we all knew that anyway. Congratulations, Jack, and thanks for the \$50 recognition.

JOKE OF THE DAY: Scott Baranoff (see above for the uncommonly “G” rated joke).

GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT:
None.

DRAWING:

Our speaker is generally invited to draw the ticket to identify the winner and was so invited today. Guess whose number he drew? Yup, his own.

PAY YOUR BILL! It is 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 – 2018:

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| 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 th) |
| 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:

Oct 16: Brett Lashbrook, USL Las Vegas Lights Soccer Team
October 23: Jon Ralston & Elizabeth Thompson, The Nevada Independent
October 30: DARK (Nevada Day)
November 6; Dr. Nancy Brune, executive director, Guinn Center for Policy Priorities
November 13: Marady Leary, Director, Hiring our Heroes Corporate Fellowship Program
November 20: DARK (Thanksgiving)
November 27: Carolyn Goodman, Mayor, City of Las Vegas
December 4: TBD
December 11: DARK (Holiday Party)
December 18: Stacey Lockhart, executive director, The Shade Tree
December 25: DARK (Christmas Day)
January 1: DARK (New Year's Day)

Upcoming Service Projects:

11-1-17 (tentative) – Happy Feet at Ruby Thomas Elementary School
11-29-17 – Feed the Homeless at Christ Church Episcopal
11-8-17 – Boy's Town of Nevada. Mrs. Claus Kitchen. Need 4 volunteers including someone to dress as Mrs. Claus. Time is 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m..
12-?-17 – Santa Clothes (in partnership with the Las Vegas Club).
12-22-17 (tentative) – Magical Schoolbus – Opportunity Village.

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Jared Smith spoke to us about the activities of the LVGEA. See his presentation attached.





