



District 5300



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Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

10/16/17

Presiding:	President Ron Reynolds
Conducting:	President Ron Reynolds
Invocation and Pledge:	Keith Thomas (again?)
Photos:	Skippy Henderson
Mr. /Ms. Mic:	(Once again, our fledgling President Ron neglected the assignment of “Mic” duty...not to worry, however, as Rotarian Hank Falstad, ever eager to remind President Ron of his dilatory dallying, picked up the extra microphone and in his own imitable way, reminded President Ron that it was time to get on with the meeting! To Hank’s credit, he continued to perform admirably as “Mr. Mic” for the remainder of the meeting.)
Newsletter:	The embattled Obadiah Dogberry (who was accused of not accurately representing recognitions last week, but, hey, what can you expect since I, Obadiah, am nothing more than part of the “fake media” crowd!)

PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING – Thanks Skippy! Click [here](#), copies are also attached.

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:

Shawn Callahan introduced his guest, Max McAndrew, who he described as his “connection”! (What he really meant was that Max fixes him up from time to time with free tickets to shows, etc.)

Eric Colvin introduced his guest, Mike Rogers, who he described as his “work wife”! (What he really meant was that Mike works with Eric at the bank and we all know that Eric spends more time at the bank than at home!)

RECOGNITIONS (again with recognitions before announcements!)

Hank Falstad was presented with a \$25 Lawrys gift card for keeping President Ron on time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (ahhh, now we are back to the “right way of doing things”!)

Fred Fukumoto reminded everyone about the board’s actions 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 between March 3rd and March 18th of 2018. More details to follow.

Jim Andres reminded the club (for the 30,000th 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. He also said that “Hey Reb” would be in attendance.

Jordana Lane reminded everyone about the upcoming “Feed the Homeless” on November 29th at Christ Church Episcopal.

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: Adam Malan was the \$150 halftime winner and Tom Martin was the \$150 final score winner.

Aric Graham (soon-to-be pater familias) thanked Paul Gustilo and Mark Rowley for helping out at the Boys and Girls Club “Boy’s Night Out” on Thursday, October 5th. Our club was a sponsor. He also said that “Hey Reb” was in attendance. (Whoever that is, they sure get around!)

He also announced that the Rotary Peace Conference is to be held in Southern California on October 21st (but opined that he didn’t think anybody would be able to attend inasmuch as the

21st is Keith Thomas' birthday and surely everybody would be busy driving by Keith's house to drop off very expensive presents. After all Keith is such a wonderful guy that he deserves nothing but the best. Not to mention the fact that Keith is probably the most humble, unassuming person on the planet, nay, in the entire universe, perhaps the entire cosmos??)

Keith Thomas (ever so humbly) felt compelled to announce that, indeed, the 21st was his birthday but that all gifts he receives that day will be donated to charity. Once again, proving his outstanding eleemosynary predilections. (Or probably his penchant for prevarication??) Somehow President Ron felt it in his heart to gift Keith with a \$25 gift Lawry's gift card. Upon said presentation, Keith said, "Oh, thank you so much. Now I will be able to afford Thanksgiving for my family!" Not before, however, Mr. Reynolds, an officer of the court, regaled the club with variously legal pronouncements, none of which made any sense to anybody except Sean Tanko who, also an officer of the court, upheld everything President Ron said. Keith was thereupon fined \$50...\$25 to pay for the birthday announcement and apparently \$25 to pay for the gift card (wait, what??)

Karl Maisner was absent but if he would have been present he would have thanked everyone who attended the satellite club meeting on 10/12 at 6pm at Sierra Gold (check out the pictures on our Facebook page). He also would have announced the Greenspokes/Satellite Club meeting on 10/26 at Cliff Silverstein's home at 26 Portsmouth Ave., Henderson.

RECOGNITIONS

Skippy Henderson, who is Ted's evil twin, was in attendance and standing in for Ted today and was called upon to explain Ted's absence last week. Turns out Ted was tending to his better half who is preparing for routine medical tests...like the wonderful husband that he is. President Ron threatened to fine Skippy for not allowing Ted to attend today and Skippy tried to convince President Ron of the futility of fining him (apparently using some of the aforementioned Keith Thomas logic) but was cut off by President Ron who said "If you stop speaking right now, you won't get fined!" Skippy was almost able to refrain from speaking but at the last minute caved with a sotto voce comment to an unnamed Rotarian. Knowing that his good twin, Ted, would have to pay the fine, he gladly accepted a recognition of \$25.

Bruce Pope was queried about the whereabouts of his alleged Southwest Rotarian son, Clinton. Bruce's response was that he hasn't been able to keep track of him for the past "40" years! Turns out Clinton is at home in the "Wild Eagle" cul-de-sac" tending to husbandly duties with the offspring inasmuch as Erika is out of town. (Why are most of the homes in that cul-de-sac owned by somebody named "Brown?") President Ron's response was that he was going to compliment Clinton but since Clinton isn't here, he might as well fine Bruce \$50 and then added "In for a penny, in for a pound" (and if you can figure out what he meant by that, you are a better person than I am! More of that lawyerly doublespeak, I think!)

Mark Rowley, when asked about his recent activities, responded, "Well, you should know Counselor, I was working on a project and threw some business your way and you were instrumental in making the transaction come to a successful fruition. In fact, you were paid through escrow!" President Ron's transaction fee must not have been high enough as he promptly fined Mark \$100.

JOKE OF THE DAY

Skippy Henderson regaled us with a story about the fact that there was a plethora of compasses used by emigrants during the “Westward Expansion” and that there was one particular manufacturer whose compass always failed. The name of the manufacturer was the “Tate” Compass Co. Thus giving rise to the saying that “He who hesitates is lost”.

MORE RECOGNITIONS (our President sure jumps around a lot, doesn't he! I think it is more of those “legal” tricks, to keep us off guard.)

Shawn Callahan apparently just returned from Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he attended a performance at the local House of Blues of the well known rock band “[Judah & the Lion](#)”. Despite BR's reputation for fine dining establishments, Shawn said he preferred the “fixin's” emanating from the kitchen of a great cook by the name of Brenda. After receiving notice of his paltry \$50 travel fine, Shawn advised the President that he was going to “block” him from his Facebook page. Or maybe he said “unblock” him, thinking that he was lucky to get away with \$50?

Jack Woodcock was reminded that he should check his Facebook pages (yes, he apparently has two of them) as they seem to be nothing more than ads for Ray Ban sunglasses. Jack allowed as to how he did not think he even had one Facebook page, let alone two. Jack escaped with no fine and was advised to get into the 21st century... “social media” wise.

Jim Andres was advised that he would receive no fine if he could tell the club what day we celebrate “World Polio Day”. Jim's response was “today”. “Wrong”, said our president, “it is the 24th.” Jim's response, “Isn't today the 24th?” Notwithstanding Jim's witty retort, he was fined \$50.

Adrienne Cox said that the newsletter last week indicated, “Apparently there was no fine.” after her recognition. She just wanted to point out that she was recognized the princely (princessley?) sum of \$50. Since Keith Thomas takes notes for the Bulletin Editor (the embattled Obadiah Dogberry), he was asked to make sure Obadiah printed a clarification. (Note from Obadiah: I don't know why anybody would want to “fine” Adrienne. She clearly embodies all that is good in Rotary and in the community!)

ROTARY PINS

Once again ignored by our president.

GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT

None.

DRAWING

Sean Tanko held the winning ticket. Barrister, counselor, officer of the court, attorney, judge, and now, winner of a raffle (oh, wait, raffles are illegal...he must have won a friendly game of mumblety peg, yah, that's it, mumblety peg!)

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:

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:

- 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)
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

10-26-17 - Greenspokes/Satellite Club meeting on 10/26 at Cliff Silverstein's home at 26 Portsmouth Ave., Henderson.

11-1-17 (tentative) – Happy Feet at Ruby Thomas Elementary School

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..

11-29-17 – Feed the Homeless at Christ Church Episcopal

12-?-17 – Santa Clothes (in partnership with the Las Vegas Club).

12-7-17 – Holiday Party at Eric Colvin’s from 6-9.

12-22-17 (tentative) – Magical Schoolbus – Opportunity Village.

TODAY’S SPEAKER: Today’s speaker was Brett Lashbrook, owner of the [USL Las Vegas Lights Soccer Team](#). See his presentation attached.