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Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

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VISITING ROTARIANS

GUESTS

There were no visiting Rotarians or guests this week.

ROTARY REGALIA

Only Aric Graham, a past president, failed to incorporate a Rotary pin or emblem on his person today and was recognized with a \$25 fine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Gustillo thanked all the volunteers who helped "Feed the Homeless" on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, at [Christ Church Episcopal](#). The people served were very appreciative of the meal. The next **Happy Feet** event is on **Wednesday, November 14th** at Ruby Thomas ES located at 1560 Cherokee Lane, Las Vegas, NV starting at 8 a.m. The Santa Clothes event is on Dec 6, 2018 at JC Penney's Galleria Mall located at 1300 W. Sunset Road, Henderson, NV starting at 7:00 a.m.

Fred Fukumoto announced that the Club will have a 4-Way Speech contest on February 25, 2019. We already have two students participating and members are strongly encouraged to think about asking any high school student they know who is interested in public speaking to consider competing. See Fred for details. The first prize at the District level is a \$5,000 scholarship. Teen Leadership Conference (“TLC”) is November 30th, December 1st and 2nd, the Club is sending 4 students and will ask those students to address the Club about their experience at a January 2019 meeting. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (“RYLA”) is March 29-31, 2019 and is open to high school sophomores and juniors. If you have children, grandchildren or know someone who would benefit from this leadership conference, please contact with Joe Wittenwiler or Fred Fukumoto for more information. The Club pays for the entire cost of TLC and RYLA students so there is no cost to the participant.

Eric Colvin announced that the UNLV tailgate party will be on November 24, 2018 the opponent is Nevada, Eric’s alma mater. A fun time should be had by all who attend. There will be a sign-up sheet in the book. The Club’s Holiday party at Eric’s house is still to be determined.

Obadiah Dogberry, Esq. was forced to divine the answer to the question “Who won last Sunday Night’s Football fundraising contest. He thinks the winners were:

- Yvonne Hall - 1st QTR
- Sammy Dong - Half (a multiple winner)
- Mary Ann Berry - 3rd QTR
- Karl Maisner – Final (also a multiple winner)

GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT (Postcards, anyone?)

Bruce Pope is the winner for sending the most postcards from various locations he travels to for his job. For being so diligent with mailing those Bruce was given a \$25 credit. Just remember, send a postcard while traveling or face a fine when Mr. President finds out about your trip.

RECOGNITIONS

Doug and Jeri Malan celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Hawaii with a very nice dinner at Mama’s Fish House Restaurant on Maui.

Pepe Charles attended the Notre Dame versus Navy game, which ND won 44 to 22, and was recognized with a \$50 fine. Pepe’s daughter is a graduate of Notre Dame.

Aric Graham was asked the age of his son, he is now 9 months old.

Chris Publow was welcomed back from his home in Michigan with a \$50 recognition. Chris’ time away from Las Vegas was spent with his grandchildren visiting for 7 weeks, a 400 mile bicycle ride through Iowa with his West Point graduating classmates and being filmed for a wood working YouTube video by his daughter Jessica.

President Karl announced that his wife Rachel is pregnant with their second child.

JOKE OF THE DAY

Scott Baranoff told a joke that compared clothing apparel to the IRS, the punch line is “no matter what you wear, you’ll get screwed! **Ted Henderson** then followed with another joke that I cannot remember.

DRAWING

Chris Publow was welcomed back to Las Vegas by winning today’s raffle.

SPEAKER

Joshua Shenk, artistic and executive director of the Beverly Rogers, Carol C. Harter Black Mountain Institute at UNLV and editor-in-chief of The Believer magazine.

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<https://www.blackmountaininstitute.org/>

Joshua’s books include Lincoln’s Melancholy, Powers of Two and Atlantic cover story What Makes Us Happy? He’s published in Harper’s, The New Yorker, The New York Times, Slate, GQ, The Nation, Riverteeth, the Virginia Quarterly Review and the anthology Unholy Ghost: Writer on Depression. Joshua splits his time between Las Vegas and the Silverlake neighborhood of Los Angeles, where he fathers an eight-year-old boy who, like Josh, has webbed toes.

Joshua explained how Black Mountain Institute (“BMI”) brings writers and the literary imagination into the heart of public life through events, fellowships, publications, and student engagement opportunities.

BMI supports free, artful expression that enhances understanding of the pressing issues of our time, bringing literary writers to the heart of global conversations. Situated in Las Vegas, Nevada, a crossroads through which more than 40 million visitors pass each year and where all of the core issues of the modern experience converge, from water distribution to immigration, from the psychology of desire to the relation of city to wilderness. BMI is itself a literary hub, a place in which writers and intellectuals from a community devoted to creative exploration. At BMI, writers and readers distill and disseminate the products of those explorations so they can be experienced around the world.

BMI’s 2018-2019 writers-in-residence will also include contributors and editors for The Believer Magazine, as well as two new fellows in BMI’s prestigious program for creative writers earning their

PhDs in English literature. Joshua explained that BMI is helping writers from all over the world to have freedom of expression.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

November 12th – dark in observance of Veterans Day

November 14th – Happy Feet at Ruby Thomas ES from 8:00 a.m.

November 15th – Club’s social meeting at Home Plate Bar & Grill, 2460 W. Warm Springs 6:00 p.m.

December 6th - Santa Clothes project scheduled for 12/6. Santa Clothes is a program designed to assist children in our community who need clothing. Over 300 children are invited to participate. This will be the 23rd year. Rotarians are paired up with children in order to help the kids get the most for their money. JCPenney is a wonderful partner and offers matching funds and discounts. It is one of the most heart-warming projects of the year. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at future meetings to indicate your interest. Don't miss this important Community Service Project. Rotary International District 5300 Clubs all over the valley will be participating.

(Suggestions for future speakers are welcome and encouraged; you can contact Bryan Dziedziak, Speaker chair.)

CONCLUSION

We concluded the meeting by standing and reciting the Four-Way Test.

