



District 5300



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Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

5/11/20

COVID-19 UPDATES – State of Nevada

In keeping with current quarantine restrictions, today’s meeting was again held via the “Zoom” conferencing application. Until in-person meetings are allowed, we plan to continue meeting via Zoom each Monday at our regular time of noon o’clock. **Jordana Lane** will send out the Zoom invites. Thanks so much Jordana!

I guess we are all going to have to chip in and help buy **Ted Henderson** a new computer so he can join our Zoom meetings and once again take his rightful place as the official photographer of our club meetings. In the meantime we will have to be satisfied with screenshots (see below) taken by **Paul Gustilo** or actual pictures of the screen taken by **Keith Thomas** (click [here](#)).

Pres. Sean brought the meeting to order and after an impromptu prayer and pledge by **Keith Thomas**, welcomed everyone, including our distinguished District Governor 2019-20, [Luanne “Lu” Arredondo](#):



Pres. Sean moved directly to announcements:

Jordana Lane announced that the Gold Raffle date, which had been rescheduled to June 25, 2020, will once again have to be rescheduled due to the uncertainty of the easing of restrictions about meeting in person. It is probable that it won't happen any sooner than July.

Paul Gustilo informed the club that there is still approximately \$4,000 remaining in the Community Service and International Service budgets and the board has been discussing how to most effectively allocate the remaining funds, whether it is to a single project or to a joint project with other clubs. Discussions continue and suggestions are welcomed and the subject will again be discussed at the "Social" meeting on the 21st.

Adrienne Cox said that **Fred Fukumoto** and his committee will be holding interviews for the scholarship applicants next weekend.

Keith Thomas announced that the trees purchased by our club and planted in the [Provident Community Garden](#) are doing well and should have fruit this season. We are also welcome to harvest from the more mature trees in the orchard. He will keep the club informed. Most of the fruit from the orchard is going to be donated to a food pantry on West Charleston.



Pres. Sean informed the club that, because the shutdown is still in place for meetings like ours, our regular social evening next week on May 21st will be held again via Zoom. Jordana will send out the invitations.

Scott Baranoff regaled the club with a somewhat ribald account of two inebriated females, the urgency of nature, the lack of location and wherewithal to accomplish necessary ablutions. The rest of the story is somewhat hazy in your scribe's mind (but then most things in his mind are hazy!)

Gifts for the President – once again nobody stepped forward. It doesn't mean that we don't love **Pres. Sean**, apparently it is just hard to come up with an appropriate virtual gift.

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Today's speaker was District 5300 Governor 2019-20, [Luanne "Lu" Arredondo](#). (The following notes were taken hurriedly because "Mama Lu" doesn't waste any time and your scribe's hastily scribbled notes were also hard to read, so there may be lots of errors in the following paragraphs. To the extent that there are, please go easy on your scribe. He is elderly, on a fixed pension, with many, many obligations, and extremely busy. I could go on and on but you get the picture...)

She said that her life as DG has become an onslaught of emails, text messages (even hitting her daily limit and who knew there was a daily limit), and virtual meetings. All her elaborate plans for District Assembly and District Conference (involving visiting movie stars and more) had to be scrapped in favor of a very modest series of online sessions, the dates and times for which will be announced soon. Fortunately, she was able to cancel the venues, etc., with minimal cost (\$1.00 as I recall.) RYLA has also been cancelled.

She said that our district has not been immune to COVID-19. Six members have succumbed to the virus; 38 are currently in the ICU; 42 are quarantined at home or in a hospital or other facility; and 108 are currently being tested.

She said she participates in weekly updates with the health authorities and it is likely going to be 12-14 months before social distancing requirements are eased. She did say that Rotary International is giving some guidance. Large group gatherings will continue to be limited and may go to 25 plus in November. The next 6 to 8 weeks going forward will tell the tale. She said that LA County has 32K cases and that Nevada probably will open sooner than LA.

RI is going to put a formal plan next Thursday regarding when clubs can reopen. It may include meeting in groups less than 15 beginning in September or October, going to 25-30 in November and 50 plus in January 2021.

She said that District 5300 has applied for an RI grant to purchase Personal Protective Equipment and that the PPE would be allocated to the clubs for distribution. She said that virus testing kits cost \$150 each.

She quoted some interesting statistics; there are 550 districts in the world and our district is ranked No. 4 in terms of how clubs are responding to the pandemic...meeting virtually, responding to needs in the community, etc. She said most districts are experiencing a 12-18% membership loss, but our district is up 28%. She said that 50% of clubs are not meeting at all.

She said that she appreciated the invitation to speak at our club today because there will be in-person DG visits in 2020 per RI.

She said that there will be a small (\$20) dues credit coming soon and clubs can determine how to handle those funds.

Polio Plus is still going strong.

THANK YOU DG ARREDONDO (AKA MAMA LU) – YOU ARE DOING AN AMAZING JOB IN AN UNPRECEDENTED TIME.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



The Object of Rotary

THE OBJECT of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service

The Four-Way Test

OF THE THINGS we think, say, or do:

- 1) Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2) Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4) Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Rotarian Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct has been adopted for the use of Rotarians:

AS A ROTARIAN, I will

- 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

