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# Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

## 12/14/20

Conducting:  
Rotary Prayer/Pledge:

[Photos](#):

Mic duty:  
Newsletter:

**Jordana Lane**

**Fred Fukumoto**

**Tom Martin** (see below or click on “Photos” at left for pictures at today’s meeting.)

**No extra mic today**

Obadiah Dogberry, Esq.

***LAWRY’S HAS REOPENED ON MONDAYS – JOIN US AGAIN!! Remember you can join via ZOOM. Pres. Jordana always sends out a link prior to the meeting. Today we were joined by Ed Guthrie, Paul Gustilo, and Adrienne Cox via ZOOM.***

***Remember, don’t come next week...we are dark for the next two weeks for the holiday season.***

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## VISITING ROTARIANS

**None** unless you count **Karen Strawn** who was a long-time Southwest Rotarian and was visiting us for the first time in many moons. Welcome back and hope you are feeling better after your recent bout with COVID.

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## GUESTS

**None**

## 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pres. Jordana** announced that the silent auction items that were going to be auctioned at the Gold Raffle are now on the website and are open for bidding. Bidding will continue until about the end of January. Please go to the website and check it out. Be sure to share the [link](#) with all your friends and contacts. You can also cut and paste the following link into your browser in case the link in the preceding paragraph doesn't work: <http://www.lvsrw.org/auctions/>

**Bryan Dzedziak** in his new capacity as Foundation Chair reminded the club members that there is still time to make charitable contributions before the end of the year if they would like to award someone a Paul Harris Fellowship.

**Fred Fukumoto** announced that the 4-way Speech Contest will be held at our regular club meeting on 2/1/21.

**Paul Gustilo** (our very busy and much appreciated Community Service Chair) announced that:

1. he had recently delivered school supplies to Ferron Elementary School, including crayons, colored pencils, glue, and markers for about 120 children. Thanks, Paul! Copy of thank notes from the kids is attached.



2. the "Santa Clothes" project was held on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Southwest Rotarians **Tom, Fred, Rebecca, Bruce, Francesca** and **Jordana** all helped to shop for clothes for kids from Ruby Thomas Elementary School. Because of the pandemic we didn't have any kids in attendance this year. Thanks, Rotarians!

3. on 12/26/20 Southwest Rotary is donating 70 meals to the front-line workers at Spring Valley Hospital. **Bruce Pope** will be making the delivery.

4. on 12/30/20, we will again be providing 100 meals for the "Feed the Homeless" dinner at Christ Church Episcopal.

5. the board has approved a \$5,000 donation to [Opportunity Village](#).

**Bruce Pope** announced that there will be a “Past President’s” meeting following the regular meeting on January 11, 2021, to discuss club elections for 2021-2022.

**Keith Thomas** announced that 4 additional fruit trees are being planted in January at the Provident Community Garden and volunteers were prepping the garden spaces last week. Click [here](#) for pictures. The funding for the trees is from our club’s grant last year.

**Keith** also announced that he had received a letter from the organization which facilitated our “microloan” a few years ago in Uganda. A

**Keith** (in **Eric Colvin’s** absence) also announced the winners of the last two Sunday Night Football pools:

**Broncos-Chiefs**

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Sammy Dong (yes, that Sammy Dong AGAIN)
1 <sup>st</sup> Half	Timmy Dong (yes, that Timmy Dong AGAIN)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	<b>Karl Maisner</b> (yes, that <b>Karl Maisner</b> AGAIN)
Final	Mary Ann Berry (first time winner)

**Steelers-Bills**

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Julie Brutch (yes, that Julie Brutch AGAIN)
1 <sup>st</sup> Half	<b>Paul Gustilo</b> (yes, that <b>Paul Gustilo</b> AGAIN)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	<b>Karl Maisner</b> (yes, that <b>Karl Maisner</b> AGAIN)
Final	Richard Becker (first time winner and friend of <b>Fred Fukumoto</b> )

The payouts are \$50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters, \$100 for the Half and Final. New numbers are drawn every week of the season. A portion of the entry fee (\$100 per square) goes to support the Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club Scholarship Programs. These programs help to send our youth to leadership camps, music contests, speech contest, and even a \$9,600 Scholarship to a Nevada Institution.

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**RECOGNITIONS**

(Waived because of today’s program, see below.)

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**GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT**

**Tom Martin** gifted **Pres. Jordana** with a 1000-piece winter-themed puzzle.

**Jeanne Radde** recently visited the Grand Canyon and brought back a 500-piece Grand Canyon-themed puzzle.

**Sean Tanko** presented **Pres. Jordana** with a 1000-piece Ravensburger puzzle (Ravensburger has been the puzzle expert for over 130 years and is a stickler for the highest-quality standards – good luck solving his one.)

(The recommended gift this year is JIGSAW PUZZLES! Here is an [online](#) jigsaw puzzle. I will post a different one here every week.)

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## JOKE OF THE DAY

**Scott Baranoff** prefaced his joke with the comment that he was a urologist and proceeded to relate a story about an impromptu proportionate urologic assessment of a recent face lift administered at a bus stop by an 85-year-old eavesdropping grandmother. Further details must remain unwritten but will be familiar to those in attendance.

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## DRAWING

No winner today and the pot rolls over – roll number 1.

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## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Each week I will try to upload pictures or other memorabilia from the past for your viewing pleasure. Click [here](#) to see pictures from the “Xpujil Project - Southwest Rotary - 2/8/2006 - Day Five - First Cistern in Castilla Brito”/

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## PROGRAM

Today’s program was presented by Dr. Niki Bates.



Dr. Bates is the director of educational media services for [Vegas PBS](#). In her role, Dr. Bates provides supervision, marketing and innovative leadership for the station’s children’s educational television outreach, plus unique services that have been developed to assist Nevada’s public, private, charter and home schools, such as a media library for families with special needs; early learning parent engagement workshops; teacher training and online classroom materials; K-12 programs and initiatives; and more.

Dr. Bates began her career with the Clark County School District in 1993 and has taught in various settings throughout the continuum of education. Before joining Vegas PBS, Dr. Bates had served as a teacher, assistant principal, coordinator of instructional programs, director of academic intervention and

professional development, and director for the office of the Deputy Superintendent. In addition, Dr. Bates has extensive private sector experience in the educational publishing industry, specializing in intervention-based instructional materials.

With more than 27 years of experience, Dr. Bates holds a master's degree in special education and a doctoral degree in educational leadership with a minor in curriculum development. She also holds an executive certificate in leadership and management.

Dr. Bates' passion is education, and she is unwavering in her commitment to serving schools and the community.

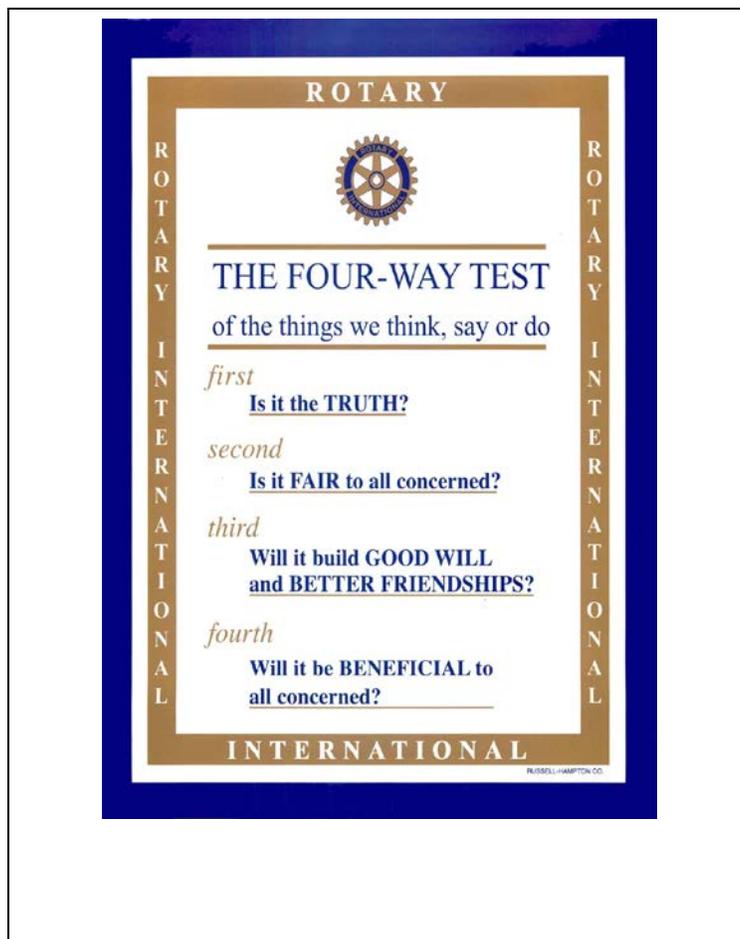
Click [here](#) to see a copy of her presentation.

Former PBS President and longtime Rotarian Tom Axtell has retired from PBS and has been replaced by [Mary Mazur](#).

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## CONCLUSION

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



**Thank you notes from William Ferron students for school supplies (12/2020)**

**From:** Vali [redacted]@nv.ccsd.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** Paul Gustilo  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: re: Ferrons deployment

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Dear Paul,  
Thank you for providing fourth graders with school supplies like markers, crayons, and glue sticks. We really need them and we appreciate your support.

**Paul Gustilo**

**From:** Alexander [redacted]3@nv.ccsd.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 1:09 PM  
**To:** Paul Gustilo  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: School

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Thank you for all the school supplies that you have given us.

**From:** Alessandro [redacted]2@nv.ccsd.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 1:16 PM  
**To:** Paul Gustilo  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: re: Ferron's Deployment

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Dear,Paul  
Thank you for providing fourth grader's with markers,crayons,and gluesticks it really helped us out so I just wanted to say thank you for providing us with that.  
-Alessandro  
-Ferron ES  
-Thank you

**From:** Tillie [redacted]net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 1:16 PM  
**To:** Paul Gustilo  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Ferron deployment

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Dear Paul,  
Thank you so much for the markers, pencils, and glue sticks.  
From Tillie (Ferron student).

**From:** Sophia [redacted]ccsd.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 1:16 PM  
**To:** Paul Gustilo  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: My Ferron deployment

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Thank for providing the supplies like markers/crayons/gluesticks we really need them so,thank paul.

**From:** Luz [redacted]ccsd.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 1:18 PM  
**To:** Paul Gustilo  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Thank you

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Dear Pual,  
Sorry for the other message I sent you it was on accident what I wanted to tell you is thank you for everything you do and giving u supplies for school  
From,  
Luz [redacted]

**From:** Juan [redacted]3718@nv.ccsd.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2020 1:18 PM  
**To:** Paul Gustilo  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL: Re: thank you. you are nice

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thank you you are nice ferron elementary school  
On Fri, Dec 4, 2020 at 1:16 PM Juan Perez De Lazaro [STUDENT] <juan.1673718@nv.ccsd.net> wrote:



GLOBAL OUTREACH  
INTERNATIONAL

## *Jakes in Jinja via Ireland 2020*

Dear friends and family,

We want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! We are grateful to God for watching over us so well. Lockdown after lockdown in Uganda and now Ireland has become a way of life. Like many of you we are working from home and thankful for technology. (I, Carolyn, never thought I would say that).

### JPCC Staff-Ghana

Our staff have been nicknamed "The Ghanaians". Peace, Dorcas, Jackie, Sarah and Pamelah were commissioned and sent to Ghana for 18 days at the beginning of the year. This is their 2<sup>nd</sup> missions trip (first for Pam) and now they are ready to



take on the world. More and more we are seeing young Ugandans ready and willing to go into full time ministry, both at home and abroad. Using all of their skills and abilities as well as their love for God.

We have been studying about Church and Mission and how Europe is Post Christian, and the U.S. is teetering on the edge as Christendom is waning. Meanwhile, the love of self, secularism, and materialism

seem to be going strong. We feel more than ever we have a small part to play in helping the new wave of missionaries get to their places of calling. Statistics show the church is growing in the Southern Hemisphere. It is our hope that some of the kids we helped to raise will be among those sent, bringing good news to lost souls around the globe.

"The Ghanaians" had so many stories of meeting other fellow believers from many African countries. You can imagine the adventure they had. Never on a plane and never so far away from their homeland before. It was a big challenge raising the funds, but they managed to do it. They are now shining their light among their peers and friends and inspiring them to "go". They showed courage and strong faith that

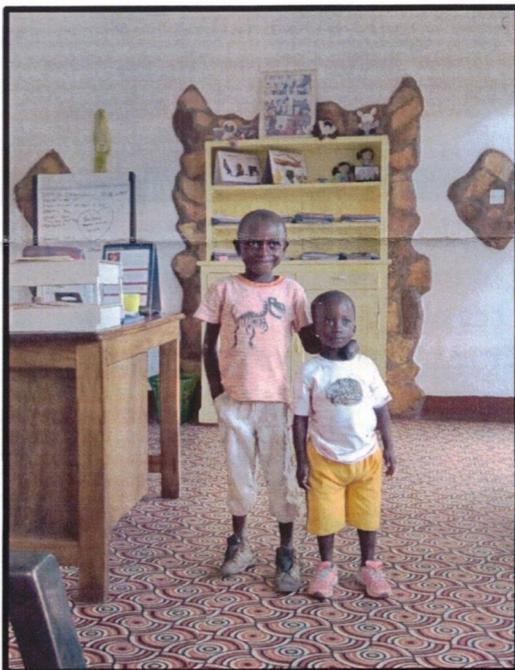
they could go, and God was able to supply all their needs and more. We are proud of them. Now Peace is off to America for a year next year if possible. America will be blessed, and I will be at a loss.

### JPCC activities

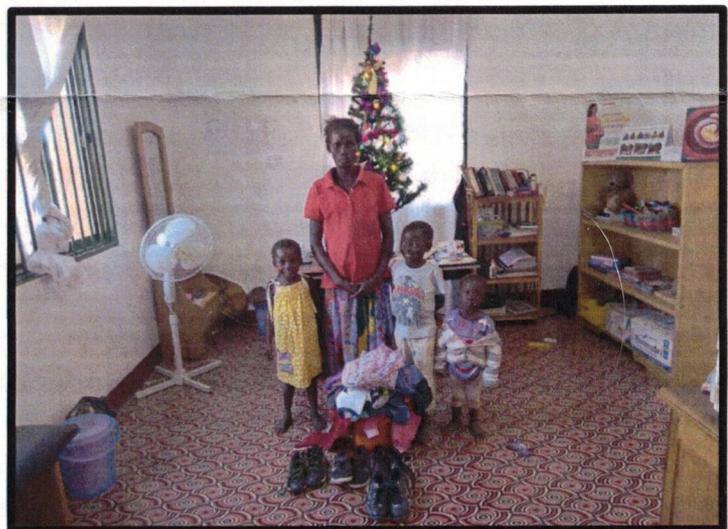
We have had to find creative ways to keep the good work of Jinja Pregnancy Care Centre (JPCC) thriving so that Moms and babies are still being cared for. The Moms and babies were divided among 4 of our staff. Every week our mamas were called and cared for, we helped them with medical emergencies, sending money for food and supplies, and praying with them. We have great synergy with other missionaries, health clinics and the hospital. We are happy to report that recently the doors of JPCC were re-opened for walk-in emergencies and needs. As it is an open door ministry, we never know who will come by and what needs will arise.

We had 10 babies delivered safely this year. 6 boys and 4 girls. We had 25 home visits before lockdown and some emergency ones after. We have helped financially with many surgeries and desperate situations that people faced because of the pandemic.

We have been able to answer many calls for help. Some of our friends in Uganda who are self employed like taxi drivers, shop keepers and general small business owners have been badly affected. We have been able to help a few Muslim friends with money (monthly) and hopefully show them love that is from Jesus. We are involved with Hospice at our local hospital. We get calls for help with medicines and transport.



*Left Kwasi with his brother, Richard  
Below Kwasi with his family*



## The Mailbox Club

Our classes with The Mailbox Club ministry came to a standstill around March as all schools closed. We are currently in 17 schools.



We were able to distribute many books and lessons and 145 kids professed faith in Jesus. Our staff attended a wonderful training camp just before lockdown, so they are re-armed and dangerous,

ready to go. *Understanding True Love* is a 16-lesson course we teach in schools, mainly to girls. We were able to be in 5 schools before closures. We are finding new and creative ways to reach out to the kids.

Normally, we have 25 kids at a lunch and learn in our local Sunset Hotel. We have to use buses, etc. Due to the Pandemic we are inviting only 10 at a time, so we can social distance. These are on-going throughout November and December. Our Saturday Kids Club is still going on in a limited way.

## Quest Ministry

Quest Ministry (a ministry similar to Young Life) has been helping people in practical ways as jobs and businesses have been lost. They are swinging back into action with Friday evening bible dinners and hopefully they will be able to have camp in the New Year. (Social distancing enforced/contact tracing/ and invitation only are the new rules).

We are thankful our little ship has been able to stay in the water this year. Our staff have all been paid and looked after. The people we ministered to have been well cared for and about 16 more families were added to our weekly food list. We watch and pray for a vaccine so we can all find some kind of new normal.

On a sad note we lost *Ja Ja Mary*. She is a lady we loved and cared for. She was born in 1923 and was one of the first workers at GSF. I miss her very much.



*JGCC staff with Ja Ja Mary*

Another elderly friend named David passed away as well. We will miss his friendly nature and positive attitude-always willing to help.

New micro loans have been put on hold due to inability to manage it from afar. However, many of the recipients of these loans continue to make monthly payments. I have not

required people to pay if they need the funds for themselves and family during this time. Most are not working so things remain challenging. I have been able to encourage some by helping out with advice, funds, and prayers. As Carolyn mentioned earlier, we are appreciating the ability that technology offers so we can stay in touch with staff and friends.



*Our friend David with nurse Molly*

Thank you for all of your prayers and support, especially in these trying times.

### Prayer Requests

- For fellowship, ministry opportunities here in Ireland and ability to run things well in Uganda from here until we return.
- For the elections in Uganda, many of our kids and staff are clearly concerned for safety as the rallies and demonstrations heat up for the January 14 election.
- For our family and friends who are grieving the loss of close relatives and loved ones without the benefit of close social engagement.

### Praises

We bless the Lord for his mercy on us. He has given us health and safety, family and friends during this time of liminality. It is hard to live betwixt and between. Many of you are in the same boat and we pray for you also.

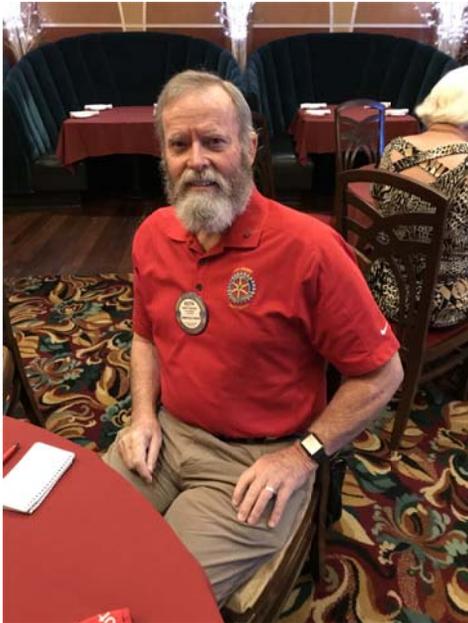
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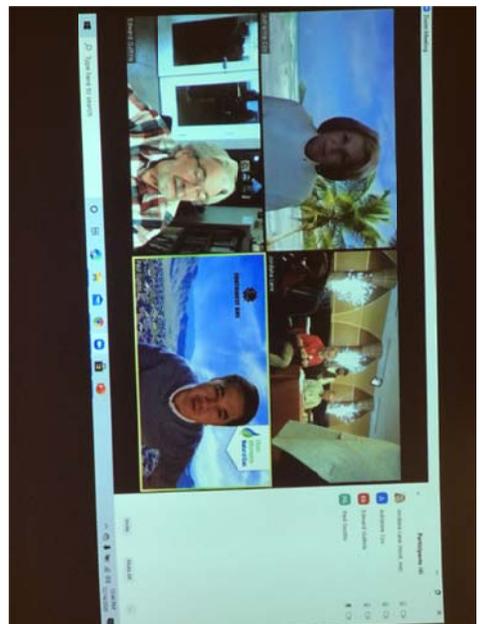
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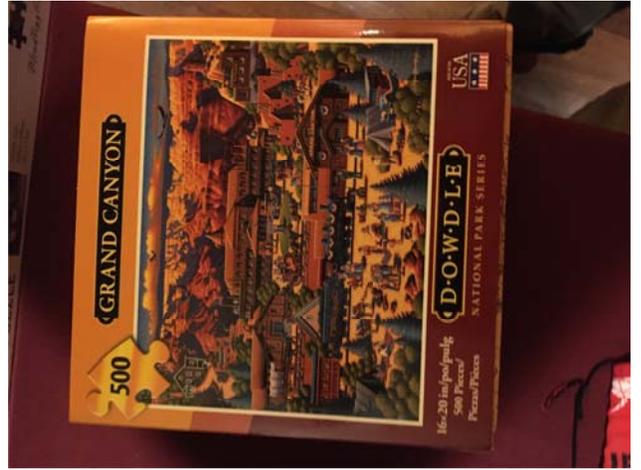
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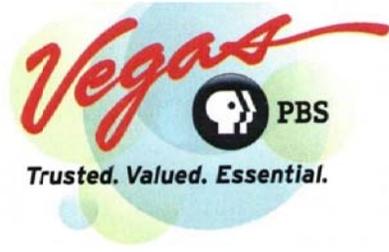
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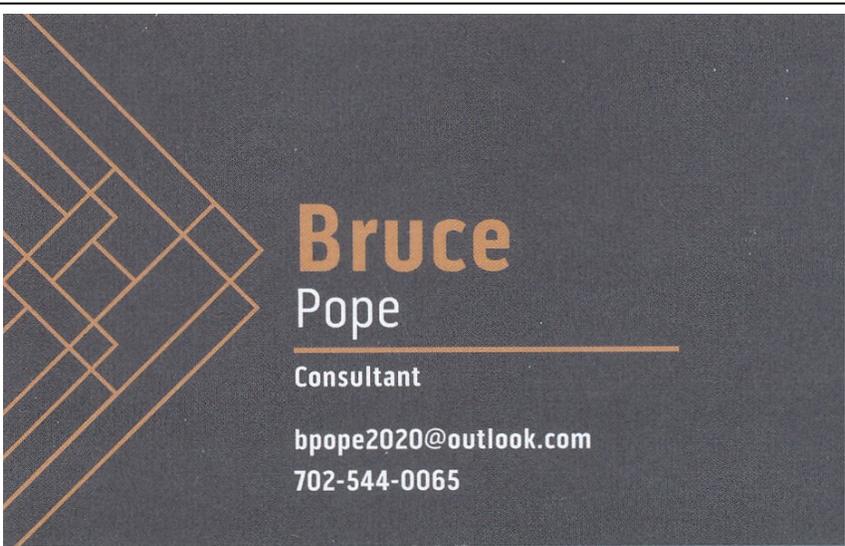
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