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### Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter 3/20/23

Conducting: Paul Gustilo
Rotary Moment/Pledge: Keith Thomas

Photos: Bruce Pope (see below or click here for pictures at

today's meeting)

Mic duty: Keith Thomas
Newsletter: Keith Thomas

### **VISITING ROTARIANS**

None

#### **GUESTS**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pres. Paul** announced that **Jeanne Radde** is organizing a regional Dan Stover Music Contest to determine who goes to the district contest at District Conference. It will be held at our club on 3/27/23. There will be participants from our club, the Pahrump Club, and the Las Vegas Club.

Jordana Lane announced that our next "Feed the Homeless" is on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. In addition to sandwiches, we will also be distributing clothing. It is located at <u>Amazing Grace Ministries</u> at <u>Christ Church Episcopal</u> on <u>Maryland Parkway</u> For the history of our involvement with FTH at AGM at CCE on MP, click <u>here</u>. Please be there by 4:00 p.m. We will probably be "shoeing" the entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **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

- Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- 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
- Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
- Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

**Jordana** also announced our next "Happy Feet" project on 4/18/23 at <u>Ruby Thomas Elementary</u>. 1560 Cherokee Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89169. Please plan on arriving by 7:30 a.m. We should be done by 9:30 a.m.,

**Pres. Paul** thanked **Joe Wittenwiler** for organizing our Gold Raffle and also thanked everyone who helped out on 3/2/23. We raised over \$20,000!!

**Pres. Paul** also reminded everyone that he had sent out the revised bylaws for everyone to review. He said he will be asking the entire club to vote on the revisions. He thanked **Bruce MacKenzie** for his work on the revisions along with the help of the other members of the committee (**Bruce Pope, Keith Thomas, and Joe Wittenwiler.**)

**Bruce MacKenzie** said that he has been corresponding with prospective member Patty Graham who has been working in Florida and who is looking to become involved with our club when she finally returns. She told **Bruce** about a project that she was involved in there which provided glasses for disadvantaged children and about the satisfaction she received from participating in the project.

#### RECOGNITIONS

**Jack Woodcock** was asked about the state of the real estate market these days. He said it is "...a great time in the real estate market!" He said if you are worried about high interest rates, just "don't", because they will eventually come down and you can refinance. He said inventory is still a problem and not many offers are coming in above the asking price, contrary to a year or two ago. Apartment complexes are selling quickly at a 4 to 4.5 cap rate (lower cap rates equal higher market value).

Bryan Dziedziak was asked about the state of the tax environment these days. He said this year has been calmer because no big regulatory changes have happened. However, they are still expecting legislation to reinstitute some of the sunsetting regulations, such as the research and development costs which have now returned to a 15-year amortization in lieu of writing it all off in the first year. He said the IRS is hiring lots of front-line workers, criminal investigators and auditors. Apparently, a lot of experienced IRS employees opted to take early retirement. He also said there is a huge shortage of accountants in the industry. He also said that there has been a change in the requirements to become a CPA. Now you have to have a "five year degree" instead of a "four year degree" and many are simply opting not to incur the expense of one more year of student debt.

**Scott Baranoff** was asked about the state of the urology environment these days. He said things are going great and he is only working 3 days a week. He said his

practice, Las Vegas Urology, now has 15 physicians and they are now in a new 13,500 square foot office building in Henderson. He said they have a number of young, specially trained doctors, and when he has a need for surgery or some advanced procedure, he sends his patients to the specialists in his office.

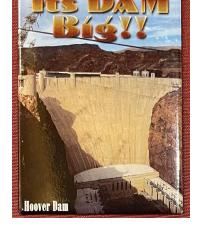
### **JOKE OF THE DAY**

**Scott Baranoff** told the story about a minister who loved to play golf. One Sunday, he called in sick and took off to the golf course. He got on the tee to hit the first ball. He hit it hard, and it bounced off a tree, onto the cart path, bounced three times and finally rolled onto the green and into the hole for a hole-in-one.

One of his golf partners said, "Wow, I would think that God would punish him for skipping church today?" The other golf partner just grinned from ear to ear and said, "who's he gonna tell?"

#### GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT

**Rebecca Collette** said that **Gordie's** parents were in town from Spokane so while they were showing them the sights in Boulder City, she decided to find a BC magnet but apparently the only place she could find one was at Ace Hardware!



Lori Clark said that she was in Texas with her daughter and kids and found themselves dodging a tornado. They heard that one was coming and were told to watch for hail and rain and then seek shelter. Sure enough, shortly thereafter there came the hail and rain, so they holed up in a car wash (with concrete walls) with a bunch of other folks until the tornado passed. No tornado magnets found but she did find a really cool jalapeno magnet.



**Bryan Dziedziak** said that he and **Caryl** do a lot of driving between LV and Scottsdale and on their recent return trip stopped in Wickiup, AZ and found a double sided screen door magnet. (You will notice that **Bryan** left the price tag on the magnet!



### **DRAWING**

Jordana Lane was the big winner today.

#### **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

Click <u>here</u> to see the newsletter from August 16, 2004.

### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS - (FULL 2023 CALENDAR ATTACHED BELOW)**

3/24/23 POSTPONED - RYLA" (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) was scheduled for March 24-26, 2023 at Camp Cedar Crest 33325 Camp Cedar Crest Road, Running Springs, CA 92382. RYLA is an intensive, two-and-a-half-day leadership training program for high school sophomores and juniors in District 5300 chosen for their leadership potential. The

	Club pays for the entire cost of RYLA and students are only responsible for any meals they may purchase when the bus stops in Barstow on the way to the camp on Friday and returning on Sunday. Applications need to be submitted by February 15, 2023.
3/27/23	Regional Dan Stover Music Contest at our meeting at Lawry's.
3/29/23	Feed the Homeless and clothing giveaway at <u>Amazing Grace Ministries</u> at <u>Christ Church</u>
	Episcopal on Maryland Parkway For the history of our involvement with FTH at AGM at
	CCE on MP, click here.
4/3/23	Mario Basner/ Basner Galleries - The Art Scene in Las Vegas
4/10	Dark – Easter
5/5-6/23	District 5300 Conference at Horseshoe Las Vegas (formerly Bally's), 3645 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Our club has approved \$1,000 to cover the cost of registration for Southwest Rotarians (well, sort ofif 10 SW Rotarians register, each will receive \$100 to cover costs, if 20 SW Rotarians sign up, each will get \$50 to cover costs, etc.)

#### **SPEAKER**

Today's speakers were **Keith Thomas** and **Greg Mottau** speaking about their experience last month with the water filter project in Puerto Vallarta. They showed a whole bunch of pictures that showed them partying, hanging out on the beach, going to shows, dinners, (and of course working on the water filter project) and generally having a great time in the 75-to-80-degree temperatures. Click <u>here</u> to see the pictures (about 200 pictures) of the entire week or just click <u>here</u> to see a short (16 pictures with descriptions) presentation about just the water filter project day.

Many thanks to Cliff and Carolyn Silverstein, Adrienne Cox and Elliot Cohen, Greg and Cindy Mottau and Keith and Sherrie Thomas for their efforts traveling to Mexico. Also, thanks to the Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Board for their financial assistance to the project.

**Keith** even wrote an article for the <u>District 5300 newsletter</u>. Since the D5300 editor cut it down to six lines, here is the full article:

"On February 18th, 2023, 8 Rotarians and spouses from the Rotary Club of Las Vegas Southwest again participated in a water filter distribution in the small village of La Gloria, Jalisco, Mexico, about 2 hours southwest of Puerto Vallarta.

About 27 volunteers assembled and gave out Sawyer Water Filters to 102 families. Each recipient was asked to bring a plastic 5-gallon bucket and after checking in at the first table, received a bag containing the filter and instructions. They then took the bucket and bag to the next table where volunteers drilled a small hole on the side of the bucket near the bottom. They then moved to the next table where volunteers attached the filter. At the final table, they received a short class about use and care of the filter. The filtered water exceeds the U.S. EPA standards for drinking water and is supposed to last for 5 years with regular care.

We partnered with the Rotary Club of Puerto Vallarta Sur, Proyecto Agua Limpia Mexico, and a local organization, Tomatlenses Unidos, which coordinated the distribution with the local municipal authorities. We were joined by Rotarians from Michigan, Ohio, and Canada, many of whom live part-time in Puerto Vallarta.

While in Puerto Vallarta, the Las Vegas contingent also visited other Rotary projects, including the Volcanes Afterschool for Kids and the Escuela de Costidura (a sewing school which one of our Southwest Rotarians who lives part time in Puerto Vallarta, helped organize).

Click here for a short presentation."

Our magnanimous **Pres. Paul** presented both of them with very nice certificates (I wonder if there is any significance to the fact that both are unsigned????)

### **CONCLUSION**

We concluded with the 4-Way Test.









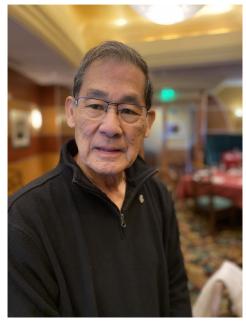










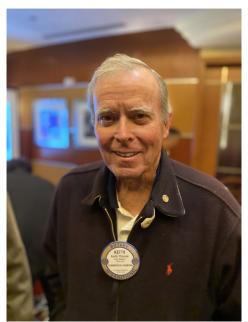










































### Rotary International Water Filters for Families Distribution

La Gloria, Jalisco, Mexico

February 18, 2023



### Rotary Clubs participated from Ohio, Michigan, Nevada, Ontario and Alberta



### A 2-hour drive to our destination – La Gloria



# Distribution Site: Escuela Secundaria – La Gloria, Jalisco, Mexico



### Families waiting for the start of the distribution



Opening statements: Luis from Tomatlenses Unidos, Robin O'Brien from Proyecto Aqua Limpia Mexico and Ken Rieser, West Chester, Ohio Rotary Club



# Volunteers from our partners from Tomatlenes Unidos signing up recipients



# Each family receives a Sawyer Bucket Filter with usage instructions



# After getting a filter, line up to get a hole drilled in your bucket



### Holes are drilled in each bucket





### Assembling the filter and bucket







### Most importantly, each family participates in a class to learn how to use and clean the filter to extend its maximum life







# After a little work, it's time to have lunch with friends, both old and newly made





## Happy families ready to enjoy filtered water in their homes



Thanks to Rotary and all the volunteers who made this a successful distribution for 102 families or about 400 family members

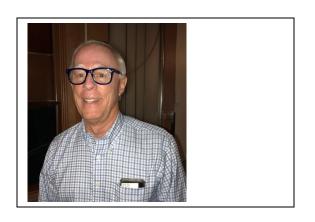


### Calendar of Events Rotary District 5300 - Calendar for Las Vegas Southwest

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DATE	TIME	CLUB	EVENT NAME	LOCATION / COMMENTS				
Mar Mon 27 23	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Weekly Club Meeting	Regional Dan Stover Music Contest at Southwest Rotary meeting				
Mar Wed 29 23	05:00 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Feed the Homeless	Feed the Homeless and clothing giveaway at Amazing Grace Ministries at Christ Church Episcopal on Maryland Parkway For the history of our involvement with FTH at AGM at CCE on MP, click here.				
	April - Maternal and Child Health Month							
Apr Sat 01 23	09:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Scholarship Application Deadline	Scholarship Application Deadline - Click <u>here</u> for a copy of the scholarship application forms.				
Apr Mon 03 23	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Weekly Club Meeting	Speaker - Mario Basner/ Basner Galleries - The Art Scene in Las Vegas				
Apr Mon 10 23	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Dark for Easter	Dark for Easter				
Apr Mon 17 23	12:15 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Weekly Club Meeting	Boxabl				
Apr Mon 17 23	11:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Monthly Board Meeting	Monthly board meeting				
Apr Tue 18 23	07:30 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Happy Feet	Happy Feet at Ruby Thomas Elementary. 1560 Cherokee Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89169. Please plan on arriving by 7:30 a.m. We should be done by 9:30 a.m.,				
Apr Thu 20 23	06:00 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Greenspokes	Greenspokes				
Apr Sat 22 23	08:00 AM		District Assembly 2023-24	Focusing on Our Communities  Rotary CREATE HOPE in the WORLD  Sitting Bull Academy  19445f Sitting Bull Rd  Apple Valley, CA 92308				
Apr Mon 24 23	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Weekly Club Meeting					
			May - Youth Se	ervice Month				
May Mon 01 23	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Weekly Club Meeting					
May Fri 05 23	08:00 AM		Reserve Your Transportation to District Conference from S. Calif	RESERVE NOW PAY LATER.  Start your conference adventure with a luxury bus ride to Nevada. Enjoy the fellowship, games, snacks, and fun on the way!  Need to get some last minute work done? No problem you can do that on the bus as well. The fee is \$85 round trip. Leave Friday morning and return Sunday early afternoon.				
May Fri 05 23	11:00 AM		2022-23 ANNUAL DISTRICT 5300 CONFERENCE	Horseshoe Las Vegas (formerly Bally's) 3645 Las Vegas Blvd. S. Las Vegas, NV 89109				

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May Fri 05 23	07:00 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Golf Weekend	DATE TO BE RESCHEDULED DUE TO CONFLICT WITH DISTRICT CONFERENCE		
May Mon 08 23	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Weekly Club Meeting	Mark Mariscal - District Rotary Foundation Chair  Akita McCullough/ CCSD community out reach		
May Mon 15 23	11:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Monthly Board Meeting	Monthly board meeting		
May Mon 15 23	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Weekly Club Meeting			
May Fri 19 23	06:00 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Board Retreat for 2023-2024	Board retreat for Joe Wittenwiler's year		
May Mon 22 23	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Weekly Club Meeting			
May Sat 27 23	08:30 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	RI Annual Convention	Rotary Annual Convention		
May Mon 29 23	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Dark for Memorial Day	Dark for Memorial Day Holiday		
May Wed 31 23	05:00 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Feed the Homeless	Feed the Homeless and clothing giveaway at Amazing Grace Ministries at Christ Church Episcopal on Maryland Parkway For the history of our involvement with FTH at AGM at CCE on MP, click here.		
June - Rotary Fellowships Month						
Jun Mon 05 23	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Weekly Club Meeting			
Jun Mon 12 23	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Weekly Club Meeting			
Jun Mon 19 23	11:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Monthly Board Meeting	Monthly board meeting		
Jun Mon 19 23	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Weekly Club Meeting			
Jun Mon 26 23	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Dark for Debunking	Dark for debunking		
Jun Thu 29 23	06:00 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Debunking	Debunking		
December - Disease Prevention and Treatment Month						
Dec Fri 01 23	08:00 AM		TLC - save the date			
March - Water and Sanitation Month						
Mar Fri 22 24	09:00 AM		RYLA 24 - Save the Date			
June - Rotary Fellowships Month						
Jun Fri 21 24	04:00 PM		DC 24 Cruise to Service Intent Form			









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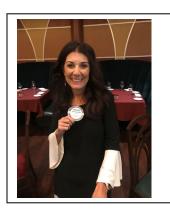




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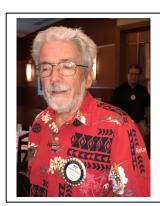




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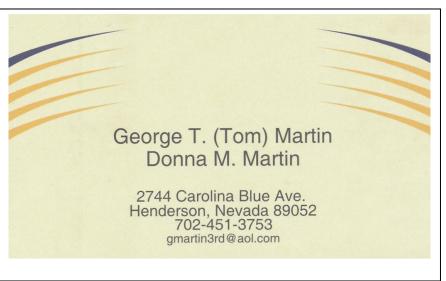


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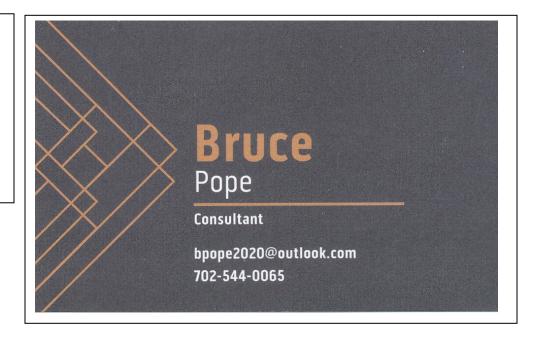


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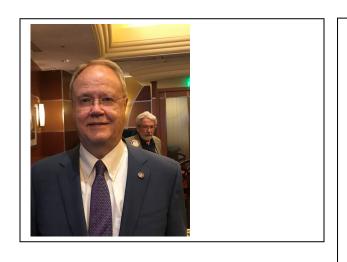












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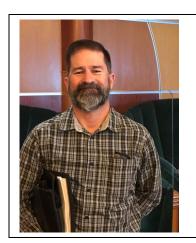




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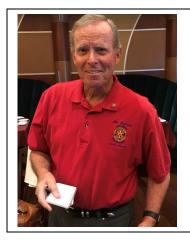


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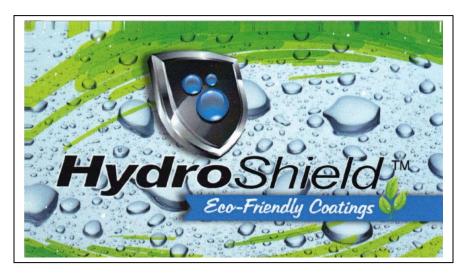
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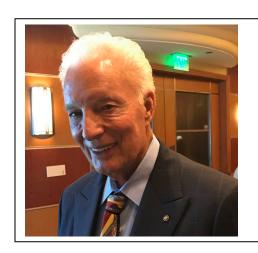
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