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# Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter 4/22/24

Conducting: Rotary Moment/Pledge: Photos: Mic duty: Newsletter: Joe Wittenwiler Keith Thomas Tom Martin (see below or click <u>here</u> for pictures) Francesca Gilbert Keith Thomas (the newsletter is posted each week on our <u>website</u> and on our <u>Facebook page.</u>)

# VISITING ROTARIANS

Anne Green is a former member of the <u>Rotary Club of Santa</u> <u>Maria</u>, California and has been involved with an online Rotary Club in Arizona. She is now a regular at our meetings and events and is in the process of becoming a member.



# GUESTS

**Raluca Petre** joined us again today. She is from Bucharest, Romania and has lived in Las Vegas for 9 years. She is the office manager for <u>Wave Heating and Cooling</u> and said she came to Las Vegas for the weather and the low taxes. Didn't we all. She first visited our club in January when she accompanied her sister, **Andreea Vasilescu**, who is a member of the <u>Rotary Club of Bucharest Excelsior</u>, in <u>Bucharest, Romania</u> and who was in town visiting **Raluca**. She is in the process of applying for membership in our club. Welcome, **Raluca**.



# **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**?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
  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
- 2. 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
- 4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
- 5. 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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Gustilo made the following announcements:

1. Our the next "Happy Feet" service project will be on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Ferron Elementary. **Julie** (counselor at Ferron) is asking if we can do the 2nd grade plus some special classrooms which would amount to about 150 shoes. This would be the most we've ever done but we have funds in the budget as we've only done one Happy Feet this Rotary year. We would just need to recruit more volunteers for the event. Make sure to sign up in the sign-up book.

2. Our Interact Club at A-Tech has held its final meeting of the school year and elected a new president for next year. We will catch up with them when the new school year starts.

3. Our next Feed the Homeless and clothing giveaway at <u>Amazing Grace</u> <u>Ministries</u> at <u>Christ Church Episcopal</u> on <u>Maryland Parkway</u> will be May 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m. For the history of our involvement with FTH at AGM at CCE on MP, click <u>here</u>.

# Bruce MacKenzie (aka B-Mac) announced that:

1. Our next Greenspokes meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at his home located at <u>3017 Pismo Beach Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89128</u>. If you get lost, just call him at 619-750-1918. Apparently, **Pres. Joe** was at **Bruce's** home doing some counter "<u>hydroshielding</u>" and "suggested" that it would be a good location for a Greenspokes meeting! Loyal soldier that he is, **Bruce** immediately volunteered (the hard part was when **Bruce** told **Kim**!)

2. The Scholarship Committee, headed by **Troy Lochhead**, has received 22 applications for our <u>annual "John and Lou Yoxen Academic Scholarship</u>". He said that **Troy** is in the process of winnowing them down.

**Fred Fukumoto** further explained that each year our club awards one \$9,600 Academic Scholarship to a graduating senior who intends to attend a public college or university in Nevada, i.e., UNLV, UNR, Nevada State College, College of Southern Nevada or other public college in Nevada. The scholarship (payable at \$1,200 per semester) is awarded on a per-semester basis and is renewable for up to 7 semesters of college as long as the applicant maintains a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 GPA maximum) and completes a minimum of 12 semester hours per semester. He said that last year we also awarded a second scholarship but only for one year. He said the committee may consider extending it for another year.

**Francesca Gilbert** announced that our speaker next week will be from the Las Vegas Review Journal and that the speaker the week after that will be none other than herself speaking about the recent National Association of Realtors litigations that portends a major change in how real estate sales commissions are paid.

**Bruce Pope** said that he was the successful bidder at the Gold Raffle for the Mexican Cruise but he is going to be unable to go on the cruise so he is open to negotiations to anyone who would like to take his place (for a price, of course.) Your Choice of Cabo San Lucas, Nuevo Vallarta, Acapulco, Riviera Maya/Cancun, Mexico for Eight Days & Seven Nights at a Four- or Five-Star Resort for Two (Land Only). Sample resorts: Grand Mayan (Acapulco, Nuevo Vallarta & Cancun only), Grand Bliss, Hacienda Encantada. Complete list of all resort options available upon request. Click <u>here</u>.

# RECOGNITIONS

**Bruce MacKenzie** volunteered that he had found a new primary care doctor and when he went in for his preliminary tests, they gave him a sample bottle and directed him to the restroom. He checked out the name they had used for the label on the specimen bottle, and they had him listed as "B-Mac". Apparently, **Pres. Joe's** naming convention is now known far and wide. We knew **Pres. Joe** had a lot of influence around town, but, wow!

**Chris Publow**, who was seated at the speakers table in the front of the room, was asked if he had been kicked out of the "old man's" table at the back of the room...whereupon one of the "old men", who shall remain nameless but whose initials are "Bryan Dziedziak", piped up and said, "We have a silence code at our table!" **Pres. Joe** wisely moved on with no further follow-up.

**Rodney Hammond** was asked what was up in his life...whereupon he invoked the "fight club rule". Your apparently naïve newsletter editor had to look it up, but apparently the "first rule of fight club is to not talk about fight club." Click <u>here</u> for a short YouTube video by Brad Pitt explaining the rules.

**Keith Thomas** was asked about his weekend and after being warned to keep it short, said "I went to my first tractor pull." Apparently, he and **Sherrie** spent the weekend at their palatial residence in Toquerville, Utah, and spent some time at the Washington County Fair in Hurricane, Utah. For those newer members of the club, **Keith** grew up on a farm (a fact commemorated in his debunking – see "Blast from the Past" below.)

**Eric Colvin** was queried about his recent travels. "Oh, not much", he said, "although I did go to Reno for work, and in a few days, we're headed to New Orleans to visit some jazz clubs, then we are going to Cabo and then to a Dodger's game". Since **Eric's** definition of "not much" differs significantly from everybody else's, **Pres. Joe** fined him \$100!

Sean Tanko said he has been "up to nothing" and mentioned something about going to his cabin and that it had been 99 degrees in Mesquite, Nevada. Pres. Joe said, "You have a cabin in Mesquite???" Sean clarified that he and his daughter had gone to their cabin near Kolob Reservoir near Zion National Park and did "some tidying up" now that the snow has melted off the roads. He further said that "it was very peaceful". Pres. Joe asked if our Rotary Club had ever gone to his cabin. Sean's response, "No, that is why it is very peaceful! Immediate \$100 fine from Pres. Joe which was eventually reduced to \$75 after Sean explained that he had been carrying around some "Promise" coffee that he picked up in Springdale, Utah (near his cabin).

## GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT (Pres. Joe suggests anything "coffee" related)

None (except for the aforementioned promise of some "Promise" coffee.)

## JOKES OF THE DAY

**Tom Martin** posed the following conundrum...A person helping a criminal evade the law before he's arrested is called an accomplice. A person helping a criminal evade the law once he's been arrested is called a lawyer.

**Scott Baranoff** told a somewhat ribald story of an unconventional debt repayment method involving a debtor and a lender and the lender's wife. The punchline, "Hey, did (debtor) stop by and drop off the \$200 he owes me?" You'll have to google it for the details.

## DRAWING

Greg Mottau was our winner today.

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

As mentioned above, our "Blast from the Past" can be found <u>here</u> (the "debunking" of **Keith Thomas** on June 23, 2004.)

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

FULL 2023-2024 CALENDAR ATTACHED BELOW

### PROGRAM

**Dave Swallow,** from the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) was our speaker today. He came to Las Vegas 38 years ago when his father was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base. He is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Nevada and earned a bachelor's degree in science and a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

He is the Deputy CEO for the RTC and, in this role, he oversees the agency's planning, engineering, and funding programs for transportation infrastructure, development of new transit facilities and systems, implementation and support of new technologies and coordination between roadway and freeway operations.





A civil engineer with more than 26 years of transportation-related experience, he has been with the RTC since January 2001. His team comprises several departments, including the Metropolitan Planning Organization, Capital Project Development, Streets & Highways, Information Technology, and Traffic Management.

**Dave** and his team are focused on developing a long-term vision and related plans for improving mobility in Southern Nevada; administering a capital improvement program of roadway and multi-use trail projects; developing high-capacity transit lines on key corridors; managing the public bike share system; and overseeing traffic operations and incident response for the region's

network of roadways and freeways.

We received an excellent and informative presentation that, as usual, sparked a lot of questions from our members.

Thanks so much, **Dave**, for a great discussion.

Click <u>here</u> to see a copy of his presentation.



# CONCLUSION

We concluded with the 4-Way Test.

























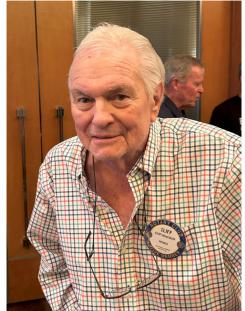




































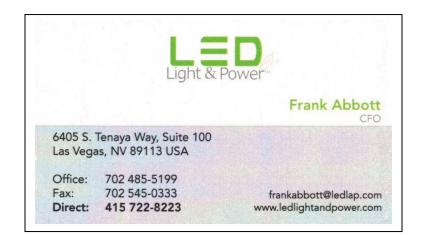
## Calendar of Events Rotary District 5300 - Calendar for Las Vegas Southwest

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DATE	TIME	CLUB	EVENT NAME	LOCATION / COMMENTS			
			April - Materr	nal and Child Health Month			
Apr Mon 29 24	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Las Vegas Southwest Weekly Club Meeting	Speaker - Anastasia Hendrix, Managing Editor - Las Vegas Review Journal			
May - Youth Service Month							
May Mon 06 24	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Las Vegas Southwest Weekly Club Meeting	Francesca Gilbert - NAR lawsuit			
May Tue 07 24	08:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	LV Southwest - Happy Feet	The next Happy Feet project will be on May 7 <sup>th</sup> at Ferron Elementary. Julie (counselor at Ferron) is asking if we can do the 2nd grade plus some special classrooms which would amount to about 150 shoes. This would be the most we have ever done, but we have funds in the budget as we have only done one Happy Feet this Rotary year. We would just need to recruit more volunteers for the event. Make sure to sign up in the sign-up book.			
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May Sat 11 24	08:00 AM		RLI - Southern California- Nevada - Part I, II, III - 5330	District 5330 Parts I, II & III \$30.00 Beaumont Presbyterian Church 702 Euclid Avenue Beaumont, CA 92223 8:00 am - 3:30 pm			
May Mon 13 24	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Las Vegas Southwest Weekly Club Meeting				
May Sat 18 24	10:00 AM		2024-25 DTA And Foundation Gala - One Day Event				

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				Sheraton Fairplex Hotel & Conference Center 601 W Mckinley Avenue Pomona, CA, 91768
May Mon 20 24	11:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Board Meeting	Board Meeting
May Mon 20 24	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Las Vegas Southwest Weekly Club Meeting	
May Mon 27 24	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Las Vegas Southwest Weekly Club Meeting	DARK FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
May Wed 29 24	04:00 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	LV Southwest Feed the Homeless	Feed the Homeless and clothing giveaway at <u>Amazing Grace</u> <u>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> .
			June - Ro	tary Fellowships Month
Jun Sat 01 24	08:00 AM	-	Southern California- Nevada - Part I - 5300 SoCal	
Jun Sat 01 24	10:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Multi Club Picnic	Multi Club Picnic - Details TBA
Jun Mon 03 24	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Las Vegas Southwest Weekly Club Meeting	
Jun Mon 10 24	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Las Vegas Southwest Weekly Club Meeting	
Jun Tue 11 24	07:30 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Happy Feet	Happy Feet
Jun Sat 15 24	09:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Board Retreat for Bruce MacKenzie's year	Board Retreat for Bruce MacKenzie's year.
Jun Mon 17 24	11:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Board Meeting	Board Meeting
Jun Mon 17 24	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Las Vegas Southwest Weekly Club Meeting	
Jun Fri 21 24	04:00 PM		DC 24 Cruise to Service, June 21-24 (Registration Form)	
Jun Mon 24 24	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Las Vegas Southwest Weekly Club Meeting	Dark for Debunking on 6/27/23
Jun Thu 27 24	06:00 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Debunking	
Jun Sun 30 24	08:00 AM		Join the Polio Plus Society	









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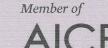


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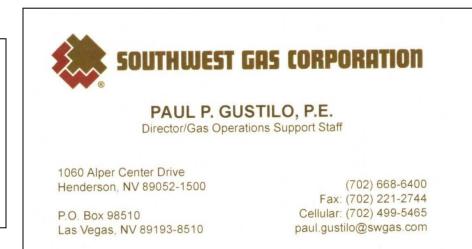
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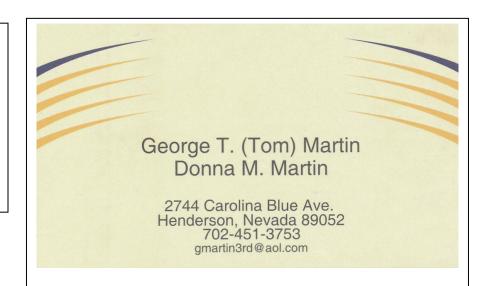


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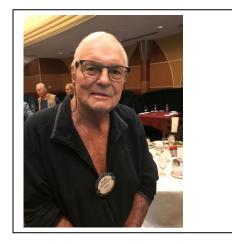








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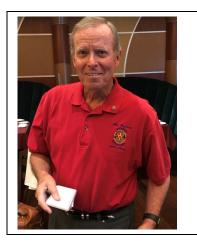
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