

Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

July 10, 2017

“President Ron’s Reign of Recognitions Begins Today!”

Presiding:	President Ron Reynolds
Conducting:	President Ron
Invocation/Pledge:	Past-President Richard Bowler
Photos:	Past-President Bruce Pope (once again filling in for the vacationing Past-President Ted Henderson)
Mr. Mic:	Karl Maisner
Newsletter:	Past-President Obadiah Dogberry

PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING – Thanks Bruce!

VISITING ROTARIANS:

Wendy Hormack with the [Rotary Club of Maui](#). Wendy is an IT consultant and is past-president of her club and currently serves as Assistant District Governor for Rotary District 5000. She was careful to make the distinction between her club and the “[Upcountry Maui](#)” club which she said is a “cowboy” club (who knew there were cowboys in Hawaii!)

Carmela Anes with the Rotary Club of Metro Angeles Centennial in Angeles City, Phillipines. Carmela is a banker in the Phillipines and today was accompanied by her daughter, Camille, who lives in Las Vegas. Carmela is past-president of her club and said it is celebrating its 20th anniversary today and is an “all woman) club. Camille (who is deaf) is married to an American (also deaf) and she is looking for work (computer related) so if anyone knows about anything that might be a good fit for her, please let Keith Thomas know and he will get the word to Carmela.

Geoff Clay who either is, or was, with the [Nanaimo Rotary Club](#) in Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada. He is a former Rotaractor from 1985 who joined his Rotary Club in 1992. He lives on Gabriola Island and commutes by ferry to Nanaimo for work. He also spends a lot of time in Las Vegas for work (unfortunately, your scribe’s notes didn’t reveal his classification.)

GUEST:

Past-President Tom Martin introduced his guest, the lovely Donna Martin, who was accompanying Tom today to make sure that he didn’t take off to the golf course after the meeting (Tom is recovering from a recent knee surgery.) Tom’s recounting of his successful recovery precipitated an interesting quip from our new President (the details of which cannot be repeated here but had something to do with Dolly Parton and shade.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (almost forgotten by our green President):

Past-President Keith Thomas announced that the recent \$1,500 donation to assist in the fire debris cleanup in progress at the Zion United Methodist Church at Lake Mead and H Street which was destroyed in a fire on 6/6/17 was put to good use and the first phase of the cleanup is now complete about two weeks ahead of schedule. Look for pictures on the club's Facebook page (just go to Facebook and search for "Rotary Club of Las Vegas Southwest" - make sure to "Like" the page so you receive notification of updates as they are posted).

Karl Maisner announced that the next Satellite Club meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13th, at Sierra Gold on Jones and 215. Starts at 6:00 p.m. and Karl will be presenting 3 new badges.

(Not a word was said about now-past-President Rebecca's debunking on Friday, June 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the horse arena at Karen Goff's. I think President Ron is waiting for "Eric and Aric" to be in attendance so he can thank them personally for all their efforts in organizing the event. Nonetheless, check out the pictures on our Facebook page.)

RECOGNITIONS:

Tom Martin was recognized \$50 for requiring Donna to be his Uber driver and bodyguard. Tom also was fined in part for his grandson Jon's recent promotion at the Palms Casino. Jon Gray is a rising star in the casino industry. Keep an eye on him.

Keith Thomas was fined for the temerity of suggesting that the new President had failed to follow protocol and had started recognitions with Tom before announcements had been made. The new President reminded Mr. Thomas that the President can do anything the President wishes and the President wanted to know if \$50 would be a sufficient recognition for Mr. Thomas today. Mr. Thomas wisely nodded his head and said nothing further.

Shawn Callahan was recognized \$25 for his recent attendance at the "[Brooklyn Bowl](#)" at the Linq. The Bowl is a lounge with 30 bowling lines, a live music state and gourmet comfort food. Shawn said he attended mostly for the music, many times without the accompaniment of female companionship which he said can be a major distraction.

Past-President Bryan Dzedziak was recognized for recent golf outings to all the major cities; Mesquite, Henderson, etc., and for having an outdated Facebook page. President Ron also mentioned something about a "Virtual President" on Bryan's page but your humble scribe couldn't find anything about it on Facebook. Nonetheless Bryan was assessed a \$75 recognition.

Ed Guthrie was recognized for being the only Rotarian who could remember where they were three weeks ago. Apparently, he was not at Rotary because he was fined \$25.

Past-President Rebecca Collett was recognized an unannounced sum for her recent trip to Seattle, WA (pr was it to Shelton, WA because she took photos of an old Datsun with rainbow stripes and bearing the words "[Shelton Rotary Clowns](#)").



She also mentioned an historic granite bench with the Rotary Wheel. Pictures, Rebecca??

Past-President Bruce Pope was recognized for his recent trip to Cancun with Beth. When it was suggested that flights are very expensive to Cancun, Bruce replied that he paid for it with “points”. Whereupon President Ron relieved Bruce of \$125.

Past-President Jack Woodcock was recognized for his recent golfing trip to [Coyote Springs](#). President Ron then gave Jack a tutorial about Facebook advertising and recounted the various iterations of Jack’s entrepreneurial enterprises, including American Realty, Better Homes and Gardens, Berkshire Hathaway, and the Jack Woodcock Group.

JOKE OF THE DAY: Doctor Scott was absent although I am reminded of the story of how the Datsun received its name. The manufacturer hired a German advertising firm to come up with the name and said that they needed it within 24 hours, whereupon the firm’s president said “Dot soon?”

GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT: None. However, not to worry, nobody knew officially what President Ron was looking for this year. He confirmed the rumor that he is going to be looking for “whistles”. Apparently he has one of the biggest collections of whistles in the world (or so he says) including an [“Oscar Mayer Weiner” whistle](#) (and no, I am not going to say anything further about that!)

DRAWING: Our visiting Rotarian from Hawaii was the winner of the big pot and our visiting Rotarian from the Philippines was the winner at your scribe’s table.

PAY YOUR BILL! It’s really easy! Reminder: It is your duty to keep up to date on invoices and up-to-date bills will be sent to all members. The Club recently instituted on-site credit card payment so any member can pay their bill at any meeting. If you don’t know how much you owe, just ask Elaine (she’s keeping a list and checking it twice).

Upcoming:

July 17: Debra March, Mayor, City of Henderson (Tentative)
July 24: Clark Dumont, Sr. VP, MGM Resorts International
July 31: Carolyn Goodman, Mayor, City of Las Vegas
August 6: Steve Sebelius, Political Columnist, LVRJ (Tentative)
August 14: Tina Quigley, RTC

SPEAKER: Our speaker was **Jeff Grace**. As CEO of NetEffect, Jeff oversees the growth, strategy and business development of the Las Vegas-based, information technology support and consulting firm. Grace began working in technology in the mid 1990's for an Internet Service Provider in New England. He then went to work for a technology consulting firm in Boston, where he was responsible for large enterprise accounts including the New York Times, Cannondale, Fiduciary Trust and the Massachusetts Port Authority. In 2002, Grace returned to Las Vegas to launch NetEffect. Raised in Las Vegas, Nevada, Grace earned his bachelor's degree from the Lee Business School at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Grace is very active in the local business community. He and the NetEffect team are avid supporters of many local non-profit and community organizations. Grace serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce and is an active member of the UNLV Alumni Association.

Jeff gave an enlightening presentation about internet security. (You had to be there.)

Handy note from Jeff: if faced with a suspicious "popup" and you are concerned about clicking on anything on the popup, simple click "CTRL-F4" and it will close the popup window.