



District 5300



Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

8/7/17

Presiding: President Ron Reynolds
Conducting: President Ron
Invocation/Pledge: Richard Bowler
Photos: Ted Henderson
Mr. Mic: Ted Henderson
Newsletter: Obadiah Dogberry

PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING – Thanks Ted!

VISITING ROTARIANS:

Raghada Khoury – Rotary Club of Apple Valley - District Governor 2017-18,

Robert Bridel – Rotary Club of Las Vegas Summerlin (Executive Assistant Governor-NV)

Tom Novotny – Rotary Club of Las Vegas West (PDG)

Rebecca Collette – Rotary Club of Las Vegas Southwest (ok, ok, she technically isn't a visiting Rotarian, but she is Assistant Governor for Group 12, so she probably should be listed with the other visiting "dignitaries!")

GUESTS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Once again, no announcements, but then today is "Club Assembly" and time was precious. President Ron moved immediately to recognitions.

Ted Henderson, however, did immediately interrupt to say that he and DG Raghada both graduated from the University of Redlands (however, Ted graduated in 1967 and DG Raghada,

who is obviously much, much, much, much younger than Ted, received her Master's degree in 2001!) Ted then regaled us with the University of Redlands chant (which DG Raghada had the good sense to allow Ted to recite all by himself):

Och Tamale Gazolly Gazump
Deyump Deyatty Yahoo
Ink Damink Deyatty Gazink
Deyump Deray Yahoo
Wing Wang Tricky Trackey
Poo Foo Joozy Woozy
Skizzle Wazzle Wang Tang
Orky Porky Dominorky
Redlands!
Rah, Rah Redlands!

RECOGNITIONS:

Ted Henderson was thanked profusely for remembering the chant and also for polishing the Rotary bell that now has a lustrous golden hue as opposed to the former dark bronze tint. . Because Ted has been gallivanting around and missing meetings, he was assessed a \$75 recognition but given a \$50 credit for some unknown reason, probably for being a nice grandpa (he informed Pres. Ron that he was taking his granddaughter to dinner this evening to celebrate her 18th birthday. They are going to a very expensive restaurant in Summerlin by the name of [Maggiano's](#).)

Justin Kalb was welcomed back after missing a few meetings. He said that he has been really busy but wanted to make sure he attended today to pay proper obeisance to the new club President (thereby betraying the fact that he hadn't been here since Pres. Ron took over on July 1!) Pres. Ron wished him a happy birthday (7/15), asked where his survey was and assessed a \$150 recognition after hearing that Justin had taken his family on a beach vacation in Southern California to bet on the ponies at Del Mar and that Justin's wife won not one, but two trifectas. Justin explained that she apparently didn't know what she was doing as she only won a grand total of \$7 but Pres. Ron was unswayed and left the fine at \$150 and intimated that it could have been higher but for the fact that Justin does such wonderful work on the board of the Make a Wish Foundation.

Cliff Silverstein was recognized \$1,000 with the explanation that he actually pays his recognitions in advance (although your scribe fails to see the connection between the two.) Thereupon, Cliff, one of our peripatetic Rotarians, was asked about his recent whereabouts. Oh, just a short trip on the Queen Mary from Southampton to St. Petersburg. He did return bearing gifts (compliments of British Airways); earphones, sleep mask, toothbrush (unused), and socks. No, Pres. Ron, he did not learn that trick from Keith Thomas.

Bruce Pope was asked about his marriage longevity and his response was "52 years today, Mr. President". Opining that Beth Pope must be a saint, President Ron assessed a \$52 recognition.

Clinton Pope (offspring of said Bruce and saintly Beth) was welcomed back after a short absence which he said was super enjoyable because he was out of town visiting the in-laws. (I

think he said super enjoyable, however, it could have been words to the effect of @\$%##\$@@!!) Welcome back Clinton and thanks for the \$50 recognition.

Brian Dzedziak was recognized for his failure to maintain a permanent residence in Las Vegas as evidenced by his recent trips to Reno for a couple days, then Nashville for a week and then in Ohio for a week. Isn't there some sort of IRS rule about that? However, since the Ohio trip was with the in-laws, President Ron took pity and only fined him \$50

Rick Colvin was recognized for failing to maintain control over his offspring and fellow Southwest Rotarian, Eric Colvin, and making sure that he was attending his Rotary meetings. Rick said that, despite his good efforts, he has little or no control over Eric. Pres. Ron said that Eric had texted him an excuse about "picking up kids" and decided to only fine Rick \$50 since Eric had a plausible explanation for not attending today.

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Jordana Lane provided an overview of the club's community service efforts, including "Feed the Homeless, Back to School Shopping, Happy Feet, the Robotics teams, and more. Pres. Ron thanked Jordana for her yeoman (I guess that should be "yeowoman") efforts.

Eric Colvin and Karen Strawn were both absent so **Tom Martin** provided a short overview of club service activities (Gold Raffle, Top Golf, etc.) and reminded the club that Adrienne is working to organize a golf outing soon.

Ted Henderson provided a report on Foundation observing that we are a 100% Paul Harris Fellow club and that our club has 657 PHF's. Our goal for 2017-2018 is \$14k. He also said that new members have the opportunity to be awarded a PHF by donating \$250 and attending 6 service events during their first year.

Shawn Callahan reported that International efforts included an upcoming Uganda project, Rotoplast last month, Corazon Superbuild, remodeling a school in Brazil, a loan to a fledgling business in Africa (who has already started paying back our loan).

Keith Thomas reported on Public Relations, specifically the club bulletin and the club's Facebook page. He said that he takes copious and detailed notes for the weekly bulletin which are then provided to one Mr. Obadiah Dogberry for the actual writing of the bulletin. Apparently Mr. Dogberry elects to simply make up things from time to time (probably because he can't read your scribe's scribbles.)

Clinton Pope spoke about the Speaker's Program (widely acknowledged to be one of the finest lineup of speakers in many years.) He also said that if you are not receiving the bulletin, just let him know and he will make sure you get it. There is apparently an issue with Cox.net email addresses being blocked as lunchmeat.

Rebecca Collette reported on membership and said we have inducted 7 new members and that the satellite club is off to a great start.

President Ron wrapped it up with a review of our scholarship and other programs and thanked the club members for their contributions, both of time and money, and said that our club is truly making a difference!

JOKE OF THE DAY: Scott was absent (probably a good thing since the DG is in attendance.)

GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Keith Thomas presented President Ron with a whistle that he had obtained by taking a very expensive trip to Northern California and then traveling to Stanford University, all for the sole purpose of obtaining a whistle with the logo of Stanford University for Pres. Ron's collection. Pres. Ron said that was cool, since one of his sons received his law degree from Stanford (although Keith could have gone to pretty much any major school in the country and be fairly confident that one of Pres. Ron's multitude of sons had matriculated there.) Recognizing the tremendous expense incurred by Mr. Thomas in obtaining said rare whistle, Pres. Ron magnanimously bestowed a \$25 Lawry's gift card upon Mr. Thomas but said he would have to give the actual card to him later since it was "in his briefcase"! (Wait, doesn't Mr. Thomas have a grandson who lives about two blocks from the Stanford campus? Hmm.)

DRAWING: Jack Woodcock was the big prizewinner today (on the fourth draw from the pot.)

PAY YOUR BILL! It's really easy! Remember that it is your duty to keep up to date on invoices. The Club recently instituted on-site credit card payment so any member can pay their bill at any meeting. If you do not know how much you owe, just ask Elaine.

Dark Days for 2017 – 2019:

07-03-17	4th of July
09-04-17	Labor Day
10-30-17	Nevada Day
12-11-17	Christmas Party
12-25-17	Christmas Day
01-01-18	New Year's Day
01-15-18	Martin Luther King Day
02-12-18	Lincoln's Birthday
02-19-18	President's Day
04-23-18	Gold Raffle
05-28-18	Memorial Day
06-25-18	Debunking

Upcoming Speakers:

August 14: Tina Quigley, General Manager, RTC
August 21: Scot Rutledge, Nevada's Marijuana industry
August 28: Mayor Carolyn Goodman (Tentative)

SPEAKER: [District Governor 2017-18, Raghada Khoury](#)

Born in Amman Jordan, raised in Yonkers, NY and has called California home since 1977. She lived in Azusa until she moved to Apple Valley in 1987. Raghada has a 29 year old son. In 2001 Raghada graduated from the University of Redlands earning a Masters of Arts in Management with an emphasis in Human Resources. A Bachelor's of Science program from the University of Phoenix preceded this. Ms. Khoury has been in Real Estate Investment for the last 13 years. Licensed by the State of California to sell insurance specifically Pre-Need while contracting with Funeral Homes in Southern California. Raghada has served as the President of the Domestic Violence Shelter for Women and Children in the Victor Valley for over 5 years. Appointed to the Commission on the Status of Women where she served for 6 years advocating for the safety and prosperity of all women with a focus on youth leadership. She also served on the Town of Apple Valley Parks and Rec Commission and has served as a member of the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for the past Four years. In her 14-year tenure, Raghada served as a club president and as a Board of Director for the Rotary Club of Apple Valley for the past 13 years. At the District level, Raghada has served in various capacities such as AG, Exec-AG, District Grants Chair, 4 Way Test Speech Contest Chair, Governor's Aide 2013-2014 and on many other District Committees.

Comments today included a big shout out to our scholarship program. She also provided a gift card from Ashley Furniture to Jordana Lane as Ashley Furniture is looking to be involved in providing room makeovers for kids.

She said today's visit was not her official visit but that the official visit would be in groups. She wants club members to become acquainted with members of other clubs. Each club president will be able to speak about their club activities.

She announced the next Superbuild on 10/7 and that they had received a \$200k grant to education of women/girls in impoverished countries.

She said RYLA is being expanded to include 10th graders. She said that GSE is now GCE (Group Cultural Exchange) and is being reduced from 5-6 weeks to 3 weeks. This year they are going to Japan.

Presidents' Advance and District Conference will be on the Queen Mary and will include, among the regular stuff, a giant Jenga competition.

She also talked about a district project to buy a van for handicapped people to be used by the "Our Lady of Peace Center" in Amman Jordan.