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Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

4/13/20

COVID-19 UPDATES – State of Nevada

The Board of Directors met today to discuss further Rotary changes that may affect us all, and to make other momentous and life changing decisions (ok, I’m kidding about life changing and momentous but it’s nice to know that even our small contributions are helping someone somewhere.)

In keeping with current meeting restrictions, the meeting was held via the “Zoom” conferencing application). We are doing all we can to comply with the Governor’s “social distancing” guidelines, a point not lost on Rotarian Keith Thomas who said he has been preaching and practicing (well, trying to practice) such guidelines through his long-standing “anti-hug” campaign (which, as you know, had been widely ignored in the past.)



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

Items discussed today:

1. Jordana Lane and Ed Guthrie participated in a conference call today with District Governor Arredondo. Notes from that meeting are included at the end of the newsletter. During that call, there was discussion of funds to be refunded to the clubs. The Southwest Rotary Board of Directors, in keeping with its decision at the 3/30/20 board meeting has decided that any monies refunded to the club by Rotary International, or by District 5300, as a result of dues ameliorations, cancellation of District activities, conferences, etc., will be added to the Community Service budget.

As you recall, at the board meeting on 3/30/20, it was decided that "During the quarantine period, our dues, assessments, luncheon costs, etc., will continue as if we were functioning as usual. Any savings as a result of not incurring luncheon costs at Lawry's, etc., will be added to our community service budget..."

And, as was indicated in the prior newsletter, "Any club member adversely impacted by the quarantine may contact Pres. Sean privately and request adjustment."

2. In the previous newsletter, it was indicated that "Feed the Homeless" on 4/29/20 had been cancelled. It is, in fact, not cancelled, and following discussion about how to fulfill our obligation (opportunity?), it was decided that we would like to support one of the local sandwich shops and offer them the opportunity to prepare, at the club's expense, 80 sandwich meals which would then be picked up by Paul Gustilo (our Community Service chair) and delivered to the church. It also minimizes the potential COVID-19 exposure if we were to try to organize a food preparation event or to even prepare them in our individual homes.

Many of you may not know the history of our involvement with this project and how the "Feed the Homeless" came about. Well, here you go...

In 1984, Community Food Bank of Southern Nevada, now known as Three Square, asked Christ Church Episcopal if they would become a site to distribute non-perishable food in the 89104 zip code. Bonnie Polley became the guiding force behind the food pantry and in March of 2006, they incorporated a non-profit 501(c)(3) known as Epicenter on the Parkway at the food distribution vehicle. Their mission is simple; provide emergency food assistance to individuals and families in need. They purchase food through Three Square as an Agency Partner, and participate in their food recovery program for fresh produce and rely on community partners such as Southwest Rotary.

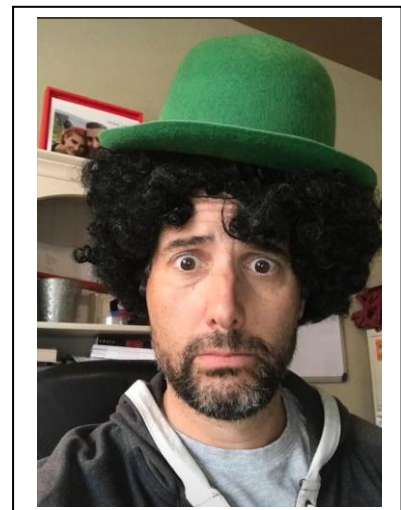
Epicenter on the Parkway partners with other agencies in the Las Vegas Valley to help individuals and families. Every Wednesday night, with Amazing Grace Ministry, they provide a hot meal to any who arrive at the door. Epicenter on the Parkway is also one of 17 host sites for Family Promise of Las Vegas, an organization that provides housing to homeless families. They also assist Three Square by providing a site for the Meet Up and Eat Up program, providing meals to children 18 years and younger in low-income areas during the summer.

They are also the site for Matthew's Closet, a free clothing bank that serves the homeless and needy in Las Vegas.

I'm not sure when Southwest Rotary became involved, but I have pictures going back as far as 2004. Can anyone fill in with further information???

3. Discussion was held about providing meals to nurses, doctors, etc., however, Fred checked with St. Rose Hospital where he volunteers (although at the moment he said he wasn't able to go in because nobody over 60 is allowed to volunteer...who knew Fred was over 60??) He found out that the hospital cafeterias are already doing a fine job of providing plenty of food to the staff, plus doctors eat free.
4. During the Zoom call today, Fred learned that the finals for this year's 4-Way speech contest will be held later in the year at a special meeting. He will contact our Club's representative who won the Area competition and who will be competing in the Regional when it is eventually rescheduled.
5. The Gold Raffle date continues to be June 25, 2020, at the same location, [Celebrity Cars](#).
6. Because the Gold Raffle is so close to the scheduled June 29th debunking, there is a possibility that the debunking may be postponed. Decision to follow at a later date
7. As announced in the previous newsletter, we will hold a "virtual" meeting for our social on our regularly scheduled date of 4/23/20 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom and the program will be "What are you doing to survive the pandemic?" Each attendee will have a chance to take a minute or two. You should receive an email with the link to join the meeting. In case you don't receive your own email, here is the link to the meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/99939030124>
8. There will be a Zoom board of directors meeting on May 11, 2020.
9. The scholarship application deadline is extended to May 15, 2020.
10. Because it is still uncertain about when the Governor's business shutdown order may be lifted, we have tentatively cancelled the in-person meetings during May also. If the shutdown is still in place in May, we will have a virtual social evening on May 21st. At the social meeting on 4/23, we will "take the temperature" (no pun intended) of the situation at that time.
11. "Zoom" users know that you can set a "virtual background" using any image you wish (assuming, of course, that it is an "appropriate" image!) One of the Zoom users today used the image at the right for a short time as their "virtual background. What say ye? Appropriate???? 😊



A copy of the updated calendar is attached

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE CALL

April 13, 2020

Dues: The District Budget Committee will revise the budget for this year and refund the clubs the unspent funds (e.g. \$5/member is spent on the District conference and there will be no District Conference).

District Assembly: Will be On-line and there will be separate pieces including "Vibrant Clubs" workshop that will discuss Brand, Membership and Foundation. There will be a session on grants management (both District and Global) and at least 2 members of the club must participate in that session if we want to receive a grant. They will also have a Board of Directors training that they encourage all Board members to attend.

Cancelled or Rescheduled:

1. DAC/DB Secretary Training – April 17th
2. RYLA: 2020 camp will be 10/30 – 11/1 and the 2021 camp will be 3/19/21 – 3/21/21
3. TLC: 12/4 – 12/6
4. Presidents Advance: 10/23 – 10/25
5. Peace Conference: 10/24
6. District Conference 2021: 5/21 – 5/23 in Lancaster, CA
7. International Convention 2021: 6/12 – 6/16

Stay At Home (what are clubs doing)?

- Virtual Meetings are important because people are creatures of habit. Most clubs are using Zoom. The Summerlin club said that a paid subscription is more reliable. Someone said that if a nonprofit wants to apply they can contact a group called "Tech Soup" and get the subscription for 50% off.
- The Las Vegas club has their meetings on Facebook (public settings). They also added Zoom for the people who do not have Facebook.
- All the clubs are very concerned about their members who live alone. We need to work especially hard to keep them engaged. One club sent a survey asking members what they needed as well as what they had to contribute. Other clubs are contacting their members through a "phone tree."
- Having members contact other members keeps everyone socially connected. One club has members asking members if they need anything from the grocery. It's especially important for those people with underlying medical conditions who are afraid to leave home.
- The Sierra Madre club buys meals for 1st responders every Wednesday.
- Lancaster Sunrise pays a quilting club to make masks and pays them \$5/mask. The masks are then donated to 1st responders.
- The Lancaster club also organized a virtual blood drive. Where their members made appointments to give blood.
- Some of the clubs are using social media to recruit additional contributions through matching grants. (e.g. The club will match all contributions up to \$2,500.)
- West Covina is buying gift cards that shelters can use for the homeless. They have also partnered with the LDS church to get additional food for the food pantry.

Budgets: Everyone needs to review their budgets for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.

- Do we anticipate a reduction in members? What happened during the last recession?
- Would some members be willing to contribute money to pay for the dues of other members until they are back on the feet?
- Summerlin established an “emergency fund” to help members who cannot pay their dues.
- One of the clubs discussed sponsoring a Health Fair and “Fun Run” with a hospital this summer
- Mesquite is organizing a Poker Run for the summer.

Next call is scheduled for April 27, 2020 @ 5:00 PM.

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

DATE	TIME	CLUB	EVENT NAME	LOCATION / COMMENTS
April - Maternal and Child Health Month				
Apr Wed 01 20	4:00 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting - All Club Members are Invited	ZOOM Board of Directors Meeting - All Club Members are Invited
Apr Sat 04 20	9:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Three Square - CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19	Three Square on Saturday, April 4 th , putting together lunch boxes. More information to follow as we get closer to the date.
Apr Mon 06 20	11:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Board Meeting - CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19	Board Meeting
Apr Mon 06 20	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Club Meeting - CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19	Club Meeting
Apr Mon 13 20	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Club Meeting - Dark for Tax Day	Club Meeting - Dark for Tax Day
Apr Tue 21 20	7:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Happy Feet - CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19	Happy Feet (7:30 to 9:30am) at the same school as before, William E. Ferron Elementary School (named after a Rotarian). Ferron is located at 4200 Mountain Vista Street, Las Vegas, NV 89121. MAP The school is located south of Flamingo and east of Boulder Highway. Sign up in the book! This month we will be putting shoes on the 3rd grade classes. School counselor is Julie Bellavia.
Apr Thu 23 20	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Club Social Meeting - TO BE HELD VIA "ZOOM" (virtual conference)	Club Social Meeting - TO BE HELD VIA "ZOOM" (virtual conference)
Apr Mon 27 20	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Club Meeting - CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19	Club Meeting
Apr Wed 29 20	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Feed the Homeless - STILL ON	Feed the Homeless - Amazing Grace Ministries at Christ Church Episcopal http://www.christepiscopallv.org/ . Food only this month. To be provided by a local sandwich shop at club expense. CCE is located at 2000 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89104.
May - Youth Service Month				
May Mon 04 20	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Club Meeting - CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19	Club Meeting
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May Mon 25 20	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Club Meeting - Dark for Memorial Day	Club Meeting - Dark for Memorial Day
June - Rotary Fellowships Month				
Jun Mon 01 20	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Club Meeting	Club Meeting
Jun Mon 08 20	11:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Board Meeting	Board Meeting
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Jun Mon 15 20	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Club Meeting	Club Meeting
Jun Mon 22 20	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Club Meeting	Club Meeting
Jun Thu 25 20	6:00 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	GOLDEN NIGHT IN LAS VEGAS	Gold Raffle-Celebrity Cars, 7770 DM Dr., Ste 301, Las Vegas, NV https://www.celebritycars.com/
Jun Mon 29 20	6:00 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Club Meeting - DEBUNKING (MAY BE RESCHEDULED)	Club Meeting - DEBUNKING (MAY BE RESCHEDULED)