



District 5300



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Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

11/30/20

Conducting:
Rotary Prayer/Pledge:

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Mic duty:
Newsletter:

Jordana Lane

Cliff Silverstein

Tom Martin (see below or click on “Photos” at left for pictures at today’s meeting.)

Bruce Pope

Obadiah Dogberry, Esq.

LAWRY’S HAS REOPENED ON MONDAYS – JOIN US AGAIN!! Remember you can join via ZOOM. Pres. Jordana always sends out a link prior to the meeting. Today we were joined by Ed Guthrie, Paul Gustilo, and Joe Wittenwiler via ZOOM.

Remember, don’t come next week...we are dark (we had planned on having the Holiday Party next week but it had to be cancelled due to COVID and the board decided to not have a regular meeting in order to maintain our schedule of dark days at Lawry’s.)

VISITING ROTARIANS

Greg Jones, our District Governor joined us via Zoom. He provided us with an update of happenings at the District 5300 level:

1. Rose Bowl float cancelled due to Rose Parade cancellation due to COVID.
2. TLC cancelled
3. RYLA still on for March 2021.
4. Dan Stover Music Contest still on for 2021.

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

5. Way Speech Contest still on.
6. George Hensel Essay Contest still on.
7. District Conference tentatively scheduled for 5/22/2020 still on to be held in Lancaster, CA at the Antelope Valley College Performing Arts Center.
8. There will be an inbound group.
9. California clubs all still meeting virtually.

Thanks so much **DG Greg**. We appreciate you visiting our club again (even if it is virtually.)

GUESTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pres. Jordana announced that the "[Delivering with Dignity](#)" project is going to continue with more "Rotary Heroes Days" on a monthly or perhaps bi-monthly schedule, where Rotarians will have the opportunity to help deliver food. Our next opportunity to serve will be on Wednesday, 12/2/20. Signup sheets will be in the book next week.



Pres. Jordana also announced that the "Santa Clothes" project is scheduled for Thursday, December 3rd, and we need 10 volunteers to shop for clothes for kids from Ruby Thomas Elementary School. Because of the pandemic we won't have any kids in attendance this year, but we will be able to serve them by shopping for them. We will again be going to JCPenney stores (either the Meadows, Grand Canyon, or Galeria store). Signup sheets will be in the book next week.

Pres. Jordana announced that **Bryan Dzieziak** has agreed to serve as Foundation Chair (although we know nobody can do it better than the formidable **Ted Henderson**.)

Eric Colvin announced the winners of the last two Sunday Night Football pools:

Chiefs-Raiders

1 st Quarter	Timmy Dong (yes, that Timmy Dong AGAIN)
1 st Half	Jon DeVries
3 rd Quarter	Sammy Dong (yes, that Sammy Dong AGAIN)
Final	Sean Tanko (yes that Sean Tanko AGAIN)

Bears-Packers

1 st Quarter	Lorri Kilby (friend of Rebecca Collet)
1 st Half	Joe Wittenwiler (yes, that Joe Wittenwiler AGAIN)
3 rd Quarter	Mike Rogers (yes, that Mike Rogers AGAIN)
Final	Carolyn Klein (yes, that Carolyn Klein AGAIN)

The payouts are \$50 for the 1st and 3rd quarters, \$100 for the Half and Final. New numbers are drawn every week of the season. A portion of the entry fee goes to support the Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club Scholarship Programs. These programs help to send our youth to leadership camps, music contests, speech contest, and even a \$9,600 Scholarship to a Nevada Institution.

Bruce Pope announced that Ben Rappel (a former co-worker of Bruce's), who won three ¼ oz gold coins at the Gold Raffle, was donating one of them back to the club and presented the coin to Pres. Jordana.

Bruce also announced that Karen Strawn had been sick with COVID since 11/11 and is finally feeling better but was very tired for three weeks.

Sean Tanko finally picked up the purple mannequin that has graced the back of **Keith Thomas'** pickup for lo these many weeks.

RECOGNITIONS

(Waived because of today's program, see below.)

GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT

Bruce Pope once again continued his streak of gifts for the president and since he only provided a "500" piece puzzle this week, he also gifted **Pres. Jordana** with the section from the Thanksgiving edition of the Review Journal that was packed with puzzles.

(The recommended gift this year is JIGSAW PUZZLES! Here is an [online](#) jigsaw puzzle. I will post a different one here every week.)

JOKE(S) OF THE DAY

Tom Martin: After 10 years a wife started to think their child looks kind of strange so she did a DNA test and found out the child is not theirs; she told her husband what she found out, the husband replied, you don't remember do you?? When we were leaving the hospital, the baby pooped and you told me go and change him so I went inside got a clean one and left the dirty one there.

Chris Publow: During a church service, the pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express thanks for prayers which had been answered.

A lady stood up and came forward.

She said, "I have a reason to thank the Lord. Two months ago, my husband, Jim, had a terrible bicycle wreck and his scrotum was completely crushed. The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him."

You could hear an audible gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagined the pain that poor Jim experienced.

She continued, "Jim was unable to hold me or the children and every move caused him terrible pain. We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation. They were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Jim's scrotum and wrap wire around it to hold it in place."

Again, the men in the Congregation squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Jim.

She continued, "Now, Jim is out of the hospital and the doctor's say, with time, his scrotum should recover completely."

All the men sighed with relief.

The pastor rose and tentatively asked if anyone else had anything to say.

A man rose and walked slowly to the podium.

He said, "Hi, I'm Jim and I would like to tell my wife, the word is 'sternum.' "

DRAWING

The winner was none other than our dear **Pres. Jordana**.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Each week I will try to upload pictures or other memorabilia from the past for your viewing pleasure. Since we can't get together today for our traditional Holiday Party, I thought you would enjoy (click [here](#)) pictures from our 12/1/03 Adult Holiday Party.

PROGRAM

Today was “Pull Rotarian Names Out of the Hat”. Those whose names are pulled get to either (1) give an update on what’s happening in their life, or (2) brag about something, or (3) throw somebody under the proverbial bus.

Ron Reynolds was the first name selected and told about the progress of construction on his son Mac’s house which is adjacent to the house that **Ron** is building. The Reynolds’ are building a family compound to help support his son Paul who recently lost his wife to cancer. Mac was showing Ron the second floor and casually identified one of the rooms as the “nursery” which was surprising to Ron since Mac’s wife is 41. **Ron** also mentioned that his daughter is also expecting. Which really shouldn’t be surprising considering the Reynold’s family’s proclivity for procreation. I think the new grandbabies will push the number of **Ron** and Christine’s grandchildren over the 100 mark (just kidding, of course, but there are quite a few!) **Ron** mentioned that he pursued Christine for 5 years before she finally said yes 47 years ago.

Chris Publow was up next and said that Melinda, his 43-year-old daughter who is a music teacher in Okinawa had remarried three years ago and even though she didn’t think she was able to have kids, in fact did have a little boy a few months ago. However, COVID has kept **Chris** and Lali from visiting but they are hoping to see him soon. Leann, their 36-year-old daughter had a baby a year and a half ago. A year or so ago Melinda visited Leann and held her baby and that must have triggered the “mommy urge” because shortly thereafter Melinda was expecting her little bundle of joy. **Chris** also said that Violet, their 20-year-old granddaughter was engaged to be married.

Doug Malan then commented on the fact that you could always count on **Keith Thomas** to ask questions after speaker programs. He said he has earned the name, “The Inquisitor”. He also commented on **Ron Reynold’s** ability to elicit information (but then you would have to expect that from a fellow “officer of the court”.)

Ed Guthrie (virtually) filled us in on their Thanksgiving activities with their 6 grandkids (all masked and socially distanced, correct, Ed?) Sheryl had fun doing art work with the kids. **Ed** also commented on the football team formerly known as the Washington (bleeped).

Tom Martin said that he has been retired for 7 ½ years so couldn’t give an update on his business, but did say that his family had planned a Thanksgiving gathering and 18 people planned to attend. However, he and Donna decided to just stay home and take it easy and eat their “min-turkeys” (aka Cornish Game Hens).

Keith Thomas elected to throw people under the bus and said that there were two Rotarians in the room who wives belonged to a group which called themselves, “The Ladies of the Evening”. **Pres. Jordana** then asked the guilty parties to identify themselves. **Ron Reynolds** and **Doug Malan** slowly raised their hands. Knowing **Ron** and **Doug**, however, you know it can’t be anything untoward. And indeed, it wasn’t. **Ron** said that his wife formed a book club about 40 years ago and since at that time all the women in the club had babies and young children at home, the best time to meet was late in the evening usually around 9:00 p.m. **Ron** said that Christine doesn’t like change as evidenced by the fact that the book club has existed for 40 years along with an exercise group that she started around the same time. **Doug** mentioned that one of the best things about the book club was the refreshments. **Ron** said that one of the things they would do is take trips to plays, particularly to Shakespeare in

Cedar City and they decided to buy a memorial sidewalk brick with the name of the book club which they insisted to the Shakespeare folks was “The Las Vegas Ladies of the Evening”.

Melissa Brooks chose the update option and said that she is down to 5 classes to complete her bachelor’s degree in accounting. Congratulations on a great accomplishment (to be).

Eric Colvin allowed as to how he wasn’t a grandfather even though his son Billy is 27 years old last week. He said Billy is just finishing his degree in general studies. He also said that while shopping for a birthday card for Jessica a few days ago he found another card that he bought for Billy’s eventual graduation... the caption? “Snailed it!” Happy Birthday, Jessica! And Happy Graduation, Billy (eventually.)

Cliff Silverstein provided an account of the December 7th attack on Pearl Harbor since he was living in Hawaii at the time (having been born there 82 years ago). He said he was 3 ½ years old at the time and can remember that they heard about the bombing on the radio and that they went down to the Post Office which was the gathering place for their town. He said that there was total panic not knowing what might be coming and that they were told to go home and turn on the radio, fill the bathtubs with water, and black out their windows. He said it took a week or two to calm down. He also said that about 60 percent of the population was Asian, including Japanese. He said that at Christmas time, their Christmas bulbs were dipped in black paint. He said that in February 1942 they were asked to evacuate to the west coast of mainland USA.

CONCLUSION

We ended the meeting by standing and reciting the Four-Way Test.







