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CREATE HOPE

in the WORLD

Rotary Thought

Someone once said that you can judge a person by his checkbook stubs. As Rotarians, we are generally blessed with lives of relative luxury, and opportunities unknown to many. Help us to review our checkbooks, and, indeed, the registers of our lives with honesty as we consider our priorities, and our opportunity to help others. Open our hearts, and our accounts, to those in need, while still providing us with appropriate fruits of our own labors. Help us to share not only our tangible wealth, but also our intangible riches of knowledge, leadership, and creativity to make our city, our nation, and our world, a better place filled with the peace and love that you can bring through us.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Pheing Ngo joined us today from the <u>Rotary Club of</u> <u>Toronto</u>, Canada. **Pheing** (which he said is pronounced "pain" as in "no pain no gain") is a kinesiologist and just recently jointed Rotary after searching various other service organizations to find the best fit for him. His family was able to leave Cambodia in 1987 when he was 4 years old and they settled in Canada. He said he was in town visiting family and generally enjoying Las Vegas. Welcome, **Pheing**, hope you are able to visit us again!



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. 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.

Marcus França joined us from the Rotary Club of Salto, São Paulo, Brazil. He is the general manager for South America of a transportation company and is in town attending the Waste Expo at the Convention Center. He became acquainted with Rotary early when he was a Rotary Exchange Student in 1989 in Canada in the town of Kitimat which is located in the North Coast region of British Columbia. He said he is still in touch with his host family



father of three teenage boys (which is probably why he has no hair on his head). Welcome, Marcus, and come back often.

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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 Wave Heating and Cooling 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 Rotary Club of Bucharest Excelsior, in Bucharest, Romania and who was in town visiting Raluca. She is currently in the membership application process and hopefully will be inducted soon! Welcome, Raluca.



Mark Baker, Cara Chernoff, and Wayne Kwasniewski joined us as guests of Francesca Gilbert. They all work with Cardinal Financial, originating mortgage loans here in Las Vegas. It was good to meet

them and hope to see them again.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pres. Joe made the following announcements:

- 1. Our the next "Happy Feet" service project will be on Tuesday, May 7th 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 next Feed the Homeless and clothing giveaway at <u>Amazing Grace Ministries</u> at <u>Christ</u> <u>Church Episcopal</u> on <u>Maryland Parkway</u> will be May 29th 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 our next Greenspokes meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8th, 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. **Bruce** said that his wife, **Kim**, still hasn't forgiven him for "volunteering" to host the meeting in their home.

Bruce MacKenzie also announced that **Anne Greene** will be inducted as soon as she and **Jack Woodcock** can get together. Unfortunately, **Anne** is currently in the hospital with pneumonia and **Jack** is out of town. **Raluca's** application is in process and she will also soon become a full-fledged member. Former Rotarian and past-President **Josh Satterlee** is also showing some interest in coming back and was in attendance last week but this week is apparently vacationing in the Cancun area. Get better soon, **Anne!**

Troy Lochhead announced that the scholarship committee has received 22 applications for our club's annual \$9,600 scholarship. She hopes to winnow it down to 10 for in-person interviews. **Pres. Joe** gifted her with a couple of Lawry's gift cards.

Pres. Joe announced that he was absent last week because he and **Taryn** were in Nashville for the Rock and Roll Half Marathon. He said there are some many people running in the event that they have to start in "corrals" and that their "corral" was scheduled to start about two hours after the official start of the race. So, they slept in and were surprised to receive a message that the start was going much faster than expected and they needed to get their ASAP. By the time they arrived they were 1 ½ hour late and everything was being disassembled and put away. They started running anyway and by the 3-mile mark had caught up with the street sweepers who sweep at the end of the runners. They finally passed the runners in last place (well except for them), two largish persons walking, then they caught up with a guy on crutches, but soldiered on and by the time they finished the race, they had passed 3,999 runners. He said he was also proud to announce that "not a single person passed me".

He said they is going to be out of town on the regularly scheduled board meeting date of 5/20 and, after much discussion, changed the date to next week, 5/13/2024. He and **Taryn** are headed to Florida to run in the <u>Keys 100 Ultramarathon</u>. They are <u>signed up</u> for the relay race and their team (and all the runners) will run from Key Largo to Key West.

He said he will also be out of town on June 3rd attending the <u>Rotary International Convention in Singapore</u> and needs someone to run the meetings. **Bruce Pope** said "don't worry, we got it" but didn't say more, so should be fun.

RECOGNITIONS

Scott Baranoff escaped any fine for his announcement that he and **Marjory** are headed to Hallandale, Florida for a week in the sun. He said that he is taking advantage of his recent retirement to do some traveling. He was also asked about something noted in last week's "Blast from the Past" regarding the TV show "The Batchelor". The newsletter referenced in the BFTP is dated 8/16/2004, and in case our dear readers failed to read it, your newsletter editor will leave it as this week's BFTP. For your ready reference, here is the complete entry regarding **Scott** for that date (**Adrienne Cox** was president at the time):

"Scott Baranoff - \$125 later increased to \$150 because upon being called upon he congratulated our lovely President on her "adequate" job so far and then later repeating the "adequate" job description – we all know, of course, that her job has been "far more than adequate" ...and for his vivid (but very limited) description of the ABC television series "The Batchelor" which just wrapped its shooting season and which was largely filmed in his house and on his boat...no, he wasn't "The Batchelor". Remember when we had Greenspokes at his house last year and his neighbor showed up with a "memorable" friend?? Well, it is that neighbor who was the reason for the filming at Scott's. The premiere will be September 22nd in New York and ABC is flying Scott back there in the corporate jet. (Now, what was the URL of the "memorable" friend...I forgot.)"

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

Bruce Pope said he just returned from New Jersey and of course brought back all the hotel coffee that he could carry:





Sean Tanko finally got around to bringing in the "gift" that he has been promising for lo these many weeks. He said it came from the <u>Deep Creek Coffee Company</u> in Springdale, Utah, on a recent trip to his cabin on Kolob Mountain.





Greg Mottau said he and **Sandi** and their son went on a Disney cruise out of Ft. Lauderdale, Floriday and said they had a great time and at a stop on Grand Cayman Island, found some "Cayman Gold". He said they also stopped at an island owned by Disney where he was able to pick up some "Starbucks".





Les Kaneta said they were recently in Honolulu for a couple months and brought back some coffee from Oahu. He said most people think that Kona on the big island is the only place Hawaii grows coffee, but Waialua Coffee from the North Shore of Oahu is just as good. The type he brought back is "<u>Peaberry</u>" which is one of the rarest coffees in the world and has "intense notes of milk chocolate, sweet spice, raw honey, and roasted hazelnuts." He also visited an "<u>ABC" store</u> (big souvenir shop) and picked up a sweet coffee mug.







JOKES OF THE DAY

Scott Baranoff told about a timid man on a plan who sat in the window seat and started feeling sick. The man next to him was a huge Texan who was asleep. The timid man didn't want to bother him and because

he couldn't get past the sleeping Texan, suddenly threw up in the man's lap. The Texan soon awoke and the timid man said to him, "Now, don't you feel better?"

Tom Martin told about "Keeping the Romance Alive". "I still love to spoil my wife. If she works late at night, she calls me and tells me she's on her way. I immediately start running the taps and pouring in some nice hot water with foam so that when she walks in, she can start washing the dishes right away."

DRAWING

Bruce MacKenzie was our winner today.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Today's BFTP is the same as last week to give people an opportunity to read it if they didn't already. Click <u>here</u> to see the newsletter from 8/16/2000. Note that Happy Feet and Feed the Homeless were being discussed, just like in today's newsletter.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

FULL 2023-2024 CALENDAR ATTACHED BELOW

PROGRAM

Today's speaker was our own Francesca Gilbert talking about the NAR settlement.

She is a top producing real estate agent and brother at a powerhouse real estate brokerage (think Warren Buffet). She has never jumped out of a perfectly working airplane (or any airplane for that matter) and has not scaled Kilimanjaro. She has, however, been madly in love with real estate and is a fervent believer in housing happily ever after's, which is why she is still a REALTOR after 36 years, 1200 transactions totaling more than \$355 million.

She was raised in Las Vegas, graduated from <u>Occidental College</u> (go Tigers!) and has a semi-useless degree in English Literature. She is the oldest of 4 children born to Italian immigrants from the old country. She has 2 beautiful and strong-willed children of her own, and one equally strong-willed dog, although she has no idea where they got it from (the children, not the dog). When she isn't helping home sellers, home buyers or other real estate agents, Francesca can be found running, golfing and enjoying great wine, although not all at the same time.

She provided a very interesting overview of the issues and the relevant dates impacted by the settlement. Much is still up in the air but it is clear that the MLS will no longer have information about buyer-broker compensation. She said that home inventory right now is only 1/3 of the normal inventory or 3,500 homes.

Your newsletter editor couldn't read the rest of his notes so he asked "ChatGPT" (AI) to give him a couple of paragraphs about the settlement. This is what came back:

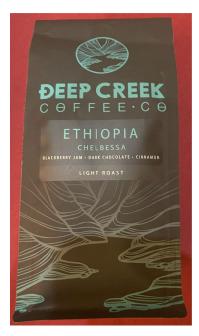
"The legal settlement with the National Association of Realtors has the potential to reshape the real estate industry by fostering greater competition and transparency. The agreement addresses concerns regarding anti-competitive practices, such as limiting access to property listings, which could ultimately benefit consumers by providing them with more choices and fairer prices. By opening up access to property data and encouraging competition among real estate agents, the settlement may lead to increased innovation and efficiency within the industry.

Moreover, the settlement could also have implications for the broader landscape of online marketplaces and data sharing practices. As the real estate market continues to digitize, the terms of this settlement could set a precedent for how other industries manage and share data. This landmark agreement underscores the importance of fair competition and consumer rights in an increasingly interconnected and data-driven economy."

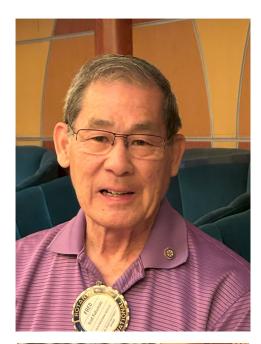
Thanks so much, **Francesca**, for your presentation. We have some outstanding and accomplished Rotarians and you are certainly one of them.

CONCLUSION

We concluded with the 4-Way Test.



























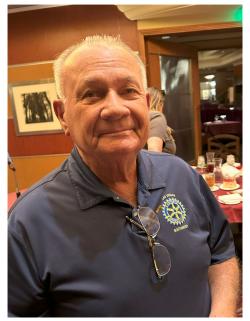
































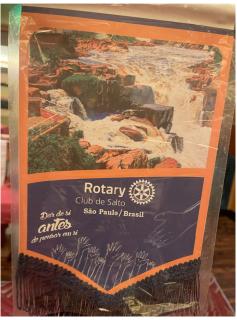




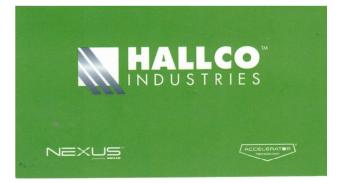
















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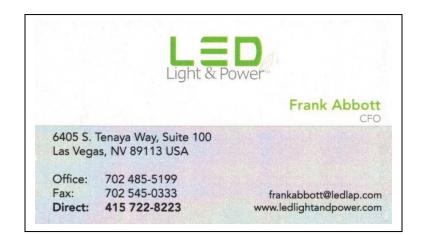
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May Mon 13 24	11:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	Board Meeting	Board Meeting				
May Mon 13 24	12:15 PM	Las Vegas Southwest	Las Vegas Southwest Weekly Club Meeting	Jody Baden, from the Transparency in Politics Project, will be our speaker.				
May Sat 18 24	10:00 AM		2024-25 DTA And Foundation Gala - One Day Event	Sheraton Fairplex Hotel & Conference Center 601 W Mckinley Avenue Pomona, CA, 91768 91768				
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 - Rotary Fellowships Month							
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					

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Jun Tue 11 24	07:30 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	LV Southwest - Happy Feet	Happy Feet
Jun Sat 15 24	09:00 AM	Las Vegas Southwest	LV SW 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	LV Southwest Debunking	Debunking
Jun Sun 30 24	08:00 AM		Join the Polio Plus Society	









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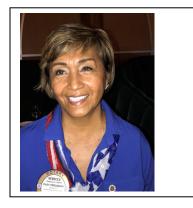
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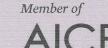


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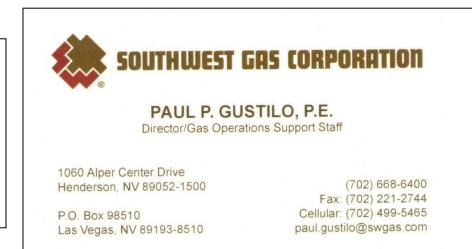
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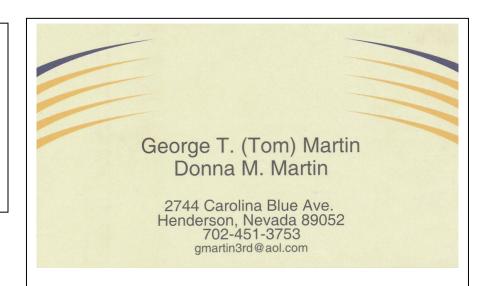


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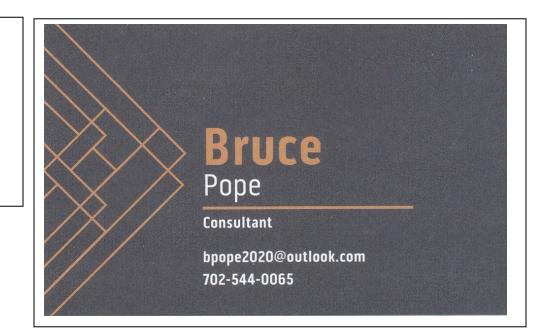
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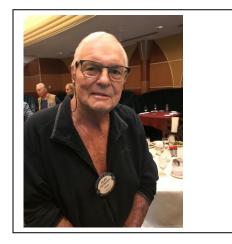








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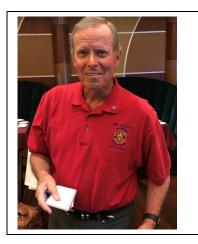
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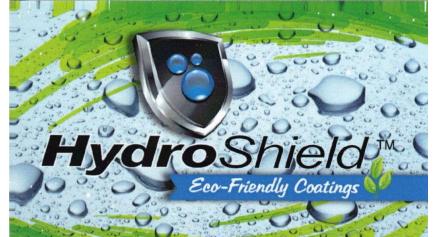
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