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Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

*** REMINDER ***
**We are dark until
January 7, 2013**

Future Speakers

January 7, 2013

**Christine J.
Spadafor**

CEO

St. Jude's Ranch

Did you know that you can make-up for a missed meeting by attending an E-Club Rotary meeting? Just click here to see how

http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en_pdf/eclub_list.pdf.

The Club meets at Lawry's Prime Rib restaurant, 4043 Howard Hughes Parkway at 12:15 p.m. every Monday. Please check the Club's website for meeting times and events at

Welcome to our Visiting Guests and Rotarians

Rotarians - Jim Camburn, vising from the LV Summerlin Rotary.

Visitors - Vicki Wille, as a guest of Rebecca Collett

Mike Rogers, as a guest of Eric Colvin

Announcements:

Cliff Dieterle and Ed Guthrie urged everyone to come out for the Opportunity Village Magical Forest event, to be held Tuesday, December 11th from 9 am to 12 pm at the Opportunity Village main campus. Who wouldn't want to ride the rain and experience the forest? It's a win/win situation, so don't miss it!

Hank Falstad provided the Club with an update on Rachel, who the Club has supported in her science competitions for some time now. She is doing very well. Rachel will participate in a competition in St. Louis in the spring, and we wish her the best of luck!

Rich Bowler reminded everyone that next week (Dec. 10th) we will be dark, because we have the holiday party that night. It will be held at the Las Vegas Country Club, and starts at 6 o'clock. There will be lots of yummy food and alcoholic beverages for those of you who indulge, so don't forget to sign up.

Our guest Jim Camburn from the Summerlin Club asked our Club members to consider participating in his club's 4th Annual Wine Raffle. The tickets are \$20 each, and the first prize is 50 bottles of wine, second prize is 30 bottles of wine, and third prize is 20 bottles of wine. Not bad!

Ted Henderson announced that if you are planning on getting your Paul Harris certificate, please let him or Fred Fukumoto know so that everything can be arranged ahead of time.

Rotarians –

**upcoming
Community Service
opportunities**

**Peace
Through Service
December 11, 2012
Sakuji Tanaka
Rotary International President
Opportunity Village**

Magical Forest

9 am-12 pm

**Opportunity Village
Main Campus**



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Joanne Blystone asked everyone not to forget about the December 17th Nellis tour. We will be dark that day and will meet at Nellis instead. If you would like to participate, please sign up so that the required background check can be completed on time. Also, the tour is now open to friends and family of Rotarians.

Joanne also announced the December 20th Greenspokes party to be held at her home in Spanish Oaks. Come one, come all for a very good time!

Ted Henderson presided over the Paul Harris presentation, whereby Chris Publow was crowned a Paul Harris Major Donor, at the \$10,000 or more level. Chris joins 14,195 other Major Donors around the world. Congratulations Chris!

Finally, Pres. Garritano thanked Doug Malan and Ted Henderson for putting together the Paul Harris Fellow ceremonies.

Recognitions:

Ted Henderson was recognized for spending the weekend in So Cal, with too much time on his hands. Although he went down for his daughter's softball game, it got cancelled after he was already there. He decided to stay anyway, and had a very nice time. \$60 fine.

Chris Publow was recognized for working at Ted Wiens, a great auto repair company that was many happy customers. It's a great business to be in, since everyone needs their cars fixed! \$50 fine.

Rebecca Collett was recognized for doing such a good job bringing all the new members in. For all that hard work, \$50 fine.

Justin Kalb went away for his friend's 30th birthday. Sounds like a blast! \$40 fine for having too much fun.

Gifts for the President:

Eric Colvin brought the Prez a stack of beer tokens found inside beer bottles at football games. Interesting!

Joke:

Scott Baranoff had a great joke this week. Naughty as usual, but this one can be attributed solely to Rebecca!



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Our Program:

Rotarians at work for the Club

Invocation & Pledge

Rich Bowler

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Donnie Garritano

Mr. Mic

Bruce Pope

Reporter

**Franchesca Van
Buren**

Raffle Winner

Megan Schimick



Carole Vilardo, Nevada Taxpayer Association

Carole has been affiliated with NTA since 1986 and has served as President of the Association since 1988. Her efforts on behalf of the Association's members are directed to the fiscal issues of taxes and spending, and regulatory issues. She is a frequent and often quoted speaker on fiscal issues involving state and local governments in Nevada and has authored and edited a number of Association position papers and publications. She has been appointed to serve on numerous governmental formed committees at a state and local level to look at issues as diverse as water funding, transportation needs and funding, and health care delivery. The Nevada Taxpayers Association was founded February 25, 1922. It is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, statewide membership association. NTA is recognized throughout Nevada for its advocacy of sound fiscal policies and promoting the cause of the taxpayer for responsible government at a reasonable price. (It is not an anti-tax association.) The Association is governed by a Board of Directors (currently 44 members) representative of diverse interests, and the various geographic areas in Nevada.

Carole's talk was sobering. She explained the issues surrounding the fiscal cliff. Carole also discussed state politics and some of the issues that should be expected to arise during Nevada's next legislative session.