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Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

Future Speakers

March 12

**Jonathan Ullman,
Exec. Dir., The Mob
Museum**

March 19

**Ken Ladd
US Bank**



**Rotarians –
upcoming
Community
Service
opportunities**

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/RIdocuments/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, www.lvswr.org.

Welcome to our Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Visiting Rotarians – Tom Saks, visiting from the Washington Rotary Club
Kevin Suzuki, visiting from the Ontario, Canada Rotary Club

Guest -

Tony Berti from Goody Two Shoes as a guest of Josh Satterlee
Jessica Horst, wife and guest of Mitchell Horst

Announcements

Annual Gold Raffle and Auction Fundraiser – Karen Strawn promoted the Gold Raffle that will take place this year on March 26, 2012. Karen mentioned that we are running out of time—if you want extra tickets to sell or to buy them yourself, please see her. Don't forget that this year's fund raiser will have a "vintage Vegas" theme and will be held at Dragon Ridge Country Club, 522 S. Stephanie St., Henderson, NV.





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Opportunity Village Charity Poker Tournament – Ed Guthrie promoted the Opportunity Village Charity Poker Tournament to take place on Saturday, April 7, 2012.

LVSW Rotary Club and Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation First Annual Celebrity Poker Tournament – Mitchell Horst announced the Celebrity Poker Tournament to take place on May 5, 2012 at Caesar’s Palace at the Poker Room. Buy in is \$340, and that includes the \$40 seat fee. They have huge big screen monitors, comfortable seats, etc. Mitchell mentioned the need for a \$5,000 sponsorship and that the sponsor receives 4 complimentary seats, a full page ad in the program, logos displayed on the screen, company mention after each round, logos on bags, etc. They also have sponsorship opportunities at the \$2,500, \$1,000, and \$500 sponsorship levels.

Goody Two Shoes – Josh introduced the club to Tony Berti, one of the founding members of Goody Two Shoes and presented him with a check. Goody Two Shoes’ first goal was to put shoes on 250 kids and now their goal is to put shoes on more than 10,000 kids. Tony explained how the program has evolved and how it is more than just giving the kids shoes. It is about giving these at risk children a choice. They get their moment to choose what shoes they want, and experience the power of making a choice.

GSE Team—Adrienne Cox announced that the GSE team is coming from Chile and will be here the first week of May. The GSE team will consist of four professionals— a physician, a journalist, an attorney and a teacher.

Recognitions:

Clinton Pope – \$25 credit for encouraging and inviting Aric Graham to play golf with him on Friday.

Josh Satterlee – \$25 credit for inviting Aric Graham to play golf with him and a bunch of professional golf players.

Melissa Copeland – Recognized for her efforts with Past Presidents’ Day and the work that she put into the luncheon. Thanks Melissa!

Name That Rotarian

Bruce Pope – fined \$75 for his response to which Rotarian never thought he would get married again... correct answer is Jack Woodcock!

Brian Dzedziak-- \$50 credit for naming Keith Thomas as the Rotarian working past the age of 65 and for having a nickname only his mother uses.

Keith Thomas -- \$50 credit for his wife doing a good deed and getting her name in



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**Rotarians at work for
the Club**

**Invocation & Pledge
Fred Fukumoto**

**Introduction of
Visiting Rotarians
and Guests
Ed Guthrie**

**Mr. Mic
Andy Katz**

**Photographer
Ted Henderson**

**Reporter
Angela Torres**

**Editor
Francesca VanBuren**

**Raffle Winner
Kevin Suzuki**

the paper for it.

Our Program: Virginia Valentine, President of the Nevada Resort Association

As Clark County manager, Virginia Valentine was charged with ensuring that some 2 million residents receive vital services such as fire protection, parks and child welfare. Her job also included managing a \$5.9 billion budget. Being an engineer, and a natural problem solver, gave Valentine the skills to do the job. The Florida native has been a Valley resident for almost 30 years. Before attaining the top spot in the county, she was assistant county manager from 2002 to 2006. Her time at the county was preceded by a four-year stint as Las Vegas city manager. In January of 2011 Virginia replaced Bill Bible as President of the Nevada Resort Association stating: "The gaming industry drives Nevada's economy and employs its people. The current economic climate and its challenges make this an opportune time to play a role in shaping the future of gaming and the future of the state."

Ms. Valentine spoke to the Club about the gaming industry in Nevada. A big issue is making sure gaming is taxed fairly. Gaming is currently the state's biggest tax payer. Is it fair for any one industry to pay more taxes than everyone else? Ms. Valentine recounted how such high taxes hit a lot of Northern Nevada's small mom and pop establishments particularly hard. She stated that Nevada is in the economic state it is in today because of its reliance on gaming—we need to find sources other than gaming. So what's next for gaming? Diversification domestically and internationally. Internet poker. The construction industry has started to stabilize due to hotel room renovations. It is all inter-connected.

Josh Satterlee wondered if there are a set number of unrestricted licenses in Nevada? Ms. Valentine explained that while in Macao there are 6, there are no such limits in Nevada. Adrienne Cox wanted to know what Ms. Valentine thought could be done to diversify the economy. Taxes on mining, banks, franchises, and general new taxes. Jack Woodcock observed that the gaming industry is the big dog, but that we don't hear much from them with respect to government waste. Ms. Valentine responded that the government requires all sorts of things that seem unnecessary and wasteful. Rich Bowler wanted to know how internet gaming would work. Ms. Valentine thinks it should be taxed and the money should go to Nevada and the federal government—and we're talking a lot of potential revenue here. Fred Fukumoto wanted to know if the association is in favor of internet poker, which Ms. Valentine responded it was—all gaming is another matter, however.



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Adrienne Cox and Rebecca Collett cuddle to keep warm.



“Hmmm... how about a pink sparkly pair?” Hank Falstad asks his young charge.



Josh Satterlee = the New Mary Poppins.



Josh Satterlee presents Tony Berti from Goody Two Shoes with a check.



Karen Strawn rockin' the new t-shirt.



Some people just look like they know what they're doing with a microphone. It's a gift.



Willie Robinson shows off her new Rotary t-shirt as Andy Katz looks on with pride.



Clinton Pope doing a good job with his young friend.



“Can I get a hall pass, please?” –Adrienne Cox.



Man. That is one large shoe.



Goodie Two Shoes – Quite the organization.



“There's too many shoes. I don't know where to start!” -- Tom Morlan