

March 8, 2010
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Future Speakers

March 15th,
To be announced
March 22nd,
Dan Stover music
competition
March 29th,
Dark due to Gold
Raffle that evening



Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

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, for days that we are dark.

President Doug's message - Welcome to the Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club, a club committed to serving those in need whether it be providing food to the homeless, medicine to the sick, new shoes to at risk school kids or clean water to drought ridden villages. Las Vegas Southwest does these things with a passion for improving our community and in the company of good friends.

Rotary's 4-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?

Announcements –

Gold Raffle – is March 29th starting at 6 p.m. Karen Strawn asked everyone to RSVP ASAP and for members to contact her about donations for Gold Raffle auction items.

RYLA – thank you to Charlie & Joann Dorsey for being facilitators at this year's RYLA conference; Charlie reported that there were 288 students and 75 Rotarians at the conference. It was a wonderful experience and Charlie encouraged everyone to think about being a facilitator to the future leaders of our country. For pictures of RYLA click here <http://www.ryla-2010.org/>

District Assembly – President-elect Melissa Copeland reminded the incoming and continuing officers and directors that District Assembly training is April 10th at Victor Valley Community College. For more detailed information, click here <http://www.district5300.org/assembly/index.html>

Community Service opportunities – Josh Satterlee reminded everyone that March 31st is the Club's "feeding the homeless" opportunity starting at 5:30 p.m. Tom Martin is collecting clothing for that project. If you haven't participated in a Community Service event, please help with this one. Josh also reminded everyone that April 24th is "Christmas in April" our partnership with Rebuilding America. This is a 1 day project where we typically repaint the outside of a



**Rotarians –
upcoming
Community Service
opportunities**

March 31st,
Feeding the
Homeless 5:30 p.m.
to 7:00 p.m. at
Christ Episcopal
Church
St. Louis &
Maryland Pkwy.

April 8th,
Happy Feet shoe
delivery at Ruby
Thomas ES 9:45
a.m. – 10:45 a.m.



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Officers and Directors

President

Doug Beckley

President Elect

Melissa Copeland

Secretary/Treasurer

Aric Graham

Directors

Josh Satterlee

Adrienne Cox

Keith Thomas

Eric Colvin

Fred Fukumoto

Tom Martin

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Advisor

Bruce Pope

Avenue of Service

Chairs

Community Service

Josh Satterlee

Vocational Service

Mark Rowley

Ken Walker

International Service

Mitchell Horst

Club Service– Programs

Joanne Blystone

Troy Lochhead

Events

Karen Strawn

Membership

Bill Goff

Public Relations

Charlie Dorsey

Administration

Aric Graham

Foundation

Bruce Pope

Welcome to our Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Rotarians – former member, Margaret McMillan and her guests Jay Martin

Kathy Hale and Stephanie Hale

Russell Swain visiting from the Las Vegas Club

Lester Hutt visiting from the Sunrise Tallahassee Rotary

Guests – Curtis Cummings guest of Pepe Charles

Sean Tanko guest of Rebecca Collett

Ron Webb guest of Mitchell Horst

Jade Thelin and Shawn Cropper guests of Melissa Copeland

needy homeowner's house and do some light gardening work. Aric Graham announced that Happy Feet for March 18th has been changed to April 8th; all members and spouses are encouraged to participate.

More Announcements:

Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Scholarship – Ken Walker announced that the Club is accepting applications for its \$9,600 4 year renewable scholarship. It is open to all Nevada graduating seniors with a minimum 3.5 GPA. To download an application, click here <http://lvswr.org/Media/Scholarship%20Application.pdf>

Membership Drive - Pres Doug announced that we will be in Membership Drive mode for the rest of the year. This week, Pres Doug picked Ed Guthrie, Donnie Garritano and Scott Baranoff. Please think about anyone you think would be a good Rotarian. Pres Doug then apologized to Mitchell Horst who brought a guest that Doug forgot to introduce. For this oversight, Mitchell was given a Lawry's gift certificate. Donnie Garritano then added that Rotary like other service organizations has lost members, mostly due to the downturn in the economy. To facilitate this drive, Pres Doug will be picking 3 names each week and challenging those members to bring a prospective member during the following 3 weeks – Donnie, good job filling in for the President.

Group Study Exchange (GSE) team – the lovely Adrienne modeled this year's Brazil GSE outfit, which is leaving for Brazil on April 17th. She explained that The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women ages 25 to 40 in their initial years of professional life. Teams spend four to six weeks abroad participating in vocational activities in their respective fields, being immersed in cultural experiences, enjoying fellowship with host families and members of the community, and working with the host districts Rotarians at club meetings and various Rotary activities. The ideal team member candidate is someone who is a team player, outgoing, social, has a sense of responsibility, good ambassador, good communicator, loves their



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**Rotarians at
work for the Club**

**Invocation &
Pledge**

Pepe Charles

**Introduction of
Visiting
Rotarians and
Guests**

Doug Beckley

Mr. Mic

Ken Walker

Reporter

Fred Fukumoto

Photographer

Keith Thomas

Drawing Winner

Donnie Garritano

profession and is respectful.

Expenses. The Rotary Foundation pays the least-expensive commercial round-trip transportation between districts and up to US\$1,000 for language training (self-study or at an eligible educational institution). Additional subsidies include:

1. The host district provides the visiting team's meals, accommodations, and transportation during the study program.
2. Team members pay for personal and incidental expenses; visa, passport, inoculation expenses, travel to / from airport and airport taxes; insurance coverage; and the cost of any additional travel after the study tour.

Recognitions:

It doesn't pay to know more than the Pres - the lovely Adrienne explained to Pres Doug that her fine from last week should be rescinded since she had read the March 2010 Rotarian Magazine and Pres Doug's question concerned the February 2010 magazine. Pres Doug let her explain but said the fine still stands. Mitchell then added that Adrienne had raised \$1,500 from other Clubs in the District to offset some of the expenses that GSE team members incur that are not covered by Rotary Foundation, the Club will match that money with a \$1,000 contribution.

Elected to a bank Board of Directors – Pres Doug asked Ric Colvin. Ric explained that he was on the Board of Red Rock Community Bank when it merged with Bank of Las Vegas. He was requested to join the Board of the acquiring bank; this cost Ric a \$150 recognition. Pres asked Ric "why didn't you get your son, Eric, a job there; Ric replied that Eric feels Meadows Bank is a better bank.

Pass the law exams – Pres Doug asked Dave Doto. The results won't be available until May 6th, Dave said he did the best he could do and reminded the Pres that he is currently unemployed and living day-to-day. When he passes the bar, he would like to join a law firm. All this earned Dave a \$75 recognition.



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More Recognitions:

Know the 4-Way test – Pres Doug asked Mel Close. Mel said he'd give Dave Doto consideration after he passes the bar. Mel tried but couldn't recite the 4-Way test at the top of this Newsletter and earned a \$100 recognition. Keith Thomas was then asked the same question and proceeded to read the 4-Way test off the plaque at the front of the room, he avoided a recognition so you may pay heed to this in the future.

Robbery – Keith reported that one of his sons was filming a poker tournament in Las Vegas when a robbery occurred; his son captured much of it on tape.

Joke – our resident jokester, Scott Baranoff, entertained the group with a joke even Joanne would have blessed

Speaker – Stephanie Parker, Executive Director of Nevada Child Seekers told the Club that her organization is here for Nevada's children and families. For more information click here <http://nevadachildseekers.org/>

Special presentation – Fred Fukumoto introduced former member, Margaret McMillan, who presented a Paul Harris Fellow to her son Jay Martin. Margaret chose Jay because he exemplifies all the qualities that a Paul Harris Fellow signifies. After Margaret's presentation, Fred presented Margaret with a 1 sapphire pin signifying that she has donated more than 1 Paul Harris Fellow.



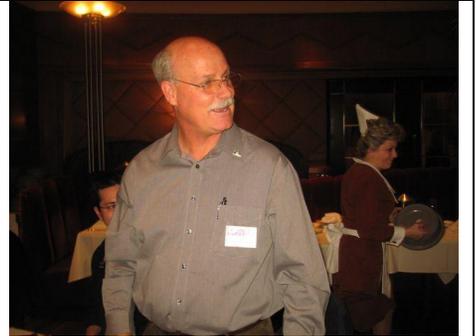
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Kathy Hale & Jay Martin, guests of Margaret McMillan



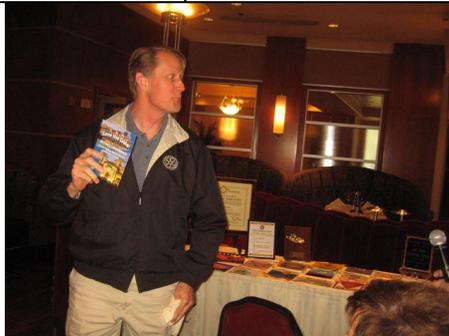
Jay Martin, Margaret McMillan & Stephanie Hale



Curtis Cummings guest of Pepe Charles



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Please RSVP to Karen for the Gold Raffle



Melissa announcing District Assembly



Charlie talks about his experience at RYLA



Josh announcing Community Service projects



Aric announcing date change for Happy Feet



Lovely Adrienne models GSE team outfit



Melissa introducing her guest, Jade Thelin



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Melissa introducing her guest Shawn Cropper



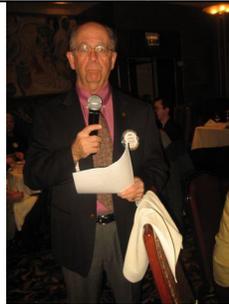
Rebecca introducing her guest Sean Tanko



Ed announcing Opportunity Village's poker tournament



Mitchell introduces his guest Ron Webb



Ken announcing the Club is accepting scholarship applications



Ric joins Board of Directors of Bank of Las Vegas



Dave takes bar exam, results on May 6th



John says he knows Fred Kennedy



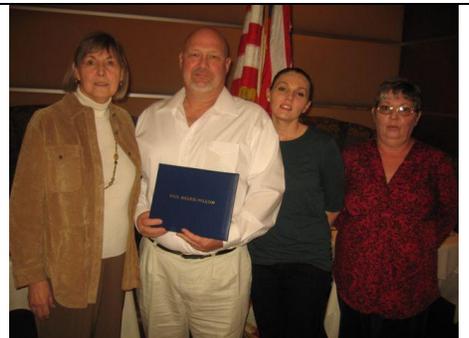
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Scott told a joke that Joanne would bless



Drawing winner Donnie



Margaret presents PHF to son, Jay