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## Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

### Future Speakers

**April 18th,  
TBA**

**April 25th,  
Biggest Loser  
contestant, Sarah  
Nitta**

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](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](http://www.lvswr.org)**

### Welcome to our Visiting Rotarians and Guests

**Rotarians -** Gordon Smith from Georgia

**Visitors -** Dave Doto guest of Howdy Wells  
Sean Henn guest of Rebecca Collett  
Justin Kalb guest of Chris Publow  
Caleb Adcock guest of Rich Bowler

### Announcements:

**Gold Raffle** – Josh Satterlee thanked everyone for all the food that they donated for the Gold Raffle food drive and read a letter from Three Square, the beneficiary of the donation. He announced that we gathered 480 lbs worth of food in our effort to eclipse Madam President's weight. In addition he announced that he was going to watch the new movie adaptation of "Atlas Shrugged" on Saturday at 7:15 p.m. if anyone was interested in attending.

**New Membership Drive** – Pepe Charles announced that every Club member is to bring the names and contact information for five Club member prospects.

**Super Build 2011** – Mitchell Horst announced District 5300's "Super Build 2011", a one day project to build 3-4 houses in Tecate, Mexico on May 14th. A needed items list will be provided prior to the trip. Sign-up in the book and for for more information [www.district5300.org/superbuild/superbuild.html](http://www.district5300.org/superbuild/superbuild.html) .

**Credit Card Payment** - Aric Graham announced that members can pay their Club billings with a credit card. VISA, MasterCard and American Express are accepted. Contact Aric before the meeting and he can run your credit card for payment of Club bills and give you a receipt if you need one.

**Happy Feet** – Aric Graham announced that Happy Feet will be Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Dean Petersen Elementary School. Sign-up can be found in the book.

**District Assembly** – Aric Graham announced that District Assembly will be on Saturday, April 16 at Victor Valley College in Victorville, CA. If you are able to attend please do so. He plans to make it a day trip where he will leave at 7:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. conference. Aric is willing to carpool with those going.



**Rotarians –  
upcoming  
Community  
Service  
opportunities**

**April 30  
Rotarians @ Work  
Christmas in April**

**May 4th,  
Happy Feet  
Dean Petersen ES  
9:45 a.m.**

**May 14th  
Super Build 2011  
Tecate, Mexico**



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### Officers and Directors

#### President

Melissa Copeland

#### President Elect

Aric Graham

#### Secretary/Treasurer

Donnie Garritano

#### Directors

Josh Satterlee

Adrienne Cox

Keith Thomas

Eric Colvin

Fred Fukumoto

Tom Martin

#### Immediate Past

#### President

Doug Beckley

#### Advisors

Bruce Pope

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#### Avenue of Service

#### Chairs

#### Community Service

Josh Satterlee

#### Vocational Service

Megan Schmick

#### International

#### Service

Mitchell Horst

#### Club Service–

#### Programs

Troy Lochhead

#### Events

Karen Strawn

#### Membership

Pepe Charles

#### Public Relations

Charlie Dorsey

#### Administration

Donnie Garritano

#### Foundation

Ted Henderson

**Leadership Las Vegas** – Joanne Blystone encouraged those who are not graduates of The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Las Vegas to apply ASAP as they will be selecting their new class in the very near future. Numerous Club members are former graduates including Jack Woodcock and Randy Capurro whom were among the inaugural class.

#### President’s Credit Board:

Adrienne Cox attended a district membership meeting and the Southern Nevada President’s Circle while Charlie Dorsey used Ted Weins for some car maintenance issues. Eric Colvin received credit for utilizing the services of Doug Malan’s son to “trick-out” his house with an indoor/outdoor audio system as Doug Malan is a 25 (“probably more” according to Doug) percent owner in the business. Adrienne received a \$25 credit. Keith, Cliff, Donnie and Adrienne are all eligible for varying prizes.

#### Recognitions:

**Reading the newsletter?** – Scott Baranoff was asked to name one of the past two member spotlights, he correctly identified Mitchell Horst for a \$25 credit.

**When is “winning” actually losing?** When you are a member of the Club and you win the Gold Raffle. Sean Tanko was recognized \$50 for the honor.

**The years just keep on rolling by.** Rebecca Collett and Pepe Charles were recognized \$50 for the audacity of having another birthday. Rebecca had to have a make-up dinner with Mitchell Horst and Jessica Danko for her “missed” birthday dinner and Pepe was apologetic for missing the Gold Raffle to work out and have a traditional diner at a Henderson deli with his wife and daughter.

**It’s not just about football!** Dayton Blaine was recognized \$25 for the Texas A&M’s Aggies women’s basketball team winning this year’s national championship. In being recognized Dayton explained, the championship hit two birds with one stone as his women’s Aggies beat Notre Dame in route to the championship.

**Whose grandson is becoming a master of the universe?** Tom Martin’s grandson, whom attended the Gold Raffle, is continuing his meteoric rise in the gaming industry by becoming Senior Vice President at The Palms and now directly reports to owner George Maloof. For some reason he wasn’t fined (??).

#### Name the Rotarian:

Sherm Fredrick was asked to name the Rotarian from the following clues:

1. Best job - Ward Clerk for the critical care units @ Washoe Medical.
2. Worst job - Preparing the dead bodies for the morgue.
3. First car - Canary yellow Firebird 400.
4. Biggest influence in my career - My father.
5. Most memorable travel experience - Travelling with the Rebels in the '90's.

Sherm was recognized \$100 for incorrectly answering Randy Capurro. The correct answer was Joanne Blystone.



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**Rotarians at work for  
the Club**

**Invocation & Pledge**

**Keith Thomas**

**Introduction of  
Visiting Rotarians  
and Guests**

**Melissa Copeland**

**Mr. Mic  
Eric Colvin**

**Reporter  
Clinton Pope**

**Raffle Winner  
Bryan Dziedziak**

### **Our Program:**

Our member, Donnie Garritano, gave a very interesting power point presentation of what his company, D&K Landscape, can do for commercial and individual properties. With more than 12 years of experience designing, building and maintaining quality landscapes and hardscapes in Las Vegas, D&K Landscape, Inc. has established a reputation as the premium, full service landscape contracting firm in the Vegas Valley. Specializing in seamless design, installation and maintenance of commercial properties, multi-family and private residences, D&K knows how to create a landscape that improves the overall experience of any location.

### **Turn Key Services:**

Pre-Construction Consulting , Award-Winning Signature Design™, Commercial Construction, Custom Homes, Commercial Maintenance, Pavers and Stone Veneer

More information can be obtained at D&K's website  
<http://www.vivafatelvis.com/transfer/dklandscape/web/index.html>.

### **Member Spotlight:** Vern Ratzlaff



**Company:** (1) Financial Strategies, LLC; and (2) Quarter Circle H Ranch, LLC

**Title:** (1) Managing Member; (2) Sales Manager

**Contact:** (1) [finadvisor@msn.com](mailto:finadvisor@msn.com), 702 476-3200; (2) [quartercircleh@hotmail.com](mailto:quartercircleh@hotmail.com), 888 648-3036

### **Services I Provide:**

(1) Full Financial Planning, Asset Management, Estate Planning, Corporate Structure, Business Valuation and Business Buy & Sell.

(2) Mountain Property sales in Southern Utah (Log Home Community).

### **Words of Wisdom:**

"Some people see the **GLASS** half full. Some see it half empty. Others see a glass that's twice as big as it needs to be."



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Madam President tries to get the party started



Club prospect Justin Kalb smiles wide as his host, Chris Publow, is now where to be found



Josh Satterlee recites a thank you note from Three Square



Sean Henn, guest of Rebecca Collett, takes his eyes off the money for one second to be photographed



World off-road champion Aric Graham endures a broken nose while making a few announcements



Scott Baranoff amuses himself, and many others, with one of his "jokes"



"How you doin'?" Rebecca Collett politely acknowledges Eric Colvin



Joanne Blystone doesn't like working with cadavers



Sherm Frederick needs to do two things, 1) learn more about his fellow Rotarians, and 2) wear pants



Dayton Blained: One proud Aggie Methodist



"Me AGAIN!" thinks Sean Tanko as Madam President recognizes him



Donnie Garritano explains the finer points of landscape design and execution